

Production crew from Yahoo coming to film CAPPAs program in action today

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A Yahoo production crew will be in town today to film members of CAPPAs and learn about the organization's various programs.

Footage will be taken in preparation for the Aug. 25 announcement of the two winners of Dr. Pepper's "Pepper Your Community" contest.

"They're shooting the videos now to be prepared to let them fly," said Lonnie Gamble, executive director of the Community Alliance for Progressive Positive Action.

The production crew's schedule begins at 9:30 a.m. with an interview with Gamble and filming at the Kennedy-King center and CAPPAs other locations. At 3 p.m., more than 100 children involved in CAPPAs athletic and performing-arts programs are to be filmed performing at Curtin Middle School.

Gamble was selected last month as one of 23 finalists in the national contest, which recognizes things people are doing to improve

Vote for Lonnie



Lonnie Gamble is seeking votes from area residents to help win \$23,000 for his organization, the Community Alliance for Progressive Positive Action, in a contest sponsored by Dr. Pepper.

Web site voting address: <http://advision.webevents.yahoo.com/drpepper/getpeppered>

Voting dates: Thursday to Aug. 11

their communities and people's lives.

As a finalist, he received \$2,300 to donate to the charity of his choice — CAPPAs. If he receives the most votes, CAPPAs will receive one of two \$23,000 grand prizes.

Eileen Harley, vice president of the CAPPAs board, said the organization learned of the contest in early June. Community members nominated Gamble and, out of those letters of recognition, one caused the judges to sit up and take notice.

"Hopefully we'll be one of two to win \$23,000," Harley said. "Go online to www.drpepper.com

and vote in the Pepper Your Community contest. We're on a campaign to get those votes."

Votes will be accepted until Friday. Voters must have or create a Yahoo user name and password. Each registered Yahoo user may vote only once.

The two grand prize winners will be notified Saturday or soon after, but the public announcement will not be made until Aug. 25, Gamble said.

"This is major for us here," he said. "We have to bring that (prize money) here to this community."