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People In The News



Dallas writer Felicia Foy will be conducting a book signing Saturday, June 11, 2005. The book signing will be part of the First Annual E.S.T.E.E.M. singles breakfast at the Crown Plaza Hotel (135 and Mockingbird) at 9 AM.

Ms. Foy will be signing copies of her book, *Hurry Up And Get Over Your "X"*.

"It's an inspirational book designed to help anyone struggling with trying to get over an "over" relationship," Foy states. "The book is a 31 day guide to be used over and over again until your "x" is under your feet, or at least free from your mind."

E.S.T.E.E.M. stands for Equipping Singles To Embrace Excellence in Ministry. The group is the singles ministry of St. Luke Community United Methodist Church, Pastor Tyrone D. Gordon. The ministry president, Terry S. Robinson and church members will be the host of the breakfast and the idea behind the breakfast is to minister to singles and bring them closer together by fellowship. The breakfast begins at 9 a.m.

Ms. Foy can be contacted through her website www.feliciafoy.com.

The Gordon Parks Half Past Autumn: Selections from the Collection of the Corcoran Gallery of Art will be exhibited at the Dallas Museum of Art from June 5-September 4, 2005.

Gordon Parks is a living legend who has mastered many media to express an influential message of hope in the face of adversity. Gordon Parks, Half Past Autumn: Selections from the Collection of the Corcoran Gallery of Art is a retrospective survey of Parks' photographs drawn from the extensive Gordon Parks Collection owned by the Corcoran. This exhibition presents roughly 130 photographs produced between 1940 and 1997. The result, in the artist's words, is an autobiographical "tone-poem" that tells his own story.

Gordon Parks, Half Past Autumn: Selections from the Collection of the Corcoran Gallery of Art records Parks' creative search for humanity in the face of intolerance. His art is about pressing social issues such as poverty, race, segregation, and crime. It also enhances our understanding of beauty, nature, childhood, music, fashion, and memory. Parks' seamless movement between such diverse topics strikes a balance between social and aesthetic concerns, sketching a poetic portrait of postwar culture in the U.S. and abroad.

The exhibition is presented in collaboration with the Artist and Elaine Thornton Foundation for the Arts, Inc. Dallas, Texas. The local curator is Charles Wylie, The Lupe Murchison Curator of Contemporary Art at the Dallas Museum of Art. www.dallasmuseumofart.org



Laura Cobb, the founder of The LEARNING BRIDGE, is a 25-year veteran educator having served as a high school teacher and dean of instruction, an elementary principal, a director for a state department of education reform initiative, an urban city district central administrator, and a college professor. Most recently Laura has served as a senior executive in the education management industry, a freelance writer for over

14 magazines and periodicals, education editor for Family Digest Magazine and a sought after speaker on parenting and women's issues. Visit Laura's website at www.mostlikelytosucceedbook.com

The Learning Bridge Registration Party is Friday, June 24 from 5:00 pm -9:00 pm at DJango on the Parkway-5100 Beltline, Suite 410 (Beltline and Tollway) in Dallas. Cool jazz. Free class giveaways. The LEARNING BRIDGE serves as the bridge to lifelong learning by providing an enjoyable and educational experience to all members of the community desiring self-improvement. At The LEARNING BRIDGE you can take a class in a day or over the course of several weeks. There is something for everyone. The website for the Learning Bridge is www.thelearningbridge.net

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John Freeman Hightower 1913-2005 Leaving a Legacy of Hope and Values

By: Monica Thornton

Plano recently lost one of the pillars of its community with the death of John Freeman Hightower, on Wednesday, June 1, 2005, at the age of 91. Mr. Hightower left a legacy of commitment, integrity and servitude, including serving on the Board of Directors of **MON-The Gazette**.

Although his home church was Hill Chapel C.M.E. Church, his funeral - called 'Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Prof. John Freeman Hightower - was held Saturday, June 4, 2005, at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, in the Douglass Community of Plano. Known to many in Plano, it was attended by family, friends, Plano Mayor Pat Evans, city council members and school board members. Rev. Zan Holmes, formerly the Senior Pastor at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, also flew in to attend.

Mayor Evans ordered city flags to be flown at half-mast through Sunday June

5th. "If I could have flown the U.S. and Texas flags half-staff I would have," said Mayor Evans.

Professor Hightower is survived by his wife, Dr. Myrtle Nash Hightower, (also a **MON-The Gazette** Board



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Can Black people build school buildings?

By: James Clingman - NNPA Columnist

You bet they can! Although I have always known the answer to that question, I was so excited when I received my copy of the Toledo Journal (May 11 - 17, 2005) and read the following headline. "A First: Black Prime Chosen to Build TPS School." The Toledo Public Schools administration has selected a Black-owned firm, JL Judge Construction Services, to build the Robinson Middle School as part of that city's \$823 million "Building for Success" school construction program. Billions of dollars have been allocated and are currently being spent on new schools buildings all across the State of Ohio, and what Toledo has done should be duplicated by more Ohio cities.

This is not the first time Toledo has stepped out in the development/construction arena and done something "nontraditional." I also read in the Journal, sometime in 2004, about a Black firm getting a piece of the development action on Toledo's waterfront construction. Notice I said "development", not a "sub-contract." I do understand there are still bridges to

cross in Toledo, as I also keep up with the Toledo Black Chamber of Commerce and its fearless effort to monitor and advocate more Black business involvement in the public school building program. They have a way to go, but at least they are making progress, especially when you compare it to what is happening just 200 miles south of Toledo in Cincinnati, Ohio, the economic apartheid capital of the state.

Cincinnati is also in the midst of a billion dollar school building project. Of course, just like the development on the "Freedom Banks" of the Ohio River, where Black developers were denied the opportunity to bid on the \$800 million project, Black owned construction firms are not

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Volunteers help seniors regain self-reliance

By: Stella M. Chavez

Jimmie Dorothy Boyd folds her laundry with the help of Cheryl Finnerty at a McKinney laundromat. Jimmie Dorothy Boyd knows help is only a phone call away.

About once a week, Mrs. Boyd, who is widowed and doesn't drive, calls Cheryl Finnerty, a volunteer assigned to help her.

Sometimes, it's for groceries at Brookshire's or Wal-Mart, two stores she frequents the most, or the laundromat. Other times, Ms. Finnerty helps the McKinney resident with things such as changing the smoke detector's batteries or cleaning the house.

"I always took care of myself before I got sick," said Mrs. Boyd, 77, who recently spent five days at Medical Center of McKinney after developing a stomach virus.

It was during that hospital visit that Mrs. Boyd learned about a pilot program called Project Independence, a unique collaboration between the hospital and the Plano-based Geriatric Wellness Center of Collin County.

Unlike other services that cater to the needs of seniors, this initiative sees seniors through the recovery process after hospitalization. The service pairs up seniors with a trained volunteer for six to eight weeks as a way to reduce the number of seniors who return to the hospital shortly

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Pre-K Black Kids Getting Expelled at Alarming Rates

By: Makebra M. Anderson
NNPA National Correspondent

WASHINGTON (NNPA) - The number of African-American women enrolling in college between 2000 and 2001 was more than double that of Black men, according to a study released by the American Council on Education.

Black men increased by 30,000. The number of Black women in college rose by 73,000 during that same period.

Many experts think the gap between Black men and women can be attributed to the

way Black children are treated as young as pre-school.

