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### On the Homefront:

The Beauty of Mt. Fuji, a collection of color photographs of Mount Fuji and its surrounding scenery by Sumiko Horii, will be featured throughout March at the Plano Municipal Center, 1500 Avenue K. Horii brings a piece of Japan to Plano. She is sponsored by the Japan-America Society of Dallas/Ft. Worth.

Free tax assistance for all ages provided by AARP at the following times and locations: Mondays through April 14, at the Mesquite Public Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Mondays through April 14 at Harrington, Schimelpfenig and Haggard Libraries in Plano, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; Tuesdays through April 14 at Parr Library in Plano, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Please bring last year's return and required paperwork (W-2 forms, 1099 forms, etc.). For more information in Plano, contact 972.769.4200.

Texas SmartScape Lawn and garden Showcase, March 22, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Parkway Service Center, 4100 W. Plano Pkwy. Learn how to make your gardens more colorful and easier to maintain, how to conserve water, use fewer pesticides and how to create a buffet for birds and butterflies, the dedication of the new 'Children's Environmental Discovery Garden, and more.

The SPCA of Texas is offering spay and neuter surgeries for cats at \$20 on Tuesday in March. Call 972.562.7297 ext 105 in McKinney, or 214.651.9611 ext 116 in Dallas to schedule an appointment.

Plano Repertory Theatre is accepting applications for its 2003-2004 Luth M. Radif Apprenticeship Program. This program provides young theatre professionals the opportunity to apply their academic training to the demands of a professionally staffed theatre. Deadline for applications is Friday, April 4, 2003. Call 972.424.7285.

Volunteers are needed to advocate for residents in nursing and assisted living facilities throughout Collin County. No experience necessary. 36 hours of training is provided. Volunteers work 2-3 hours per week. Please contact Lisa at 1.800.272.3921, ext. 1172.

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## MON-The Gazette Invites Our Readers to Partner With Us in "HealthCHECK© 2003"

By: Monica Thornton  
MON-The Gazette and community partners have come together to bring our readers "HealthCHECK© 2003."

"HealthCHECK© 2003" is a community initiative designed to heighten awareness of health issues and resources, and to empower our readers to take personal responsibility for their

health. We at MON-The Gazette are committed to educating our readers on the importance of annual health check ups and organizations available that can provide services and resources for those with health needs. Our radio station partners for "HealthCHECK© 2003" are KHVN, KGGR, KNON, KSOUL/97 The Beat, and advertising agency NtheKnow.com. We are aware of the escalating costs of

healthcare, and know that too many people cannot even afford to pay health insurance premiums. And now the federally funded health program for families, CHIP, is under fire. It is imperative, now more than ever, for everyone to be aware of health issues facing us, what each person can do to reduce their risk of developing illnesses, and where they can turn for

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## Texas Publishers Association Presents An Award To The King Group A Dallas Based Advertising Agency



Back row left to right: Mrs. Peggy Walther-Brown, Mollie Belt, Willie Hobdy, Ted Pruitt, Ali Hussein, Michele Blow, Reginald Blow  
Middle row left to right: Loretta Moore, Dr. Theodore Lee, Dorothy Lee, Rhonda Pruitt, Dr. Delcia King, Stephanie Pierce, Dairy Johnson, Walter Session  
Front row front to right: Maxine Session, Tommy Wyatt, Thurman Jones

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## Friendship-West Baptist Church Helps Singles Step Into Their Destiny

By: Monica Thornton

The 4th Annual Singles Conference held by Friendship-West Baptist Church recently was a great success, said Rev. Marcus

The three-day conference was made up of praise and worship, guest speakers, and nine different conference sessions. King, who has been at



Left to Right: Marilyn Lee, Jessica Cofield, Lillian Jernerson, Stacia Johnson, enjoying fellowship at the conference

King, pastor of singles and families at the church.

King said there were approximately 500 hundred people in attendance for this year's conference titled "I'm Coming Out: Stepping Into My Destiny," based on Matthew 3:16-17.

"They weren't just from our church, we had 18 different states represented," King said.

Friendship-West for two years, said the session most highly attended was "Outstanding," which talked about how to communicate in relationships, and how to understand the needs of men and women.

The second highest attendance was "Out of the Blue," which confronted the issue of past relationships,

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## Financial Consultant Uses His Expertise in Business and Volunteering

By: Belinda G. Alexander

Plano based Mr. Henry Bryant, Jr. 51, has an impressive background in domestic and international finance. His work in corporate America took him to business capitals around the world. But after being on the receiving end of corporate downsizing, Bryant took an inventory of his skills, goals and personal life.

With over 30 years experience in the financial arena, Bryant decided it was time to start his own business. And that decision propelled him from being corporately downsized to personally upsize, as he has successfully been operating as a Financial Consultant for over a year, currently consulting for AXA Advisors, LLC, in Dallas.

Bryant said his vision for his business is to offer individuals, professional and small business owners the highest level of expertise in financial planning, investments, and

insurance, while providing them with superior customer service and business ethics.

When he started his career he wanted to go in at the top, and studied for numerous licenses to get the maximum benefit of the financial business. He passed all tests required for premier certificates, which, he said, was necessary if he was to compete in a predominantly white-male dominated industry.

He holds a M.B.A. in Finance, from Dallas Baptist University, and a B.S. in Accounting from Alabama A&M University. Bryant uses this combination of education, business accreditations and years of experience not only for his personal business, but also in volunteer positions.

Bryant serves on the Focus Centre of Learning, Inc. board of directors, as Chairman of

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Henry Bryant, Jr.

## Blackonomics

## It's Iraq's Economy, Stupid!

By: James Clingman

While it's not much to speak of now, the economic potential that lies within the borders of Iraq is mind-boggling, and old Georgie-Porgie is determined to take control of it. I know, I know, it's not about the oil, right? Then what is it about, y'all? Let's see, could it be the control of the oil? Could it be the assurance that Iraq's oil standard will be the dollar instead of the euro? Could it be that George Bush and his friends are just licking their chops at the profits to be made after the "awesome" bombing ceases and reconstruction begins?

Oh yes, I completely forgot, it's about the fact that Iraq is a threat to the United States and old "SoDamn Insane" will fire a nuclear weapon he does not

have to a place it cannot reach. I'm sorry. What must have I been thinking?

Those of you who know anything about wars of the past are probably falling out of your chairs during the evening news, and it really must have been hilarious when you saw George "Papa Doc" Bush perform at only his second press conference. By the way, of those allowed to ask questions, there were 13 White males, two White females, one Black female, and one Asian-looking man. Where were the Brothas? But I digress.

This upcoming war in Iraq is yet another in a long line of wars that have been started and fought for economic reasons. It's not about national security, just like the first and second World Wars were not about security. Woodrow Wilson and Franklin Roosevelt knew what was

coming. There's nothing like a good war, you know, to put billions in the pockets of the moneychangers.

Iraq is second to Saudi Arabia in oil reserves and, according to an article on Alexander's Oil and Gas website, "...controlling Iraqi oil is at the heart of the Bush campaign to replace Hussein with a more compliant regime." Additionally, another related article points out, "...the need to dominate oil from Iraq is also deeply intertwined with the defense of the dollar...that all OPEC oil sales be denominated in dollars. This requirement is currently threatened by the desire of some OPEC countries to allow OPEC oil sales to be paid in euros."

