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On the Homefront:

In an effort to provide itizens with vital information in the event of an emergency, Collin County has created an emergency preparedness hotline. The number is 972.548,4114. You can also visit www.co.collin.tx.us.

The City of Plano Parks and Recreation Department will hold its annual Eggs Over Easy Egg Hunt, at 10 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., Saturday April 12, at Harrington Park. 401 West 1 oth Street. For children ages 2-7 years. Call 972.941.7250, or visit www.planoparks.org, for nore information.

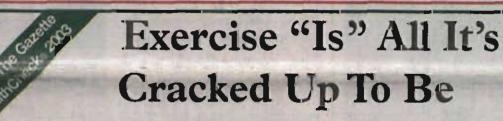
The Mesquite NAACP is hosting its 5th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet on April 25, 2003 at the Hampton Inn & Suites, Mesquite, To sponsor the event and book a table, call Rodney Harmon 972.288.0281.

Volunteers are needed to advocate for residents in nursing and assisted living facilities throughout Collin County. No experience necessary. 36 hours of

The New Civil Rights Movement Marching to Make a Difference



Pustor Frederick D. Hoynes III (2-L), Simone Griffin (3-R), Nefeterius McPherson (2-R) and other members of Friendship West Baptist Clurch prepare to march to Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. in support of affirmative action. New Civil Rights Page 6



By: Monica Thornton By now just about everyone knows the reasons to exercise. lisercise minutates the immune system, lowers blood pressure and the list goes on. But are you really convinced that exercise is all it's cracked up to be? If you don't

a look at four women who have wont stop exercising.

Alison DeRmsha lives in Plano. in the hallgame." She rarely sits still as she colunteers

to be, or maybe you think you're possibly fit exercising into her too big to exercise safely, let's take routine? Surely she's too tired to get to the gym, or get on an found the perfect exercise routine exercise bike at home. But, Alison for them, and the reasons they said she has to exercise, "That's all I've got right now to keep me

She has a mend

Networking to Build Wealth-the **George Fraser Way**

Bisckonomics By. Janues Clingman (NNPA) Well, he's at it again (as if he ever stopped). George Fraser will present his second annual Power Networking Conference in Cleveland, Ohio, on June 19-22. Last year's event was "off the hook" as they say, and this one will probably surpass it. Will you be there? I hope so, and I hope and pray you will leave there determined to DO something with the information you gain.

Fraser says this year's Power Networking Conference will be presented with a renewed power and purpose! The main themes are Collaboration and Reciprocity, two aspects of business to which all of us carrelate. Working cogether, putting our resources together. pooling our funds, and forming business parmerships and strategic alliances are all indicative of the collaboration Black people must

incorporate-right now! You've heard of quid proquo, right? You also know we have many, many choices when it comes to where and with whom we spend our money. Well, economic reciprocity is a all about. The creation of

worked with us and continues to support our efforts. They recognize, as do we, the power of reciprocity in the marketplace, and we thank them for their sponsorship of Power Networking 2003."

Featuring Ron Daniels, CeCe Winans, Asa Hilliard, and Julianne Malveaux, to name just four of the 42 presenters, Power Networking 2003 will raise the roof with enlighterment, opportunity, and entertainment. Power? Yes. Purpose? You better believe it. George Fraser, networking guru, has been at his craft for many years and his purpose is to create networking opportunities for all of us, and to help us empower ourselves.

Empowerment? Yes. Economic Empowerment? You better believe it. In 1998 1 wrote an article for "City Flight Magazine" (San Jose, Calif.), which opened with a quote from Fraser, He said Black Americans are now in the "...third moral assignment, which is to create wealth for Black people and to raise up the poor," That's what this is must for our people as well. We wealth is of primary

training provided. 15 Volunteers work 2-3 hours per week. Please contact Lisa at 1.800.272 3921, ext. 1172.

Samaritan Care Hospice is looking for volunteers to provide companionship to terminally ill patients. Call 972.690.6632 to register for the next training session.

Birthday Angels, a nonprofit agency is seeking board members and volunt cers. This agency provides birthday parties for children in shelters due to abuse, neglect and homelessness. need Thev people experienced in event planning, grant writing, fundraising, culinary design, donations, sponsorships, and memberships. Submit a letter of interest to: P. Barnes, P.O. Box 363, Frisco, Texas 75 034, or email 1:0: happbirthdaya quels a sale occorr

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exercise regularly, you're probably not yet convinced of its many benefits.

Exercise is about more than looking good, it's about more than getting that perfect summer body. Even slim people need to exercise to release toxins from the body. And even slim people need to exercise to strengthen the heart muscle so the heart can grange fewer times while still meeting the body's demand for oxygen-rich blood. So before you say you don't need to exercise because you're stready the size you want

her time to her daughter's school and to her friends. She has fouryear old twins, a boy and a girl, who were born prematurely and are susceptible to infection, and an take her children to the gyin, and eight-year old daughter who is a they also get a work out in the year ahead in her schooling. Alison's husband regularly travels out of town with his job, which means she carries the load of raising the children at those times. She has also found a way to fit being a Mary Kay consultant into her life. Alison has a degree in engineering and a degree in pharmaceuticals. Where could she

Hour Fitness, and the facility she attends has a large play area for the children. So if she misses her work-out in the morning, she can kid's play area. she started

Alison said exercising in high school, because it was the trendy thing to do. But it wasn't until she started college that she began to see the health benefits of exercise. "Exercise started being a stress

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should support those who support us. It's the way of the world when it comes to conomics.

Presented by The Ford Motor Co., Power Networking 2003 demonstrates true collaboration and reciprocity. We are proud to have Ford ac our leading corporate partner, and we do mean 'partner," Fraser says. "Ford Motors has

importance for our people, but as Fraser also said during a conference of the Orlanda Black Chamber of Commerce, "We must also retain our wealth." If we do that, we will be able to raise up the poor.

All the networking in the world will not change our economic status in this country if we do not

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Analysis War Against Iraq Showcases Top **Black Leadership**

By. George E. Curry DOHA, Qatar-If United

Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks, an African-American. His States Supreme Court is the official voice and face

justices want know how affirmative action works before ruling in the Michigan cases pending hefore them, they should visit the Army base nere, the place where the 15:27

against Iraq is being coordinated.

Everyone on this side of Mars knows by now that briefings. daily are conducted by U.S. Army

of the war, the person 10 h 0 conducts daily briefings that are beamed ground the world.

Brooks is not just a pretty face for the Army, ne also is

Army Brig Con Vincent Brooks deputy director of

> operations. And there are times when he sound's more like a warrior than a government spokesman. As

> > Black Leadership rage 4

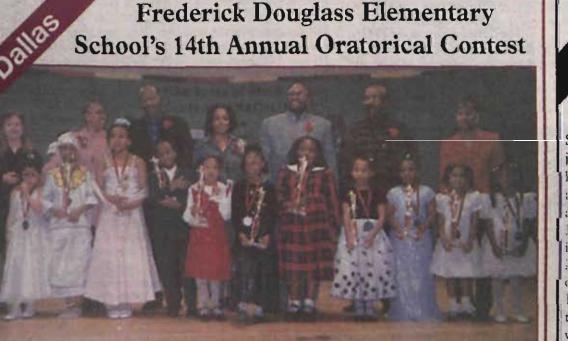
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of Black Folls: Centennial the school, said the contest

Mr. W. W. Austin, students how to be great

is designed to teach the

Frederick Douglass Page



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Back row, from left to right: Ms. Garisey Westbury (Gastorical Committee Member), Ms. Massha Frans (Judge). Mr. Thusman [lones(]u dge), Ms. Berna Dean Step: oe(Judge), Mr. Ron Price(Judge), Mr. Waher Roberson(Judge) and Ms. Wetanie Nash (Oratorical Com nittes Chairperson).

Reflections."

