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People In The News



Fitness guru Dr. Ro Brock will be in Dallas on Friday evening, July 8th and Sat, July 9th, as part of the Ebony Black Family Reunion Tour.

Dr. Ro is America's most famous African American Nutritionist. She is most widely known as the host of Heart and Soul on BET and as Medical Correspondent on BET News. She is a columnist (Get Fit With Dr. Ro, BET.com and Dr. Ro Knows, Heart and Soul Magazine). Dr. Ro is frequently quoted in the LA Times, Web MD, and has been seen on CNN, MSNBC, ABC News' Lifetime Live, Bet Tonight and The Queen Latifah Show. Dr. Ro serves up "real life health advice for real people with real problems." Dr. Ro is a national motivational speaker, author and entrepreneur.

Dr. Ro will be discussing everything from diet and stress, to exercise and societal ills on July 9, from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The location for the Ebony Black Family Reunion Tour is Kiest Park Sports Complex, 3078 S. Hampton and Kiest Road, Dallas, Texas.

Marlene Harris loves to read. Her problem was that even though she read a lot in her job as a school librarian, it was mostly children and teen literature, with some African American classics thrown in for good measure. This made it difficult for her to talk to her friends about contemporary African-American literature and authors. It was out of this basic need that she founded the GRITS Online Reading Club in January of 2000.

GRITS (an acronym for Guys/Girls Raised In The South), is an online book club dedicated to the promotion of classic and contemporary literature. The reading community consists of author interviews, book reviews and interactive elements including email discussion lists and online chat/message boards.

Ms. Harris' vision has expanded to include the GRITS Kidz Book Club and GRITS Literary Services. According to Ms. Harris, this online book promotion service can provide authors with a cheaper and more immediate vehicle to "launch a book campaign."

"This service came to fruition as a result of the relationships I've developed over the years with authors looking for ways to promote their work and publishers looking for literary communities."

Visit the online book club at www.thegritsbookclub.com.



Scholar, comedienne, talk show host and author, Dr. Berice Berry will be in Dallas on July 13 to sign copies of her latest novel *When Love Calls, You Better Answer*.

No one defies stereotypes more than Dr. Berry. She grew up poor in Wilmington, Delaware, the sixth of seven children. She attended Jacksonville University in Florida, subsequently earning a Ph.D. in sociology from Kent State University at the age of 26.

Dr. Berry was the host and co-executive producer of her own nationally syndicated talk show, *The Berice Berry Show*, and has been featured on the Oprah Show.

Dr. Berry graciously donates all of the royalties from the sales of her books to organizations that help families of terminally ill children and raise funds for orphanages.

The book signing will begin at 6 p.m. at Black Images Book Bazaar, 214-943-0142.

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Black MBA Association Molding Leaders

By: Paul Bailey
 Pictures By: Laquisha Hesley
 The National Black MBA Association held its Fourth Annual Leaders of Tomorrow Case Competition June 24th.



(L-R) Dallas Chapter of NBMBA, Inc. Leaders of Tomorrow participants: 1st row: Carissa Marshall, Alyse Taylor (Plano Sr. High), 2nd row: Jordan Magee, Trace Magee and Brittany Crawford, 3rd row: Wayne Greene (Chapter Advisor), and Kevin T. Davis (President, DFW NBMBA, Inc.)

June 25th at SMU in Dallas, Texas sponsored by Exxon Mobil.

High school students, involved with the Leaders program in 14 local chapters, traveled to the national competition at SMU. Among the participants in this year's competition was Plano resident and Plano Senior High student, Alyse Taylor.

The competition was hosted by the NBMBA's Dallas-Fort Worth chapter, which also had a com-

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Let Us Rise Up and Build

By: James Clinegan
 "When banks compete, you win." You're right, I stole that line from a television commercial. But it's so true, I couldn't resist using it. I wish more Black people would take the statement to heart. After all, it was coined by a lending institution that understands its truth all too well. The Collective Banking Group (CBG) understands it, too, and the folks who established and support the CBG demonstrated that truth in a monumental way during the weekend of June 3, when they convened their 10th annual Community Economic Empowerment Conference in Glenarden, Md.

The theme for this year's conference, "Church and Community... Growing Together," was taken from Nehemiah 2:18 - 20, in which the people said to Nehemiah, "Let us rise up and build." The people boldly stepped forward to do the work they knew had to be done, after Nehemiah reminded them, "You see the bad situation we are in, how low our community is wasted and lies in ruins." How appropriate for Black people today. How profoundly true of the places in which we live.

The good part about that particular passage is that a genuine "authentic" leader stepped forward, shared his vision and obligation, and then the people took the next step by replying, "Let us rise up and build." What a story! A great example of that story was demonstrated by Pastor Jonathan Weaver, visionary, founder, and president of the CBG, and the brothers and sisters who came together to form and sustain the CBG. Their action begs the question, especially for religious people, "Why aren't there more CBG chapters throughout this country? After all, when banks compete, for your business, you win."

How does the CBG work? What does the CBG do? You can get information from the Web site, www.collectivebankinggroup.com.

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Plano City Council Considers Tolls on Highway 121

Plano City Council members joined opponents of State Highway 121 tolls in asking tough questions Monday about prospective use of the extra revenues tolls would bring in.

City Manager Tom Muehlenbeck is assembling data on how much the project would cost without seeking additional funds for projects described as "near neighbor, near timeframe" by the Texas Department of Transportation. TxDOT officials have told Plano leaders the additional income would go to near neighbor projects that will be defined after tolls are approved.

Muehlenbeck is expected to provide the figures by the July 27 council meeting.

Plano and its neighbors of Frisco, Allen, McKinney and Collin County have until Aug. 15 to make a decision on how to pay for the state highway's main lanes and interchanges at Dallas North Parkway and Central Expressway. Plano had its second public hearing on Monday.

No state gas tax money has been planned for years to finance the costs of SH 121 main lanes and the interchanges at the Dallas North Tollway and Central. Gas tax proceeds have been allocated for main lanes between the Dallas North Tollway and Hillcrest, but nothing to the east. Building the main lanes and interchanges to the east and west could cost \$345 million, TxDOT estimates. Adding tolls could generate \$707.9 million extra or the longer section and \$505.7 million for the shorter span, it projects.

New NAACP head says he'll confront social injustice

Former executive outlines barriers to economic equality injustice

The NAACP, which has been criticized for stagnant growth and waning vitality, named a former business executive, Bruce S. Gordon, as its president and chief executive Saturday.

In addition to stating his plans to increase membership, Gordon, 59, a retired senior executive at Verizon Communications, said he looked forward to working with other organizations, creating an endowment and getting the organization on strong financial footing. He said his own "bias" was that "economic power and economic equality enables social justice."

"The facts are as clear as can be that people of color are treated by a different standard," Gordon said.

He said his goal was to "change the deficit that exists between our community and the community at large."

When asked after the conference whether this represented a departure from past NAACP goals, or even a decreased emphasis on politics, Gordon said, "I'm going where the NAACP confronts injustice Page 10

Jackson seeks to build strong Black-Latino coalition in U.S.