Colin Powell gave a glimpse

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## RISD Sixth Graders to Dig for Buried Treasure Students to Break Ground on New Construction at District High Schools

(Richardson, TX) Richardson ISD elementary students will be digging for buried treasure to break ground on new construction at three district high schools on Sunday, March 23, the start of Texas Public Schools Week, which carries the statewide theme "Public Schools - your Texas Treasure." The ceremonies will include uncovering treasure chests that hold not only the promises of Bond 2001, but also surprises for those who wield the shovels.

The community and media are invited to join the treasure seekers as the groundbreaking are

scheduled for Freshman Programming and Bond construction/renovation at Richardson High School, Pearce High School and Berkner High School. Activities begin at 2 p.m. at RHS, 3 p.m. at Pearce, and 4 p.m. at Berkner. Exact locations of the ceremonies on each campus will vary by school. Look for the crowd and the balloons.

One student representative from each feeder school will be participating - current sixth graders who will be the first freshmen to enter their respective high schools in the fall of 2005. Voters overwhelmingly approved the

Bond 2001 referendum that calls for ninth-grade students to be part of the high school campuses. Superintendent Carolyn Bukhair said, "Although the junior high concept of seventh through ninth grades has worked well for our community for decades, with the more rigorous state accountability system, our students need to be able to take advantage of what a high school academic atmosphere can offer."

Richardson H.S. is located at 1250 Belt Line Road, Pearce H.S. at 1600 North Coit Road, and Berkner H.S. is at 1600 East Spring Valley Road, all in Richardson.

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giving healing and help to go forward with a full recovery.

King said the purpose of the singles ministry is to teach how to be a successful single in all areas of life, and



Back left to right: Marilyn Lee, Stacia Johnson  
Front left to right: Reverend Marcus King, Singles and Families minister, and Pastor Jasmin Scolark

the conference exemplified the purpose.

"It's to teach singles how to be successful spiritually, physically, emotionally, and even financially," said King. "It's to prepare themselves individually, so if they get married they can take in strong skills, and if they remain single, they have strong life skills."

The desire for singles to progress in every area was shown in the prayer and bible study sessions, as they had the third and fourth highest attendance at the conference. The prayer session 'Shout it Out' gave tips and strategies on how to have a more effective, aggressive, and meaningful prayer life, and 'Lay it All Out' helped the attendees understand how to apply scripture to their lives.

King added that there is a

council for the singles ministry, comprised of 14 committees, one of which is the conference committee. He said Jaci Brye, leader of the Pathfinders Singles Ministry, facilitated the conference, with the help of Ms. McDowell and Ms. Tipps. Together, they solicited help from church and community volunteers to put on a conference that, he said, people are still talking about.

"I've gotten emails from people who attended the conference saying it was a life changing experience, it was beneficial to their spiritual growth, and how it helped them understand their relationship with others and with God," said King. "Others said they enjoyed the fellowship, the organization, and the hospitality."

Conference session presenters included Rev. Marilyn J. Giles, owner of

Hutchinson, evangelist and singer, and founder of the Healing Hands of Jesus Ministry.

According to King there are approximately 6,000 singles at the church, with a total church membership of 9,000. With a strong membership within the singles ministry, King said they are able to teach the members how to come together with a common strength, to support each other, to fellowship together, and to celebrate singleness in God. There are different fellowship and outreach ministries within the singles, he said, with some evangelizing in prisons and juvenile detention centers, and helping with school supply drives. King added that there is something for everyone at the Friendship-West Baptist Church, including a book club, something for men, single parents and even a publicity group.



Jaci Brye, leader of Pathfinders Singles Ministry at Friendship-West, and Rev. Marcus King

Christ and Common Sense, Rev John Hollmon, founder of The Fellowship of Redeeming Truth Church in Houston, and Carolyn

Friendship-West Baptist Church is located at 616 W. Kiest Blvd, Dallas. The Web site address is: [www.friendshipwest.org](http://www.friendshipwest.org).

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## Texas Publishers Association Meets in Dallas

The Texas Publishers Association (African-American Press of Texas) met in Dallas, Texas, Saturday the 15th of March 2003. One of the highlights of the meeting was the presentation of a gold trophy to Mr. Johnnie and Dr. Delva King, the owners of The King Group. The Ad Agency and Public Relations vice president, Dr. Delva King, accepted the gold trophy on behalf of The King Group, which is one of the outstanding ad agencies in Texas, conducting business throughout the nation. They have a dynamic and professional staff. Mr. Johnnie King, founder and president of the company, has spent much of his time in developing new public

relations resources. He has spoken at many of the NNPA and TPA conferences and conventions. As Dr. King accepted the gold trophy, she said the goal of The King Group is to see the African American media remain powerful voices for the community.

TPA president, Tommy Wyatt, expressed his appreciation for the strong attendance. He further stated that Mrs. Lee, Ms. Moore, Mrs. Opal Jones, Mrs. Millie Ferguson, Mrs. Peggy Walker-Brown, and Mr. Floyd Ferguson did much to make the attendees welcome.

TPA executive Board Members are President Tommy Wyatt, The Villager; Vice President Reginald Blow, North Texas Journal;

Secretary, Stephanie Pierce, The Herald; Treasurer, Rhonda Pruitt, LaVida News; and Parliamentarian, James Belt, II, Dallas Examiner.

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## Around The Town

### On-going

Learn how to be free of all your credit card debt, at the Douglass Community Center, 1111 Avenue H, Plano. Classes held every Tuesday, 7:00p.m. to 8:30p.m. Receive a financial game plan and workbook, and a certificate of completion and \$10.00 upon graduation. Contact Flora Kynard at 214.496.9756. Cost: \$29.95.

The Arts Gallery at Collin County Community College, Spring Creek Campus, displays works by students and professionals. Visitors and new artists are welcome. For more information call: 972.881.5154. Open Mon-Fri 8a.m.-9p.m., Sat 10a.m.-2p.m.

Dallas Children's Museum at Valley View Center (LBJ and Preston Rd) - interactive activities including a hospital fantasyland underwritten by Presbyterian Healthcare, a miniature grocery store by Kroger Foods, a farm (where you can milk a cow!), a "Jungle Impressions" exhibit, complete with rain forest, and arts and crafts. Mon-Fri 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturdays 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sundays noon - 6 p.m. Children 2-10 years \$4/Adults \$3. Call 972.386.6555.

Young Adult Writers of Allen, a self-directed group for teens ages 13-18 who like to write and would like feedback on their writing from their peers in a relaxed environment. New writers always welcome. Contact Debbie Vavra at [dvavra@ci.allen.tx.us](mailto:dvavra@ci.allen.tx.us) or 972.727.0195. Meet Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Allen Library, 301 Century Parkway, Allen, Texas 75013.