Douglass with the theme "The Souls Community Liaison for Frederick Elementary School recently held its 14th Annual Oratonical Contest

Community Spotlight

Ruby Bowman was recently hired as the new manager of H.R. and Staff Training for the North Texas Job Corps. Last week, staff members welcomed Bowman, by holding a welcome reception on her behalf. Bowman, of Indianapolis, Indiana, has worked in the human resources field for about 20

years, and has worked for Job

Corps for 7 years. Bowman said she is happy to be a part of the North Texas Job Corps, and she looks forward to making a positive difference. attending

reception include Job Corps Center Director Richard Abbott, Dale Getc, Director of Job Corps Operations The Cube, Corp., a contractor with the Department of

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Labor.

North Texas Job Corps Welcomes Ruby Bowman as **Its New Manager of Human Resources and Staff Training**



(Left to Right) Ruby Bowman speaks with Elizabeth Mosely, **Career Preparation Instructor**



(Left to Right) Richard Abbott, Director; Ruby Bowman, Manager of H.R. & Staff Training; Dale Getz, Director of Job Corps Operations

'State of the University Address' Presented by **Prairie View A& M University**





Left to Right- Shirley Tarpley, Religion Editor, MON-The Gazette; Charles F. McClelland, Director of Athletics, Prairie View ACM

On Saturday, April 5, members of the local Prairie View A&M University Alumni Chapter gathered at the Holiday Inn, Ft. Worth, TX to hear Willie Tempton, President of Prairie View A&M University speak on the "State of the University." The event helped raised money for scholarships. In March, the event was held in Dallas at the New Mt. Zion Baptist Church.



Left to Right- Mr. & Mrs. Willie Tempton and Mr.& Mrs. Billy Heath, President of Northern Dallas Denton County Ahumni Chapter



Back- George Stanley Left to Right- Rev. Robert Price; Willie Tempton; Billy Heath



Left to Right-Johnny Younger, President of Ft. Worth Prairie View University Ahanna Willie Tempton, President of Prairie View ACAI University

Around The Town

On-going

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 Allera, self-directed group for teens ages 13-18 who like to write and would like feedback on their writing from their peers in. relaxed environment. New vriters alvays velcome. Contact Debbie: Vavra at lyavra a ci.allen.tx.us OF 972.727.0195. Meet Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 .m. at the Allen Library, 301 Century Parkway, Allen, Texas 750 13.

Free tax assistance provided by AARP at the following times. Mondays. locations: and.

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. Bring last year's return and required paperwork (W-2 forms, 1099 forms, etc.). In Plano call 972.769.4200.

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.

Through April 12

This is National Library Week. Plano Public Library System is hosting the following programs: April 10, 7:00 p.m. A Visit With "Mrs. Schimelpfenig." Dramatic interpretation about Flano history in cooperation with Heritage Farmstead Museum. Schimelprenig Library, 5024 Custer Road.

April 12, 1:00 p.m. Children's Special Guest Storytime With Curicus George

Co-sponsored by Plano Barnes and Noble Bookseilers. Davis Library, 7501 N. Independence. April 12, 2:00 p.m. Farnily Movie: "The Rookie." A family

movie for all ages. Free popcorn & drinks. Parr Library, 6200

Windhaven Court. Through April 19

Wingspan Theatre Company, with the Bath House Cultural Center, presents 'Old Times', by Harold Pinter, Friends meet again after 20 years, and the action shifts back and forth in time. Intimations of a frightening past, a battle of the 'psyche and soul' reigns. At the Bath House Cultural Center, White Rock Lake, 521 E. Lawther Road. Thursday, Friday, Saturday evenings at 8 p.m., matinees Saturday at 2 p.m. For ticket prices call 972.504.6218, or visit www.home.attbi.com/~wngspnthco

April 4 through 19

The forry orphans of the SPCA of Texas will be at Primavera at. the Galleria,' in hopes of getting a new family. The Dallas Galleria, LBJ at the Tollway, SPCA. Pavilion, first level, south end. Monday - Saturday 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday noon-6 p.m. Call. 214.651.9611, ext 143 or 118 for more information.

Through April 27

Dallas Children's Theater presents 'Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day,' at El Centro College, Mairi and Market Streets, Downtown Dallas. Tickets: \$18/actults, \$15/childiren. Call 214.740.0051 for times and reservations.

Through April 30 Heard Natural Science Museum: and Wildlife Sanctuary presents. nature through different eyes. extravaganza visit www.nearomuseum.org.

Through May 24

Saturday art classes at the Dallas art of Adinkra stamping, how symbols in African textiles were 6p.m. Call 972.386.6555.

April 10

Plano presents "Cyrano," through May 205-2012. 4. Call 972.424.7285, or visit information.

April 11

Bring a flashlight. There will be or games and face painting before the girlsnigh teuttxia yahoo.com. Event. hant. Egg Huna begins promptly is open to the public. at 7:30 p.m.

April 12 Spring and Holy Week in Seville

'Here's Looking at You!' A new - Daniel de Cordoba Bailes who want to own their own 2,000 square-foot award-winning Espanoles presents "Primavera y interactive traveling exhibit sees Semana Santa en Sevilla." Easter theatrical Monday - Saturday 9:00 a.m. - interpretation of ancient pagan 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 1:00 p.m. - and Christian customs, traditions, 5:00 p.m. Admission to exhibits music, song and flamenco dance. and grounds: \$8 adults, \$5 Cordoba's vision is to bring the children 3-12 and senior citizens. cultural experiences of Spain to Admission to grounds only: \$5 Dallas, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the adults, \$3 children 3-12 and senior Horchow Auditorium, Dallas citizens. Call: 972.562.5566, or Museum of Art, 1717 N. Harwood Street, \$15 adults/\$12 seniors/\$8 students and children.

Garland Crimestoppers Children's Museum - Learn the present 'The Taste of Garland' at The Hella Temple in Garland, at 7:00 p.m. An annual fundraiser developed, how to make your own with sampling foods from local stamps and print them on various restaurants and specialty eating surfaces. Different topic each establishments. Silent and live week. \$5. Times are: 11a.m.-1 auctions, door prizes. Tickets are p.m.; 1:30p.m.-3:30p.m.; 4p.m.- \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. For tickets and more information contact Lt. Don Martin at 972-Repertory Theatre 205-2130, or Cindy Hale at: 972-

Girl's Day Out in Frisco, info@planorep.org for more 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Hosted by Garl's Night Out - home-based women entrepreneurs are invited to Night Easter Egg Hunt for ages showcase their business and 9-12, at Evans Recreation Center, network at Plantation Golf Resort. Hillcrest and Gross Road in Tables: \$25 (deadline April 5). Mesquite, from & p.m. - & p.m. Limited space. Call 214.387.8866, email to

> Work at Home Job Fair, Radisson, Hotel, Richardson, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Meet with ever 50 companies that are seeking people

home-based business. Christy Northrup will speak on "There's No Place Like Working From Home'. Call 888.395.6661, OI 972.422.2314.

April 12 and 13

Annual Native Plant Sale at the Heard Natural Science and Wildlife Museum Sanctuary, Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Over 300 varieties of native Texas trees, shrubs, vines, grasses, woody lilies, perennials CACTI. and wildflowers. Howard Garrett presents 'Edible Landscaping' at 2 p.m. on Saturday, and Mark Klym presents Designing Natural 23 Landscape" at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday. One Nature Place, McKinney. 972,562.5566, www.heardmuseum.org.

April 14 through 16

Mesquite Cornmunity Theatre auditions "Catch Me If You Carr"at 7 p.m. Call the box office at 972.216.8126 for more information.

May 1

Collin County Christian Prayer Breakfast with Albert C. Black, Jr. noted business person and civic leader. 7,30 a.m. at the Plano Centre, Spring Creek and Jupiter Roads. \$15 per person. For information and details on how to pay, rall 214 757 7259

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Editorial

THE TRUTH CLINIC The Real Weapons of Mass Destruction

As the war in Iraq grinds mercilessly to its inevitable conclusion, the World has been given front row tickets to witness who really has the weapons of mass destruction. Across the decimated stage of Iraq America has paraded a catalog of weapons and unleashed them with a fury that makes the vaunted Third Reich blitzkrieg seem like a short lived off Broadway play.