By: Leslie Jones McCloud
 Special to the NNPA from the Chicago Defender

One month after Mexican President Vicente Fox angered some African-American activists with his comments about Black workers, the Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. announced that he will lead a trade mission to America's neighbor in order to seek business for Black companies.

Emphasizing the need for a strong Black-Latino alliance in the U.S., Jackson was joined by Carlos de Icaza, Mexico's ambassador to the U.S., in making the announcement.

Jackson likened today's goal to that of the relationship between the Dr. Martin Luther King and Cesar Chavez.

"We must build a world class bridge. For too long we have had shared interest but we have

not effectively built this strategic alliance," Jackson said.

Part of Jackson's plan includes getting African American children to learn Spanish and increasing the number of Latino children who speak English.

Additional issues include teaching Black and Latino children nonviolence and to avoid gang warfare; cultural exchanges; organizing religious leaders from both ethnic groups; and fighting for affirmative action.

But the most critical issues that Fox has focused on have been the illegal immigration reforms being tossed about on Capitol Hill. Jackson said he is willing to work with Fox and other Latino leaders to help craft a sensible immigration policy that isn't as harsh to

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New Mayor, New Times in Irving

By: Paul Bailey

It's been said that the world hates change, yet it is the only thing that has brought progress. Both change and progress were on the minds of Irving voters as they selected a new mayor and a new director for their city.

Emerging victorious in a grueling race that included seven candidates and concluded in a contentious run-off election, new Irving Mayor Herb Gears is eager to set in motion the winds of change. A former city council member who lost his seat last year, Mr. Gears best run-off candidate Marvin Randle in the election held on June 11.

Mr. Gears, 43, positioned himself throughout the campaign as the candidate that spoke for the people outside of the traditional "good 'ol boy" political system in Irving. He was backed by every minority

and civil rights organization in Irving, and also garnered the support of several African American churches and the Islamic Center of Irving.

Mr. Gears recently sat down with *MON-The Gazette*, to reflect on his victory and discuss the challenges and agenda items for his administration as Mayor.

"We were able to bring out over 18,000 votes in two elections which is six times the normal number of voters for an election in Irving," he began. "This means

that the people of our city are hungry for change that they care, and want to have hope and optimism about the direction and future of our city."

One of the major challenges Irving faces is improvement in race relations, and the easing of racial tensions. Mr.

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College Seeking Nominations For 'Living Legends'

Collin County Community College District (Collin) is seeking nominees for its third annual Living Legends Tribute, honoring pillars of the community. Anyone may nominate a Living Legend, but those nominated must live and work in Collin County. Nomination forms for this special distinction may be obtained on the college's website at cccd.edu and are due in the CCCCD Foundation, Inc. office by Aug. 15.

The 2005 Living Legends Tribute ceremony and dinner will be held Nov. 12 in the new conference center at the college's Spring Creek Campus in Plano. Proceeds from the event will go toward the Living Legends Endowment Fund, which supports student scholarships and academic success.

Past honorees include: Gladys Harrington, credit-

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peting team at the event. DFW Chapter President,



(L-R) Beverly Harris (NMBBAA, Inc. Chicago), Kathy Valentine (DFW Leaders of Tomorrow Program Manager), Leonard James (Exxon Mobil, Title Sponsor), Tarnisha Tyson (Event Chair), and Kim Wilson (NMBBAA, Inc. Chicago).

Kevin T. Davis, talked about the benefits of the program. "This program helps develop future leaders of tomorrow, the youth get to showcase their talent and gain knowledgeable experience," he said. "In some cases, the mentors and volunteers get just as out of the program as the students. I have been very impressed with the student talent so far, we are already looking forward to next year."

The title of the business case was Black Entertainment Television: Creating, Building, Extending, and Protecting a Brand. The business case involved the development of a 10 year strategic business model for

cable's Black Entertainment Television (BET); which each team hypothetically presented to BET's new owners at Viacom and its Board of Directors. Students were judged by a panel of corporate executives who scored points for analysis, quality of presentation and feasibility of recommendations.

Beverly Harris of NMBBAA, Inc. was also pleased with how the competition has evolved. "It is exciting how the students have grown and developed over the past 4 years. To see such growth makes us very proud. The Case presentation is part of an all year process, which includes research, volunteers, mentors, students, and a host of other factors. This is exactly what our mission statement says we are about."

Sponsorship and scholarships for the Leaders program continues to increase; from \$200 in 2002 to over \$7000 for this year's events. Each member

of the winning team received \$1000. Exxon Mobil has continued to provide mentorship and sponsorship since the inception of the program. Leonard James expressed Exxon's satisfaction with the program and commented on its success.

"The penetration is deep this year as we have almost 50% participation from the chapters. There seems to be a common denominator, and that is a commitment to developing and mentoring our youth. Exxon Mobil not only provides money, but mentors and volunteers as well. This partnership has been very rewarding for Exxon over the past 4 years."

10 NMBBAA chapters participated in the competition. Participating chapters included



Judge Chester Chambers poses for question for Alpha Consulting Team (L-R) Chester Chambers (SMU), Kevin Crawford (SBC), Natalie Jenkins (Black MBA) and George Valentine (EDS).

Miami, Philadelphia, Houston, Washington D.C., Detroit, New Jersey, Kansas City, Memphis, Atlanta and Dallas.

~ Editor's Note ~

MON-The Gazette would like to solicit its readers for stories and pictures of United States servicemen and women from the North Texas area

that are participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom. This would include enlisted personnel as well as National Guard and reservists. We plan on using this information for an upcoming

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Anne Lebovitz Exhibit presented by The Women's Museum, 3800 Parry Ave., Dallas. Features 37 large-scale portraits. Call 214.915.0860 or visit www.thewomensmuseum.org

On going
The North Dallas Business Professionals Networking After Business Hours - Wednesday, Diango on the Parkway, Addison, 5100 Beltline Rd, 6p.m. - 9p.m.

The Collin County Multicultural Business Network Referral Luncheon meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month at Texas Land & Cattle, 3191 Preston Rd, Frisco. Log on to www.ntheknow.com

June 30
Valley View Center will celebrate diversity in America with an event held on June 30th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Valley View Center, 13331 Preston Road. Call 972-661-

2426.
Texas Leadership, Education and Development presents their 3rd Annual Professional Development Conference June 30th from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Western City Center, 650 N. Pearl, Dallas, Texas. The conference will feature leadership development and management training. Log onto www.texaslead.org for more information.

Corcoran Gallery of Art presents the Gordon Parks Half Past Autumn Exhibit at the Dallas Museum of Art, through September 4th.

Cool Thursday Concert Series-Dallas Arboretum presents performances from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Martin Rutchuk Concert Stage overlooking White Rock Lake. Call 214-515-6594 or visit www.dallasarboretum.org

Piano Repertory Theatre's 10th Annual Summer Children's Series, with Peter Rabbit and Me. For showtimes and tickets call 972-422-7460, or visit www.planorep.org. At the Art Centre Theatre, Avenue K @ 15th St. Through July 9

July 1
Comedian Ricky Smiley will perform at the Improv Club of

Addison from Friday, July 1-Sunday, July 3 at 8:30 p.m. 4980 Bellline Road, Addison, Texas. Call 972-404-8501.