The Noontime Pageturners book discussion group meets the first Tuesday of each month, at Allen Library, from 12 noon - 1 p.m. Bring a lunch and join the group for a lively discussion. Contact Sandra Smith at 972.727.0194, or e-mail [ssmith@ci.allen.tx.us](mailto:ssmith@ci.allen.tx.us).

Join the Allen Seniors for monthly activities, including luncheons, table games, line dancing, business meetings and more. Contact the Allen Senior Center at 972.727.0155, or [mandelman@ci.allen.tx.us](mailto:mandelman@ci.allen.tx.us).

### Through April 30

Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary presents 'Here's Looking at You!' A new 2,000 square-foot award-winning interactive traveling exhibit sees nature through different eyes. Monday - Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Admission to exhibits and grounds: \$8 adults, \$5 children 3-12 and senior citizens. Admission to grounds only: \$5 adults, \$3 children 3-12 and senior citizens. Call: 972.562.5566, or visit [www.heardmuseum.org](http://www.heardmuseum.org).

### Through April 6

Texas Area Artists exhibit "Pigment of the Imagination" in the Main Gallery. Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Mondays until 9 p.m.), Saturdays 5:00 p.m. - 9 p.m. Call 972.216.8122, or 972.216.6444.

### Through May 24

Saturday art classes at the Dallas Children's Museum - Learn the art of Adinkra stamping, how symbols in African textiles were developed, how to

make your own stamps and print them on various surfaces. Different topic each week. \$5. Times are: 11a.m.-1 p.m.; 1:30p.m.-3:30p.m.; 4p.m.-6p.m. Call 972.386.6555.

### March 4 - 28

Join in the fun at preschool storytime for 3-5 year olds, Tuesdays and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. at the Mesquite Public Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive, and the North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive.

### March 20

Beka Books, at Plano Centre, Spring Creek & Jupiter Roads, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. A home school curriculum and text book sale. Free. For more information contact Mickey Pierce at 877.223.5226.

### March 20-22

Garland Civic Theatre presents "Rumors" at the Performing Arts Center. Call 972.205.2790.

### March 21

Live From Plano! at The Courtyard Theater, downtown Plano, 7pm. A Satirical Musical Revue Benefiting: C.I.T.Y. House, The Forrest Outreach Foundation, Journey of Hope Grief Support Center, and The Turning Point. Call 972.248.3671 for more information.

City of Garland Impounded vehicle auction at 1630 Commerce, with Bicycle Auction following at 1640 Commerce. Gates open 8:30 a.m., auction at 9:30 a.m. Call 972.205.2415.

### March 21

The Turning Point, one of this year's four social service agency participants in LIVE FROM PLANO. Theme: "Oh Brother! Where are We?" The show is a 15-year tradition of providing

entertainment and vital fundraising for local organizations that improve the community's mental health. Held at the Courtyard Theatre. Friday night tickets: \$25, includes live and silent auctions. Saturday night sponsorships available starting at \$250 for two, include dinner. Contact The Turning Point at 972-985-0951.

### March 22

GSM Guild fund raiser presents a musical murder mystery 'Murder on the Mortgage Express' in the Atrium at the Arts Center. Call 972.278.9497.

Frisco's SmartScape program presents 'Shades of Green' 11 a.m. - 12 noon, Rufus Recycles and city staff will provide information on composting and recycling. 12 noon - 1 p.m. native landscaper, Linda Strain, will talk on native plant species for landscaping in the area. For more information call Jody Purvis at 972.335.5540, ext 187.

### March 22 and 29

The Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas is holding auditions at the Cathedral Santuario de Guadalupe, 2215 Ross Avenue at Pearl, Downtown Dallas. Call the Chorus Line at 214.965.0491 to schedule an audition time.

### March 25

Baylor Medical Center and Nicholson Memorial Library System present a free health care seminar on "Colon Cancer Prevention" at 12:00 noon, Central Library, 625 Austin Street. Call 1.800.422.9567 to register. Join the City of Allen Seniors at Fuddrucker's in Plano, 10:30 a.m. -

3:30. Located at Parker and U.S. 75. Call 972.727.0155 for more information.

### March 26

Free Body Mass Index Screening at YWCA Richardson Branch, 1416 E. Collins, Richardson, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. BMI is a calculation that can help determine whether your weight falls within a healthy range for your height. Sponsored by YWCA and the American Cancer Society.

### March 27

Kick Off Rally for Relay For Life, at the Plano YMCA from 3-4pm. Learn about this fun-filled, overnight event (scheduled for April 25-26, 7 p.m.-7 a.m.) designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for research and programs of the American Cancer Society. Contact Sherry Koven, [sbkoven@attbi.com](mailto:sbkoven@attbi.com) or 972.625.8199 for more information.

### March 28 - 29

Volunteer McKinney Center presents its annual event Wild Wacky Writers! at Eldorado Country Club. Live entertainment by talented (and perhaps, not so talented!) local personalities who will be your waiters for the evening. Great food, auction items and fun. 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. For more information: 972-542-0679 or visit [www.volunteermckinney.org](http://www.volunteermckinney.org).

### March 29

Heard-Craig Art Studio Tour & Exhibit. See the art studios of some of the most successful artists in McKinney - Andy Harris, Dr. Don Mitchell and Marjorie Jones, and listen to their success stories. Art exhibit and sale, including Carol Rupp's watercolors. Cost is \$10.00, \$11.00 at

the door. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For more information call: 972.569.6909, 972.542.5340, or visit [www.heardcraig.org](http://www.heardcraig.org).

The Dallas Independent School District American Indian Program is hosting its 4th annual student Pow Wow, from noon - 10:00 p.m. at Yvonne A. Ewell Townview Center, 1201 East 8th Street. Displays of tribal arts and crafts, and Native foods available. Admission is free. For more information, call Peggy Larney at 972.749.2611.

The Richardson Humane Society will hold Adopt a Pet sessions at Petco, Spring Valley and Plano Road, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 972.234.5117, or visit [www.richardsonhumane.org](http://www.richardsonhumane.org).

Club Generation SuccessTM presents 'Focus for the Future V', A Teen Seminar and Health Fair, 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at Plano Senior High School, 2200 Independence Road. Resume writing, interviewing skills, time management skills, self esteem forum, teen health issues, saying no to gangs and drugs. Call 214.455.4574 to reserve space by March 25.

'Auditions for the film 'Friendship West', about the first African-American settlement in Guthrie, Oklahoma, - the struggles of the civil war and freedom of slaves, at Skyline Ranch, 12:30 p.m. - 6:00 pm. All races and ages welcome, horseback riding experience a plus. Some paid parts. For more information call: Mr. Bookes 972.224.8055/fax 972.224.7004. 1801 E. Wheatland Road, Dallas.

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# THE TRUTH CLINIC

## Money Can't Buy Love

There was a song on the pop charts some years ago that made a case for "Money Can't Buy Love." This should become the theme song for the Bush Administration as it makes its last ditch effort to gain UN support for the war on Iraq.

Somehow a disconnect has evolved over the goal of getting Saddam Hussein out of power. A rift now separates the United States and the world—not just a diplomatic gap, but also a perception gap.

Over the past few months, Americans have been stunned to discover that some allies seem to be focusing upon the unbridled power of the United States as the main international problem rather than Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction.