Coalition aircraft have been flying more than 1,000 sorties a day, showering Iraq's cities with over 14,000 precision guided bombs, 750 cruise missiles and many more thousands of rounds of artillery shells. These weapons of mass destruction carry surreal names such as thermo baric hellfire, bunker buster, cluster, cobra, and tomahawk. Vehicles. buildings and innocent civilians in addition to the being combatants are incinerated in the name of change and regime liberation.

And America has sent the message loud and clear to its own people and to the nations of the world; "Do unto others before they do unto you". The government of the world's only superpower has given every hothead, every biased mind a legitimate solution to any difference of opinion they Do a may confront. preemptive strike on the basis of what might happen. Shoot first and even if wrong the responsibility lies with the party giving the perception of danger.

Taking preemptive measures against an individual for what they might do in the future would technology war script planned

throw us into a state of barbarism. Yet this is precisely what the Bush administration has done at the international level.

President Bush has gone so far as to cloak his war in the sacred shield of GOD. Following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, he insisted that the United States must "rid the world of evil," and went on to suggest that waging such a battle was God's will for America. This is the same manipulation of religion and GOD that was evoked to justify white supremacy, slavery, the bashing of gays and lesbians and anything else people wanted to do as long as a misguided majority gave blind support.

The Iraqi people have not enjoyed being bombed, shot at and invaded half as much as they were supposed to. The war may still be over quickly, but it does not come with the hearts and minds of the "liberated". It requires more than the appearance of kindly American soldiers offering water and a few MRE's to eat. The official line remains that Iraqis will get our message of a better tomorrow. But how can they when we barely know what it is? The stated plan for an American military protectorate followed by an unspecified leader, selected by the U.S., brings no surprise that Baghdad's citizens are not meeting their "liberators" strewing the streets with rose petals.

The coalition is in a bind. If it pursues its stated mission of caring for civilians, it will win less quickly. If it acts more brutally, it will spark a hatred that will imperil any peace. Unlike the sanitized high

by the pentagon we see vivid images of an Iraqi boy with half of his head shot away and the twisted bodies of civilian victims conveniently labeled "collateral damage". These images of Iraqi civilians killed by American soldiers will further alienate Iraqis who are not convinced that Americans are their liberators, and win new recruits to Saddam's regime.

Saddam, meanwhile, has his demonic status abated, both by those citizens who hate the invaders and by others enraged by bloody images of wounded and dead civilians. The child with the shattered skull is becoming the symbolic equivalent of the nine-yearold girl, naked, ablaze with napalm and fleeing down the Trang Bang road in Vietnam. Even if the Iraqi regime fell tomorrow the perceptions of its treatment at the hands of America gives it martyrdom in much of the Arab world.

The Bush administration has used exaggeration, halftruths and questioning one's patriotism to frighten US citizens into supporting this war. And the result is the lives of our friends and relativesnot to mention the lives of the people of Iraq-have been put on the line. And, by flirting with barbarism, we at home find ourselves further from any sense of security than we have ever been since Sept. 11.

It finally comes down to this, "And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye"?

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

Collin County Employees Help Troops Through a Care Package Project

Collin County Employees

to duty. Over the next few weeks,

County the Collin Courthouse in McKinney, the Collin County Sheriff's litarypride.org>. Office and the Justice of the Peace office in Wiley will way for our troops to know serve as drop-off locations for donations. Unless specifically designated, these items will be divided between the county clerk's office and the district we support their efforts. attorney's office. Employees The efforts would not be of the county clerk's office are making care packages to donations by my staff, check to the county clerk's

send to county employees county employees, friends, office in McKinney. and family members of area employees who are serving students. I would like to out to Brenda Taylor, in the military. Employees thank everyone who is in the district attorney's participating in this joint office are creating gift boxes effort."

for troops through a program found online at www.operationmilitarypri de.org

<http://www.operationmi

"The care packages are a that Collin County cares," says Collin County Clerk Brenda Taylor. "By sending these packages, it is just a reminder to the troops that

possible if it weren't for businesses and

The County is collecting items ranging from toothorushes to baby wipes. A few of the items are. Instant drink mixes. batteries (any size), granola bars, beef jerky, sunscreen, heat-resistant candy, socks, sunglasses, personal nygiene products(alcohol free), snack foods, throat and eve drops.

Persons who would like to make a financial donation can drop-off a Checks need to be made County Clerk.

The project will continue indefinitely

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Canada gave a piano

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Frederick Douglass Page 1 **Frederick Douglass Elementary** School's 14th Annual Oratorical Contest

Children of Christ performed more orators. "Frederick Douglass was a great orator, musical selections and a song, the and so it is fitting that we have Douglass Dance Team this at our school," said performed, and 2nd grade Austin. Douglass Elementary is actually an early childhood center for grades pre-k through 3rd, with the mission of Frederick Douglass High building self-esteem in young Steppers put on a fashion children. show. Mrs. E. Perry, principal of Austin said there are 22 classes, Douglas Elementary, presented and every class had a poem to learn and the awards and gave the closing recite. Each class held preliminary remarks. contests, with the winner from each Austin added that the school's founding principal, Patricia taking part in the final. The evening began with Mays, started the contest musical selections from The and succeeding principals Sensational Singing Dolphins, have the Pledge in English and tradition. He said they Spanish, and the Frederick have found that it has Douglass Creed, "I Believe."

Following the oratorical selections, the communication skills.

Following is a list of winners and the poems recited:

First Place:

Kindergarten: Jacqueline Erving/'Sweet Blackberry' by Nikki Grimes

and women who serve in the armed forces by

project. Nearly four-dozen

(McKinney, TX) - delivering care packages to county employees have Collin County employees troops overseas. Residents family members serving are recognizing the men of Collin County are also abroad. Several county invited to participate in the employees were also called Cont'd next column (Top)



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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 out 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 parody outside the southern region or just want to know what is going on up north-

Think of MON-The Gazette as your paper of opportunity!

MON-The Gazette formally Minority Opportunity News, was founded July, 1991,by Jim Bochum and Thurman R. Jones

1st grade:	Marshon Wallace/"Thinking of Me' by Dean Koontz
2nd grade:	Olivia Canada/'If Sometimes Blue' by Alfred L. Woods
3rd grade:	Briauna Calico/'Children of Color' author unknown
Second Place: Kindergarten:	Nyia Wilson/'I Wonder' by Enid Field
1st grade:	Meagan Nash/'With This Mind' by Beverly Leonard
2nd grade:	Mahogony Gillespie/'Crown' by Dakari Kamau Hru
3rd grade:	Kiano Lucas/* Being the Mother of a Black Child' by Mona Lake Jones
Third Place:	
Kindergarten:	Octavia Wilmore/' Black is Beautiful' by Useni Eugene Perkins
1st grade:	Priscilla Bradley/' We Wear the Mask' by Paul Laurence Dunbar
2nd grade:	Kiano Lucas/" Being the Mother of a Black Child by Mona Lake Jones
3rd grade:	Banet Aguirre/'Be the Best' by Patricia Newman Harris

HealthCheck© 2003 Calendar We're keeping you informed about healthrelated events happening in your area!

Fairs

April 17 Immunization Seminar at Don Rodenbaugh Natatorium, 110 E. Rivercrest, Allen, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. featuring guest presenter Dr. Ava Stancazaka.

April 18 Sickle Cell Disease Association Annual Willis Johnson Golf Tour. Call 214.942,1262.

April 24 Colon Cancer Seminar at Don Rodenbaugh Natatorium, 110 E. Rivercrest, Allen, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. featuring guest presenter Dr. Robert Barnett.