According to researchers at Yale University, African-American children in pre-kindergarten are twice as likely to be expelled as Hispanic and White children and more than five times as likely to be expelled as Asian children. According to most, a lack of support in the class-

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And Then There Were Two- Irving Mayor's Race Hits Final Stretch

By: Paul Hailey

The contentious Irving mayoral race-which has featured animosity, campaign ads described by many as racist, and apologies for use of racial slurs 40 years ago-concludes in a runoff election between Herb Gears and Marvin Randle on June 11th.

More than 9,500 voters have already spoken in Irving on May 7th, showing their desire for change by ousting incumbent mayor Joe Putnam, who has served as mayor since 1999.

"The voters obviously wanted a change, so that's what the results reflect," Mr. Putnam said after the general election. "That's the way it is. You just accept it."

Mr. Gears received 21 percent of the vote, while Mr. Randle received 28 percent of the vote in the initial election.

At 42, Mr. Gears is the youngest of the original seven

mayoral candidates, and represents a new direction for Irving and a break from 'old boy' politics. The former city council member is endorsed by every civil rights and minority organization in the city.

Mr. Gears asked the question, "Do we want to go backwards and continue to be invested in the ways of old; or do we want to look at what opportunities we may have in the future with a real change?"

Top issues for Mr. Gears include code enforcement and improving the economic tax base in Irving.

"It became clear in the campaign that people are no longer going to accept tax increases to resolve the decline that we are seeing in our commercial tax base. We need a more aggressive approach." Mr. Gears also outlined a course of action for development.

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Frank Wills: The Real Hero of Watergate

By: George E. Curry
NNPA Columnist

The revelation that W. Mark Felt, the former No. 2 person at the FBI, was the "Deep Throat" figure that helped Washington Post reporters Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward unravel the Watergate scandal, has reopened old political wounds. Supporters of Richard M. Nixon, who resigned in disgrace rather than face certain impeachment, accuse Felt of being a traitor. Others have hailed him as a hero. However, the real hero of Watergate was Frank Wills, an alert, Black, \$80-a-week security guard who discovered the burglary at the hotel-office complex overlooking the Potomac River.

After reporting to work on June 17, 1972 for his midnight to 8 A.M. shift, Wills was making his rounds around 12:30 A.M. when something caught his eye. In an interview years later with the Augusta Chronicle, he recalled: "A piece of tape was on the door; the catch on the door was taped back. I removed the tape, because at that time it really wasn't unusual..."

After making his rounds, Wills went across the street to the Howard Johnson hotel, where he had a serving of orange juice. When he returned to his 6th-floor rounds at 1:55 A.M., he paused.

"There, the same door had been retaped the same way," he told the newspaper. "Something sort of alerted me about that. Just a feeling, you know."

Wills telephoned D.C. police. And when they arrived, officers shut down the elevator, blocked access doors and climbed six flights of stairs until they came to the door that had been re-taped.

"We discovered a door had been forced open with a crowbar or something," Wills said. "That door led directly into the Democratic office, the DNC office." He noticed a silhouette of a man.

"The (police) asked the person in the shadow, 'Who is that? Come out.' I was searching for a light switch. When we turned the lights on, one person, then two persons, then three persons came out and on down the line," Wills told the Augusta Chronicle.

In all, five men were apprehended: James W. McCord Jr., Frank Sturgis, Bernard Barker, Virgilio Gonzalez and Eugenio Martinez. They had broken into the offices of the Democratic National Committee three weeks earlier to plant electronic eavesdropping equipment and had returned to repair it.

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Public input needed for community block grants

The final public hearing for recommendations related to the use of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding will be June 28 at the Allen City Council meeting. CDBG funding is provided through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for projects related to housing, neighborhood improvement and public services.

Upon receipt of the initial CDBG award, the City of Allen Planning Department completed a three-year consolidated plan for use of the funding which included the establishment of a home buyer's assistance program, home repair program, and a neighborhood improvement plan. These programs

operate for the benefit of residents or prospective residents in the neighborhoods of Windridge and Hillside additions. These are older Allen neighborhoods that offer affordable housing.

Another use for the funding includes support of initiatives provided by area public service agencies. Proposed for funding in the 2005-06 plan includes Allen Community Outreach, C.I.T.Y. House youth shelter, Hope's Door women's shelter, and Housing Crisis Center.

For more information about current or proposed CDBG initiatives, see www.cityofallen.org, click on Planning Department, or call 214-509-4160.

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member), daughter Johnnie J. Hightower Burns, two sisters, stepsons, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Raised in Oklahoma, Professor Hightower moved Austin to earn his bachelor's degree. An educator, he first taught in Anton, Texas, then moved to Plano in 1956 and began teaching science and coached at Douglass High School, which at that time was an all-Black school. He went on to earn his master's degree and was promoted to principal at Douglass. According to his friends, it was his efforts during integration that spared the Plano school students many of the traumas suffered by students in other cities. Professor Hightower was also named Coordinator of Ethnic Relations, Counselor in Special Services, and was appointed Director of Special Services.

He was the first African-American to be named Plano Citizen of the Year, in 1974. And in 1998, Hightower Elementary School was named for him. He often visited Hightower Elementary, where he liked to read to the students.

He met his wife, Myrtle, at Hill Chapel C.M.E. church, and the two married November 22, 1983. According to friends, they were inseparable, attending functions together, and becoming pillars of the community.

That was reflected at the celebration of his life and legacy, as community and religious leaders remembered him with fondness and respect.

"We usually don't

describe men a lot as being kind, but John was kind," said Dr. Carey Israel, president of

the darkness, but to light the candle that can lead us through the darkness". John Hightower was that candle, he was faithful to his values and to God. He put JFK's words into action."

In the last page of the bulletin from his funeral, Prof. Hightower is quoted as saying, "Everyone is obligated to make the society we live in better. When I leave, something will be better than when I came."

According to his family and friends, Prof. Hightower served in a number of capacities to make things better. He was active with the Plano Community Forum, Collin



John Freeman Hightower and wife Myrtle Hightower

Collin County Community College. "He was always sharing, and I thank John and Myrtle for sharing their home with me, for sharing their family and friends with me. Most of all, I thank them for sharing their wisdom."



The 2004 Living Legends (from left): Dr. Erwin and Elisabeth Pink (of Frisco), Gerry Ruschhaupt (of McKinney), and Dr. Myrtle and Professor John Hightower (of Plano) were honored at the Living Legends Tribute held Nov. 13 at CCCCD.

Dr. Doug Otto, PISD Superintendent, met the Hightowers in a reception line when he first moved to Texas.

"It's personally rewarding to me, the fact that he enriched our lives just by knowing him," said Otto. He continued with a quote from John F. Kennedy. "JFK once said 'we are not here to curse

County Committee on Aging, Plano Day Care Center, Plano Early Lions Club, Plano Rotary Club, Plano African-American Museum and Plano Family YMCA.

Memorials may be made to the John Freeman Hightower Scholarship Foundation, P.O. Box 860846, Plano, Texas 75086-0846.



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Juneteenth Calendar of Events

Around The Town

Dallas:
June 15 through
June 20, 2005

Juneteenth Film Festival, honoring Actress Ruby Dee and Actor Jamie Foxx.

Special Guests: Kiki Shepard, Obba Babatundé, Stanley Clarke, Erykah Badu, Kim Fields, Russell Hornsby and Sharon King.