July 2 thru July 10
Family Fun Festival at the Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive and the North Branch Library, 2600 Oates, 2 p.m. every Saturday on July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30.

July 2
Beginning in July, the Nasher Museum First Saturday will offer a full day of the arts. The museum features Together in The Center with free admission from 10 a.m. - noon, children's art activities, story time with the Dallas Public Library, yoga in the garden, artist demonstrations, and musical entertainment.

Saturday Night in the City transforms the Cafe Mansion into a chic lounge offering cocktails and a special menu that celebrates a different artist each month. Guests will enjoy live music, a special dance performance presented by the Dance Council, a gallery talk, sunset viewings of the James Turrell sky-space, Tending, (Blue), and moonlight strolls in the garden

until 11 p.m. Saturday Night in the City is presented by Wells Fargo and co-sponsored by PaperCity Magazine.

July 8 thru July 10
2005 Taste of Dallas in the Historic West End District-A Feast for Your Senses is a FREE outdoor festival featuring food from Dallas' best restaurants and includes non-stop music, art, jewelry and crafts. Join the Oasis and enjoy music all weekend from local Smooth Jazz artists Fingerprints, John Adams, Tom Braxton, Freddie Jones and more, with a very special performance from Kirk Whalum on July 9th.

July 8 thru July 17
Piano Children's Theatre presents the musical Little Mermaid at 7:15 July 8, 9, 14 and 16 and at 2:15 p.m. July 9, 10, 16 and 17. 1301 Custer Rd, Plano. Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$7 at the door. Call 972-422-2575.

July 9 thru July 30
Saturday Jazz-July 9, 16, 23, and 30 from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. nightly. Esplanade Park, 5044 Addison Circle Drive

July 4th Celebrations

Mesquite

July 3

Mesquite's FourthFest 4 p.m.-10 p.m. Paschal Park. Games, food, crafts and live music ending with fireworks display at 9:30 p.m.

Addison

July 3

20th Annual Addison Kaboom! Town.

Sunday, July 3rd, 5 p.m. to midnight. Addison Circle Park, 4970 Addison Circle Drive.

Plano

July 3

Patriotic Concert - Plano Community Band

Kick off the Independence Day festivities with great tunes, at Haggard Park, 15th St, 7:30 p.m. Visit www.planooband.com.

Piano Symphony Orchestra performs patriotic music with the Plano Men of Note. July 4. Eisenmann Center, Richardson.

Tickets \$9-\$29. 972-473-7262. The Plano Chamber of Commerce is producing the 25th Annual July 4th Parade. Begins 9:30 a.m., at Plano Senior High School, north on Independence Parkway to Spreng Creek Parkway, ends at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. Call 972-424-7547 or visit www.planochamber.org.

Piano's fireworks display: Highpoint Park, 6500 Altra Rd. 9:30 p.m.

Garland

July 2 - 4

Award winning festival. Fireworks, midway fun, food court, crafter's square, kids corner, live music, and more. Starts Friday, 5 p.m. to midnight. Saturday through Monday, starts at noon. Downtown Garland.

Jeffrey Osborne and Craig Chaquico in concert at Garland's Star Spangled Fourth. July 3rd in Downtown Garland. Free. Concert begins at 8 p.m. and will be followed by a fireworks show. Garland's Star Spangled Fourth is a family event that includes carnival rides, arts and crafts vendors, and much more.

Irving

July 4

City of Irving Independence Day parade, 9 a.m. Starts at Sowers Road, on to Irving Blvd, Millennium Park, 2nd St, Lucille St, and back to Irving Blvd.

The Irving Symphony Orchestra (ISO) presents a free Patriotic Concert and Fireworks Celebration at 3 p.m. William Square, 5215 N. O'Connor Blvd., Las Colinas. Steak Cook-Off, performances by local musicians. Call 972-831-8818.

Richardson

Richardson Community Band presents a patriotic concert followed by fireworks. July 4th. Breckinridge Park, Richardson. Free. Lawn chairs welcome. 972-673-8256.

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THE TRUTH CLINIC Mamma Your Baby Boomer May Be Returning Home

By: James W. Breedlove

Suppose you, as an empty nester, have finally converted the spare bedroom into a media center, sewing room or an office and are ready to slip into the comfort of a well-deserved retirement. Then a surprise appears at the door. One of your children that you thought was secure and moving up the ladder of a successful career informs you that they need to move back home. Momma, get ready because this just might happen to you.

Of the 77.7 million baby boomers set to retire in the next 10 years, only one in four will have adequate financial resources to do so.

While many studies verify that Baby Boomers are not saving enough, only a few studies have evaluated the behavioral aspects of why Boomers end up unprepared for retirement.

The Guardian Life Insurance Co. of America recently released their study called "Beyond Behavior: Why Boomers Under Fund Retirement."

Most Baby boomers seem to be in a perpetual state of paralysis about required actions needed to prepare for retirement. According to Dr. Frank Murtha, a behavioral finance expert and business professor at New York University, they don't know how much to save and don't understand basic financial principles of money management and the minimal returns needed to achieve retirement goals.

Many Baby Boomers are apparently assuming they can play catch-up by making magical massive infusions into their retirement accounts later in life instead of making small regular deposits now. They seem unaware of the serious

risk this inserts into their retirement plans. This is especially true of young Black Boomers.

The reality is that life gives us a lot more small opportunities than it gives us large opportunities according to Dr. Murtha. If people are counting on a few major financial injections to build a retirement portfolio they are missing multiple opportunities to accumulate retirement savings.

Boomers need to become educated about the process of saving. While 80 percent of Baby Boomers responding in the Guardian study are concerned about having adequate income during retirement, exactly half said they aren't sure how much money they will need. The survey also indicates that Boomers have not adopted a consistent savings discipline.

When asked about their actual savings habits, only 16 percent of Boomers saved 20 percent or more of their income while 23 percent saved nothing because of huge debt payments.

The survey also found that most Baby Boomers don't understand the impact of compound interest. More than 75 percent of all Boomers mistakenly believe that saving \$100 a month from age 30 to 65 would yield greater returns than saving \$100 a month from age 21 to 30. The reality is, because the money has more time to grow, the investor who starts saving at age 21 will have a larger nest egg than the one who starts at 30 assuming equal rates of return.

In answering a question about adequacy of returns, 13 percent of Boomers said they would be satisfied with an investment that grew from \$10,000 to \$15,000 over the course of 20 years. A measly return of 2 percent that barely offsets inflation will not lead to

a comfortable retirement.

The lower earnings and higher rates of unemployment of African Americans will make the retirement disparity even more pronounced in the Black community.

A failing economy, proposed changes to social security, Medicare and Medicaid could complicate the picture by reversing the retirement surprise and send parents to the doorway of the Baby Boomers.

Currently Social Security helps offset the lower earnings and higher unemployment rates of African Americans by replacing a higher percentage of a low-income person's pre-retirement wages. Now African Americans are being led to believe that they can overcome centuries of disadvantage by buying into the President's proposal to create individual retirement accounts that can be invested on Wall Street. They are being promised the possibility of earning great wealth that can be passed on to their heirs.