May 3 Healthy Mind, Body and Soul for all ages at the 2nd Annual Health Fair at St. John Baptist Church, 1701 W. Jefferson Street, Grand Prairie. From 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Glaucoma and cataracts screening, nutrition and wellness consulting, stroke and heart attack risk screening, and much, much more.

May 12 The MLK Family Clinic is holding a Health Fair in celebration of National Women's Health Week, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

May 15

High Blood Pressure Seminar at Don Rodenbaugh Natatorium, 110 E. Rivercrest, Allen, 0 p.m. to 7 p.m. featuring guest presenter Dr. Robert Barnett.

May 22 Osteoporosis Seminar at Don Rodenbaugh Natatorium, 110 E. Rivercrest, Allen, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. featuring guest presenter Dr. Katrina Lee

May 29 Osteoporosis Seminar at Don Rodenbaugh Natatorium, 110 E.

Rivercrest, Allen, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. featuring guest presenter Dr. Phyllis Gee.

Free Blood Pressure Screening

Each Monday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Visitors Center, Medical City Dallas.

On-going

Diabetes Support Group meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at Medical City Hospital, 7777 Forest Lane, Building A. 12th-floor classroom. Call 214.788.6175.

Diabetic Support Group meets at 1 p.m. the third Monday of the month at Maurice Barnett Genatric Wellness Center, Plano Senior Center, 401 W. 16th St. Call 972.041.7335

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he said at a briefing Sunday, "...Any piece of the regime that's out there, or any piece of this force that supports the regime, will be attacked, it will be destroyed "

The general is not the only African-African on the base. In fact, they hold positions at every level, from the general standing at the podium to the private sitting on the floor placing the microphone in front of reporters as they ask questions.

As journalists approach Camp As Sayliyah, the Army base on the outskirts of this capital city, one of the two MPs on duty is likely to be an African-American. After walking uphill to the check-in point, one is often greeted by the smiling face of Army Spec. Julia Simpkins, a Brooklyn, N.Y., native who escorts journalists to the Central Command Media Center. And before Brooks enters the room like a recently-launched cruise missile, the entire media operation has been supervised by Army Lt. Col. Ray Shepherd, director of public affairs.

Other Blacks move in and out of the briefing room as Pvt. Lizaro Myers of Philadelphia squats on the floor, usually out of the sight of cameras, holding his long microphone.

Shepherd says, "We're everywhere."

That certainly applies to African-Americans Sgt. Maj. Dwight J. Brown. He was at the briefing on Sunday, but by Monday he had left for Afghanistan. rank an enlisted soldier can reach, and as Command Sgt. Major, Brown is responsible for enlisted soldiers sprawled over 25 countries, including Irao, Kuwait, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia.

the affirmative action cases before the Supreme Court, Justice Antonin Scalia said if should lower its standards. reminded Scalia that the institution does not need to lower its standards in order to attain a diverse student effectiveness of affirmative minority officer candidates body.

If Scalia comes here, he will see that the Army didn't the first Gulf War; three officer candidates." lower its standards to produce quality lea !ership.

This \$110 million facility, built less than five years ago, has allowed the military to normal cut troop deployment from four weeks during the Gulf War to four days in the current war. There are 27 warehouses, with approximately 1.6 million square feet or 36.3 acres of enclosed storage space. It takes that kind of room to house 150 Abrams M-1 tanks, 116 Bradley fighting vehicles and 112 armored personnel carriers.

The men and weapons here have been deployed to perhaps the most turbulent region in the world. And

been entrusted to operate at the highest level, as far as their talent would take them. CENTCOM-the Army's Sergeant major is the highest way of saving U.S. Central Command-normally operates out of Tampa, Fla. But during this war, the leaders set up headquarters here, a major jumping-off point for men and women During oral arguments in accident that African-Americans hold prominent positions.

After Scalia and company the University of Michigan is visit Qatar, they should so interested in diversity, it return to Washington and reread the friend-of-the-court Of course, university officials brief filed by more than 25 distinguished military leaders.

> Vouching for action were Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, commander of

depression include:

Depressed or sad mood

Feeling slowed down

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• Feeling guilty or worthless

Difficulty concentrating

Changes in weight or appetite

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Research and Depression Clinic at 214-648-5351.

have former chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff-Adm. William Crowe, Gen. Hugh Shelton and Gen. John M. Shalikashvili-former Defense secretaries William Perry and William Cohen, along with former superintendents of the U.S. military and Air Force academies.

"Doing affirmative action headed to battle. And it's no the right way is deadly serious for us-people's lives such depend on it," the military leaders said in their brief. Dismissing so-called raceneutral approaches to diversity such as percentage plans, they noted: "There is presently no workable alternative to limited raceconscious programs to the increase the pool of qualified and establish diverse educational settings for

Because the military is more integrated than most sectors of American society, it's easy to forget that it wasn't always that way.

As late as 1968, Black enrollment at the Naval Academy at Annapolis and West Point was less than 1 percent. In 1973, although African-Americans made up 17 percent of the rank-andfile, they constituted only 2.8 percent of all military officers.

By 2001, Blacks and Hispanics made up 11 percent of West Point, 14 percent of the Air Force Academy and 15 percent at Annapolis. Today, people of color represent 40 percent of the military and 20 percent of all officers.

Brig. Gen. Brooks is a graduate of West Point. He did something there that no African-American had ever accomplished-he finished first in his class. When you see him on TV, he is still standing at the head of the class.

Even affirmative action foes Clarence Thomas, who was admitted to Yale Law School as a result of affirmative action, and Scalia should not miss that point.

If they do, maybe we can get Col. Jerry Robinson, the Black chaplain here from Baconton, Ga., to pray for them.

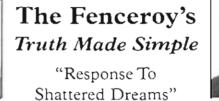
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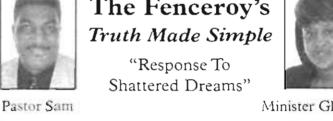
Last week we said that we would explain Genesis 3:16(b), " ... and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee."

The word "desire" comes from the Hebrew word "shook" which means to overflow, street and road. This literally means to "run over" you. The husband shall rule over her-the man is supposed to rule his wife, which means to lead, not dominate. The woman is trying to desire 'run over" him, the man is trying to rule (dominate) the wife; and Jesus wants to be the referee. When your dreams turn to nightmares, Jesus can awaken you. If your marriage is falling apart and the war is in your household as well as in Iraq, look to Jesus, He is your ally!

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release when I went to college, I was there for seven years, doing engineering and pharmaey," said Alison. "The exercise helped mesleep better without worrying over the next day's events."

When she graduated and started working as a pharmacist. she said her HMO offered a substantial discount on a gym membership, so she could work out without it hurting her financially.

But then the time came to start a family, and because of the course of her treatment she wasn't allowed to do aerobic exercise.

"Although I could do other exercises. I felt like I lost a lot of benefit mentally from losing the aerobic exercise," said Alison.

She said that as soon as she WITS . finished with the pregnancies, she went on antidepressants to help her cope with a crists point in her life.

"They definitely got me through, but gradually I realized I wasn't responding the way I wanted to in circumstances. So 1 returned to being faithful to my work outs, and have stopped taking the medicine, and I feel much better.

"Right now I'm looking for the psychological benefits, and that's what I get. The freebic for me in. this is that 1 get the body 1 want also," she said.

Alison added that people tend to look at this from an anatomical point of view, but the benefits to the heart are tremendous, and the benefits mentally can't be beaten

Debbie and Jennifer are a mother and daughter team running Curves for Women in Plano. Debbie has a background in exercise, having taught acrobics for more than twelve. years. She said she started her branch to help her daughter cope with depression.

"Depression is hereditary," said Debbie. "Jen was losing hermemory, laying in bed sleeping

her-life away, that's why I opened this. We exercise to live."