June 16, 2005

The Silent Souls Community Committee will celebrate Juneteenth Thursday, June 16, 2005, 11:00 AM. SHARP when the community elders, children and stakeholders will gather at the 1911 burial ground, L. Butler Nelson Memorial Park, 2900 Hatcher Street, South Dallas, Texas to honor the local history of our African American pioneers and those people who continually preserve their memories. The program is free and opened to the general public.

June 18, 2005

The African American Museum Thirtieth Anniversary Gala Picnic and Juneteenth Blues and Jazz Festival will be held in the Historic Fair Park. A series of events have been commemorating this milestone in the history of the museum. It will be a day of fun, food and music. The family fun day in the park runs from noon until 5:00 pm. The 30th Anniversary Gala Picnic is from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm, and The Juneteenth Blues and

Jazz Festival is from 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm. For more information contact Jane Jones at: (214) 565 - 9026 ext 301.

June 19, 2005

The Greater Love Family Church - we will have bouncers, pool for small children, basketball, readings of the meaning of Juneteenth, the spirit of Juneteenth, reading of Abraham Lincoln and gospel singing, and praying.

June 19, 2005

The Mesquite NAACP ACTSO will present "Juneteenth Talent Explosion" on this date at 6:00 pm. The event will be held at the East field College Performance Hall. (Students 9th - 12th Competing for Cash Rewards - Entry Fee \$15.00 by June 11, 2005 or \$25.00 after) 1st Place \$100.00, 2nd Place \$ 50.00, & 3rd Place \$25.00. We will have door prizes & other entertainment. Tickets: \$5.00 Students \$7.00 Adults.

Plano:
June 19, 2005

Douglass Community Center located at 1111 Avenue H; Plano, Texas, 75074 will host a Juneteenth Celebration. The celebration will include: oral histories, "Taste of Douglass", youth & adult leadership award, service project, and neighborhood. A pageant will take place following the celebration. The time of the event is 11-2 pm.

June 20, 2005

The wonderful Cathedral of Hope, located at 5910 Cedar Springs Road is giving an inspiration gospel celebration themed: "You Gotta Have

Faith". The concert features Marvin Matthews with special guest Benita Atterberry - Burns. Benita is known in the Dallas area as the voice of the 107.5 The Oasis Jingle and Insurance Depot commercials. She has contributed to numerous pop, gospel and jazz CDs, and has a new contemporary gospel CD out that shows her incredible performance as a solo artist. The concert will also feature Denise Lee, Liz Mikel, Natalie King, William Blake and a Buddy Shanahan in a stunning musical extraction from their fantastic production of contemporary music. CoH favorite Corrian Guillroy will bring her soul - stirring style to the evening. And back by popular demand is redeemed - this local group will rock the house with their very popular "Old Gospel Medley!" The concert begins at 6:16 pm. For more information call (214) 351 - 1901.

June 26, 2005

A FAMOUS FIRST is a joint celebration between the Dallas and Fort Worth Central Libraries Teen Programs. This will be both programs first celebration at the Dallas Central Library and Fort Worth Central Library. The individuals will commute to both libraries by commuter rail.

Fort Worth:
June 18, 2005

The 19th Annual Juneteenth Celebration at Fort Worth City Hall will be held on Friday, from 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm. The program will be held in the City Hall Council Chamber,

1000 Throckmorton Street. The theme for this year's program is "Empowerment through Knowledge". William "Bill" Blair will be the keynote speaker. Mr. Blair is the Senior Publisher of the Elite News, one of the most influential Black newspapers in Dallas. The Honorable Marc Veasey, State Representative - Elect, District 95, will be the master of ceremonies. Robert McClellan, U.S. Postal Service, and ZBC Master's Mime will provide entertainment. For more information, please contact Chairperson Carolyn Roberts at (817) 871 - 5701.

June 19, 2005

Evans Avenue Celebration committee near Southeast Community Development Corp. celebrates development of historic Evans Avenue Plaza an 11 - hour street celebration highlighting the rebirth of a once thriving African American community in Fort Worth, Texas. The event will be held on Saturday, from 10:00 am until 10 pm. on Evans Avenue from Rosedale Street to Terrell Avenue. The event is entitled Evans fest Juneteenth Festival, which will feature food, entertainment, vendors, children's area and historical storytelling by local residents. An admission to the street event is free.

Irving:

June 19, 2005

"Free Admission" to be held @ West Park Recreation Center located at 530 Davis Drive. Food Concessions, Catfish

Dinner, Health Fair, Community Basketball Game, CONCERT featuring "All Funk Radio Show" Jim Eger Jazz Band" "Gospel Performance and more. For more information call (972) 721 - 2501.

Desoto:

June 19, 2005

Cities of Desoto, Cedar Hill, Lancaster & Duncanville - Parade south on Hampton Road at 10 am ending at Desoto Town Center where festival will take place. There will be a Full day of food, gospel and R&B entertainment, a fashion show, watermelon eating and seed spitting contests and lots of vendor booths. Children's activities include face painting, petting zoo, pony rides, bounce houses and more. Free Admission to the public. The event location is Desoto Town Center, 211 East Pleasant Run Road.

Garland:

June 17, 2005

"NAACP Juneteenth Community Celebration Night" will be held on Friday, at 6:00 pm until. This evening of relaxation and reflection is sponsored by the NAACP Garland Branch; this will take place at the Cosmopolitan Bistro Restaurant located in the heart and "soul" of downtown Garland. You have any questions or need directions, please call the Branch at (972) 381-5044.

June 10, 2004

Rally for Education 2005, will be held at Dunbar Sixth Grade Center located at 5100 Willie Street, Fort Worth, Texas. The event is 9:00 am - 1:30 pm. For more information contact Lea Trice at (817) 332-6501 or e-mail: goodverdict@msn.com.

June 12, 2005

Words of Wisdom Writers Society will host another Poetry Gumbo. The event is on a Sunday, from 7:00pm to 9:00 pm located at South Side on Lamar 1409 S. Lamar, Dallas, Texas. The cover charge is \$7.00. For more information e-mail: wows@yahoo.com.

June 17, 2005

Joint Chambers Luncheon with Kay Bailey Hutchinson. The Allen, Frisco, McKinney, Plano, Richardson and Wylie Chambers of Commerce Luncheon.

Senator Hutchinson will speak on what is happening in Wylie and the impact on Collin County. Admission is \$25 per person or \$350 for a table of 10. For more information contact Brad Shanklin at (972) 424 - 7547. The location of the event is Plano Centre, 2000 East Spring creek Parkway, Spring Creek and Jupiter Roads, Plano, Texas 75074.

June 18 through
June 19, 2005

Sankofa Experience will be host to an extravaganza during the Juneteenth weekend. The journey begins at 9455 Lancaster - Hutchins Road, Dallas, Texas. For more information call The Art of Change Institute of Cultural Arts at: (214) 372-3500 or e-mail: www.sankofa-experience.org.

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THE TRUTH CLINIC

The Big Easy Not Feeling So Easy These Days

By: James W. Breedlove

New Orleans, The Big Easy, a city that prides itself as the quintessential melting pot, showcasing diverse cultures that blend the influences of Spain, France, Africa and the West Indies on the stages of Bourbon Street, the French Quarter, Mardi Gras, Jazz Fest and food festivals is not feeling so easy these days.