The Boomer study appears to take the air out of the administration's social security individual retirement account balloon. The theory is correct because steady savings over a long period of time at a hefty rate of return can amass a substantial retirement nest egg.

However, the stroke of the presidential pen authorizing individual retirement accounts will not transform a nation of non-saving spendthrifts that lack money management savvy into the steady financial wizards assumed by administration's theorists.

Momma, the bottom line is you and your Baby Boy better understand that the government is not the panacea for your retirement security.

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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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Are third party politics the future for Blacks?

By: Charles Hallinan

Special to the NNPA from the Minneapolis Spokesman-Recorder MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — If change is indeed to come in this country, citizens must stop looking for it from present leaders, a 2004 presidential candidate said.

David Cobb, running for the Green Party, received 10 percent of the votes in the 2004 presidential general election. According to the Federal Election Commission, based on campaign money spent, Cobb topped all candidates, including incumbent President George W. Bush (almost \$5) and Democratic hopeful John Kerry (\$4.09), with an expenditure of barely a dollar (\$1.01) a vote.

In the last two general elections, numerous voting problems occurred, particularly in Florida in 2000 and Ohio in 2004. Does the current system of electing officials need refining or overhauling? Do citizens' votes really count? These are questions Cobb raised during his June 2 visit to the Twin Cities.

"It's about fundamental fairness," he said. "If we are to have any confidence in the election process, we need to be sure that we democratize elections in this country."

Cobb first got involved in politics as a college student. "My first engagement in politics was as a student organizer enforcing the University of Houston to divest its holdings in companies that did business with the racist, oppressive regime [apartheid] in South Africa," he recalled. He later worked on Jesse Jackson's presidential campaigns in 1984 and 1988 and former California Governor Jerry Brown's in 1992.

"I learned a lot from those campaigns," said Cobb. "I learned how to put myself under the leadership of people of color and women." He also learned that there's not much difference between the two major U.S. political parties, which ultimately led him to the Greens.

"They try to stack the deck against us," said Cobb of both Republicans and Democrats. He believes that a nonpartisan form of government might be a better way, especially in such matters as redistricting and elections. "I don't think a Democrat or a Republican [should] be in charge," Cobb pointed out. "I don't think a Green should be in charge. It would be better [for] nonpartisan boards."

Among their key planks, the Green Party platform includes a Constitutional Right to Vote, guaranteed voter-verified paper ballots for all voting machines, and re-franchising of ex-felons. Cobb also encourages all citizens to get involved "and be part of a long-term movement" — especially appealing to persons of color who either feel disenfranchised or virtually ignored by both major parties.

Cobb offered two reasons for Blacks to join the Greens. First, his party is the only political party actively seeking reparations for slavery. "That's reconciliation, justice and fairness," he said.

Secondly, he asks Blacks to closely evaluate their past voting. "You are not going to get change just by voting every two or four years," Cobb explained. "If you want change in this country, and you don't bother to vote for candidates calling for change, you are wasting a great opportunity."

Cobb believes that a real grass-

roots effort for political change must come from the people, not politicians. "I understand that the real work is organizing at the grassroots level. There is no substitute for putting yourself in front of another person's door, knock on that door, and introduce yourself to your neighbor. We have to engage ourselves as human beings because we have so much in common."

"There's also the telephone and good old-fashioned shoe leather. That's what grassroots organizing is all about."

Cobb added that the mainstream media often "manufacture consent around a whole host of issues. I read everything in the media with a jaundiced eye," he said. "No newspaper tells that we are waging an illegitimate war in Iraq over oil. We are living in a country where the majority does not have access to affordable health care — that is a crime. The majority of people are working more and more hours for less and less pay."

"There are a litany of problems, [and] the big corporate media continue to sugarcoat that," he pointed out.

He doesn't see himself traveling the country, speaking on voting rights and other current issues as some sort of a 21st Century Don Quixote, either. People are listening to his message.

"There are exciting pockets happening everywhere, and there is a growing awareness and a consensus that there is a genuine concern in this country," Cobb concluded. "I try to tell the truth as I see it."

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Gears commented on two ways to change racial attitudes in Irving, Texas. These events included: fights between black and Hispanic students at Irving High School; the beating of a Hispanic man by an Irving police officer and the officer's subsequent dismissal for use of excessive force; and vicious anti-Hispanic sentiments expressed in the recent city resident survey.

Following these events, Richard Sambrano of the Community Affairs Division of the Justice Department contacted Irving community leaders, Manuel Benavides of LULAC and activist Anthony Bond to create a discussion on racial reconciliation in Irving. Mr. Gears sees great value in these discussions as a means to bring citizens together, and was a participant prior to being elected mayor.

The Irving City-Wide Dialogue on Diversity is part of a series of meetings on the subject being sponsored by the United States Justice Department. The Dialogue meetings were created as

response to recent events with racial undertones in Irving. These events included: fights between black and Hispanic students at Irving High School; the beating of a Hispanic man by an Irving police officer and the officer's subsequent dismissal for use of excessive force; and vicious anti-Hispanic sentiments expressed in the recent city resident survey.

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I have a chapter on the CBG in my book, and there are many articles available on the Internet. In brief, the CBG collectively leverages the spending power of more than a quarter of a million members of various churches in the Washington, D.C. — Maryland — Virginia area to obtain not only fair treatment from banking institutions but also to assure the accrual of prime interest rates, reciprocity, and development opportunities to CBG members.

You may remember an article titled, "Legal Bank Robbery," in which we discussed the ways many banks are ripping-off Black and poor people. Well, the CBG learned more than a decade ago how to overcome that kind of mistreatment, through its collective action, they now "allow" banks to compete for their business. Every three years or so the CBG "elects" the banks with which they will do business, and then through a covenant relationship, that's right, I said, "covenant," a formal, solemn, binding agreement with biblical implication, they do business only with the selected banks.

During the conference, among the many fantastic inspiring points made by the speakers, Pastor Weaver recognized the five covenant banks, and after introducing their presidents and officers, he said, "These are our current covenant banks, and we will support them. He paused and then said, "But only if they support us!" Now that's what I'm talking about. Reciprocity.

Weaver didn't bow and scrape, and I hate to say it, but he did not patronize and offer condescending platitudes; he made it as plain as could be. The CBG relationship with its covenant banks is one of reciprocal benefits. Wouldn't it be great if all of us could say that — and then back it up with our dollars?

I'm so tired of folks complaining about the way we are treated by banks and others but refusing to do anything about it. I'm so proud of the CBG (which is why I write about it so much) and how it has refused to be mistreated and then took steps, practical steps, business steps, economic steps, to resolve the issue. No, the CBG is not perfect; it's not a panacea for all of our ills, but it sure beats what many of us have in our communities when it comes to doing business with local banks.

I would be remiss if I did not mention Industrial Bank, a 70-year-old Black owned bank. No intention of slighting any of the other banks in the CBG, but anyone who knows me understands why I am singling out this one. Not only was it a pleasure to see a Black bank in the mix, it was a special treat to meet brother Jeffrey Banks, vice president, Business Development Officer, who just happens to be from my hometown, Cincinnati. Jeffrey is involved in several development projects in the D.C. area, and I am proud of him as well.

