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### On the Homefront:

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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 at 972.288.0281.

Plano Repertory Theatre opens its 2003 season with CYRANO, playing through Sunday, May 4. Cyrano tells the story of a poet saddled with a tremendous nose who loves Roxanne (adapted many times, perhaps best known for Steve Martin's recent adaptation). Tickets are \$22 to \$42. For show times call 972.422.7460, or visit [www.planorep.org](http://www.planorep.org). Located at 1104 Capital Ave, Suite 100, Plano.

2nd Annual Hamilton Park Annual Clean Up Day, May 3, 2003. Join residents and other volunteers help clean up vacant lots and property of elderly and other residents needing help. To volunteer or sponsor the event, email Gregory Lyons at: [netwplanningcorp@bcglobal.net](mailto:netwplanningcorp@bcglobal.net)

Night of a Thousand Stars: A Safari Adventure. Plano Independent School District invites you to honor the Teacher of the Year, and Beginning of the Year, May 8 at 6:30 p.m., at Plano Center, corner of Spring Creek and Jupiter Roads. \$22.50 per person. RSVP to PISD Communications Department at 469.752.8141.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. hosts its 2nd Annual Golf Tournament benefiting Jabberwock, at Plantation Golf Course, Frisco, 1:30 p.m. Golfers needed to help youth participate. Funds raised helps young graduating ladies intending to enter college. Sponsors also needed. Register by May 1. Free golf clinic to first 30 golfers to register. Call Misha Sturms, 214.485.2629; Cammi Bibbs, 469.384.2643; Paula Wright, 877.234.5436.

DFW Film & Video Associations present "How to Wear Your Business and Artist Hats at the Same Time." A day-long series of professional-level seminars, May 3, 8:00a.m. - 5:00p.m. at Primedia Productions, 4101 International Parkway, Carrollton. Join in for full day, half day or single session. For registration form: [www.dfwmcvi.org](http://www.dfwmcvi.org). For questions: [registration@industry-link.com](mailto:registration@industry-link.com)

In an effort to provide citizens 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](http://www.co.collin.tx.us).

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## Healthy Eating Means a Healthier Body: Do We Really Need to Rely on Medicine?



Sitting Left to Right- Rev. E.K. Bailey, Pastor of Concord Baptist Church with Wife Sheila  
Standing Left to Right- Malcom Hoard with Wife Ellaine, and Publicist Misha Shabazz

By Jacqueline Perry Williams

You are what you eat is a phrase that many have often heard. And many believe it to be true. Eating natural foods free of preservatives and additives are very beneficial to the body, according to Lifestyle Consultant Malcom Hoard. Hoard, along with his wife, Ellaine (they are known as Whole Beings) work together teaching the importance of healthy eating. When Hoard was a teenager, his mom died of a thrombosis heart attack and by the time he was in his mid 20s, his dad died of cancer. At 50, Hoard is determined to maintain a healthy lifestyle by eating foods that "heal." "Foods are the building blocks of every cell in the body, and our cells are the building blocks of our body, which are responsible for the proper functioning of the whole body" Hoard said.

According to the Texas Department of Health, eating at least nine servings of vegetables can reduce the risk of cancer. A healthy diet consisting of fruits, nuts, grains, and vegetables creates a healthy lifestyle. These such foods are high in fiber, vitamins, minerals, anti-oxidants and phytonutrients. Hoard teaches from a biblical standpoint, the significance of healthy eating. And as a believer in The Word, Hoard is confident in is teachings that certain foods act as medicine to the body.

About eight months ago, Hoard met Rev. E.K. Bailey, Pastor of Concord Baptist Church in Dallas, TX. Rev. Bailey was diagnosed with lung cancer and later agreed to listen to Hoard's indication that healthy eating habits prohibit and cure certain diseases. Rev. Bailey had no

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### Blackonomics

## The Secret is Out about Black Chemists, Chemical Engineers

By James Clingman (NNPA) When Chris Kinard and Dr. Robert Ford called me about coming to the annual conference of the National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers (NOBCCHE, pronounced No-be-shay), my first thought was, why? Chemistry? Engineering? "Oh nooo," I thought, "I don't know anything about chemistry and engineering." My tentativeness was allayed when they asked me to lead a panel discussion on

entrepreneurship. You know me; say the magic word, "entrepreneurship," and I'm there. Man, am I glad I accepted that assignment!

The 30th Annual Conference of NOBCCHE was held in Indianapolis, Ind., April 13-18, 2003. This year's theme was "Advancing Science & Technology Through Innovation and Creativity." It was a pleasure to see so many Black scientists, engineers, chemists, university professors and businesspersons on hand. It was especially pleasing to see 100 or so college students

from across the country, as well as the high school students in attendance. But, back to why I was there.

I served as moderator for NOBCCHE's Entrepreneurial Forum, whose theme was "Creating New Opportunities." Considering that the U.S. chemical industry is being negatively affected by growing competition from emerging global markets, it is incumbent upon workers to consider other options. Certainly entrepreneurship is one of those options, and NOBCCHE brought a

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## Women of Faith Deliver Powerful Messages



(Left to Right) Rev. Charles Stevill, Pastor of Camp Wisdom United Methodist Church; Rev. Marilyn Giles, Founder of Christ & Common Sense

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## McKinney City Officials, FAA and LULAC Meet to Address Airport Facts

McKinney leaders and representatives from the Southwest Regional Civil Rights Office of the Federal Aviation Administration, met April 15 with members of the League of United Latin American Citizens to discuss the Airport Improvement Program and environmental requirements.

Council member Brian Loughmiller, City Attorney Mark Heuser, City Manager Larry Robinson, Airport Director Ken Wiegand represented the City at this meeting. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Texas Airport District Office Manager, Mike Nicely, FAA Southwest Region's Civil Rights Representative Arturo Montoya and Rosetta Robinson, and FAA Southwest Region's Environmental Programs Manager, Dean McMath were present from the FAA Regional Office in Fort Worth. This office works with airports in the five-state Southwest Region to assist in financing improvements and ensuring that all airports comply with federal standards and regulations. Bruce Ehly, Program Manager of the Texas Department of Transportation, Division of Aviation was also on hand to comment. McKinney City Council member Gilda Garza and resident Michael Hosey were at the meeting representing LULAC.