Debbie said there is a history of depression in her family, and wishes her mother (now deceased) could have reaped benefits from exercising. She is proud of the women at her club, and said she is happy to be able to help so many women find health and confidence. "We are under so much stress,

we all need the exercise as a release, said Debme,

Both Debbie and Jennifer said women with crippling diseases such as fibromyalgia, arthritis and type 2 diabetes have found relief from many of their symptoms by exercising

Jennifer said she has overcome her own problems with the help of exercise at the club, and through the camaraderic of the other women at the club, Almost ten years ago she said she was diagnosed as bi-polar, and was put on 5 medications. At that time Jennifer said she had a problem with sleeping all the time, having a sense of worthlessness, had anxiety attacks, and was on way too much medication for someone her age. And now after a couple of years of exercising the doctor's have rescinded her bi-polar diagnosis, and she is down to _ a tablet for anxiety as needed.

"A lot of time the doctors want to medicate you, when all you need is exercise," said Jennifer. "I like the energy the exercise gives me, and it has definitely helped with my panie attacks."

Debbie is also concerned about the increase in obesity in America. largely caused by no exercise and too much junk food. She noted that people from countries where obesity is not a problem are comingto America and ending up with weight problems. And in Europe, where obesity is not such a proplem; Debbie said they walk more than Americans, and keep themselves physically active.

'Curves' is an international fitness program offering a simple workout routine, using hydraulic machines and fitness boards going any fitness program please consult in a circuit, with prompts to move

to the next machine after 30 seconds. The entire workout takes no more than 30 minutes, producing aerobic and strength training benefits. Both Debbie and Jennifer said the ladies not only get a workout, but it is a safe place for women to meet and socialize. Curves in Plano also offers mother daughter specials, and they he found can 111 www.planocurves.com.

And there is Norma Reyes, a Realtor based in Garland, who uses a mixture of at-home workouts and the gym. She invested in a home gym that literally fits into a brief case. It is akin to a stretch rope that is hooked over a door, and a series of all over body exercises can be done in the comfort of her home. Normahas a lot of discipline when it comes to her workouts, so this works perfectly for her when she can't make it to the gym.

"But I still can't wait to get to my spin classes at the gym, that gives me a good leg workout, and a great cardiovascular workout," she said. "And now the weather's nice I'm going to take my bike to White Rock Lake and go cycling."

She said she can't remember a time when she hasn't exercised, and added that the exercise helps her keep her sanity, especially with the high demands of her protession.

If you're still not convinced that exercising helps, just log onto any health association's website, the lists of benefits are extensive. And remember, it's better to start off slowly and steadily improve, than go out and run five miles if you haven't exercised in years and hurr yourself. If you aren't experienced at exercising, seek the support and help of those who are. Health clubs now have trainers, and the local Parks and Recreation Departments not only have trained professionals, but are also affordable for the whole family. Walking is free and safe, and there are many walking and jogging clubs throughout the metroplex. Before embarking on with your physician.

HealthCheck+ Calendar Page 3

Blood pressure screening every 2nd and 4th Sundays at the Mesquite Friendship Baptist Church, after the 11:00 h.m. service. Located at 2232 Franklut Drive, Mesquite, 972.329.5030. and www.mesquitefriendship.com

Walks/Runs

April 11 and 12 Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society, beginning 6 p.m. on the 11th and finishing the morning of April 12, at Eastfield Community College, Mesquite. Walk or run, or just join us to raise money for cancer research and

awareness. This is not a race dust of the American Cancer Society. an opportunity iss frames family and co-workers to get together for the sake of honoring those who have had or spriently have cancel-Wheelchairs are welcome too Bring your tents, sleeping bags, food, and strack. The event also includes a walking shoes. To organize or join a stouching lighting of luminaries in teath, call Debbie Durden at 972-860-7180, or send an e-mail to ddurden a deced edu; Don't delay - camanderic and 12 hours of fun! teams are tilling up tast!

April 25 and 26

Cancer Society 7 pane - 7 a.m. at the Plane Family YMUA, A funfilled overnight event designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for research and programs-

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Teams of about 10 will take turns. walling or running laps. The Relay begins with the Survivor's Lap where all survivors are invited to join each other around the memory or honor of a loved one: entertainment: tood, community Relay for hife tepresents the hope that these lost to cancer will never Relay For Life for the American De forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day, cancer will be climinated. Contact: Sherry Kowen, event splayer autorcom; shatt; 972.625.8199

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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Sickle Cell Disease Association NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT- Annual Willis Johnson Golf Tour. (April 18) - Info: 214-942-1262

In celebration of National Womens Health Week, the MLK Family clinic is having a Health Fair, May 12, from 9 to 5 p. m. Info: 214-426-3645

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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". Minority Opportunity News: The Gazette secured the services of Parker Originals & More to develop "HealthCHECK© 2003" and work with our staff to manage the initiative from start to finish. 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.

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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!".







St. John Baptist Church, 2nd Annual Health Fair, May 3 from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, 1701 W. Jefferson Street, Grand Prairie, TX (www.sjbcfamily.com)

HEALTH TIPS YOU SHOULD KNOW!

American Heart Association: What Causes HBP & Can It Be Cured?

Risk factors you can control:

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Eating too much salt - this can increase blood pressure in some people.

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Lack of physical activity - An inactive lifestyle makes it easier for people to become over weight and increases the chance of high blood pressure.

Having diabetes - This disease can't be completely controlled, but you can help manage it by watching your diet and weight and being physically active.

Stress- This is often mentioned as a risk factor. But stress levels are hard to measure and response to stress vary from person to person.

To learn more about blood pressure and other related topics, go to nearest American Heart Association office or by calling 1-800-AHA-USA1 (1-800-242-8721).

WE NEED YOUR HELP... Please Read The Following & Respond Today!

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New Civil Rights Page 1

The New Civil Rights Movement Marching to Make a Difference

By Nefeterius Akeli McPherson April I, 2003, the day thousands of people representing the colors black, brown and even white gathered together in Washington, D.C. to put foot to ground and let their voices be heard in support of affirmative action. This was my first march but it is without a doubt one of the most moving and memorable experiences of my life.

I am only 28 years old so I have no personal recollection of the Civil Rights Movement. I can only read history books, watch documentaries and listen to the elders tell stories of being beaten, enduring verbal and mental abuse, as well as marching and protesting all in the name of freedom ... in the name of equality ... for you ... for me. But as I marched today I somehow felt connected to those heroes who marched and fought so that I would not have to experience the segregation and humiliation that they came

to know all too well.

Pastor Frederick D. Haynes and segregation? III, my church, Friendshipto participate in what I already consider to be one of the most important marches of this century. It was important for me to participate in this process because people fought, were beaten and even died for me to walk through the doors of opportunity that have been experience that I gained by opened. If our race, my generation, you and even I do not speak up and take an U.S. Senate campaign is active interest in the decisions beingmade around us we will always settle for the status quo, take what is fed to us and eventually when it comes to voting and erase all that our ancestors how lackadaisical people are fought for. Martin Luther King Jr. didn't settle ... Rosa Parks didn't settle ... the Freedom Riders and Freedom Fighters didn't settle ... so why in 2003 should we settle for "affirmative access" when affirmative action has yet to counteract the educational setbacks our

Under the leadership of 300+ years of slavery, racism needed

Why should we sit back West Baptist Church, made and let people make the trip from Dallas to D.C. decisions that will impact our future generations and not speak up and speak out?

> I was fortunate enough to begin my political career a few years ago at Dallas City Hall by serving as an assistant to former Mayor Ron Kirk, and that knowledge as well as the serving as the deputy press secretary on the Ron Kirk for simply priceless. However, it was during this past election cycle that I realized how apathetic people still are when it comes to being involved in the political process. I hate it has taken me so long to realize how important it is to be involved politically, but I'm so thankful for people like Ron Kirk, DeMetris Sampson and Kathy Nealy taking me under their wings and race has helping me to understand

endured as a result of the that much work is still to be done politically socially and even economically, and that although I may be one person I can help make a difference.