In addition to facilitating two workshops, I was also a luncheon speaker along with Jesse Jackson.

"A lot of progress has come from the city wide dialogue on race. I look forward to continuing the dialogue and personally participating in the meetings in the future. People have to talk about the issues," he said.

Mr. Gears also has a high priority for issues such as a balanced city budget, review of the code enforcement policies, improving the service levels of police and fire departments and improving the city's commercial tax base by attracting new businesses to Irving.

"These things all work together to improve the city, to make it more attractive. By getting everyone working together, I feel we can make real progress."

Progress and change both appear to be on the agenda for the new times in Irving.

My role was to respond to Jackson's remarks, which was an easy task because of several points he made. He said we need to "have a sense of what is important" and that economics should be our top priority. He also said something I have been saying for some time now: White folks have us kicking at crime, while they are doing development deals. I responded with my "Amen" so loudly it made Jackson turn to see where it came from.

I emphasized the importance of the CBG and the role it plays in the lives of its members, those who sit in the church pews every Sunday, because when banks compete, they win. As I spoke, I also thought about Nehemiah and the people: "Let us rise up and build."

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Who Will Be the New Minority in America?

By: Lakisha Joe
According to a 2004 commentary by Jon Christian Ryter of News With Views, by 2050 White Americans will be considered the minority and Hispanics will be the dominant race. While Hispanics, (who came to this country well after African Americans had built it), will eventually become the dominant race, African Americans will continue to be considered the third prevalent ethnic group in America.

Information provided by HAA, reveals the Hispanic population has seen great growth over the last thirty years, moving from about six percent of the American population in 1960 to about ten percent of the population in 1995. More than twenty-seven million Americans (in 1995) were identified as Hispanic in the fifty states. The quick growth of the Hispanic population can be attributed to significant immigration and high fertility rates. Hispanics, on average, raise larger families than either non-Hispanic Whites or African Americans.

Statistics indicate that during this year, Hispanics will surpass African Americans as the nation's largest minority group. Many believe that because the Hispanic population will eventually surpass the African American population, the two minority groups will be in a struggle over who will be ranked first politically. Especially in Texas, New York, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Florida, and California where large numbers of Hispanic and African Americans live together.

In an article written by USA Today in 1999, before it was predicted that the Hispanic population would vastly out number that of African Americans, writers talked about the political tension between the African Americans and Hispanics.

Tensions flared between the two groups over filling the office of school board superintendent in Dallas, Texas during the 1997-1998 school year. In Miami ethnic appeals and bitterness between African Americans and Hispanics detracted from the 1996 campaign for Miami-Dade County's newly created strong mayor position.

Compared to African Americans, the Hispanic race (Latinos, Cubans, Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, etc.) is a relative newcomer

in the country as immigrants. Many blacks believe that the financial and political strides of Hispanics have been made at their expense.

In 1999, Lee Alcorn, the president of the Dallas NAACP said that the problem that blacks have with Hispanics is they think that because they have the majority in the school district or the city, that somehow entitles them to a leg up on other minorities.

In response to Alcorn's 1999 comments, Mexican-American lawyer Adelfa Callejo who was involved with the Dallas school board battles said that the problem with African Americans is that they get what they want. He said that blacks usually lead by intimidation by threatening to boycott or riot.

Clearly, the two major minority groups have problems with one another, and with Hispanics slated to be the new majority minority group, political and other tensions are sure to increase.

A relevant question to ask is, if Hispanics will be the new majority minority group, will they face the same prejudices by white Americans that blacks have endured?

Dr. Linda Jackson, a Professor in the Department of Psychology at Michigan State University did research in 1995 on stereotypes, emotions, behavior and overall attitudes toward Hispanics by white Americans.

Dr. Jackson's research found that white Americans viewed Hispanics in the same negative light in which they have viewed African Americans. According to Jackson's research, white Americans viewed Hispanics as less productive, less intelligent, more physically violent and rebellious.

Another relevant question concerns whether media attention is being focused on the Hispanic population out of sheer concern about the growing number of non-English speaking citizens, or is the media hype a way for White America to pit the two dominant minority races against one another?

In a recent open letter to African Americans from Latinos by Elizabeth Martinez, she states statistics emphasizing Hispanics as the largest minority group highlights differences. Such tactics

only serve to position brown against black like athletes racing against each other in the Oppression Olympics. Other numbers show how much we share the same problems of being denied a decent life, education, healthcare, and basic civil rights. In times of war, those that fight and die for the United States disproportionately to their populations are black and brown people.

Mexican President Vicente Fox recently came under fire about his comment that "Mexicans were willing to take jobs that not even blacks want to do in the United States."

Were Mr. Fox's comments true? Most of us want to argue that Mr. Fox was wrong in his comments, but the truth of the matter is that Mexicans are doing most of the menial jobs in the United States as African American once did.

However, according to statistics, it will all change in about 45 years when Hispanics are the new dominant race. The only question then will be who will be the new minority.



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undocumented workers. "The challenge is to build a legal way for people to migrate, so people can come back and forth," de Icaza said at a news conference, and later at the business luncheon at the 34th annual Rainbow/PUSH conference.

De Icaza said he will work with Jackson and a Black-Latino coalition to solve many issues that the nation's two largest minorities have in common.

"I am here to show respect and appreciation to African Americans and Operation PUSH. There is no reason (we) cannot be friends and brothers. (African Americans) have a great history in the United States, with (civil rights)," he said.

He emphasized the importance of the "human dimension" in a relationship with African Americans. One area that the two groups can work on in the short-term is trade.

"We have with the United States, the biggest trade agreement on earth. We buy American goods more than Japan and the United Kingdom combined," de Icaza said. "We have trade to protect."

Rev. James T. Meeks, a state senator and vice president of PUSH, brought humor and

insight to the somewhat strained relationship African-Americans and Latinos have shared over the past few weeks.

He compared it to the relationship between the former Los Angeles Lakers teammates Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant.

"Without cooperation, we will be at home like Shaq and Kobe - sitting at home watching others play," he said to a laughing audience at the business luncheon.

Jackson also said a strong Black-Latino alliance can play a role in the reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act in 2007.

"The result of the Voting Rights Act created a historic rise in African-American and Latino elected officials around the nation," Jackson said.

He said the alliance is timely because combined, African-Americans and Latinos make up more than a majority of the populations in the country's largest 75 cities.

"He said, When we work together we can finish the unfinished business of our movement the constitutional right to vote, the constitutional rights to health care and education and the right to organize and breathe free."

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Wright Amendment: Remind me again, what is the law?

Question: Remind me again, what is the law?

Answer: The 25-year-old Wright amendment limits flights from Dallas Love Field to Texas' adjoining states with more than 56 seats.

The law reflects a compromise for the cities of Dallas and Fort Worth and Southwest Airlines Co., which has its headquarters at Love Field and didn't want to move to Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport when it was being built in the mid-1970s.

The law limits what Southwest Airlines Co. can do from its headquarters airport because it only uses Boeing 737s, all of which are above that seat limit.