The most striking failure of America's high-handed diplomacy has been the debacle in Turkey. Turkey's parliament recently rejected a motion to allow American forces to cross the country and open a second front against Baghdad from northern Iraq.

The US had offered Turkey huge financial inducements and a leading role in shaping a future Iraq. But, even with all these incentives, Turkish deputies rejected America's advances in large part because of Washington's overbearing attitude. According to Murat Mercan, Turkish ruling party MP, "The relationship is spoiled. The Americans dictated to us. It became a business negotiation, not something between friends. It disgusted me."

Richard Murphy, a former US Middle East diplomat said that signing up Turkey should have

been a relatively simple mission, which was bungled by arrogance. We cannot antagonize the international community on one issue and then expect it to work with us in an accommodating fashion on another.

The war in Afghanistan has cost us \$37 billion so far, yet there is evidence that terrorism may already be starting to regain its hold in that region. We have not found bin Laden, and unless we secure the peace in Afghanistan, the specter of terrorism may rise again in that country.

The Bush administration has made promises, oblivious to the fact that most countries don't trust their word. They've made overt threats to needed allies. And to what end has Mr. Bush alienated all our most valuable allies? The original reasons given for making Iraq an immediate priority have collapsed. No evidence has surfaced of the supposed link with Al Qaeda, or of an active nuclear program. And the administration's eagerness to believe that an Iraqi nuclear program does exist has led to a series of embarrassments, capped by the case of the forged Niger papers, which America held up as proof of that claim. At this point it is clear that deposing Saddam has become a U.S. obsession, devoid of real logic.

This Administration has split traditional alliances, possibly crippling, for all time, International peace-keeping entities like the United Nations and NATO. Calling heads of state pygmies, labeling whole countries as evil, denigrating powerful European allies as irrelevant are crude insensitivities that can do our great nation no good.

We may have massive military might, but we cannot fight a war on terrorism alone. We need the cooperation of our old allies as well as the newer friends we can attract with our wealth. Our awesome military machine will do us little good if we suffer another devastating attack on our homeland that severely damages our economy.

"The Bush folks are big on attitude, weak on strategy and terrible at diplomacy," Thomas Friedman, a columnist in The New York Times, wrote. Displays of power by the United States seemed to worry or even frighten America's friends and allies rather than winning them over. Other nations were downright insulted by being treated as though they had to fall in line. The Bush diplomacy instead of talking with potential allies is to talk down to them.

We need to pause, take stock of the situation and stop doing what has become the standard American reaction to problems. Throw money; the more the better.

In the last year, much of the rest of the world has reached a radically different view of American motives. The United States' position as sole superpower, combined with its high-handed diplomacy since the end of the Afghan war, has eroded faith in America's desire to be a world partner.

Integrity, friendship, honesty, and sincerity mean something. It is not just our wealth or might. Money does not buy the world's love.

James W. Breedlove  
Comments or opinions may be sent to the writer at: jaydubub@swbell.net.

## Capitol Watch

### Racial Profiling Will Never Make America Safer

On Friday, March 21, men and boys from Pakistan and Saudi Arabia who are here on student, guest worker, and other sorts of visitor visas must voluntarily register for the Immigration and Naturalization Service's (INS) controversial National Security Entry-Exit Registration System (NSEERS) or face deportation.

Although the INS has the right to register foreign visitors, its NSEERS program is a form of profiling that appears to constitute racial discrimination

under international law because it targets individuals based on their country of origin rather than evidence of criminal acts. Furthermore, it incorporates "interrogation of a law enforcement or national security nature" and in so doing transforms a simple—if apparently racist—registration process into a police investigation system.

On its website, the INS explicitly denies it is discriminating on the basis of ethnicity or religion. Rather, the policy states the INS is

selecting individuals "solely on [the basis of] nationality and citizenship."

Never mind that 24 of the 25 countries whose citizens must register are Middle Eastern nations whose populations are overwhelmingly Arab and/or Muslim. Never mind that less than two years ago both Attorney General Ashcroft and President Bush said that there was no place for racial profiling in America. By apparently using national origin as a proxy for race and religion, and

race and religion as a proxy for suspicion, they would have you think they are making America safer without violating our national values of equal treatment and fair play. In truth they are doing neither.

Under international law this policy appears to be a clear case of racial discrimination.

As the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, which the US has signed and ratified, clearly states "racial discrimination" includes mistreatment "based on race, color, descent, or national or ethnic origin."

African American leaders from WEB DuBois to Adam Clayton Powell have taught us that when the US will not uphold the universal right to nondiscrimination, it is important to move the debate to the international arena for it is there that truth crushed to earth often has its first chance to rise again.

But we should not even have to go there on this issue. There is simply no reason for leaders on both sides of the aisle to remain blind to the fact that this war-on-terrorism program suffers from the same tragic flaws as the war on drugs' rightfully maligned practice of profiling African American motorists.

Of the thousands who voluntarily registered with the INS on two previous deadlines, hundreds were detained on minor immigration

charges without access to an attorney or family members. Many—not a few of whom have been in this country working hard and paying taxes for decades—now face deportation because of the INS' backlog on visa applications.

Some who voluntarily registered and were detained have reportedly been denied food, necessary medicines, and access to lawyers. They've been forced to sleep standing up on concrete floors, subject to strip searches, hosed down with cold water, and shuttled between states in prison buses looking for available cells while shackled and handcuffed.

While the INS has bolstered staff and equipment to improve this procedure, devoting more resources cannot eliminate the underlying issue of racial discrimination.

For example, 16-year-old Hossein Ahmadi is an Iranian-born British citizen who lives with his mother in Encino, California. Ahmadi was working on his literature homework while waiting to speak with an immigration official but 30 minutes later was led away in handcuffs as his seven-month pregnant mother watched. "They sat me in a tank with three other boys and I was the only INS case...I asked them what they were doing in there. One of them had done a burglary and one of them had stabbed someone. Just being among them, I felt like a criminal." [source: ABC News]

The fact that Attorney General Ashcroft continues to defend this de jure form of profiling has caused many to question if he ever actually intended to stop its de facto counterpart—such as some police departments' continuing misuse of traffic stops to harass innocent Americans whose color riled the cops' suspicion or US Customs' reportedly similar mistreatment of black and brown travelers.

Mistreating teenage boys and their fathers for no other reason than the people to which they belong—be they black citizens or brown visitors—creates deep wounds that even time may have a hard time healing. The INS must apply immigration laws fairly and in accordance with international standards against discrimination. The administration must recommit itself to ending racial profiling and Congress must ensure Representative Conyers' End Racial Profiling Act is reintroduced and passed. Moving beyond racial discrimination is one of the surest ways to make our country safer.

Ben Jealous is the Director of Amnesty International USA's Domestic Human Rights Program. He is the past Executive Director of NNPA—The Black Press of America. For more information, visit [www.amnestyusa.org](http://www.amnestyusa.org)

## Obituary

### Jim Biggerstaff, Collin County Community College District Trustee, Dies

Jim Biggerstaff—board member of Collin County Community College District (CCCCD), Collin County Community College District Foundation, Inc., and former owner of Biggerstaff Flowers in Plano—died on Sunday, March 16. The longtime civic leader was 64.