Councilwoman Garza requested the meeting to discuss certain issues with the

FAA and asked specifically for definitions of the Airport Improvement Program (AIP). She was also interested in discussing the difference between an Environmental Assessment (EA) and an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) and how such studies should be applied toward airport growth.

City Manager Larry Robinson said he was pleased to host the meeting. "The McKinney Airport wants to be a good neighbor," he said. "In our new Airport Master Plan Update and Part 150 Noise Study, we have tried to include residents of McKinney and the surrounding communities. The Airport Board holds monthly public meetings and anyone is invited to attend and offer comments. We have also visited and made presentations to surrounding communities about the airport."

FAA's Mike Nicely explained that the Airport Improvement Program is funded by the federal Aviation Trust Fund, which receives revenue from user fees, to include fees on passenger tickets, cargo and international air commerce. He made it very clear that airport development funds are not derived from any other tax source. AIP funds are used to provide federal financial assistance to airports that are part of the National Airport System. McKinney Municipal receives high priority in the General Aviation system as a Reliever Airport in the DFW

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## Hats off to Local Organization: Committed to Community Service



"Funky Hat" Winners (Left to Right) Denise Byrd, Jasmine Carty, Pam Jeffery Cunningham

By Jacqueline Perry Williams

The Plano North Metroplex Chapter of the Links, Inc. recently held a fundraiser, "Day at the Races" which benefited the organization's scholarship fund and the Mabel Meshach White American Cancer Society South Dallas Outreach Center. This 4th annual event was held at the Lonestar Park in Grand Prairie, TX. Honorary Chairs Charlie Pride, Country Western Singer, and Wife Rozene were in attendance. The highlight of "Day at the Races" included the "Mad Hatters Parade".



Mr. Links- "Fabulously Dapper" men display their cool hats

Contestants were invited to be a part of four distinct categories-Fibulas-Hats that

touch the edge of the extreme, Fun and Funky- Hats that show abundance of attitude, Fancy-Hats that show charm, grace and sophistication, and Fabulously Dapper-Hats for the decidedly discerning gentlemen. About 500 people attended the sold out event.

Judges for the "Mad Hatters Parade" were Thompson, President of Just One Look-Pageant Consulting; Shelia Greene, Director of Sales and Marketing, STEP TEAM US; Mary Ann Yousef, Empress Hair Care; (Vicelia Tende Director of Sales and Marketing).

"The Plano North Metroplex Chapter of the Links, Inc. consists of 46 women who are committed to promoting programs that impact the quality of life", said Wendy Phynes, President. Four new members have become a part of the Plano Chapter. "Without our members, we would not be as successful as we are today", said Barbara Steele, Chair. Prior to becoming a Link, prospective members are

required to complete a service project. During the event, the new members created a Caps for Kids Project in which members and guests donated 200 caps for children with cancer.

"We raised over \$30,000 at the 'Day at the Races', and it has been the most successful," said Wendy Phynes, President.

Other activities of the day included a silent auction featuring fancy hats and accessories, door prizes with gifts donated by Black Images Book Store, Colberts, and Empress Hair Care.



"Funky Hat" Contestants show off their unique hats

The corporate sponsors for the event included Merrill Lynch, Boston Consulting-Title Underwriters, WWPhynes, ALP Printing, and Evans and Gravings.

Upcoming events include the organization's 36th annual convention in Las Vegas. "At the convention, we will learn from area leaders how we can better serve our community," said T.J. Johnson, member of the The Plano North Metroplex Chapter.

The Plano North Metroplex Chapter of the Links, Inc. is one of 270 chapters. The Links, Inc. includes over 10,000 women dedicated to community service.

## North Texas Job Corps Students Gain Positive Messages

The North Texas Job Corps recently met for a General Assembly Meeting held at the Job Corps center in McKinney, TX. The keynote speaker was Mr. Thurman R. Jones who delivered an inspiring message to the students of the North Texas Job Corps. Some of the topics that Jones discussed include Balance, the Importance of Focus, Truthfulness, and Persistence. "Have fun, but balance your fun with leisure activities with career strategies," Thurman told the students. Jones urged students to never give up.



(Left to Right) Maria Dean, Nubiano Hendrix, Vickie Miller, Instructor; William Bourgeois, Torrey Bryant; (not pictured) Leslie Armendariz



Thurman R. Jones, Publisher, MON-The Gazette



Sandra Herndon, Community Affairs Manager



(Left to Right) Paula Brown, Cassandra Jackson, Nita Blackely, Sandra Lewis, Deborah Wilson

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Janon Williams  
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Angela Pedford  
Computer Operations

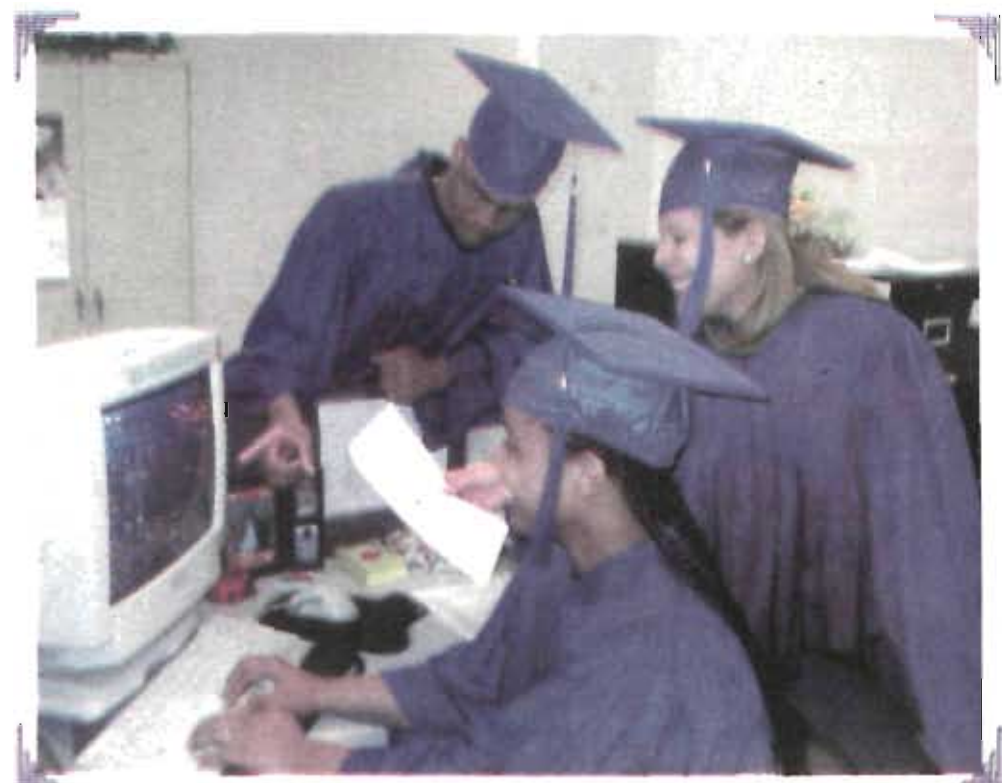
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# THE TRUTH CLINIC