A counterpart, the 1997 Shelby amendment, allows flights to Mississippi, Alabama and Kansas. Southwest doesn't offer nonstop service from Love to any of those states.

Question: Why now for this latest uproar?

Answer: Southwest says it has to do with Delta Air Lines Inc.'s "de-hubbing" at D/FW that slashed its schedule to 21 flights a day from 254. Southwest wants some of that Delta traffic.

The airline considered flying out of D/FW but concluded it could more efficiently nab some of those soon-to-be-former Delta fliers by flying more from Love Field.

It really can't do that with the Wright amendment in place. Southwest has been "passionately neutral" about the law for the last quarter-century but now wants the restrictions repealed.

Question: Why doesn't Southwest just start flying at D/FW, which seems to have lots of room with Delta shrinking?

Answer: The airline has told D/FW officials that it can make money there flying against a dominant American Airlines but doesn't want to run a "split" operation where some of its flights would be at Love Field and others at D/FW.

To succeed at D/FW, Mr. Kelly said, Southwest would have to duplicate its Love Field operations there, and that would be costly. Southwest isn't interested in abandoning Love Field.

Question: What has American Airlines said about all of this?

Answer: The Fort Worth-based carrier says it will create its own hub airport at Dallas Love Field if the

fare service from Love Field, but actually it wouldn't. They say Southwest just wants to prevent low-fare competition from going to D/FW by being a looming threat at Love. Another scenario D/FW officials fear goes like this: Love Field explodes with competition, and American tries to compete flight-for-flight against Southwest by asking the airport to build more gates.

Question: What does the airport say?

Answer: The executives at D/FW say Southwest's decision not to fly from D/FW is a defensive move designed to keep other low-fare carriers from moving to the nation's third-busiest airport.

They've said this latest hubbub comes at the worst possible time for the airport, which has taken on \$3.8 billion in debt to build a new international terminal as well as a slick Sky Link system that connects the terminals. They're worried that investors will rate D/FW bonds lower or riskier if Southwest is allowed to lure more passengers to Love Field.

Question: How do North Texas taxpayers fit into this mess?

Answer: It would take some extraordinary events for the Wright situation to affect taxpayers.

Assume that the Wright amendment is lifted and American starts to compete fully against Southwest at Love Field, causing D/FW to have fewer flights and fewer passengers.

The costs of D/FW are ultimately paid for by the airlines. That means American has the most to lose in this debate, because not only would the world's largest airline have to finance new flying at Love, but it would also pay more per passenger to operate out of a shrinking D/FW.

Both Dallas and Fort Worth own D/FW and use their strong credit ratings to support its finances. American would conceivably have to be liquidated and stop flying for the airport to face a financial crisis that would put the cities — and their taxpaying citizens — in harm's way. That's very, very unlikely to happen.

Question: What would Love Field look like without the Wright and Shelby amendments?

Answer: It depends on whom you ask. D/FW executives say Southwest could be "duping" the public into thinking that it would add a bunch of low-

fare service from Love Field, but actually it wouldn't.

They say Southwest just wants to prevent low-fare competition from going to D/FW by being a looming threat at Love.

Another scenario D/FW officials fear goes like this: Love Field explodes with competition, and American tries to compete flight-for-flight against Southwest by asking the airport to build more gates.

That outcome might also mean fewer passengers at D/FW and slim chances of attracting low-fare competitors.

Southwest's Mr. Kelly says Love Field without the Wright amendment would look a lot like Houston's Hobby Airport does today. Hobby doesn't have that many more flights than Love Field's 123 daily flights, but it has a mix of flights to both coasts along with flights to big Texas cities.

Southwest has rights to seven gates at Love Field in addition to the 14 it already

operates. At eight to 10 flights a day per gate, the most the airline could fly from those extra gates would be 70 flights a day, bringing its daily capacity close to 200.

American, by contrast, will have about 800 flights a day from D/FW this year.

Question: If no local lawmakers say they're for repealing it, how will Southwest go about getting the Wright amendment off the books?

Answer: The congressional delegations of other states that want Southwest service may have to do the heavy lifting. Even though the Tennessee delegation recently introduced legislation to add their state onto the Shelby amendment, it's not clear whether there's enough support in Washington for a full-fledged assault on the overall law.

Southwest is clearly looking for others to pick up the fight along with it.

Having survived many legal challenges, the Wright

amendment can really only be repealed by Congress, and that's not going to be easy.

Question: How long will this all take to shake out?

Answer: Potentially many, many months. Other challenges to the Wright amendment have dragged out over more than a year, so fasten your seatbelts.

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Dancing as if their lives were at stake

"Rize" opens with a declaration that "no footage has been speeded up." After watching the super-fast footwork and frenzied body movements featured in this riveting documentary, you can understand why director David LaChapelle wanted to assure audiences they could believe their own eyes.

The dancers would technically be considered amateurs, self-taught on the streets of South Central and other tough parts of Los Angeles. Chronologically young but aged by the horrific crimes witnessed in their backyards, they blow off tension working out in ways not available at gyms.

Their self-created dance form, variously called "krumping" and "clowning," looks like a seizure set to pulsating music. Every fiber of their bodies is in continuous motion. You expect these youngsters to keel over from the enormous effort and energy expended. But they bounce right

back and do it again.

LaChapelle, a noted photographer and music video director, did careful research on this craze, a more hyperactive successor to break dancing. He puts krumping in context by starting his film with disarming images from the Watts riots in 1965 followed by the 1992 Rodney King riots. The

sobering. Listening to them talk about how they hope to use krumping as a ticket out of the inner city, you realize the extent to which "Rize" is like "Hoop Dreams" without the basketball. Practicing their self-created art form keeps them away from drugs and gang activity. Some of the young people have even got-



ten religion, realizing that certain church groups embrace all manner of creative expression.

The dancers are identified by stage names such as Tommy the Clown, Tight Eyez and Rice Trac, the latter an Asian American

krumper. Another, a Caucasian, comprises an even smaller minority. He appears to be the only one.

Tommy's story is especially poignant. A former drug dealer, he did time before discovering his natural talent. Now he travels through dangerous neighborhoods enlisting new members of his troupe.

LaChapelle errs in assuming audiences have more knowledge of his subject than most are likely to. For example, the film's early focus on Tommy's specialty, clowning, doesn't adequately explain how it differs from krumping. It's only much later when the clowners and the krumpers face off in a citywide contest that you realize they're competing variations of this new dance movement. The intensity of the competition becomes scary, reminiscent of when the rappers face off in "8 Mile." Dance is both these young Angelenos' avocation and their salvation.

The Fugees Reunite as Surprise Opening Act at 2005 BET Awards Show

The Fugees — Lauryn Hill, Wyclef Jean, and Pras — took audience members, and television viewers, by surprise when the legendary hip-hop supergroup appeared on-stage at

long-awaited successor to the Fugees' groundbreaking last opus, The Score, the biggest-selling hip-hop album of all time.

Released in 1996, The Score became that year's best-selling album, taking home two Grammy Awards: Best Rap Album and Best R&B Performance By A Duo Or Group With Vocal (for "Killing Me Softly With His Song"). Certified 6x platinum by the RIAA, The Score has sold more than 13,600,000 copies worldwide.