The Big Easy is not unique as it fumbles around in the spotlight of negative publicity, racial divisiveness, and the controversy of police brutality against Blacks. It shares a pattern of civil, social and economic unrest with cities such as Cleveland, Newark, Detroit, Washington, D.C., and Atlanta to name a few.

In each of these cities a racial cancer festers beneath a façade of well being that politicians and leaders tend to sweep under the rug until something lights a fuse that causes a bombshell to explode.

The latest firestorm that blew the cover off the polished race relations in New Orleans was ignited New Year's eve 2004 when Levon Jones, 25, a black college student from Georgia, died after a scuffle with three white bouncers outside a Bourbon Street bar. Jones, a senior at Georgia Southern University, was visiting New Orleans to attend the annual flag football tournament.

A tourist who videoed the altercation sent the tape to local television stations that aired it repeatedly for a few days. The wide media exposure of Jones' death divided the city into white and black camps with each issuing carefully scripted statements. The

NAACP called for a federal civil rights investigation into the death and the president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference threatened to organize an economic boycott if authorities didn't take this incident seriously.

The coroner said Jones suffocated as one of the bouncers held him in a headlock for 12 minutes while another pushed down on his back preventing him from breathing as the third one pinned his legs down. The bouncers have been charged with negligent homicide.

By some measures, African Americans comprise a larger proportion of the population here than in any other metropolitan region in the nation. But the city, in its zeal to portray a clean image, has ignored the reality that there is a difference between cultural diversity, which oozes throughout the city, and economic diversity that is extremely limited.

Backed by a tourism industry that generates almost \$5 billion a year in revenue the white minority has grown richer while Black New Orleans has grown progressively poorer. Today blacks in New Orleans are more than three times as likely as whites to live below the poverty level. According to a recent study blacks are 68 percent of the population but own just 14 percent of New Orleans' businesses.

New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin released a rather tepid statement about the incident and has called for stricter training of bouncers, enhanced procedures for on-duty police officers, and a "secret shopper" program to test and document how local clubs treat minorities. The initial secret shopper

study reveals a pattern of disparate treatment in bars. Black and white men of similar body type, dress and manner, were paired and sent into bars within minutes of each other. Of the 28 bars visited, 40 percent charged the black customers more for the same drinks. A white man, for example, bought a Long Island iced tea for \$7.50, while the black man was charged \$9. Ten percent of the bars informed the blacks, but not the whites, that there was a drink minimum and 7 percent told their black customers they would have to meet a dress code.

The New Orleans tragedy and the divisive aftermath is happening in one form or another in cities across the nation. Names change but the core discriminatory issues remain the same.

Silas Lee who does race and ethnic polling research in New Orleans states, "There will never come a day when the last of racism dies. But we must continually address the issue of social, economic and education equity."

"There is an illusion of assimilation," Lee said. "The Big Easy image is just a mask for a troubled city. The reality is that we have a strong undercurrent of social and racial tension in this community. It's always on the verge of erupting, and any incident could set it off. Levon Jones was just one."

The real question is, will the root causes of racism in our cities be dealt with openly and honestly or will we continue to let our intrinsic differences divide us instead of focusing on achieving mutually beneficial objectives?

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Goodnight Gentle Giant

Educator who helped integrate Plano Schools Dies

Respected educator and community leader John Freeman Hightower, who helped change the face of Plano schools by championing integration in the 1960s, died May 25th. He was 91.

The longtime Plano resident had been ill since suffering a stroke Easter weekend in Allen. He leaves behind a legacy as a diplomat, unifier and activist.

"He was a man of a great degree of integrity," said longtime friend Ben Thomas, a lifelong Douglass Community resident. "A very strong personality. John was a force in this neighborhood that we really needed in the Douglass neighborhood."

Mr. Hightower was born Aug. 1, 1913, in Vian, Okla. He graduated cum laude with degrees in biology and mathematics from Huston-Tillotson College in Austin. He later earned his master's degree in administration from Texas Southern University in Houston.

He started his career in 1956 in the Plano school district at the formerly all-black Frederick Douglass School, where he worked as a math and science teacher and coached basketball. Mr. Hightower became principal four years later.

In 1974, Mr. Hightower became the first black person to be named Plano Citizen of the Year.

"He's been a pillar in the community and a pillar in the church," Mr. Larry said. "I guess the name Hightower fits him well. He's certainly a tower of a man."

During the desegregation years, Mr. Hightower strongly pushed for integration in the Plano school district, even when it meant risking his job. And he worked to ensure that black teachers and black-themed educational materials were represented in the school district when he was later appointed director of special services.

He also worked to integrate children from the Douglass

Community into the Plano schools. In 1998, Hightower Elementary School in Plano was named for him. Other school district posts Mr. Hightower held included counselor in the special services department and coordinator of ethnic relations, a position he was the first to hold. He retired in 1986. The school district named him as one of its 100 heroes in 1999.

In 1998, family and friends established the John Freeman Hightower Foundation, which awards scholarships to youth who want to major in education.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughter, Johnnie Hightower Burns; two stepsons, Buford and Victor Jones; two sisters, Geneva Poole and Beulah Logan; and two granddaughters.

Memorials may be made to the John Freeman Hightower Scholarship Foundation, P.O. Box 860846, Plano, Texas 75086-0846.

Irving Mayoral Race 2005

Voters in Irving go to the polls for the mayoral run-off election this Saturday. The main issues at hand for the voters are the city's budget worries, economic development and the growing ethnic diversity in the city. Although both candidates, Mr. Herbert Gears and Mr. Marvin Randle, have experience serving the city, **MON-The Gazette** believes that Mr. Gears will best serve the African-American community, and other minority communities.

Former mayor, Joe Putnam, was unseated in the election in May, causing this run-off. His loss after six years is clearly an indicator that the citizens of Irving are ready for change. They are ready to have a mayor they believe will truly represent them. That candidate must possess the concern and ability to reach all minority groups, and have support from those groups.

Mr. Gears has already galvanized a commitment from the African-American community in Irving, as for years he has supported this community through church and civic responsibilities. African-Americans currently represent at least 10.2% of the city's population. He has said he embraces Irving's ethnic diversity and is eager to provide a voice for them in the city.

Mr. Gears believes the city management and citizens need to change their attitude, saying that

Irving is an international city. The members of the old guard, he said, want everyone to look like them, but he is committed to embracing Irving's cultural diversity as the means for the city to progress. He noted that Nokia's U.S. headquarters are in Irving, bringing a large Finnish population, and that Verizon brings in people from all over the world.

His opponent, Mr. Randle, 68, is recovering from allegations of racism, cited due to an apparent use of a word about 40 years ago. He did say he doesn't remember specifically using the word, but if he did, he said he apologizes. He also said it was more normal back then to use the word, but he wouldn't even think about it today. Mr. Randle continued that he has met with the Asian, African-American, Muslim, Hindu and Hispanic communities of Irving, all with whom he says he has a great relationship. He also said he thinks it is wonderful to have such an international flavor in the city.

Although Mr. Randle has apologized, he grew up in different times, times when it was acceptable to use racial slurs and times of segregation. Mr. Gears, however, came of age in the post-segregation era, and has grown up with the concept of integration of minority groups into once 'all-white' neighborhoods as

normal-not an anomaly.