> I now challenge those of you reading this to get involved politically volunteer on campaigns, exercise your right to vote and register others, march when you need to march, protest when you need to protest, contribute campaigns because it takes money to run a race and win, and hold elected officials accountable for the decisions they make You have a voice with which you can speak up and be heard ... use it. You have feet to march with to make a difference ... use them. Let's not let the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 60s be in vain. We have come too far to go back. People fought, were beaten and even died for us to enjoy the liberties of today but it is important to recognize that the struggle is not over. In fact, it has only just begun

Blackonomics Page 1 understand and act upon the basic principles of wealth building, wealth retention, and the privilege of using that wealth, both individual and collective, to help those who are less fortunate. Thus, we must not only come together to have a good time, to see friends and celebrities, to be entertained, and to be filled to the brim with information. We must act upon what we learn by putting them into practice, daily practice, in order to move us to higher economic heights.

We applaud Brother George Fraser for being consistent, for being dedicated, for being committed to his people, for sharing his tremendous gift, and for using that gift to the benefit of others. We need more George Frasers. It's one thing to merely talk; it's yet another to create, build and sustain a movement. Fraser started a networking movement that has taken this country and the world by storm. His famous "Soul-o-dex" is overflowing with contacts that he is more than willing to share in our quest for empowerment. And that's what I like about what Fraser does. He loves to help others by sharing information, and his ultimate goal is to help build an economic legacy that our children can enjoy long after we are gone. He understands that if Black people are going to move forward we must learn how to take better advantage of the billions of dollars in annual income. He advocates turning a greater portion of that income into wealth. So when you attend Power Networking 2003, please don't miss the point of it all.

done. So we say once again, "Thanks, George!" Thanks for your tireless efforts. Thanks for

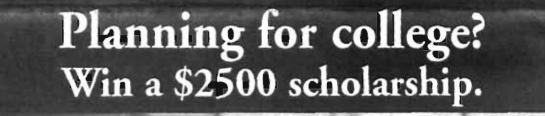
Fraser is trying to get some work

your sacrifices. Thanks for hangin' in there when times get tough. Thanks for being the kind of guy who returns phone calls. Thanks for being a devoted husband and father. Thanks for teaching us that true networking is not always asking someone, "What can you do for me?" Rather it is asking, "What can 1 do for you?" Thanks for teaching us that "we get by giving." Thanks for bringing us together. Thanks for helping to keep us together. And, thanks for being just George.

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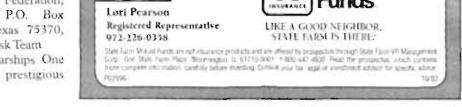
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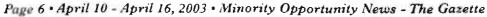
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ETERNITY COMMUNITY CHURCH

April 27, 3:30 p.m. 10th Anniversary Guest Speak-Elder Seals, Eddie New Outreach C.O.G.I.C. of McKinney, TX

For more information, call 972-542-9556.

Eternity Community Church Rev. Kenneth Diggs, Pastor 309 N.Chestnut St. McKinney, TX 75069

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Scholarships Con

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Search Awards Granted to high school or college students 17 and 18 years of age, talented in dance, voice, music, art, and other creative areas. Must audition or submit a portfolio or tape. Award to be used for freshman year in college. Amounts from \$100 to \$3,000. www.artsawards.org

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Car Review

The 2003 Cadillac Escalade Is Powered Up

the severity of the crash, High

Intensity Discharge headlamps,

and a front passenger sensing

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presence of a child and adjusts

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What else would you expect from a Cadillac but luxury. And luxury is what the 2003 Cadillac Escalade is about, apart from intense power, superior safety, and improvements all round.

The interior features soft leather and shiny woodaccents, with front bucket seats redesigned for better comfort. The second-row now features optional bucket seats or heated bench row, and the third row seat is removable with a split fold and stow design.

The interior also features tri-zone climate control, satellite steering wheel controls and a redesigned instrument cluster and center console. The standard Bose audio system received upgrades, while new options include XM Satellite Radio, and a new Panasonic DVD entertainment system that includes wireless headphones.

Safety features on all Escalades include the StabiliTrak stability control system, ABS-equipped brakes, adjustable pedals, front and side airbags for the driver and front passenger and the OnStar system. communications Safety enhancements for 2003 include dual-stage airbags that deploy based on

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style. Standard on the two-wheel-drive is a 5.3-liter V8, 285 h.p. with 325 pound-feet of torque. This model can handle towing up to 7,300 pounds, but if you need more towing power, step up the AWD version and tow 7,800 pounds. The AWD delivers a highoutput 6.0-liter V8 with 345 horsepower and 380 lb-ft of torque, making the Escalade

one of the most powerful SUVs on the market. Both models have a four-speed automatic transmission, providing ample passing power.

The 2003 Cadillac Escalade is a power house of style and luxury. For those who don't need the big engine, save your gas bucks and get the twowheel drive, but for those who have to have the power, what better vehicle to pay the premium for than the 2003 Cadillac Escalade.AWD.

Collin County NAACP Monthly Meeting Sunday April 13, 2003, at 5:00 p.m. 345 Industrial Blvd, McKinney, Texas 75069 (Held at McKinney Driving School)

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Miscellaneous sources for campuses, Foundation/Trust

ACT and SAT Tests Two Citizen, high school senior, have standardized tests given for universities. For registration: Norris Bishop Scholarship - www.act.org, or 1.800.525.6926. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Fee is \$25.00, additional for

telephone applications. Great Web Resources

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www.finaid.org - financial aid information.

www.fafsa.ed.gov - free application for Federal Student Aid. Even if you think you do not qualify, apply for federal aid by filling out the FAFSA. Many colleges use the FAFSA to determine school-based aid.

www.ed.gov/prog_info/SFA/stud entguide - The student guide to Federal aid.

www.isac1.org/colsel/colsel.html - College selection and admission

www.collegeboard.com/article -Campus visit checklist

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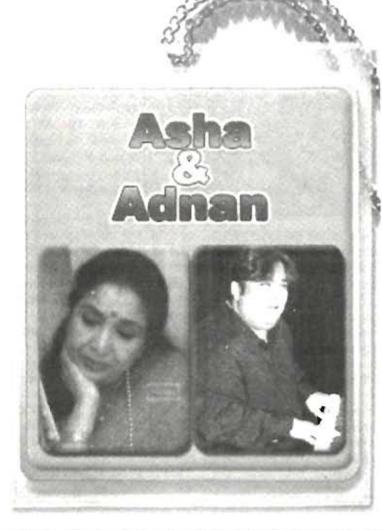


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Arts & Entertainment

Asha & Adnan On Stage at NextStage



Released recently by solo and duet songs sung by

Magnasound Kabhi To Asha Bhosle and Adnan Nazar Milao, is an Sami Khan. The album enchanting collection of features ten melodious tried to facilitate both, i.e. Box Office

Rehman Saghar. Adnan contemporary, himself has composed pure music.

voice and meaningful music make an balance between tradition exciting Kabhi To Nazar Milao is a has kept the melody to the distilled realization of forefront, Adnan's life-long devotion complete album. to music. Based in Toronto, Canada, Adnan, apart from just perfect for varied being a concert pianist is listeners. Asha Bhosle's singer, a songwriter, voice has been the icing on composer and music the cake. Thus with such an producer. In short Adnan is entrancing combination the a complete musician, album is all set to entertain Indian music is treasure all types of audience to house of music, where general pop loving people classical music has been the to hard core music buffs fountainhead of most compositions.