## Black Politics Needs A Black Strategy To Be Effective

As the May 3rd Dallas elections rapidly approach it appears that the top candidates have finally decided they need to pay a little attention to the black voters.

This is not unusual. In most national and local elections, when there is not a strong minority candidate, very little time, money or energy is spent courting Blacks except for a few last minute superficial courtesy calls. This alone should send a strong message to Blacks that something needs to change.

One thing that should change is the lack of a quantified Black political strategy. Letting a candidate get by with broad-brush generalizations that sound good but have no substance is a major reason why Blacks continue to be politically shortchanged.

The buzzwords 'economic development' illustrate how the same promise is made year after year with little meat and potatoes as backup. Candidates in every campaign will use the magic words, "I promise to fight for economic development in your neighborhood."

Certainly this is needed and is long overdue. The meager results over the last 40 years show that neither the candidates nor the Black Community have a firm grip on economic development reality. How are politicians going to be held accountable when the Black community has not quantified or milestone any objectives?

Suppose, using Dallas as an example, that the Black Community decided to use a different approach and develop as part of an overall economic development strategy an initial subset that focused on bringing the black

unemployment rate into parity with the majority rate. Except for a difference in scale factor the strategic development process, which could be used in any urban community, would proceed as follows.

Assume that Census data indicated the average unemployment rate for Dallas was 6.0 percent while Black unemployment was about 12 percent. To achieve parity, set as an objective the creation of enough jobs to make the Black unemployment rate 6 percent. The first question that must be answered is how many jobs will it take?

From the Bureau of Labor Statistics unemployment tables it is determined that the number of Blacks unemployed in Dallas total 22,419. If parity were to be achieved then Black unemployment would be reduced to 11,197. The next question then would be how many businesses would it take to absorb 11,197 workers?

Again, using the Census business database the average business in the Black Community employs 4 persons. Therefore, to create 11,197 jobs would require establishing 3,000 equivalent businesses. The term equivalent considers that an existing business can expand in multiples of 4 employees.

How many dollars would it cost to create 3,000 businesses? At an average investment of \$100,000 per business the cost would be \$300 million. If this were made into a five-year plan it would require a \$60 million per year infusion into South Dallas without considering inflation.

This may sound like a huge number, but without it Black leaders do not have a basis for understanding the magnitude of the economic development problem they are confronting. Also, they have no reference point to evaluate the viability of

private, federal, state or city initiatives that portend to address much needed economic development.

With the economic development problem quantified Black leaders are in a position to educate and galvanize the community so that no matter what group, organization, church or individual a politician meets with the same question can be put on the table. "How can you assist with obtaining the \$60 million per year that is needed to create 3,000 equivalent businesses and 11,197 jobs?" Specific answers to this question would be demanded before granting support.

This type of structured thinking and communication is the basis for a united strategy for dealing with Black urban problems. Similar definitive goals can be quantified for housing, schools, crime prevention, transportation, infrastructure development and any other element that it takes to make our communities the quality places we dream about.

Without a quantified strategy Blacks will continue to be bought off with under funded politicized programs that do nothing more than maintain the status quo. Black leaders need to stop wasting energy on superficial factors such as background in business, management capabilities, potholes, and back to basics talk. Instead develop a direct connection to the money.

If politicians want Blacks to turn out in droves on Election Day give them tangible well-defined issues with viable solutions that will benefit their lives and communities. Black voters cannot be galvanized to support the same hot air promises they have been hearing for years.

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

# Collin County Prayer Breakfast

On Thursday, May 1 the fifth annual Collin County Prayer Breakfast will be held at the Plano Centre. The event will feature keynote speaker, Dallas native Albert C. Black, Jr., scripture readings, inspirational music, and prayers, and will last about one hour. A buffet style breakfast will also be served.

Albert C. Black, Jr. born in 1959, is the youngest of seven children, and was raised in the Frazier Courts housing projects in South Dallas. He graduated from W. W. Samuel High School in Dallas, then attended Eastern New Mexico University on a football scholarship. He graduated from the University of Texas at Dallas with concentrations in business and political science and received his M.B.A. from the Cox School of Business at Southern Methodist University (S.M.U.) in Dallas.

Following college Black became an entrepreneur with an agenda to create a successful business in the inner city community where he grew up. He founded On-Target Industrial Maintenance in 1982 and served as President while performing most of the operating duties. In 1991

Black began to set his sights on the southern sector of Dallas. He purchased a vacant warehouse and created an office space for

School at Stanford University. His passion in education is entrepreneurial studies and he looks forward to a second career as an adjunct professor at one of the local business schools.

Mr. Black was selected by the mayor of Dallas as a "Top Talent" professional and he is a recipient of the 30th Congressional District Award for outstanding achievement in the field of business. He also received the Quest for Success award by the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce. In addition, Mr. Black is a member of Omega Psi Phi, a national public service fraternity.

His wife, Gwyneith Navon Black, serves On-Target as Vice President of Business Relationships. They have two sons and a daughter. The family enjoys traveling and other recreational activities together, and all are active members of New Hope Baptist Church.

Breakfast will be served buffet style starting at 6:30 a.m. with the program beginning promptly at 7:00 a.m.