Still, Mr. Gears is firm in his pro-active stand and in embracing the cultural diversity in the city. Not only is he aware of the companies that bring such diversity create more jobs, but he also understands the breakdown of the city's fastest growing group - the Hispanic population. Mr. Gears is in touch with the diversity of Irving's 31.2% Hispanic population.

Mr. Gears also has a history of excellence in budget management, which is needed to balance the City of Irving's budget. He also wants to examine ways to give Irving back its place as a safe city, a place it has slipped from in recent years, even if it means adding more police power.

Having these issues resolved, he believes, will entice employers to the city, providing more jobs for the citizens, including African-Americans. Mr. Gears understands that everything is part of the whole, and that we have to embrace a new attitude in order to move on in a positive way. That is why Mr. Gears embraces and strives to understand all the minority populations of the city, and that is why **MON-The Gazette** believes he is the best candidate for Mayor of Irving.

Gasoline cheap compared with food

By: Lisa Sanders, MarketWatch
DALLAS (MarketWatch) — It may pinch your pocketbook to fill up your tank, but a gallon of gasoline is cheap compared with food, water and beer, an analysis by John S. Herold revealed Wednesday.

"Even with unleaded regular selling for more than \$2 per gallon, the increase in gasoline prices since 1982 is 25% lower than the increase in food prices, 50% lower than the rise in housing costs, 70% lower than the spike in medical costs and a whopping 80% below the surge in college

tuition," the industry research firm found.

Accounting for inflation and better miles to the gallon, the cost of gasoline per mile driven is less than half of the cost of 1981 rates, according to Herold co-director of research Nick Cacchione. He called it "America's bargain liquid," at 10% less than bottled water, 33% of the price of milk and 20% of the price of beer.

Though the price of gasoline per mile is up 41% since 1995, the cost for a family to go to a major-league baseball game is up 70%, and the average price

of a movie ticket has climbed 57%. Want a half-gallon of ice cream? That will lighten the wallet by about 45% more than it did 10 years ago.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange, July-dated gasoline futures rose 0.03 cents to \$1.516 a gallon. See Futures Movers.

According to AAA's Daily Fuel Gauge report, the average price for a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline is \$2.118, up from \$2.114 a gallon on Tuesday. A month ago, prices stood at \$2.194, on average.

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"The citizens want us to be a little more successful in recruiting some of these businesses, keeping the ones that are here, and reversing the decline in the commercial tax base, because they see the result of it in their own pocket books when they get their tax bill for their property taxes."

Former Mayor Marvin Randle, has been dogged by accusations that he is a racist and has used racial slurs. Ads about Mr. Randle (titled "Marvin Randle or Marvin Scandal?") have appeared in local newspapers. The ads were created by Irving Citizens for Truth, a community group formed by activist Anthony Bond.

Mr. Randle says he hasn't used the slur in a derogatory manner and hasn't used it at all in the past 40 years. He says the

word was commonly used in conversations 40-50 years ago. Even his apologies have raised a few eyebrows.

He responded to the accusations recently on KHVN-AM (970) radio, and said he apologized if "40 years ago...I used it in any manner that anybody considered to be negative."

This is not the first time race has become an issue in this campaign. Candidate Terry Waldrum asked residents in a newspaper advertisement if they were "tired of the neighborhood businesses that look like they belong in a third world country" or "West Dallas. The Irving Rambler ran two versions of Mr. Waldrum's ad in the February and March weekly editions.

Mr. Randle has also been under fire for filing bankruptcy-both personal and business

bankruptcy through his company, Irving Counter Top. He says he has also filed for divorce three times.

Mr. Randle defended his leadership skills.

"I feel I've proven myself over the years to be a leader," he said. "When you give Marvin Randle a task...he does it in the best way possible."

"I am a true Irvingite," he continued. "I love the city, and I love everything that it stands for. I have seen our city moving down a little bit; we have lost our luster, so to speak, and I want to get that back."

A new mayor will be elected in Irving on June 11th. The voters will have the ultimate say in whether they want to revisit the past, or position Irving for a progressive future.

MON-The Gazette is soliciting its readers for submissions of upcoming Juneteenth events. Submissions should be sent to editor@monthegazette.com.

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Is the sky clearest on the day it is most blue?

While you ponder that thought we would like to announce that Minority Opportunity News, Inc., formerly a Dallas based renaissance community tabloid, founded in 1991, has relocated to Plano, Texas and changed our name to **MON-The Gazette**. In addition to moving our offices to Plano, our editorial coverage has also shifted to encompass Dallas' Northern Corridor. The Northern Corridor is clearly the fastest growing region in Texas, if not in America. **MON-The Gazette** believes that the engine to continue this growth is the airport expansion in McKinney, which is the largest and most visible of many area opportunities. As always, and true to tradition, **MON-The Gazette** will be there carving a world of opportunity for those seeking to provide quality services. Should you dare to expand your quest for economic parity outside the southern region or just want to know what is going on up north-

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Capital One shifting California Jobs to Plano

Consumer lender Capital One Financial Corp. says it will move part of its auto financing operations and about 200 jobs from San Diego to Plano.

Capital One (NYSE: COF) will close its Internet auto finance operation in San Diego and eliminate about 290 jobs there by early 2006.

Capital One will move that work to a similar operation in Plano, resulting in

about 200 new jobs in the Dallas suburb. The company says it will give its San Diego employees the option to transfer to Plano. In addition, it plans to offer career counseling, severance packages and retraining assistance to San Diego workers who are losing their jobs.

Headquartered in Falls Church, Virginia, Capital One Financial Corporation is a holding company whose principal subsidiaries,

Capital One Bank and Capital One, F.S.B., offer consumer lending products. Capital One's subsidiaries are among the largest providers of MasterCard and Visa credit cards in the world. Capital One trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "COF" and is included in the S&P 500 Index. The company has managed loans of \$81.6 billion and customer accounts of 49.1 million.

A Fortune 500 company, Capital One is one of the major financial services providers on the Internet, with online account decisioning, real-time account numbering, online retail deposits, and a growing number of customers serviced online.

Capital One has been named as one of the top 100 'Best Places to Work' for the fifth year running.

For more information log on to www.capitalone.com.

The 9th Annual Government Procurement Conference

The University of Texas at Arlington Cross Timbers Procurement Center is hosting its 9th Annual Government Procurement Conference on Friday, July 8, 2005 from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. It will be held at the UTA Main Campus-E.H. Herford University Center, 301 W. First Street, Arlington, Texas 76019.

This event is designed to provide attendees with all they

need to know about doing business with Government Agencies (Federal, State and Local) and their prime subcontractors. The event will feature Government Exhibitors, Commercial Exhibitors, Workshops and Networking.

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- How to Write a Winning Proposal

The Luncheon Keynote will feature Mr. Darrell Ankaro, a popular talk show personality

on KLIF 570. Ankaro is an expert in the field of media relations and will teach the keys to getting positive business-generating publicity as well as ways to motivate the community to action.

The cost of attendance at the conference is \$85.00, but can be obtained for \$55.00 if registration is completed by June 10, 2005. For more information and registration send email to: ibruton@arri.uta.edu.