"We are deeply saddened at the loss of our friend and fellow board member Jim Biggerstaff," stated CCCC Board Chair Sam Roach. "His love for the college and its success has been an invaluable asset to the board and the college as a whole. His business acumen was a great asset to the college board and also the foundation board in its efforts to raise scholarship funds for students."

Biggerstaff's 35 years of community involvement and contributions earned him many accolades. He was named the 1999 Plano Chamber of Commerce Plano Citizen of the Year. Biggerstaff also was named the 1987 Plano Chamber of Commerce Small Business Person of the Year. In December 2002, the Plano City Council honored his service to the community by dedicating a plaza and garden in his name.

Biggerstaff served as chair and a member of the CCCC Foundation Inc. Board, founding president of the Texas Association of

Community Colleges Foundation (1996), executive board member of the Plano Economic Development Board and chairman of the transition and Revitalization Commission for the city of Plano.

"The loss of Jim Biggerstaff is felt deeply by all members of the CCCC Board, the Foundation Board, faculty,

County's best asset. His top priority was to find ways to make the college even better for the students and the business community. As a result of his commitment, the CCCC Foundation established the Biggerstaff Center for Civic Engagement Endowment Fund. Its purpose is to assure the expansion of

CCCCD's highly effective Service Learning Program by directing the funds to the following objectives: annual scholarship for outstanding Service Learning student achievement, Engaged Faculty Award, and Program enhancements that include sponsorship of speakers, and community events promoting service. Memorials may be made in his name to this fund through the CCCC Foundation, 2200 W. University Drive, McKinney, Texas 75071, 972.548.6611.

"Jim also saw the importance of students and faculty being involved in their communities, meeting needs that are not monetary. The establishment of an endowment fund in his name is a wonderful tribute to his dedication to others," said Roach.

He is survived by his wife Joan and three children including his daughter Leslee and sons Finley and Ashley.



Jim Biggerstaff

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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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# Local Organizations Help With the Fight Against Breast Cancer: Early Detection Vital in Saving Lives

By: Jacqueline Perry Williams

With breast cancer being the most common form of cancer in women, the African American Breast Cancer Outreach, developed in 1998, continues to bring about the importance of African American women's participation in early detection and follow-up.

Recently, the AACBO held a breast cancer summit in Dallas at the Fairmont Hotel. About 100 healthcare professionals attended the event. Community participants had a chance to attend workshops, learn healthy eating, and mammography screening. The summit highlighted the importance of community link collaboration, and involvement in reaching African American women in regards to breast cancer awareness.

According to the American Cancer Society, African-American women have fewer cases of breast cancer than white women, but die more frequently from the disease. For years, the reason was thought to be poor access to screening and health care, in large part because of poverty. In a study, researchers found that African American women had more cancers diagnosed at a younger age, which has a worse outlook. They also had more cancers that were not hormone sensitive, another sign of poor outcome. Researchers found that poverty alone was not the reason African-American women had more deaths from breast cancer. Experts have found a change in the breast cancers of African-American women that may explain why they are more likely to die of breast cancer than other women. No matter what

stage the breast cancer is in, African-American women have a much lower survival rate than white women.

While breast cancer can invade the lives women or men of all races, preventative care is very important, that is why there are many organizations around that raise money to benefit in cancer research. The Susan B. Komen Foundation raised more than 300 million for cancer research, education, screening, and treatment since the beginning of the foundation in 1982.

Many Americans remember with great detail the distress and horror that was felt the morning of September 11, 2001. Imagine learning that same day that you had breast cancer. Patsy McCutcheon, Associate Publisher for Plano Profile Magazine lived that reality. A lumpectomy

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Finance Committee. Focus provides services for children with learning differences, and is the parent organization for other community outreach programs, including the Focus Teacher Training Academy for kindergarten through 8th grade, and other educational programs.

Bryant said that Dr. Vannetta Jackson, a physician at Scottish Rite Hospital, introduced him to Focus, and the founders, Leroy and Yvette McClure, welcomed him to join the board of directors.

"There was a great need for a financial professional, and I thank Dr. Jackson for being a bright shining star and helping me to see my place in this important organization," Bryant said.

He is also proud to be associated with the Plano Community Forum, an

organization that has a rich legacy of community support, giving scholarships to minority students. He said Arthur Young, treasurer of the Forum, encouraged him to participate in Forum activities.

And Bryant is a member of the Plano Chamber of Commerce. He credits David Downs, Chamber Ambassador, AXA V.P., with introducing him to the organization.

"This is a great place to network and meet people of like business mind, and of diverse backgrounds in community interests," said Bryant.

When he isn't busy at work, or with one of his volunteer commitments, Bryant is busy volunteering his time at his home church, All Nations UMC, in Plano. Bryant is co-chair director of church ministries, and said he was encouraged by Reverend Dr. Clara Reed, the church pastor, to introduce the members to his

knowledge of the financial business. He now offers workshops at the church addressing all aspects of investments and financial planning.

"Dr. Clara Reed encouraged me to become a certified teacher of discipleship," said Bryant. "We get to know a person's vision and goals, and we see this as a holistic approach that addresses all the areas of financial need."

Through the church, Bryant is offering financial workshops at All Nations UMC, 3415 14th Street, Plano. They are held the last Thursday of the month through April, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The workshops focus on Principals of Financial Independence, Financial Planning, Survivorship Planning, Wills and Estate Planning.

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of U.S. intentions when he told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Feb. 6 that success in the Iraq war "could fundamentally reshape that region in a powerful, positive way that will enhance U.S. interests."

The same report stated, "The Federal Reserve's greatest nightmare is that OPEC will switch its international transactions from a dollar standard to a euro standard. Iraq actually made this switch in November 2000 (when the euro was worth around 82 cents), and has actually made off like a bandit considering the dollar's steady depreciation against the euro. (Note: the dollar declined 17 percent against the euro in 2002.)"

Had enough yet? There is much more, if you'd like to do a little research on the subject. And they say the United States does not care about the oil in Iraq. They even tell us the United States does not purchase Iraqi oil. Well, consider this: America imported about 290 million barrels of crude oil from Iraq in 2001, according to the Department of Energy, about 795,000 barrels per day, making Iraq America's sixth-largest supplier that year. The United States was "the main market for Iraqi crude," according to the Middle East Economic Survey.

Can't you see it's about the Iraqi economy? Can't you see it's about maintaining the riches of this world under the control of a few families? Can't you see it's about U.S. dollar hegemony over the world's major sources of oil? If you can't see those things, I don't know what you can see.

This entire scenario is nothing more than a centuries-old continued attempt to maintain control over the world's resources and fatten the pockets of a few sinfully wealthy families in Europe and America. It was that way in the 1500s and it's that way in the 2000s. It's about power over resources. That's why our vice president refused to turn over the reports from his secret energy policy board meetings, and it's also why he left a multi-million dollar

position to take a meaningless and relatively low-paying job as V.P. By the way, wasn't he in Iraq and running the show back in 1991? Wasn't Powell there as well? Why didn't they finish the job when they were there, if things were so ominous?