Tickets are \$15 each or \$150 for a table of 10. For information call 214-757-7259 or fax your ticket request to 972-422-1639.



Albert Black

what became On-Target Supplies & Logistics, a business supply and service company.

Black, Jr. lives his professional and personal life by the philosophy he advocates: an absolute commitment to his faith, to his family, to his friends, and to the free-enterprise system. His career as an entrepreneur has never distracted him from his civic obligation to the communities where he works and lives.

Many business groups and colleges have asked Black to speak, and he also speaks at SMU's Cox School of Business, and the Business

# Black Business Forum And Black Contractors Association Of Dallas Sponsor Mayoral/Council Candidate Forum

DALLAS, TEXAS - As an integral part of the upcoming "Bringing Black Businesses Together Seminar" at the Skyline Ranch on April 26, 2003, the Black Business Forum and the Black Contractors Association of Dallas are pleased to sponsor an opportunity for the Dallas mayoral and city council candidates to meet with key representatives of the African-American community. The purpose of this forum is to provide an informal opportunity for these candidates to meet with key leaders of the business community and address how their platforms will benefit future development and utilization

of minority businesses. The political forum will start at noon with candidates given approximately 5 minutes to address the audience, followed by a brief Q&A session and wrap-up with small group discussions.

Representatives of over 500 African American businesses are expected to attend the free "Bringing Black Businesses Together" event which will run from 8:27 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Skyline Ranch is located at 1801 E. Wheatland Road in Dallas, Texas.

The Black Contractors Association of Dallas is a trade association of local minority construction

contractors, which represents over 150 business owners. The Black Business Forum is a group of upwards of 200 concerned minority business owners that have united for the purpose of identifying new opportunities for the utilization of African-American businesses here in the Metroplex.

To register for this free event, please e-mail your name,

E-mail address, name of your business and phone number to: kreativejournalist@yahoo.com or call 214-428-8958.

# Overview Of Plano ISD School Board Candidates



Melody E. Timinsky

Here are the candidates for the 2003 PISD School Board Trustee elections:

PISD School Board, Place 6: Melody E. Timinsky

PISD School Board, Place 7: Allan K. Bird, Junior P. Nicksols

All candidates responded to MON-The Gazette's candidate survey:

PISD School Board

Name: Melody E. Timinsky

Address: 1906 Spring Lake Drive, Richardson, 75082

In 50 words or less, relate the knowledge, skills or experience your candidacy offers voters.

My leadership is proven in both business and the community. This leadership experience gives me the perspective of what is needed in the schools and how to effectively manage

our resources to meet those needs. I've assisted many campuses, attended PISD committee meetings and volunteered thousands of hours in schools.

Have you previously been a candidate for this or another office? If yes, what year(s), and what office(s)?

Yes, 2000 - Plano ISD Trustee, Place 6

If successful, what would be your top three (3) priorities in this elective office?

1. Continue to develop creative financial solutions to offset the impact of Robin Hood. 2. Continue to attract and retain the highest quality, professional teachers and staff. 3.

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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 then 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-

**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



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Ensure PISD maintains high academic and performance standards.

If successful, what would you do to improve this office? Please be specific.

Continue to seek ways to motivate parents to be actively involved in their child's education, including being informed on education issues, voicing their opinions and voting.

If an incumbent, why are you seeking re-election: what remains to be done? What could you reasonably accomplish in another term?

As the parent of two children, I believe ALL children have the right to a quality education. After having served one term, my commitment to this belief is stronger than ever. Developing creative financial solutions to address the impact of Robin Hood continues to be the main item that needs attention.

How would you relate the problems/progress of this public office? Be specific.

Utilize electronic media such as Plano IDS e-News listserv (electronic news service), share information at Plano ISD town hall meetings, speak at various community organizations and school-related associations.

What do citizens deserve from this public office?

The key role for a trustee is to be an advocate for all students. It takes leadership, insight into the issues and commitment to finding solutions to the issues.

How does your character, work ethic or expertise match citizen needs and expectations?

I have worked hard for the district and believe I have served in my position with integrity.

What, if any, are your campaign promises/pledges to the electorate? Be specific.

I will continue to be a strong advocate for the education of students in Plano ISD.



Allen K. Bird

PISD Board of Trustee, Place 7  
Name: Allen K. Bird  
Address: 1112 Overdowns, Plano, 75023

In 50 words or less, relate the knowledge, skills or experience your candidacy offers voters.

My experience as a college educator, community volunteer, father, homeowner, and taxpayer gives me perspectives needed to provide direction to the district. My previous experience on the board gives me the historical perspective and vision to deal with the critical issues facing the district.

Have you previously been a candidate for this or another office? If yes, what year(s), and what office(s)?

Yes. 1978 - School Board-not elected; 1981-1984, 1987, 1991-elected; 1997, 2000-elected. I was also appointed to fulfill an un-expired term in 1996.

If successful, what would be your top three (3) priorities in this elective office?

1. Close the achievement gap for economically disadvantaged students. 2. Maintain the quality of education and prepare for our increasing diversity. 3. Manage our resources by continuing to evaluating all programs and positions, looking at ways to generate revenue, such as selling our curriculum and continuing to hire and retain quality teachers/staff.

If successful, what would you do to improve this office? Please be specific.

I can promise I will continue to work hard to make the best decisions possible.

If an incumbent, why are you seeking re-election: what remains to be done? What could you reasonably accomplish in another term?

I believe that my experience will be helpful as we try to work through a new finance system, eliminate the achievement gap for the economically disadvantaged and plan for increasing

diversity. I believe we can accomplish these goals in the next three years.

How would you relate the problems/progress of this public office? Be specific.

Examples: Development of outstanding curriculum, full day kindergarten, an e-school, bringing administration cost ratio to the 2nd lowest among districts with over 25,000 students, managing a comprehensive construction/renovation program, enhancing communication through technology (mypisd.net, askpisd, e-news), and efforts to find income sources (selling curriculum to other districts, after-school care program).

What do citizens deserve from this public office?

I believe citizens deserve a trustee who is open to input from all sections of the community, who listen to the concerns and solutions brought forward, studies the issues and casts their vote based on what they feel would be best for the students and patrons of the district.