Irving Women and Minority Business Forum

A free forum for women and minority business owners will be held from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 15, at the Irving Civic Center Complex, 825 W. Irving Blvd. Attendees will learn important information on how to do business with the City of Irving,

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Dallas nabs spot on 'unwired' cities list

Dallas-Fort Worth ranked No. 23 on Intel Corp.'s third annual "Most Unwired Cities" survey, which ranks the top 100 U.S. metropolitan areas for the best wireless Internet accessibility.

The survey takes into account the total number of "hot spots" where computer users can find Internet access in each market. Hot spots can be found at coffee shops, college campuses and hotels.

The list's most unwired

regions are: Seattle, San Francisco-San Jose-Oakland, Calif., Austin, Portland, Ore.-Vancouver, Wash., Toledo, Ohio, Atlanta, Denver, Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, N.C., Minneapolis-St. Paul, Orange County, Calif.

Intel (NASDAQ: INTC), based in Santa Clara, Calif., is the world's largest producer of chips. The company has a chip design center in Austin.

Web site: www.intel.com/personal/wireless/unwired/cities/index.htm.

D-FW cities in bottom half of 'Best Drivers' report

The Dallas-Fort Worth area appears to have some of the worst drivers in the nation in a comparison of how likely drivers are to experience a car crash.

D-FW drivers have automobile accidents far more often than the national average, according to a study released by Allstate Insurance Co. Tuesday.

The first-annual "America's Best Driver's Report" looked at America's 100 largest cities -- with a population of 100,000 or more -- and revealed how often the average driver in the cities would experience a crash.

Allstate (NYSE:ALL) used

internal data for the report.

Of the 196 cities ranked for safety, Fort Worth ranked as the safest of D-FW area cities with a ranking of 136. The report showed that the average driver in Fort Worth would have a crash every 8.7 years, compared to the national average of every 10 years, making them 14.92 percent more likely to have an accident than the national average.

The safest city, with the No. 1 ranking, was Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where the average length between collisions is 15 years, making Cedar Rapids drivers 33.3 percent less likely to experience a crash, compared to the national average, the report

said.

Drivers in Plano, ranked No. 145, were likely to have a crash every 8.4 years; Grand Prairie (No. 166) drivers every 7.9 years and Arlington (No. 165) and Irving (No. 166) drivers were likely to have an accident every 7.8 years. Garland (No. 175) drivers were likely to crash every 7.6 years. Dallas (No. 182) rounded out the list of area cities, as drivers were likely to have a crash every 7.2 years, making Dallas drivers 39.31 percent more likely to have an accident than the national average. New York City, Chicago and Los Angeles all ranked as having a safer driving record than Dallas,

although not by much with rankings of 169, 173 and 177 respectively.

Houston and San Antonio ranked No. 121 and 167 on the list. Austin was 176.

"What makes this report from Allstate valuable is that it is based on real world collision data from actual drivers," said Allan Williams, recently retired chief scientist and researcher at the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. "Also, Allstate auto policies represent about 12 percent of the U.S. population, making this report a realistic snapshot of what's happening on America's roadways."

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building individual schools. They have to subcontract to get a piece of the action. You know, be certified and all of that nonsense. It would be great if a Black company just stepped out of the box and competed against the white-owned companies that always get the prime contracts -- and won -- as JL Judge did. Yes, it would be nice, but it seems Black folks just 200 miles "south" of Toledo are very different; they would rather settle for subcontracts and 20 percent "aspirational goals" set by the Public School administration, goals that are never met.

The Judge bid was just under \$7 million, beating out two other bids submitted by White-owned firms that "have been getting plenty of the construction project's business," according to the Journal article. JL Judge Company competed and won, and the board voted 5-0 to award the contract to this Black firm, headquartered in Detroit. If that does not excite you, you must be jealous. But that's all right. Maybe it will make more Black companies compete for the 80 percent rather than settle for a promise of 20 percent, which is never achieved.

Here is the real kicker. You've heard the term "economic inclusion," right? Well, in Toledo's program, as in most other inclusion programs, the goals are virtually never met and sometimes even ignored by prime contractors, mostly because there are no teeth in the agreements; there is no hammer, no real negative consequences for failing to meet the goals. I have a very good feeling the JL Judge Company will meet and even exceed the goal of just 20 percent economic inclusion for "minorities" -- and I believe a significant number of those "minorities" will be Black. You want to solve the economic inclusion problem? Award more prime contracts to Black owned firms. Stop

playing these games and stop lying to taxpayers about not being able to find Black folks who can develop and build.

What the folks in Toledo have done is great. Of course, we need more. After all, as the article pointed out, most of the students who will attend the Robinson Middle School are Black. Why shouldn't Black people have an opportunity to participate not only in voting for the school levies but in the wealth generating activities that take place after the levy is passed? Can you imagine? Billions in construction being spent in the State of Ohio and you can probably count on one hand the number of Black developers and builders who play a significant decision-making role in the process. Moreover, Black people walking through their own neighborhoods can only peer through the construction fence at white developers and employees building schools for Black children and taking their paychecks home to their communities every two weeks. Billions are being spent and Black folks are getting a pittance. That is usually the case when it comes to public projects.

So I say "Kudos" to Toledo for a first step in what I hope will become a trend for Black owned businesses. The only way this unfair and unjust system will be changed is by Black companies challenging the status quo by preparing ourselves and by going after the "Whites only" 80 percent of the projects and not accepting the "minorities only" 20 percent. We fought against "Whites only" toilets, "Whites only" water fountains, and "whites only" serving counters. Why aren't we willing to fight just as hard against "Whites only" construction programs?

What's wrong with us today? Many of our contractors settle for crumbs from the master's table when they should be baking and eating from their own loaves. Many of us are still operating in a psychologically enslaved mode, holding our brothers

and sisters down while White folks walk on them. Instead of going for the gusto we acquiesce to the mediocre. Yes, we can build! Yes, we can develop! Thank you, Toledo, for giving us another positive example of those realities.

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room is to blame. "These three and four year olds are barely out of diapers. No one wants to think about children this young being kicked out of school, especially not their parents and teachers. All teachers in state-funded prekindergarten programs should have access to the support staff they need to effectively manage classroom behavior. When they do, expulsion rates are cut nearly in half," said Walter Gilliam, author of the Yale University study "Prekindergartners Left Behind."

According to the study, state expulsion rates for pre-kindergartners exceed those in K-12 classes. Gilliam found that expulsion rates are lowest in classrooms located in public schools and Head Start and highest in faith-affiliated centers, for-profit childcare and other community-based settings. In classrooms where the teacher had no access to a psychologist or psychiatrist, students were expelled twice as often.

But for some, programs are not enough. Jawanza Kunjufu, head of Chicago-based African-American Images, which publishes and distributes books that pro-

mote self-esteem, collective values, liberation and skill development, believes there are also cultural differences that contribute to expulsion at such an early age.

"Without knowing the makeup of the staff, my first point is that teachers simply



do not allow for gender differences and so the child that has the greatest energy is going to be African-American male children. They're going to have the shortest attention span, the greatest energy and less maturation," Kunjufu said. "The other thing to remember, especially at the pre-school level is almost 99.9 percent of the teachers are female."

According to the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). Of the 3.5 million teachers, approximately 861,000 (25 percent) are

men, compared to 259,000 (75 percent) women. Only 6.2 percent (approximately 217,000) are Black men.

Kunjufu, although disappointed, is not surprised that the study also found that boys were expelled at a rate more than 4.5 times that of girls.