Yes, brothers and sisters, it's all about the economics of war. Billions are flowing now and billions more will flow for a long time after the shooting starts. Bush has already committed to rebuilding an entire country, using the oil profits for that purpose, and he is saying he will liberate the people of Iraq. Who do you think will get the contracts to rebuild Iraq? Have any of your Black-owned contracting companies been called yet? And don't forget about the oil-well fires. Texas oil well firefighter Red Adair and his boys can't wait to make those millions.

Bomb 'em and then lead 'em: take their oil profits and pay for reconstruction of their country; install a puppet government that will take dollars rather than euros for oil; and then maintain military presence in the region to make sure things don't go back to the way they were. What a plan! And half of the people in the United States believe in it!

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Newspaper and founder of the Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber of Commerce. He hosts the radio program, "Blackonomics," and is the author of the book, "Economic Empowerment or Economic Enslavement—We have a Choice." He can be reached at (513) 489-4132, or by e-mail at [jclingman@blackonomics.com](mailto:jclingman@blackonomics.com).

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## Church Happenings

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(Through April)

Financial Planning Workshops - "Investing Versus Financial Planning" (Sponsored by the Men's Ministry) Future workshop dates are March 27 and April 24. To RSVP and obtain a free seminar material packet, please call the church office.

The workshops will be conducted by professional financial advisors and attorneys. Free to the public.

March 20 - May 22  
Spanish class for church members.

Visit our website at [www.allnationsumc.org](http://www.allnationsumc.org)

All Nations United Methodist Church  
Dr. Clara Reed, Pastor  
3418 E. 14th St.  
Plano, TX 75074

### ERENDS BAPTIST CHURCH

March 23, 5:00 p.m.  
FBC Annual Choir Concert

Friendship Baptist Church  
C. Paul McBride, Pastor  
4896 Main St.  
Ute Colony, TX 75086

### MESQUITE FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

March 23, 11:00 a.m.  
Annual Children's Day Program—Please join us as our children's Department glorify God through song, dance, and drill!

March 24-25, 7:00 p.m.  
Children's Revival

For more information, contact Rev. Johnnie Bradley at 972-263-5030, ext. 26

2nd & 4th Sundays  
Blood pressure screenings available after 11:00 a.m. service

For more information about our events, call the church at 972-263-5030 or visit [www.mesquitefriendship.com](http://www.mesquitefriendship.com)

Mesquite Friendship Baptist Church  
Perry M. Turner, Pastor  
2332 Franklin Drive  
Mesquite, TX 75049  
Mesquite, TX 75049

### MT. HERMON BAPTIST CHURCH

The SUMMER Mt. Hermon's Sunday non-traditional service in March

March 22  
"What's Love Got to Do With It?"

March 29, 7:00 a.m.  
The Mighty Men of The Mount will host their monthly Fellowship breakfast. Guest: Speaker/Assistant City Manager Ron Jones

Bring a male relative or friend!

Web: [eddyhighflouring.com](http://eddyhighflouring.com)  
7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.  
Tutoring for students in grades K-12 in all subject areas. Free and open to the public

For more information concerning any of these events, call 972-276-8218

Mt. Hermon Baptist Church  
Leonard Leach, Pastor  
911 Dings Rd.  
Garland, TX 75040

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& 11:30-12:00 p.m.

Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Three 30-minute singing lessons, limited to one lesson per week.

Call the church to schedule a lesson

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Counseling by Minister Gloria Hines—Call the church for an appointment

Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday Deliverance by Pastor Sam Deliverance Issues Sessions—Call the church for an appointment

March 27-28  
Spring Tidy/Host Revival  
Presented by A. Call to Excellence Ministries, Hosted by Mt. Olive Church of Plano

Mt. Olive Church of Plano  
Pastor Sam & Minister Gloria Hines  
740 Ave. E. Suite 303  
Plano, TX 75074

For more information call 972-633-5511

### NEW WORKS COMMUNITY FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

March 28, 7:00 p.m.  
Empowering Men and Women in 2003. Speakers: Elder and Sister Fred Allen Jones. For Group passes contact Sister Deirdre Carter-Briscoe at 972-772-4396 or Sister Rochell Wilson at 214-342-4701. For concert participation, contact Sister Joyce Tolbert at 214-340-0867

March 29, 8:30 a.m.  
Family Prayer Breakfast 6:00 p.m. Gospel Concert

March 30, 3:30 p.m.  
Choir Anniversary Service

### NORTH DALLAS COMMUNITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

March 28-30  
Single Adult Conference/Single Adult Ministry has planned a spirit-filled weekend of great praise and worship, invited speakers, inspired topics and Christian fellowship

Keynote Speaker: Pastor Larry Armstrong

No refunds after this date after March 28th (Reading)

For more information, visit [www.ndbcf.org](http://www.ndbcf.org) or contact Ruby Taylor at 972-392-2231 or Stephanie G'Neal at 972-732-9200

North Dallas Community Bible Fellowship  
Leslie W. Smith, Pastor  
1020 S. Sherman St.  
Richardson, TX 75080

### SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

The public is invited to attend the Urban League Community Service Center Managing Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday, March 26, 2003 at 6 p.m. at the City of Irving Council Chambers, 825 W. Irving Blvd., Irving, Texas.

For more information call  
(214) 915-4608



Prairie View A&M University

## "State of the University Address"

Speaker: Mr. Willie A. Tempton

President, Prairie View A&M

Date: Saturday, March 22, 2003

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Location: New Mt. Zion Baptist Church

(Life Center)

9550 Shepherd

Dallas, Texas 75243

Admission: FREE



Over the next twelve weeks, we will highlight different diseases, calling on health professionals for accurate information on causes and treatments. Conventional and natural remedies will be discussed, and we will explore avenues of treatment for people with limited resources.

We will also provide you, our readers, with a schedule of health fairs in the metroplex, and a schedule of sponsored walks and runs. These sponsored events are a major source of funding for many organizations, and by participating in them you could be helping a group that may one day be helping you or a family member. MON-The Gazette would like to invite our readers to join with us at sponsored events and be a part of our team.

Our health is a serious issue, and it is an issue

that demands our attention and action. Our mission at MON-The Gazette is to provide information and discussion to help our readers address political, economic and community opportunities. But when sickness and disease invade our lives it hinders our ability to progress in any of these areas.

Following are statistics illustrating some of the major health concerns for people in the United States, with the disparities for African-Americans:

- The average life expectancy for African-Americans is 71.8 years, compared to 77.4 years for Caucasians.

- Thirteen percent of African-Americans have diabetes, ten percent of Hispanics are affected by the disease - twice the rate of non-Hispanic whites

- 2000 death rates from cardiovascular disease were 397.6 for white males and 509.6 for black males; 285.8 for white females and 397.1 for

black females (per 100,000 population).

- In 2000, 47 percent of all HIV/AIDS cases reported in the U.S. were among African-Americans, and the rate of new AIDS cases among African-Americans was almost 10 times higher than among non-Hispanic whites.