How does your character, work ethic or expertise match citizen needs and expectations?

I have high educational expectations for the district, am a taxpayer and homeowner, and understand the need to be fiscally responsible. I study all issues carefully and am willing to hear input from all sources in making decisions. My only agenda is quality education for children of our community.

What, if any, are your campaign promises/pledges to the electorate? Be specific.

My promise to the community, students, and families in the PISD is to do my homework, study the facts and listen to all input. Based on the information obtained, I will vote for what is best for the boys and girls and patrons of the Plano Independent School District.

PISD Board of Trustee, Place 7  
Name: Justin P. Nichols  
Address: 3520 Appalachian Court, Plano 75075

In 50 words or less, relate the knowledge, skills or experience your candidacy offers voters.

I have been a student of PISD for 10 years. I offer a "been there, lived that" perspective that would be new and very beneficial to the Board. I know how things really are and can better communicate that to the administration and other trustees.

Have you previously been a candidate for this or another office? If yes, what year(s), and what office(s)?

No

If successful, what would be your top three (3) priorities in this elective office?

1. Decentralize administrations. 2. Support more school teacher decision



Justin P. Nichols

making. 3. Promotion of student activities.

If successful, what would you do to improve this office? Please be specific.

I would restore the intention of a trustee: to listen to the constituents, form a consensus, and make the administration work for the people.

How would you relate the problems/progress of this public office? Be specific.

There isn't a person on the school board who has actually been through Plano schools. I offer a real perspective that needs a voice on the board.

What do citizens deserve from this public office?

They deserve someone who is motivated, knowledgeable about issues, unique in their point of view, and someone who isn't afraid to get their hands dirty and tackle tough issues.

How does your character, work ethic or expertise match citizen needs and expectations?

I have always battled my age. But through those battles I have learned that with hard work and determination, you can get things done!

What, if any, are your campaign promises/pledges to the electorate? Be specific.

People will remember what I do, not what I say. My one promise is to work hard, stay enthused, and never forget that the people who really make this district what it is are the parents, teachers and students.

# McKinney Airport Page 1

Metroplex. It is one of eleven GA Reliever airports in the Metroplex and the only airport in Collin County that can accommodate business aircraft. Reliever airports are designed to accommodate business and recreational aircraft to relieve air traffic at larger commercial airports like DFW International and Love Field.

Another major point made by the FAA during the briefing concerned the airport's environmental responsibilities. Attendees learned that McKinney Municipal Airport would not require a blanket Environmental Impact Study. Dean McMath, FAA's regional environmental program manager explained that General Aviation Airports may require Environmental Assessments for specific projects if it is believed that the projects may have an impact on the local environment. He further explained that Environmental Assessments are a vehicle to determine the need for Environmental Impact Studies, which are very expensive and unusual at General Aviation airports.

Airport Director, Ken Wiegand said that the FAA's visit was very timely in light of the recent kick-off meetings for the Master Plan Update and Noise Study. "It was nice of the FAA staff to take time from their very busy schedules to visit McKinney. I believe they have helped to continue the City's long-standing efforts to inform our residents about the benefits of and requirements placed on the airport."

Carr said she was pleased the evening, and is looking forward to planning next year's event. Although she is an ordained Baptist Minister, with her home church in Washington, D.C., Carr is on Sabbatical, and is attending Camp Wisdom United Methodist Church. She said that she spoke at the senior's graduating service last year and

the women's day service.

Pastor Stovall said the church is hosting another women's day service this Sunday, April 27, with the dynamic and anointed Bishop Violet Fisher, of New York West Area Conference. Fisher is one of only four active African American women Bishops in the

United Methodist Church.

"She's anointed, she's gifted, and she's a powerful speaker," said Stovall.

Bishop Fisher will speak at the 10:30 a.m. service. Camp Wisdom United Methodist Church is located at 1300 W. Camp Wisdom Road, Dallas.



## The Fenceroy's Truth Made Simple

JESUS' FAMILY TREE  
Luke 3:23-38



Pastor Sam

Minister Gloria

Jesus' family tree connects Him to God. Luke 3:23-38; the first proof that He is the Son of God.

We just celebrated Easter; the resurrection of Jesus Christ authenticated that He is the Son of God, the final proof that He is the Son of God.

Most people know the "what" about Easter, but not truly the "why." I discovered that if you know the "whys" you can truly know the "whats."

In 1992 my Grandmother told my aunt that she was tired. My aunt replied, "Mama go to bed and get some rest." My grandmother said, "Child you don't understand." She then made her home-going arrangements, laid down and died. My aunt heard the word "tired," but didn't understand the "why."

Words are defined by context. Therefore "Easter" must be defined in context to reflect not just the "what" but the "why."

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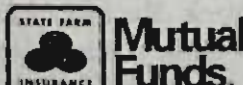


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I am Denise Upchurch and I CARE  
about the Mesquite Independent School District



**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 proactive 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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objections because he found it to be true that everything that Hoard told him was a part of the Word of God. Today, Rev. Bailey shows no signs of cancer and is living a very active life. As part of Rev. Bailey's healthy lifestyle, he eats meals that Hoard has prepared for him and follows a daily menu.

Hoard's goal is to provide food products that promote healthy eating. He educates by speaking at events, as well as providing workshop menus at restaurants like The Veggie Garden and markets such as Whole Foods. Maintaining a healthy body is simple, but it's up to the person on whether or not he/she wants to make the commitment. It can be as simple as drinking several glasses of water. "A lack of efficient amount of water can 'suffocate cells'," said

Hoard. Drinking water helps nearly every part of the human body function. Considering that our bodies are almost two-thirds water, understanding water's important role in the body can help you maintain a healthy body.

Hoard believes that eating the wrong foods are the cause of numerous diseases. For example, the longer your body is exposed to putrefying food in your intestines, the greater the risk of developing disease. Even with one bowel movement per day, you will still have at least three meals worth of waste matter putrefying in your colon at all times. On top of all this, your system can also become continuously self-polluting by the poisonous gases that are caused by foods you don't tolerate. These poisonous gases can enter your bloodstream, irritating your organs and joints.