The evolvement cinema, television and radio has transformed the musical scene along with the influence of various Tickets are also available at western music genres, all Ticketmaster outlets Adnan is committed to including, Foley's, Fiesta, experimenting new styles of Wherehouse Music, & music and thus creating Tower formula music. In Kabhi To addition. Nazar Milao Adnan has available at the NextStage

songs written by Raizur the tradition, as well as the through and chaste compositions along with Asha Bhosle's evergreen little flavour of Fusion. Adnan's However while trying to combination. and contemporary, Adnan offering a

> While Adnan's music is Ticket Information:

To purchase tickets, of contact Ticketmaster online at Ticketmaster.com or by phone at 214.373.8000, metro 972.647.5700. In Records. tickets are

THQ World Supercross GP/AMA Supercross Series Returns to Texas Stadium



they launch some 75° in distance and three stories high off of the triple jump. The 125cc Western Regional AMA Supercross Series points leader James Stewart will be racing for his sixth victory of the season. Stewart, 17, of Haines City, Fla., became the first African-American to win a prominent motor sports event last year when he earned the first victory of his career at San Diego's Qualcomm Stadium. This year he is vying for his first 125cc Western Regional AMA Supercross www.ticketmaster.com championship. Stewart can clinch the www.sxgp.com. championship in Dallas if he finishes. in third place or better and Travis and AMA Supercross Series.

races that take place inside Major Series rider will be crowned for the League Baseball and National Football League stadiums throughout the country produced twe sold-out events last season: Anaheim (three stop\$). Atlanta, and Las Vegas, Moreover, near capacity crowds packed San Diego, Phoenix, and Indianapolis.

Tickets for the THQ World Supercross GP range from \$10.00 to \$30.00 and are available at and

About THQ World Supercross GP Preston, who is second in the season THQWorld Supercross GP

series of events conducted in the United States only

THQ World Supercross GP is the premier with read motorcycle meng series in the world. Clear Chinnel Entertainment is the largest promoter and producer of live events in the world, with a broad based tradition inthe promotion and production of motorcycle racing events. The FIM, Federation Internationale de Motocyclisme, is the body that globally governs motorcycle sport at the world level. Among other matters, the FIM groups together 85 affiliated National Federations relating to the sport of motorcycle racing, AMA Pro-Racing is the National Federation representative that sanctions motorcycle-racing events in the United States, Dorna Off Road S.L. is an internationally recognized sports management group established in 1988 with an emphasis on major international motor sports events. Dorna is headquartered in Madrid, Spain with branch offices in Barcelona, London and Tokyo. In addition to its involvement with THQ World Supercross GP, Dorna manages the rights to MotoGP and the FIM Motocross World Championship. For more information on THQ World Supercross GP and the AMA Supercross Series, log on to www.ssign.com.

NEXT STAGE

at Grand Prairie Tori Amos April 23 Bob Weir & Ratdog a The Granada May 09 Asha & Adna May 09 **Gipsy Kings**

May 16

On Stage at Next Stage

Def Leppard Crosby, Stills, & Nash

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June 10

May 25

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April 22 Jimmy Buffett June 09 Pearl Jam June 11 Peter Gabriel May 08 KEGL BFD June 16 Red Hot May 15 James Taylor Chili Peppers June 21 Pat Green May 17 Edgefest 2003 June 29 Ozzfest 2003 May 18 KISS Party 2003 July 18 Alabam June 08 Journey/Styx/ August 05 Neil Young with **REO** Speedwagon Lucinda Williams

BASS Performance Hall April 2003 Events

Davis Gaines

Thursday April 10, 2003 8:00 pm Friday April 11, 2003 8:00 pm Saturday April 12, 2003 8:00 pm Sunday April 13, 2003 2:00 pm Ibrahim Ferrer

Monday April 14, 2003 8:00 pm

Bring In 'Da Noise Bring In 'Da Funk

Tuesday April 15, 2003 8:00 pm Wednesday April 16, 2003 8:00 pm

Thursday April 17, 2003 8:00 pm Friday April 18, 2003 8:00 pm Saturday April 19, 2003 2:00 pm/ 8:00 pm Sunday April 20, 2003 2:00 pm/ 7:30 pm

Antonio Pompa- Baldi Friday April 25, 2003 8:00 pm Saturday April 26, 2003 8:00 pm Sunday April 27, 2003 2:00 pm Vocal Majority Spring Concert Sunday April 27, 2003 7:30 pm Olga Borodina - Mezzo - Soprano Wednesday April 30, 2003 8:00 pm

American Airlines Center March 2003

Ultimate Fighting Championship - April 25, 2003 Miami Fight Night - March 29, 2003

Dallas, Texas (March 5, 2002) THO World Supercross GPAMA Supercross Series, the premier offroad motorcycle racing series in the world, will return to Dallas' Texas Stadium on Saturday, April 12. The gates open at 12:30 p.m. for practice and the show starts at 7 p.m.

Beginning on Tuesday, April 8 more than 500 truckloads of dirt will be brought into Texas Stadium to create a track that will entertain the crowd and challenge the riders, as

standings, wins the event-

Last year, detending 250cc champion Ricky Carmichael, who rides for Honda, cruised to his ninth-250cc victory of the season at Texas Stadium in front of 43,789 fans. Carmichael, who dethroned seventime supercross champion Jeremy McGrath in 2001, is racing for his third 250cc championship.

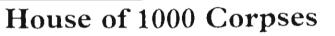
In 2002 supercross set an attendance record in the sport's rich history - a remarkable 792,909 fans attended the 16-city tour, averaging 19,556 per event. THQ World Supercross GP AMA Supercross

round global series that is produced and promoted by Clear Channel Entertainment and Dorna Off Road S.L. Riders must compete in the international rounds to be eligible to win the world championship. In 2002-2003, the 17-event THO World Supercross GP will be comprised of two international events in Geneva, Switzerland and Arnhem, Holland, and 15 of the 16 events that are conducted in major markets throughout the United States as a partof the AMA Supercross Series. The other AMA Supercross Series event held in Daytona Beach, Fla., isindependently produced by the International Speedway Corporation. and is not a part of the THQ World Supercross GP. An AMA Supercross

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Dallas Summer Musical

4/17	\$:00 PM	Love on layaway	The Majestic Theatre
-1/18	8:00 PM	Love on Layaway	The Majestic Theatre
-1/19	3:00 P.M	Love on layaway	The Majestic Theatre
-1/19	8:00 PM	Love on layaway	The Majestic Theatre
4/20	3:00 P.M	Love on layaway	The Majestic Theatre
-4/20	7:30 PM	Love on layaway	The Majestic Theatre





From musician and norror fan Rob Zombie comes this twisted tale set in rural Texas during the '70s. It follows two couples searching for a man - myth or legend? - called "Dr. Satan." As one might expect on a hunt for somebody with that nickname, a band of evil freaks disrupts the

couples' journey and leads them into a bizarre world of murder and mayhem.

Starts April 11, 2003limited release

Anger Management



Dave Buznik (Adam Sandler) is a mildmannered businessman sent to an angermanagement program after an outburst on an airplane. Trouble is, the program's therapist (Jack

Nicholson) is a wild, volatile nutcase whose own rage is clearly out of control. He's supposed to calm Dave, but instead he drives him crazy while turning his life upside down. Starts April 11, 2003



Mesquite Independent School **District Board of Trustees** Election held

May 3rd

A Catalyst for Positive Change To contribute or volunteer contact Michelle Harrison (972) 814-7885

Campaign for Denise Upchurch for School Board Place 7, 1521 Creek Valley Rd Mesourte, Texas 75181 (972) 222-2595

> I am Denise Upchurch and I CARE about the Mesquite Independent School District

Communicate: I believe the most important role of a school board member is to communicate with parents to make sure that district policies reflect the values of our community.

Alternatives: I will work with other board members to be pro-active in seeking the best alternatives for the MISD in funding, education technology, and the hiring and training of the best teachers and education support staff.

Respect: I respect the diversity of views that make our community vibrant. ALL voices will be heard.

Enrich: I am devoted to enriching the education we provide to the children of Mesquite through parental involvement, support for our teachers, and the development of district policies that will allow us to fulfill our obligation of providing the best possible education for the children of the MISD.