Hollywood's Kodak Theatre as the unannounced opening act for the 2005 BET Awards ceremony on Tuesday, June 28.

To the delight of the audience at the Kodak Theatre and fans watching the ceremony on BET at home, the rejuvenated Fugees performed a jaw-dropping set that included the signature hits "Ready or Not," "Fu-Gee-La," and "Killing Me Softly With His Song."

Lauryn, Wyclef and Pras have been busy working together in New York City creating a new studio album, the

Following the massive international success of The Score, the Fugees went on hiatus with the group's individual members — Lauryn Hill, Wyclef Jean, and Pras — each pursuing solo

careers. Lauryn's 1998 debut solo album, The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill, earned the artist five Grammy Awards including Album of the Year, and has been certified 8x platinum by the RIAA.

Wyclef Jean, the first of the Fugees to embark on a solo career, racked up seven RIAA gold and platinum certifications for his solo albums — 1997's The Carnival (gold, 2x platinum) and The Efective 2 Sides II A Book (gold, platinum) — and 1998's smash single "Gone With November" (gold, platinum). Clef has been in-demand as a producer/mixer (Santana, Whitney Houston, Black-Eyed Peas, Destiny's Child) and is an outspoken social activist and force behind numerous benefit concerts including aid for his native

Haiti.

Pras' career Michel ("Pras") — who co-founded the rap group Transzlator Crew (later rechristened the Fugees when Pras' cousin Wyclef joined) with his high-school classmate Lauryn Hill in 1987 — had a #1 R&B hit with his 1998 single, "Ghetto Supastar (That Is What You Are)," from the soundtrack of Warren Beatty's "Bulworth." Turning his attention to film, Pras played a villain in the 1999 Ben Stiller superhero send-up, "Mystery Men," and starred as a struggling drug-running rap musician in "Turn It Up," a film based on Pras' own "Ghetto Supastar" sagas.

The Fugees gave the first intimation of a full-fledged reunion when the group made a surprise appearance at a Brooklyn block party thrown by comedian Dave Chappelle in September 2004.

City of Detroit To Honor Stevie Wonder With Lifetime Achievement Award At Motown Music Fest

Superstar Stevie Wonder, a Multi-Grammy award winner, singer, songwriter, and musician will be bestowed with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his groundbreaking achievements in influencing the direction of popular music worldwide at the 1st Annual Motown Music Fest, to be held September 9, 2005, at the Fox Theater in Detroit.

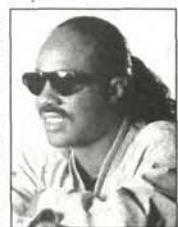
Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick has declared September 9, 2005, as "STEVIE WONDER DAY." Mr. Wonder will also be presented with a key to the City of Detroit, on this historical day.

A star-studded tribute to Stevie Wonder will be held that evening featuring some of Motown's biggest artists, past and present.

For over five decades, Detroit has been a major influence in the entertainment industry, helping to cultivate music worldwide. Detroit, home to Hitsville, USA, where Berry Gordie launched the careers of artists such as The Jackson 5, Smokey Robinson & The Miracles, Diana Ross, The Temptations, Gladys Knight & The Pips, Marvin Gaye, The Four Tops and many others.

Tyson Bell, president of

Big Dawg Media Group, Inc., and one of the producers for the Motown Music Fest, reported that no other artist is more deserving of such a prestigious honor than Mr. Stevie Wonder. "The Big Dawg Media Group, Inc., is proud to share this opportunity to recognize Stevie Wonder with the Lifetime Achievement Award along with The City of Detroit."



Stevie Wonder, a child prodigy started performing at the young age of 5. The word quickly spread in Detroit of this gifted young man who played his harmonica. Stevie was taken to Motown's Records for an audition with its founder Berry Gordie who signed him immediately, thus beginning a career that has spanned over 4 decades.

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Car Review

2005 Dodge Caravan

[Car Review in Lambic Pentameter]
By: E. Dewayne Gibson Jr.

Last week, the good folks at Daimler Chrysler sent me a golden tan Dodge Grand Caravan. My first premonition was to say that God has a way of keeping one humble.

Grateful for the opportunity but, honestly, was not too excited to drive a soccer mom's minivan. But, oh was I so wrong.

After a few days, (if it took that long), I was thoroughly intrigued by the many amenities.

that a team of minivan designers could conceive: Power windows, power sliding doors, power hatch in the back, adjustable power seats in the front, middle, and back.

It was quite obvious that such a grand vehicle declined to become status quo, the

signature statement in this Caravan is the capability to stow-n-go. The third seat, that is, this minivan can load a couch, a stove, a fridge, or a bunch of equipment ready for cargo shipment.

I played with my fob till the



battery ran low. I had to show and tell my family and friends all of the automatic sliding amenities that one could want in a dream.

As a techie, I was most impressed with my brand spanking new Fidelity digital camera- DV 5900-that I put to the test. I connected my device to the auxiliary jacks:

the audio and video in/out jived real nice. I was able to digitally view photos in a slideshow on the minivan's DVD screen, and I thought to myself: "This Grand Caravan is super clean."

My digi-cam is an mp3 player as well, I pulled everyone in the office, both male and female, to come and listen

a spell. Of course, they were thoroughly intrigued with the quality of the functionality.

At the end of the week I hated to see the golden tan Dodge Caravan go back to the manufacturer, yet I'm still intrigued.

This week I'm driving her little brother, a Chrysler Pacifica.

Seeking Nominations Page 1

for starting Plano's first library; John and Myrtle Hightower, longtime Plano residents and educators; Gerry Ruschhaupt, McKinney business owner; and Dr. Ervin and Elisabeth Pink of Frisco, community activists.

"Collin County is full of people whose legendary leadership will impact the lives of generations to come. Unfortunately, many of these humble heroes go unsung," said college President Cary Israel. "This program is intended to be a point of unity for the entire county, so we strongly encourage people from cities throughout Collin County to make nominations."

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July 16, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

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July 18 - 22, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

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We are having a "Plate Lunch Sale" and the public is invited. For more information please contact Evangelist Evelyn Crawford @ 214-372-3624

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Church News



Sister Tarpley

Saluting 2005 Graduates Continues

This week, I am high-lighting three young ladies that have graduated from The University of North Texas (UNT) in Denton, TX. They are members of Mount Olive Church of Plano where Rev. Samuel & Minister Gloria Fenceroy are the pastors.

Ms. Salena Fenceroy, daughter of Rev. & Minister Fenceroy, has a Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education. She has plans to teach in an elementary school while attending a nursing school. Her ultimate goal is to be a Registered Nurse and work in Labor & Delivery at a hospital.

Ms. Samantha Fenceroy, also the daughter of Rev. & Minister Fenceroy, has a Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education. Her plans are to teach second grade in the Plano Independent School District, and to do some international traveling in the future. Her eventual goal is to be a housewife and parent, rearing her children in the fear of God.

Ms. Charna Jones is the daughter of Mrs. Sandra Bullard. She has a Bachelors Degree in Sociology. She currently works for Radio One 97.9 The Beat/94.5 KSOU. Her ultimate plans are to work in her field of study (Sociology) in the future.