Hoard agrees that the much more serious problems of cancer and immune system dysfunctions begin with a toxic bowel.

Hoard and his wife enjoy teaching people the importance of healthy eating, without the use of medicine. Some may argue that in some cases medical attention is necessary. But Hoard teaches healthy living that may eliminate the need for medicine. The healthier the body, the less likely you are to be at risk for some illnesses. Hoard will be speaking at the St. John Baptist Church Health Fair on May 3 in Dallas, TX.

Talk to your doctor, nutritionist, or dietician about how healthy eating habits can change your life. Or, if you are interested in learning more about Lifestyle Consultant Malcom Hoard and his food products or menus, contact Misha Shabazz at 817-930-0469.

## HealthCheck® 2003 Calendar

We're keeping you informed about health-related events happening in your area!

### Fairs

**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, 6 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 Geriatric Wellness Center, Plano Senior Center, 401 W. 16th St. Call 972.941.7335

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

### Walks/Runs

**April 26**  
Prestonwood Foundation 5K & Family Fun Run, 8:00 a.m. at Prestonwood Baptist Church, Park Blvd and Midway Roads, Plano. Visit: www.runondallas.com for details.

**April 25 and 26**  
Relay For Life for the American Cancer Society 7 p.m. - 7 a.m. at the Plano Family YMCA. A fun-filled overnight event designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for research and programs of the American Cancer Society. Teams of about 10 will take turns walking or running laps. The Relay begins with the Survivor's Lap where all survivors are invited to join each other around the track. The event also includes a touching lighting of luminaries in memory or honor of a loved one; entertainment; food; community camaraderie and 12 hours of fun! Relay For Life represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day, cancer will be eliminated. Contact: Sherry Koven, event chair, sbkoven@attbi.com, 972.625.8199

**June 7**  
Susan G. Komen Foundation, Komen Race for the Cure®  
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Again, Minority Opportunity News: The Gazette would like to thank Ntheknow.com, KHVN, KGGR, KSOUL and KNON for supporting "HealthCHECK® 2003".

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pharmacy services

transportation assistance  
family therapy  
mental health counseling

Questions, more information or ask about their "HIV Out Reach" program...call 214.522.4999

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

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

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



# Overview Of Plano City Council Candidates

Following are the candidates for Plano City Council and the respective districts being sought:

Place 1 (District 1): Shep Stahel, incumbent; Jason Lantz  
Place 3 (District 3): Phil Dyer  
Place 5: Steve Stovall, incumbent; Don Bush  
Place 7: Byron Betler; Jean Callison

These are the candidates who responded to MON-The Gazette's candidate survey:



Shep Stahel

Plano City Council, Place 1  
Name: Shep Stahel  
Address: 3840 Ranch Estates Drive, Plano, 75074

In 50 words or less, relate the knowledge, skills or experience your candidacy offers voters.

As we look at new approaches to new issues, I offer a good balance of 20 years of service on major City boards and commissions. This knowledge and perspective of having served in the trenches will be valuable in preserving all those things that have made Plano great.

Have you previously been a candidate for this or another office? If yes, what year(s), and what office(s)?

Yes. Plano City Council, Place 1 - elected 2001, 2002. Appointed 1999.

If successful, what would be your top three (3) priorities in this elective office?

1. Preserve/expand property tax base 2. Maintain core services within budget. 3. Continue with responsive open government.

If successful, what would you do to improve this office? Please be specific.

I would continue to

communicate daily with citizens and city staff, in person and on the telephone, and via e-mails - I average about 40 e-mails a day involving city affairs.

If an incumbent, why are you seeking re-election: what remains to be done? What could you reasonably accomplish in another term?

Continue to provide excellent services during the current recession while stimulating development of commercial property and adding job growth to Plano.

How would you relate the problems progress of this public office? Be specific.

We are approaching a pivotal time in Plano. I believe the experience and skills I acquired in previous service will help the city make a successful transition from growth to build-out over the next few years, while maintaining the very high quality of life and standards our citizens expect.

What do citizens deserve from this public office?

Citizens deserve courteous and prompt response to concerns, accessible and open government, delivered in the most cost effective way. I believe Plano has and will continue to provide these services, and as a Council member, I pledge to continue to plan, to execute and to serve with energy and integrity.

How does your character, work ethic or expertise match citizen needs and expectations?

My reputation in the military and at my employer, IBM, is that of a hard worker, who does his homework, listens to all views, and then makes decisions and explains them clearly. The citizens are entitled to know who I am and what I stand for. It is a responsibility that I gladly accept.

What, if any, are your campaign promises/pledges to the electorate? Be specific.

Hold the line on the tax rate this year, continue to provide resources for police and fire protection, maintain parks and open space, maintain property standards through code enforcement and excellent land use planning. These are goals that I have had in my previous service, and I will continue them.

Plano City Council, Place 1  
Name: Jason T. Lantz  
Address: 1916 Moore Drive, Plano, TX 75074

In 50 words or less, relate the

knowledge, skills or experience your candidacy offers voters.

I am a life-long Plano resident, and can offer new leadership and a new voice to the council. I bring forward a fresh perspective as we transition into a maturing city. We face challenges ahead, and it is essential



Jason T. Lantz

we have a council that represents a diversity of viewpoints and experiences.

Have you previously been a candidate for this or another office? If yes, what year(s), and what office(s)?

No.  
If successful, what would be your top three (3) priorities in this elective office?

1. Fix the budget while preserving essential services 2. Revamp our economic development strategy to fit a maturing city. 3. Getting the public involved in the process by remaining open to ideas.

If successful, what would you do to improve this office? Please be specific.

I will take a pro-active approach towards council business. The Plano Police Association and the Plano Firefighters Association have recognized this commitment with their endorsement of my candidacy. I will also be pro-active in working with Plano's highly skilled citizenry. Getting the public involved and listening to all ideas is imperative.

If an incumbent, why are you seeking re-election: what remains to be done? What could you reasonably accomplish in another term?

N.A.

How would you relate the

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strong, enlightened and experienced panel together to impart much-needed information on how to get started.