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Church News

Sister Tarpley

By: Rev. Denny D. Davis, Servant St. John Baptist Church in Grand Prairie, Texas

What do you do when the bottom drops out? As we look at the life of Abraham and think about the fact that he was called of God to become the father of a nation, in particular that God wants to use him to foster a family of faith. We recall how the Lord summons him out of the land of Ur of the Chaldees and how God instructed Abraham to go to Canaan. But on his way to Canaan, he stops off in Haran and that pit-stop became a parking lot and he hung out there for 12 years.

God instructed him to leave certain of his family and friends behind, yet he took his father and his nephew Lot with him. Abraham lodges in Haran, he takes up residence in Haran, he lives there for 12 years. Finally, after the death of his father, God speaks to Abram again and says it's time for you to get up, to move out and on with your life. It's in Canaan that I intend to bless your life, to use you as the father of a nation, to crown you as the father of the faithful. It's there that I want to multiply your seed; Canaan is your place of destiny.

My brothers and sisters often in life we pit-stop where we ought not stop and to make matters worse, we turn the pit-

When The Bottom Drops Out! Genesis 12:10-20

stop into a parking lot. Too many you walk, God will reveal. Some times we get stuck in a rut. God is trying to put you in a position whereby you might become a bigger blessing to others.

What you have to discover every now and then is that when you are living the life of faith, your steps are not ordered or dictated by your own wishes or desires; the Bible says that the steps of a good fact that God uses any of us is a privilege. Abraham was living in the midst of a pagan society and worshipping idol gods, but the call of God came upon his life and Abraham answered; consequently he was no longer in charge of his destiny. Sometimes if we are not careful, we can delay our destiny by our own disobedience.

God says to Abraham, "You hung out in Haran, but it's now time to move on. What I intend to do in and through you is not going to happen in Haran. In Canaan you will be a bigger and better blessing to many. However, the time you have spent in Haran has not been unprofitable; even though you might be off course, I am still in control. I will never allow an investment go unrewarded."

My brothers and sisters, there are times that even though you obey God you still have to deal with unfavorable circumstances and situations. The "walk of faith" will not make your road smooth sailing; there are still obstacles and challenges that you must contend with as you journey in faith. As of us think that when we give our life to Christ, we will not have any more problems, but that's when problems begin. God doesn't want you to get the "big head" so God balances the blessings. Also, as you move into your place of blessings, Satan wants to sow a seed of doubt to discourage you.

When God sends you some man are ordered by the Lord. The place, He already knows "what's up." Get to the point that you understand that God is able to sustain you no matter where you are. God allows us to experience frightening situations to produce faith in us. Faith requires three main things: A divine dependence, a divine discipline and a dedicated devotion. We walk by faith, not by sight. Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen. The commands of God have challenges. You have to deal with family, flesh, friends, facts, and feelings. Faith is based on the word of God and it never changes. But where God guides, God provides

What do you do when the bottom falls out? My suggestion is to learn how to call on the name of the Lord.

Email: starpley@wt.net Pager: 214-833-1639 Voice Mail: 972-606-3878 Fax: 972-516-4197

Let MON-The Gazette help your church accomplish the Prayer of Jabes, "Eularge our territory to expand opportunities that may impact in such a tray that we touch more lives for God's glory. Let us do more for Him." Church Happenings Page 7 Heart Church

Women's Conference 2003-Daughters of Faith "Women made whole by faith in Jesus"

Breakfast & Registration: 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

Conference Sessions: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Registration: \$45

(Registration includes conference teachings, continental breakfast, plated lunch, and registration gift bag.)

Conference Hostess and Speaker- Rev. Tonya McGill

For more information, call 972-255-1111

The event will be held at the Las Colinas Marriott 223 West Las Colinas Blvd.

Irving, TX 75039

MESOUTTE FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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Mesquite Friendship Baptist Church Terry M. Turner, Pastor 2232 Franklin Drive

Mesquite, TX 75150

MT. HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH

Wednesday Night Tutoring, 7:00 p.m. 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 972-276-5218.

Mt. Hebron Baptist Church Rev. Leonard Leach, Pastor 901 Dairy Rd. Garland, TX 75040

> MT. OLIVE CHRUCH OF PLANO

Twendays, 9:30-10:00 a.m. & 11:300-2:00 p.m.

Thursday, 930 a.m. 200 p.m. Free 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

Counseling by Minister Gloria Fenceroy-Call the church for an appointment

Tuesday Deliverance by Pastor Sam-Deliverance Issues Sessions-Call the church for an appointment

For more information, call 972-633-5511

Mt. Olive Church of Plano Pastor Sam & Minister Gloria Fencerov 740 Ave. F. Ste. 303

Plano, TX 75074

NEW MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

April 13, 2003 Prairie View A&M University Concert Choir to benefit the university's music and drama department.

For more information, contact Ada Rochelle Raglin "Concert Publicity Chair" at 214-381-1790 or email at arraglin@yahoo.com.

New Mt. Zion Baptist Church 9550 Shepherd Rd. Dallas, TX

SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Every Ist & 3rd Tuesday.

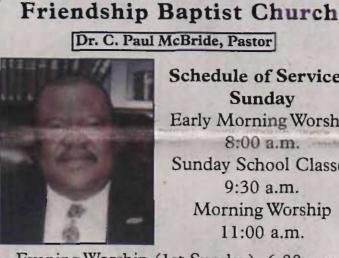
The Singles Ministry of Shiloh Baptist Church is sponsoring a single's fellowship, providing positive life enrichment opportunities, support, and interaction with other singles within the context of the Christian Faith.

Light refreshments served.

For more information, contact Minister Daniel Shaw at 972-291-0449 or email lakeith75104/a yahoo.com.

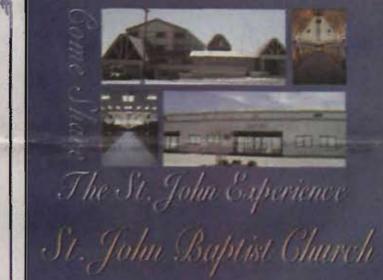
Shiloh Baptist Church Rev. Isiah Joshua, Jr., Pastor 920 E. 14th St. Plano, TX 75074





Schedule of Services: Sunday Early Morning Worship 8:00 a.m. Sunday School Classes 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

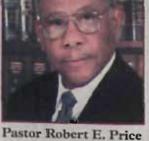
Evening Worship (1st Sunday) 6:00 p.m.



Ministrics of Dallas

7:30 am & 10:30 am 9:00 am Sunday School

Wednesday Service Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Brotherhood 7:00 pm Missions 7:00 pm Singles Group 7:00 pm Bible Study 7:45 pm



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Saint Mark Missionary **Baptist Church**



1308 Wilcox Street, McKinney Tx Pastor Charles S. Wattley



Sunday Education Ministries... 9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration... 11:00 am. - Nursery Facilities Available -

Wednesday Family Ministries... 7:00 p.m.

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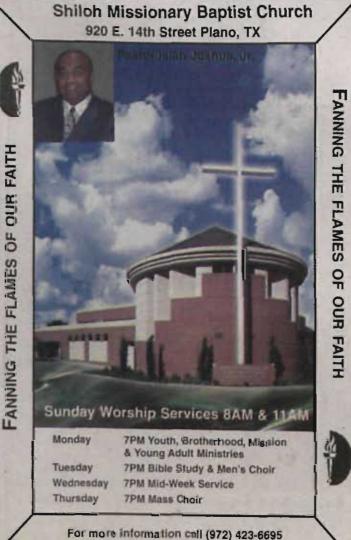
Tuesday Early Bird Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

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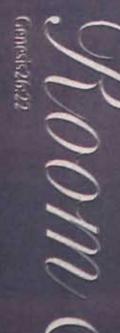
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Sunday School	
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Men & Women Ministry1s	at & 3rd Mondays 7:30-8:30
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Leadership Meeting	and Mondays 7:30-8:30 PM
Marriage Enrichment & Singl	es Ministry
	4th Mondays 7:30-8:30 PM
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Youth Bible Study	Wednesdays 7:15-8:30 PM

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