Discipline and cultural issues aside, Gilliam incoming director of Yale's Edward Zigler Center for Child Development and Social Policy recommends that children not be expelled without ensuring that alternative services has been accessed.

"When we fail to provide these supports, we place children and their families in a very difficult situation—where some children are bounced from one program to the next and parents may end up viewing their child as an educational failure well before kindergarten," he says.

He adds, "We also place teachers in a very difficult situation. As a former public school teacher, I know that no teachers want to give up on a child—especially not one who only learned to talk a year or two ago. Without supports in place, these prekindergarten teachers...are forced to decide between the good of the individual child and the good of the class. And that's not fair to these teachers either."

Frank Wills Page 1

Nixon's press secretary, Ron Ziegler, tried to dismiss the break-in as a "third-rate burglary." But it quickly became clear that it was much more than that. One of the burglars, James McCord, identified himself as a CIA agent. Another burglar, Bernard Barker, carried on him the phone number of E. Howard Hunt, the chief of security at the Committee to Re-Elect the President.

Through the aggressive reporting of Woodward and Bernstein, the Senate Watergate hearings chaired by Sam Irving, and the testimony and remarkable recall of fired White House counsel John Dean, the scope of the Watergate scandal was revealed and many of Nixon's closest aides went to prison.

Nixon operatives had engaged in a series of dirty tricks in 1973 and 1974 that included breaking into the office of the psychologist

of Daniel Ellsberg, the anti-war activist that leaked the Pentagon Papers to the New York Times; spreading false rumors about the wife of Sen. Ed Muskie, a potential Democratic rival, and bugging the office of DNC chairman Larry O'Brien. In addition, Nixon ordered his aides to compile an Enemies List so that they could be harassed by the Internal Revenue Service and other federal agencies.

At the Watergate Senate hearings, it was revealed that a secret tape-recording system had been installed in the Oval Office. When investigators sought the tapes, Nixon refused to release them. A unanimous U.S. Supreme Court ordered him to turn them over. The combination of that order and the House having approved three articles of impeachment forced Nixon from office. On one of the tapes, Nixon and Chief of Staff H.R. "Bob" Halderman discussed trying to get the CIA to obstruct

the FBI's investigation of the Watergate break-ins.

While the Watergate stars went on to earn millions, Wills had difficulty getting and holding jobs. He moved back to North Augusta, S.C. in 1990 after his mother suffered a stroke. He did odd jobs and complained: "I was treated like a criminal myself." In 1983, a Georgia court convicted him of stealing a \$12 pair of sneakers.

Wills, who died penniless five years ago in Augusta, Ga. at the age of 52, remains a forgotten hero.

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2005 Mercury Mariner: The Underrated Sports Utility Vehicle

This sport utility vehicle ranks as the quietest of the bunch, so much that I often forget it exist in the sports utility vehicle. At first glance you are quite reluctant to distinguish the difference in the style of this 2005 premier 4 wheel drive vehicle. Once inside, the fun begins, there is an equipped



Pebble/LT Parchment Suede interior with an audiophile in - dash CDX6, heated leather seats power driver seat w/lumbar, leather wrapped steering wheel with tilt and speed control, electronic message center as well as, overhead console.

The 2005 Mariner 4 wheel drive 3.0 L DOHC V6 (Fuel Injection Catalyst, 4 - Speed automatic transmission. Normally, when you get into larger vehicles you see a marked difference

in fuel economy, but not so with the Mariner. The 4 wheel drive gets 23 MPG Highway and 18 in the city.

The Gold Ash exterior exemplifies true dynamic features for Sports Utility Vehicle lovers. The Mariner showcases 16" Mach Alum Wheels, P235/70 R16 as BSW Tires, automatic on/off

headlamps, fog lamps, dual heated power mirrors, privacy glass, body colored fascias, and chrome exhaust tip. In addition to the wonderful features you are covered with a 3 year/36,000 mile warranty and 100K mile tune - up interval.

At the end of the day, the Mariner would be a good choice of purchase for a Sports Utility Vehicle. The price of \$29550.00 should give the consumer a huge smile.

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Church News

Things To Retain On Life's Journey:

Sister Tarpley



Miss Ebony Regina Miller graduated from Westwood Jr. High in Richardson and she has plans to attend Lake Highlands High School. She is the daughter of Mrs. Regina Tinner Green; and the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Eugene (Phemia) Tinner in Hamilton Park.

Ebony, a standout student in kindergarten through Junior High was consistently on the "A" Honor Roll in Elementary and Jr. High; and she was in the National Honor Society at both schools. She has personally met and received a certificate of achievement from The Honorable Rick Perry, Governor of Texas. As a student leader, Ebony was the only student from Westwood selected last year to attend a Student Leadership Conference in Austin where she attended seminars for a week on being a successful leader in and out of school. Because of her outstanding work at Westwood Jr. High Ebony was one of two students selected as a People to People Student Ambassador to travel to China this summer.

Recently CBS Channel 11 Anchor Reporter Maria Arita, on her daily broadcast show, honored Ebony with a story highlighting her pending trip to China as a Student Ambassador. Presently Ebony is in China and will return the end of June. Ebony said that she is grateful that her family, friends, local pastors, churches, and businesses that financially supported her effort to go to China, and helped her with

one of her greatest learning experiences. Ebony has plans to be a nurse or an actress; she likes going to the mall, and talking on the telephone. Her favorite sport is gymnastics and skating.



Picture of The week
Maria Arita, KTVT-TV/CBS Channel 11 Anchor Reporter congratulates Ebony Regina Miller on her selection as a 2005 People to People Student Ambassador to China

Work on your weaknesses until they become your strong points. Bear in mind that a great effort is usually the result of a great attitude. Learn to accept your winning battles with humility, and your losing battles with grace. Ignore those who discourage you, they don't know "your story." Mark Twain once said, "Keep away from People who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that . . ." Remember that **talent** is God-given; learn to be humble and thankful.

Fame in life is man-given; and conceit is self-given, therefore be very careful; and understand the difference.

Do what has to be done, when it has to be done, and as well as it can be done. Always give your best; a successful life is built one day at a time. Tough decisions that you make will test your courage, improve your strengths, and reveal your weaknesses. The importance of a lesson learned is not what you get from it, but what you become because of it.

Don't allow yourself to get like concrete-all mixed up and permanently set. In real life, people don't care how much you know until they know how much you care. Henry Ford once said, "Even a mistake may turn out to be the one thing necessary to a worthwhile achievement." Some life changing inventions are often the result of an error.

Graduates, you may not be able to change the world you see around you, but you can change the way you see the world. You will be measured by your reactions to life's inequities. Never accept the negative until you have thoroughly explored the positive. People that never do any more than they get paid for will never get paid for any more than they do. My maternal grandfather, Mr. James Baker once said, "You can't pay a man enough money to do a good job, the good job that he will do comes from within."

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HAMILTON PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 12, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm
Summer Blood Drive sponsored by the African American Pastor's Coalition; for more information, please contact Don Yancy @ 214-808-3113

Hamilton Park UMC Dallas
Rev. Derrick Wright, Pastor
11881 Schroeder Road
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KELLER SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

June 20 - 22, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Our Vacation Bible School 2005 will present "Extreme Makeover Church Edition;" featuring "Team Impact." After three days of spiritual rebuilding we will: "Move the Bus" to reveal our "Extreme Spiritual Makeover." The public is welcome to join us.