There was the energetic entrepreneur, Brenda Truedell-Bell, owner of Khem-Sci Research and Development Co., Indianapolis; the insightful entrepreneur, John Thompson, Thompson Distributing Co., Indianapolis; the innovative husband and wife entrepreneurs, Andre and Sherry Warren, owners of WLS Enterprises Inc., Indianapolis; the young and relentless entrepreneur, Dr. Barry Self, Southeastern Dental Research Corp., Port Allen, La.; and then there was the trailblazing and tenacious entrepreneur, William "Bill" Mays, owner, Mays Chemical Co., Indianapolis. What an august group of entrepreneurs!

In addition to being very intelligent (what else did we expect? After all, they are Chemists and MBA's), this was a group of entrepreneurs par excellence who were ready willing and quite able to share information on the opportunities and challenges of business ownership.

Brenda Truedell-Bell, after working for Eli Lilly as that company's first Black female chemist and obtaining four patents on antibiotics, started a research company that specializes in nutraceuticals for children's health. She gives credit to George Washington Carver for her inspiration and guidance. Brenda is a dynamo, always pressing forward in her business and helping children at the same time.

John Thompson, the pragmatic, bottom-line oriented, go-getter, is in the business of buying businesses. He shared his experience and expertise in an area of entrepreneurship that is too often overlooked by Blacks in our quest of business ownership. John's

practical advice on how and when to purchase an existing business surely gave the attendees something to think about as they explore business options.

The tag-team of Andre and Sherry Warren, relatively new entrepreneurs, disclosed some of their "secrets" on How to Succeed in Business and Stay Married. They talked about one of the principles of what our ancestors called Ma'at: Balance. Parents of a young daughter, two full-time careers, and a new business are enough to make the best of us lose it from time to time. But the Warrens, while they do face challenges, have figured out how to take full advantage of their individual talents and strengths, and how to balance the many tasks they face on a daily basis. They designated a special corner in their 19,000-square-foot warehouse as their daughter's homework and play area, setting the stage for another young entrepreneur a few years from now.

The young Barry Self was quite impressive. He definitely has a grasp on how to get things done. Having listened to and followed his father's advice, Barry has done a tremendous job working on his vision. He shared his trials and his victories, and he provided examples of how determination and commitment to a sound, well-researched, and well-planned business concept will lead to success. Barry could have given up and taken a more comfortable road in life, but he chose the entrepreneurial path instead and is making the best of it.

Finally, the venerable William G. Mays, chemistry major, MBA in marketing and finance, having worked for Procter and Gamble and Eli Lilly before starting Mays Chemical Co. over 20 years ago, willingly shared his wisdom with the attendees. What impressed me most were his candor regarding his business and his understanding of the oft-quoted Luke 12:48: "To

whom much is given, much is required."

Mays extolled the virtues of striving for the top, where there is "plenty of room," unlike at the bottom, where "it's very crowded." He warned future entrepreneurs about failing to prepare, educationally, emotionally and financially for the venture at hand. He substantiated what I tell my students, "Nobody is going to finance your dream for you." You must bring some of your own money to the table.

Mays shared insights on political involvement by entrepreneurs, saying business and politics are "different sides of the same coin." He also discussed the importance of providing a working atmosphere in his company that inspires and supports entrepreneurial ventures by his employees, which was validated by Andre Warren, who currently works for Mays Chemical, and John Thompson, who used to work there. Bill Mays is a Black businessman with a commitment to help others. What a combination for our collective success.

Thanks, NOBCCHE, for your progressiveness and for inviting me to be a part of such an outstanding conference. Maybe I will see you in San Diego in 2004. (See nobcche.org)

James E. Clingman, an adjunct professor at the University of Cincinnati's African-American Studies department, is former editor of the Cincinnati Herald 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.

## 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 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Dallas Children's Museum at Valley View Center (LBJ and Preston Rd) - interactive activities including a hospital fantasyland undervritten 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 or 972.727.0195. Meet Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Allen Library, 301 Century Parkway, Allen, Texas 75013.

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.

International Library of Photography announces that over

\$60,000.00 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Amateur Photography Contest. Beginners and seasoned photographers welcome to enter, entry is free. Deadline is June 30. Visit: www.picture.com for details.

### Through April 27

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

### 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.

### 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: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.; 4 p.m.-6 p.m. Call 972.386.6555.

Fort Worth's Omni Theater celebrates its 20th anniversary. In

honor of this milestone, the theater turns back time and offers 1983 prices for all Omni tickets April 19 and 20. Adults \$4/children 3-12 and seniors 60+ \$2.50. Visit: www.fortworthmuseum.org, or call 817.255.9300.

### April 25

The Achievement Center of Texas holds its annual Spring Gala at 7:00 p.m., at the Omni Hotel, Richardson. This year's theme is 'Celebrating a Home of Our Own'. Radio personality Mitch Carr will Emcee, sports legend Gene Stallings is the keynote speaker. All proceeds benefit children of the Achievement Center. For information or to become a sponsor call Rosa Williams at 972.495.5384, moladallas@aol.com, or Amy Jahnel at 972.495.9466, amylaw@aol.com.

### April 25 & 26 (and May 3, 4, 9, 10)

"All Goodbye's Ain't Gone", a dramatic play set in the 1940's about two sisters reminiscing their childhood. Their mother left them at an early age to be raised by their father. Suitable for all ages. At the Dedra Lynn Woods Theatre, 4305 Colonial Avenue, Dallas, 8:00 p.m. Tickets: \$12 adults/\$8 senior citizens, and children to 12 years. Contact Robert Helm at 214.421.1109, or 214.371.4644.

### April 26

Arbor Day Celebration, Warren Park Sports Complex, 11225 Rogers Road, Allen, 10 a.m. - noon. Keepin' it green! Join us as we plant trees during Frisco's annual Arbor Day Celebration.

April 26 and 27

In recognition of April's National Child Abuse Month, Angel Faces, Inc. is presenting its annual weekend Health & Safety Fair for families with children. Hosted by YMCA Oak Cliff Branch, 6701 S. Hampton, Dallas. Free rock climbing, swimming, galaxy jumping, and more. To participate as a vendor or for more information contact Ms. Stone at 214.372.5080, or Clay Ward at 214.330.6321. Saturday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

### April 29

The Plano Chamber of Commerce, The Chamber Education and Workforce

Committee, North Central Texas Workforce, and PISD are sponsoring a job fair for students ages 14 - 21 interested in finding summer employment. Tables (provided) assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, and for companies not requiring a table, the Chamber will provide a Job Board. Held at the Plano Chamber Offices, 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Free. For more information call 972.424.7547, or e-mail Mike Agnew for a registration form at mikesa@planocc.org.