To The 2005 Graduates on Your Life's Journey: To be successful in whatever you do, you must first have a vision of yourself as being successful. From day to day, you must keep that vision alive, even when you feel that you have acted in ways that's antithetical to your vision. And on the way to developing your own style

in life, it can be very useful to study those that you admire in your field of study. Learning all that you can about a positive role model's career path can give you an insight into what you may need to do to accomplish your goals. Decide what life skills and techniques that you can adapt from successful people in your field and use them to help you gain greater strengths and abilities. Do not strive to become

whistles away at your self confidence when you fail.

You must learn that things seldom go the way that they are planned. You will have setbacks and stalls. Not everything is within your control. What can you do when things don't go the way you planned? You must assess the situation and figure out what changes in strategy that you will need to make in order for things to go the way you planned. Don't allow yourself to become demoralized. Read about millionaires, many of them have had several business failures before their success. Be flexible as well as determined. Have a plan B and a C plan, just in case plan A doesn't work.

In all of us there is the aptitude for courage. You will be courageous when you dare to grow, when you dare to change, to accomplish, to fulfill your dreams. You will be gutsy when you risk failing, when you try new things, when you squeeze your way into places to see what it is that you need to learn and do. You will be brave when you are persistent and undeterred by your setbacks. Courage will allow you to be yourself and to accept yourself.

And finally, "In all the ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths (your life's journey)." Proverbs 3:6 (KJV).

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Picture of The Week
L to R: Samantha and Salena Fenceroy; Charna Jones (picture unavailable), graduation day at UNT

a carbon copy of anyone because when you do, you will lose the best part of yourself. You are an original, made by God in His image. It's also good to remember that Jesus Christ is the only one that is perfect. However, it will profit you to acknowledge that you can learn and benefit by the example of others.

Realize that all of us have limited time and energy. There may be times that it will be tempting to look for short cuts on your life's journey, or to give up when things get too hard. But going halfway doesn't do you any good nor give you much satisfaction—in the long run, it will probably make you angry that you wasted your time, and it

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U.S. Government Approves First Medication Targeted at African-Americans With Heart Problems

The heart failure drug Bidil was approved Thursday by government regulators for use by blacks. It will be the first medication marketed for a specific racial group. The Food and Drug Administration called the approval a step toward "the promise of personalized medicine."

Studies showed that blacks benefited from the drug while the general population did not. The drug is marketed by NitroMed Inc. of Lexington, Mass.

"The information presented to the FDA clearly showed that blacks suffering from heart failure

will now have an additional safe and effective option for treating their condition," said Dr. Robert Temple, the agency's associate director of medical policy. "In the future, we hope to discover characteristics that identify people of any race who might be helped by Bidil."

A study indicated that the drug led to a 43 percent reduction in deaths from heart failure among the blacks who took it. Research was stopped early after scientists realized the benefits of the drug to the data could be presented for the drug's approval.

Bidil is a combination of two older drugs, hydralazine and isosorbide dinitrate, neither approved for heart failure. Some common side effects with the drug are headache and dizziness.

While the favorable results of the study is good news for blacks, some health care experts said the company won't have financial incentive to do larger trials for the general population now that they have a product patented for blacks only. While, others worry that blacks will automatically be prescribed the pill based on their skin color, even if it may not be the best choice.

NAACP confronts injustice Page 1 trouble is.

Gordon also said economic equality would come by addressing a wide range of inequities affecting individuals, corporations and society at large. The issues include a high unemployment rate among African American men; unequal access to health care benefits; unequal access for black-owned companies to manage large pension funds; and scant representation for African Americans in all levels of employment in corporations.

"Equality, to me, means we see comparable statistics no matter what demographic segment we fit in," Gordon said.

The issues the NAACP addresses must change with the times, he said in a news conference after his election. "The world has changed. We will make sure our focus reflects the kind of challenges we see today."

Gordon said the NAACP would reach out to other organizations, and later suggested reaching out to other races. There are "issues in common" between African Americans and

Hispanics "that we should be pursuing," he said.

A force in the 1960s civil rights movement, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, even as it still touts itself as the nation's largest civil rights organization, has been more recently criticized



for its lack of membership growth. The current membership is estimated at about 100,000.

But the 96-year-old group's struggle for civil rights has been fraught with financial woes, sex scandals surrounding its past two presidents, and an IRS investigation into its tax-exempt status following public criticism of Bush administration policies by Julian Bond, chairman of the NAACP's board of directors.

Tax-exempt nonprofit groups are forbidden from promoting or opposing candidates for political office.

Gordon succeeds Kweisi Mfume, who resigned, initially citing his desire for a vacation and to spend more time with his youngest son. But more recently, Mfume was accused of favoring female employees of the NAACP with whom he had personal relations by awarding them higher pay and promotion. He denied the allegations of favoritism.

Gordon was born in Camden, N.J., and raised with four siblings by parents who were both educators and civil right activists.

He serves on boards of Southern Co. and Tyco International Ltd. and is a trustee of Gettysburg College and the Alvin Ailey Dance Foundation. He was named one of Fortune magazine's 50 most powerful black executives in 2002 and executive of the year by Black Enterprise magazine in 1998.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Church Happenings

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RHEMA LIFE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Tuesdays, 7:00 pm
Please join us and bring a friend as we study Women of The Word in our Truth on Tuesday Bible Study Night.

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WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH OF LEWISVILLE

July 10, 7:00 pm
Our Forward By Faith Building Committee cordially invites the public to a 'Forward By Faith Concert' with special guest Tommy West Young. Our theme is Forward By Faith: Fulfilling The Vision, found in 1 Chronicles 28:20.
For more information contact Dr. Patrick Bradley, Minister of Music @ 972-221-5668 or Louis Rosenthal @ 469-293-5493 or 214-794-3446

Westside Baptist Church
Rev. Kenneth Blake, Senior Pastor
802 Bellaire Drive
Lewisville, TX 75067
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WOMEN PRAYING FOR CHRIST MINISTRY

July 30, 6:00 pm

Join us for our First Annual Stepping Out With Prayer & Praise (P & P) Banquet at the Crowne Plaza - Market Center, 7050 Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, TX 75247. Our theme is "Instructions for Holy Living" found in 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22. Our guest speakers will be Pastor Lucretia Cooks, Jubilee United Methodist Church (JUMC); Ms. Dianne Gibson, "Miss Community," and Prophetess Joyce Robinson, First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park (FBCHP). Ms. Erykah James, Radio Personality on 105.7 FM will be our Mistress of Ceremony.

We will feature the FBCHP Praise Team and JUMC Praise in Motion Dance Ministry. There will be several soloists including Sandra Finney, Minister Diane Frazier, Rick James, and Valerie Williams from FBCHP. We will also have prize drawings.

Proceeds from this event will benefit "Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County." For more information and ticket prices, please call Angela King @ 214-450-7634.

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6:30 pm - Missions • 7:00 pm - Brotherhood

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7:00 pm - Prayer & Midweek Lesson

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A Place of New Beginnings... II Corinthians 5:17

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Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting and Evening Bible Study 7:15 p.m.

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