- According to 'Health, United States, 2000', infant mortality rates are more than twice as high for African-Americans than for whites.

This is just a hand full of alarming statistics. However, we believe that through education these statistics can change for the better. We believe that by informing you about causes, treatments and preventative measures of disease, we can help empower you to make wise choices concerning your health. We invite you, with our partners, to join us in "HealthCHECK© 2003," and take responsibility for your health.

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revealed that the cancer was relatively small and had not spread to the lymph nodes. Through her experience, Patsy learned not to fear breast cancer. Early detection is a critical first line of defense; this is why organizations across the country enforce the need for women to educate themselves about the disease.

Another survivor, Martha Still, a local resident, found

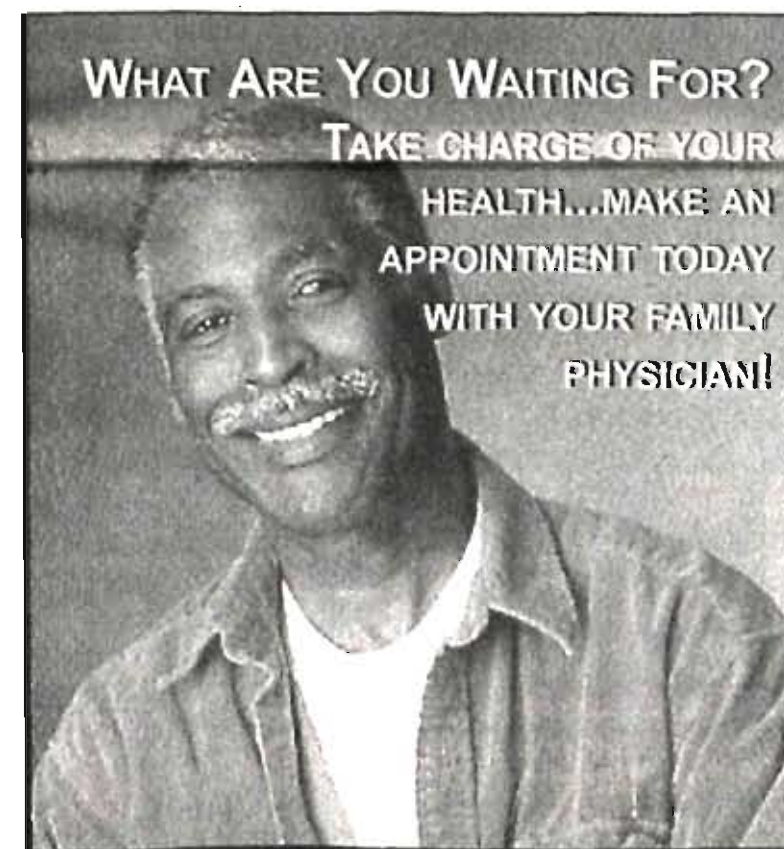
out that she had breast cancer 11 years ago. Still vowed to make a difference in the fight against the disease. Still, an active participant in the Susan B. Komen Foundation has helped with many of the events including the Race for the Cure, which will be held this June. Still is currently co-chair of Grants. "The exciting thing about working with grants is seeing where the money we raise actually goes," Still said. "Three-

hundred fifty thousand dollars in grants was given this year to places like the Texoma Medical Center and the Breast Bridge Network. These organizations assist medically underserved women with both diagnostic and treatment services and they desperately need the funds, she continued.

Visit your doctor, have regular exams, because early detection may save your life.

## HealthCheck© 2003 Schedule

Run Date	Topic
March 20	Introduction to HealthCheck 2003/ Breast Cancer/ African American Breast Cancer Outreach Summit
March 27	Diabetes
April 3	Talk to Your State Legislature about Research (diseases such as cancer)
April 10	Importance of Physical Fitness
April 17	Kidney Disease
April 24	Alternative Medicine
May 1	March of Dimes (Preventative Healthcare for Pregnant Women)
May 8	STD Awareness
May 15	Asthma and Allergy Awareness
May 22	Heart Attack and Stroke Prevention
May 29	High Blood Pressure Education
June 5	National Digestive Disorders Awareness (and Colon Cancer)/ Overview of Health as it relates to the body AND mind



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- Have a mammogram every year.
- Have a clinical breast exam by your health care provider every year.
- Do a breast self-exam each month.

**If you are age 20 to 39:**

- Have a clinical breast exam by your health care provider at least every three years.
- Do a breast self-exam each month.

For more information about breast cancer, call toll free anytime 1-800-ACS-2345 or on the Internet [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

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Where ever you turn the question of health is being discussed and the lack of awareness for action in the African American community is still a great concern. HIV AIDS, Breast Cancer, Prostate Cancer, Sickle Cell Disease, Heart Disease, and Stroke top the list of health concerns for many African Americans families throughout the Dallas Ft. Worth area and the nation. That is why we are asking you to take charge of your health with "HealthCHECK© 2003". This is a community initiative organized by Minority Opportunity News: The Gazette to heighten awareness and empower people to act and take personal responsibility for their health and the health of their family. Community partners helping to spread the word are KHVN, KNON, KSOUL, KGGR and NTheKnow.com, because each knows the importance of service and giving back to our community!

### How Does "HealthCHECK© 2003" Work?

- Each week we will provide a list of non-profit organizations who offer resource information and services for health issues in our community.
- List free health fairs available to the community
- Provide information on health events going on in the community that you may want to support.
- Weekly Health Tips.
- Provide extensive cover stories on health topics that concern our community each week.

At the end of "HealthCHECK© 2003" we want African Americans in the DFW area to have made an appointment with their family physician for a complete checkup. We hope this will start the dialog about our health and bring people to recognize the importance for taking personal responsibility for it. Remember "Good Health Is No Accident...It's A Planned Outcome!"

"HealthCHECK© 2003" is only the beginning of the dialog about our health at **Minority Opportunity News: The Gazette**. We want to hear from you, please call us at 972-516-2992 or fax us at 972-509-9058 with your health stories or health questions.

### GET INVOLVED...HEALTH EVENTS & HEALTH FAIRS GOING ON IN THE COMMUNITY!

On April 5 from 10 to 2:00 p.m.,  
**Friendship Baptist Church,**  
Health Ministry, at 4396 Main  
Street in Colony Texas is hosting  
a health fair. Info: 972-625-8186

Get involved with **American Cancer Society's Relay For Life**, April 4th through 5th  
at PC Cobb Stadium.  
Info: 214-421-1680

#### WE NEED YOU HELP!

Join your friends at **MINORITY OPPORTUNITY NEWS: The Gazette** and support "HealthCHECK© 2003". If you have a health fair planned or health event... we want to know about it and spread the word across the community.  
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E-mail [POMORE@SWBELL.NET](mailto:POMORE@SWBELL.NET)  
FAX 972-509-9058

In celebration of National  
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## Alvin Ailey At American Dance Theater Returns To Bass Hall

Acclaimed dance company will again wow Metroplex audiences March 25 & 26.