For more information, please contact Carolyn Starks @ 972-735-8077.

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June 6 - 9, 6:30 Nightly
"Living The Life of a Servant" is the theme for our 2005 Vacation Bible School. Scripture reading is St. Mark 10:45 (NIV). This is going to be a fun and a Holy Spirit-filled VBS School. You will regret it if you don't join us. There will be classes for the youth and adults of all ages. A "lite" dinner will be served each night.

June 11, 12 Noon - 6:00 pm
You are welcome to join us for our Homecoming Celebration Kickoff; we will have food, fun, and games on the church grounds.

June 12, 3:30 pm
We welcome you to our 3rd Annual Homecoming Celebration Service. Our theme: "Reasoning Together in Unity;" found in Isaiah 1:18 and Psalms 133:1-3 (KJV). Our guest speaker will be Pastor Clifford Mitchell from the Encouraging Word Bible Fellowship.

June 18, 2005
End-of-the-Year School Recognition Reception.

June 26, 3:30 pm
Church Outing with Christian Believer's Church and Pastor George Riley

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NEW MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH OF DALLAS

This Saturday June 11, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
North Dallas, Denton & Collin Counties (NDDC) Alumni Chapter of Prairie View A & M University will sponsor its First Annual Fish Fry that will benefit Prairie View A & M University with scholarships for area high school graduate students. There will be catfish plates, and a combina-

tion of catfish & shrimp plates. All plates will be served with potato salad, cole slaw and hush puppies.

Fish plates on June 11, can be purchased at New Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 9550 Shepard Road in Dallas, Shepard Road is East of Central Expressway off of Forest Lane near the Hamilton Park Community. Join us for great food, and wonderful fellowship as you help to send someone to college and/or buy books for them.

For advanced tickets and more information, please call Bill Heath @ 972-669-0261 or Walter S. Gerard @ 214-375-9700.

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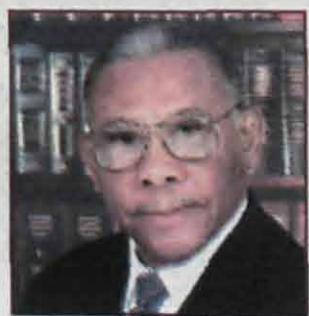
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9:00 am Sunday School

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Morning Worship
11:00 a.m.

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Tuesday

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Joyner Cruise Raises a Million and Change: Money From Star-Studded 'Fantastic Voyage' To Benefit HBCUs.



Volunteers Help Seniors Page 1
after being released.

"It's basically the things you and I would do for our parents," said Elizabeth Kent, a social worker for the center, which created the program with a grant from the Area Agency on Aging of North Central Texas. "We're giving them the tools necessary so they can continue to live independently at home."

The program also helps identify other potential services these seniors may need, such as Meals on Wheels. Doni Van Ryswyk, manager of aging programs with the Area Agency on Aging of North Central Texas, said there are more and more programs for seniors but there's still a long way to go.

"Elder care is an issue that most communities don't yet get," she said. "There are shortages of health care professionals ... so for a number of reasons, the solution is really going to lie in part in mobilizing communities, because there aren't going to be enough professionals to get done what needs to be done."

Even seniors who have children who can help them still need assistance. The children could work or live too far away to be able to take their parents to the doctor's office or run other errands. Also, reducing the stress of the senior and family members is important, Ms. Van Ryswyk said.

Without the most basic assistance, the elderly run a high risk of ending up back in a hospital bed.

In Marin County, Calif., the hospital readmission rate of seniors dropped to 5 percent after a program by the same name was implemented there, said Rita Widgren, nursing director for Project Independence.

Collin County officials modeled their program after Marin County's when they heard about its success.

Over 3,000 people got their old-school groove on aboard Tom Joyner's annual Fantastic Voyage, a celebrity-filled cruise which raised more than \$1 million to benefit Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) via the not-for-profit Tom Joyner Foundation.

"We believe the Fantastic Voyage has grown into one of the most exhilarating and exhausting events in the African American community," said Joyner, host of the 'Tom Joyner Morning Show.' "And as far as all of the extracurricular activities are concerned, well, let's just say that what happened on the cruise, stays on the cruise!"

The boat set sail on May 29 carrying such notables as Tyler Perry, Minister Louis Farrakhan, Brian McKnight, Mike Epps, Eddie and Gerald Levert, D.L. Hughley, Chaka Khan, Judge Mablean Ephraim ("Divorce Court"), U.S. Congressman Jesse Jackson Jr., and U.S. Representative Carolyn Kilpatrick.

Attendees were treated to daily yoga workouts, comedy acts, African-American-focused social issues forums, intimate discussions and even a surprise violin performance by Farrakhan as the ship sailed through ports in St. Lucia, St. Maarten and Barbados.

Boyd relied on her cousin, whom she pays a small fee to drive her around. With the Collin County program, the transportation is free.

"I think it's nice," she said. "It's really nice."

Ms. Finnerty, who lives in Allen, said she enjoys working with seniors. "I feel I get as much out of it as the clients," she said.

The program has also helped Sharon and Ron Patterson of McKinney. Mrs. Patterson, 62, has been using a wheelchair for 10 years, so the couple was concerned when Ron Patterson, 65, returned home after surgery.

The volunteer helps change the sheets, vacuums and buy groceries. "There's not a lot of help out there in those kind of situations," she said. "So, this volunteer has been a godsend. Not everybody is able to go out there and financially hire somebody."



The California program began in 2000, also with the help of a grant. In its first year, the readmission rate for participants dropped to 13 percent. Last March, the number had dropped to 5.5 percent out of 180 participants.

"We've actually been able to change the course of several people by improving their quality of life," Ms. Widgren said.

Carolyn Rice, executive director of the Geriatric Wellness Center of Collin County, adds that preventing people from returning to the hospital creates a financial benefit.

"If we can keep them out of the hospital, we're saving them money," she said.

Debbie Smith, director of case management at the hospital, said the program does wonders for discharged patients.

"The patients are able to get to their follow-up physician appointments," Ms. Smith. "They get help buying healthy foods and groceries and their medications are refilled in a timely manner."

A similar program, called the Good N.E.W.S. Living at Home Block Nurse Program, is in place in Azle.

An informal survey of 100 participants in the Azle area found that the number of trips to hospital emergency rooms had dropped 35 percent, according to Terri Bartlett, program director. The survey looked at the number of ER visits in the year before their enrollment in the program and the number of visits the year after.

Ms. Bartlett believes the survey, though not scientific, shows a connection between a patient's well-being and a volunteer's assistance.

"We have found that when we paired the senior with a volunteer they actually got better," Ms. Bartlett said.

Before being hospitalized, Mrs.

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OASIS INTERNATIONAL CHURCH

June 11, 9:00 am - 12:00 Noon
The Women's International Network (WIN) will host their second networking meeting of 2005. This event will be held at the contemporary Homewood Suites at Jupiter & George Bush Toll Way in Plano, TX. The meeting will start promptly at 9:00 am with a full breakfast buffet. Inspirational and international speaker Mary Hughes will be the guest speaker. Other special guests include: Express Fitness, Future Leaders Travel, Chaska Designs, and Hoity Toity Bags. Free gift bags, and an opportunity to win free Cinemark movie passes will be available.

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June 11, 2005
Church School Convention
June 12, 10:15 am
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