FORT WORTH, Texas, March 4, 2003 - Hailed as "...a company that believes that dance is a gift to be shared with the audience" by The New York Times, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater is one of the most acclaimed international ambassadors of American culture. The company will enliven Bass Performance Hall on Tuesday, March 25 and Wednesday, March 26 at 8 p.m.

Alvin Ailey was born in the tiny town of Rogers, Texas in 1931, where he and his family regularly attended services at a small white clapboard church. When Mr. Ailey began creating dance, he drew upon his "blood memories" of Texas, the blues, spirituals and gospel as inspiration, which resulted in the

creation of his most popular and critically acclaimed works. Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater (AAADT) was born from a now-fabled performance that took place on March 30, 1958, in which Alvin Ailey and a group of young, black, modern dancers performed at the 92nd Street Young Men's Hebrew Association in New York City. From its first performance, word of this small, new dance company spread quickly.

With a bright future ahead of him, Alvin Ailey set out to build an American dance company that has since made a broad, indelible impact on the way people view dance, the African-American aesthetic and music in America. A living time capsule, Mr. Ailey's company and its repertoire mirrored America and its changes, growing from a small mostly-black company to a large multi-racial dance company, fulfilling Mr.

Ailey's belief, "that dance came from the people and that it should always be delivered back to the people."

Alvin Ailey became a household name through the Company's successful New York seasons at City Center, national and international tours and television appearances. Dancers such as Judith Jamison, Dudley Williams, Clive Thompson and Donna Wood established the impressive reputation of the Ailey dancer, setting a new standard for dance in the modern world. The Company's audience has grown from the days of the station wagon tours to astounding numbers, reaching the hearts and minds of an estimated 19,000,000 people around the world.

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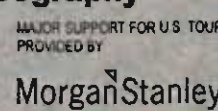


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# Arts & Entertainment

## The Spirit Of Women To Screen At The Dallas Video Festival



Dallas, TX...Media Projects, Inc.'s The Spirit of Women will screen at the Dallas Museum of Art as part of the Dallas Video Festival. The film combines archival footage of the 1977 National Women's Conference held in Houston, Texas and current interviews with several of those who attended. The screening takes place on Sunday, March 23 at 6:30 PM in the Horchow Auditorium.

Media Projects, Inc., which is comprised of Cynthia Salzman-Mondell and husband Allen Mondell, was commissioned by the Women's Museum of Dallas to produce the film. This poignant documentary chronicles a milestone in the women's rights movement. Over

the course of four days some 20,000 attendees and 2000 elected delegates debated and labored around the clock to hammer out a plan of action that would revolutionize the status of women and shape the future of women's rights. The networks that were formed and the issues that were raised during this pivotal gathering would change history. Among those in attendance were First Lady Rosalynn Carter and former first Ladies Betty Ford and Lady Bird Johnson, Coretta Scott King, Gloria Steinem and National Organization of Women founder Ellie Smeal. Salzman-Mondell was also in attendance and participated in a 2600-mile torch relay that touched 2000 hands that started in Seneca Falls, New York and ended at the conference site in Houston. "The Spirit of Women really shows how hard fought the struggle for women's rights was, but it also shows how inclusive the movement was, how everyone really listened to each other and made certain everyone's voices were heard," says Salzman-Mondell. "For the first time ever women of color were able to raise their voices and be taken seriously. The differences among all of us in

attendance were respected and homage was paid to other women."

The Spirit of Women recaptures the sights and sounds that will remind us of not only the issues that were at the forefront of the women's movement and the decisions that were made, but also the spirit in which thousands of

women worked together to make them happen. It embodies the excitement and the emotion that permeated the convention and personalizes an important piece of history. Major funding for the project was provided by the Houston Endowment. The Spirit of Women is a production of Circle R Group and Media Projects, Inc.



### Dreamcatcher

A group of men who have been friends since childhood go on a hunting trip in northern Maine. When a stranger arrives at their cabin, the four pals (who became telepathically connected to one another after performing a heroic act during their youth) battle the horrors of an invading alien force that takes over people's bodies.

Starts March 21, 2003



### Basic

The latest assignment of a DEA agent (John Travolta) is to investigate the bizarre disappearance of an Army drill instructor (Samuel L. Jackson) and several of his elite commandos during what was to be a routine training exercise. The agent finds trouble around every turn and is at odds with the Army's own investigating officer (Connie Nielsen).

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creating a company dedicated to the preservation of unique African-American cultural expression and the enrichment of the American modern dance heritage. The legendary Ailey dancer and Artistic Director Judith Jamison continues the legacy—dance as a medium for honoring the past, celebrating the present and fearlessly reaching into the future.

Altria Group, Inc. is the national sponsor of Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater.

Major Support for the U.S. tour is provided by Morgan Stanley.

American Airlines is the official airline of Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater.

Tickets for Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater range from \$35.00 to \$65.00. To charge by phone, call (817) 212-4280 in Fort Worth; 1-877-212-4280 (toll-free) outside Fort Worth; or order online at [www.basshall.com](http://www.basshall.com). Tickets are also available at the Bass Performance Hall ticket office at 525 Commerce Street. Ticket office hours: Tuesday through Friday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Ultra is fitted with a Gran Touring package, to include programmable effort steering, larger brake rotors, and a firmer suspension. A rear stabilizer bar adds to a firm, controlled ride.

The 2003 Park Avenue Ultra received high marks in the insurance Institute for Highway Safety's frontal offset crashworthiness tests, and four stars in the National Highway Transportation Safety Association's frontal and side-impact crash tests. Safety on

this car is enhanced by seat-mounted side airbags for driver and front passenger, child seat latch system, onstar communications system, StabiliTrak-chassis control system, and traction control system.

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I threw out those INHIBITIONS – They were just crowding God out. I made room for my new growth and got rid of my old dreams and doubts.

I threw out a book on MY PAST OLD GRUDGES – It's not a good book to read anyway. Replaced it with a

## I Did A Little House Cleaning

new book, called FORGIVE & FORGET. I must take time and starting reading it today.

I threw out my whining and complaining; oh how I treasured them so. Got me a NEW PHILOSOPHY, Too! Threw out the one that didn't agree with God from long ago.

Brought in some new books too, called I CAN, I WILL, and I MUST. Threw out I MIGHT, I THINK and I OUGHT. Wow, you should see the dust!

I ran across an old friend – haven't seen Him in awhile. He's known by many names, Savior, Lam of God, Bread of Life, Jesus, Redeemer, Messiah, The Way, The Truth

& Life, HOLY ONE, Alpha & Omega, Bright & Morning Star, and the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. Yes, I really like His style.

Because I asked, He helped me to do some cleaning and added some things Himself; like PRAYER, HOPE and FAITH. Yes, I really like His style.

I picked up something special and I placed it at the door – It's called God's PEACE. Nothing will get me down anymore.

Yes, I got my house looking good – it looks great around this place. For things like WORRY, TROUBLE, and GRUDGES, there's just no place for them.

It's good to do a little house

cleaning. Get rid of old things on the shelf. It sure makes things brighter – Maybe you should try it yourself!

Author Unknown  
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Know for a certainty that there is no problem, circumstance or situation greater than God. Accept things that you have no control over and change the things you can. God not only change people but He also changes things.

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