### May 1

The Senior Source, Senior Citizens of Greater Dallas (a support group for job seekers 55+) will host 'Getting the Most From a Job Fair', 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Located at 1215 Skiles Street, Dallas. RSVP is required. Contact Renae Redwine at

214.823.5700, or visit: www.theseniorsource.org.

### May 2

Together We Soar, Inc. is hosting its 2nd annual Mother-Daughter Banquet at the Wyndham Arlington Hotel, 7 pm - 10 pm. Speaker: Dr. Beverly Mitchell-Brooks, President and CEO of the Urban League of Greater Dallas. Upscale fashion show by Colberts. Mothers with extraordinary contributions will be recognized, special tribute to mothers with children serving in Iraq. Surprises for children and teens. Tickets on sale at Black Images \$30 each \$55 mom and daughter. For more information: www.mdbanquet.com or call (817) 253-6786.

National Association of Black Workers - Dallas Chapter, hosts the Hezekiah Jerry Scholarship Awards reception 4:30 - 6:30 pm, at St. Phillips School and Community Center, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. Dr. Terry Flowers, guest speaker. Call Audrey Brown at 214.670.6739.

### May 3

Flock to Heard's Bird Banding Station at 8:00 a.m. to watch as banders collect data as they hold songbirds in their bare hands. Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary, One Nature Place, McKinney. 972.562.5566, or www.heardmuseum.org.

### May 10

African American Museum's 19th Annual Gala, at the Wyndham Anatole Hotel, 7:30 p.m. Entertainers and singer/song writers Nickolas Ashford

and Valerie Simpson, auction, glamour and pizzazz. Cocktails and silent auction begins 6 p.m. For sponsorship and tickets call the museum at 214.565.9026 ext 302. Texas Talent Thon presents the 1st Annual Gospel Explosion at Dallas Museum of Art, 1717 North Harwood St. Dallas, 1:00 p.m. Call to audition your God given gift before April 30. 214.351.4766, or visit: www.texasalentthon.freedompage.com.

### Volunteer opportunities

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.

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 non-profit agency is seeking board members and volunteers. This agency provides birthday parties for children in shelters due to abuse, neglect and homelessness. They need 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 75034, or email to: happybirthdayangels@yahoo.com.

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## Women of Faith Deliver Powerful Messages



(Left to Right) Rev. Debra Crumpton, First United Methodist Church, Burleson, TX; Rev. Marilyn Giles

The Good Friday service at Camp Wisdom United Methodist Church was magnified in its greatness by it being the first time in Dallas that seven women preachers came together to deliver the seven last sayings of Christ.

Reverend Rochelle Carr, an ordained Baptist Minister, approached Pastor Charles L. Stovall of the church in February, and asked him if she could put together the program.

"Rochelle Carr did all the planning," said Stovall. "And it was a dynamic, spirit filled, powerful event. The congregation is still raving about the service."

The seven last sayings of Christ are taken from the book of John, as Christ hung on the cross. Each sentence was broken down by the ministers, and they

Roman Centurion, the thief on the cross, and even the crowd who wanted Him dead, as He asked His Father to forgive them.

And after all His suffering, no one thought to give Him a drink, but He had to ask, and then He was only offered cheap wine to anesthetize the pain. Marilyn Giles, minister and founder of Christ and Common Sense said He refused the drink, knowing His suffering was in the will of God, and wanting nothing to dull his senses to the mission He knew His Father had set before Him. In the same way, she said, there are times when there will be no one to offer us help, no one to help ease the pain, but we must go on staying in the will of God, knowing He is using the situation to draw us closer to Him.

In closing, Carr said Christ finally committed His spirit to His Father because He knew if He



Rev. Rochelle Carr, Covenant Baptist Church of Washington D.C. poses with four-year-old Arren Davis

each had ten minutes to preach on their sentence. And each expressed how Christ exemplified his life of love and service, even when dying in pain, at a time when he could have been thinking about himself. Christ thought about His mother, whom he entrusted to His disciple, John, knowing that His own unbelieving siblings were not ready to look after holy things. He thought about the

could get back to the Father, everything would be alright.

"Maybe it's time for you to get back to the Father," said Carr.

Between sermons the church choir sang and four young ladies danced in praise to the Lord. If anyone closed their eyes when the choir sang it would have been easy to think there were at least twenty members, when there were only about half that many singing twice as strong.

## DEPRESSED AGAIN?

The Department of Psychiatry at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center of Dallas is conducting research sponsored by the National Institute of Mental Health on cognitive therapy for depression. **Treatment is free.** The symptoms of depression include:

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problems/progress of this public office? Be specific.

I have been going door to door in my campaign and I will continue to do so once elected. Many of Plano's residents are too busy with their career and family to get involved, and I will seek out their ideas and report the status of the city to them directly.

What do citizens deserve from this public office?

Although 95% of the population has not voted in city elections, all citizens deserve a council member willing to represent everyone equally. The citizens deserve a strong democratic process through open and lively discussions at council meetings.

How does your character, work ethic or expertise match citizen needs and expectations?

As a computer systems administrator I've built a career around finding creative, low-cost solutions. I graduated from PISD schools, was married last year, and have been a homeowner for two years. I intend to raise a family here and have a vested interest in the future of our city.

What, if any, are your campaign promises/pledges to the electorate? Be specific.

1. Preserve our public safety services through adequate funding and developing a cooperative relationship between staff and management. 2. Question every program and eliminate unnecessary spending. 3. Remain open and responsive to public comment and criticism.



**Phil G. Dyer**  
Plano City Council, Place 3  
Name: Phil G. Dyer  
Address: 2029 Rothland, Plano, 75025

75025

In 50 words or less, relate the knowledge, skills or experience your candidacy offers voters.

I have lived in Plano since 1984. I have served on the Horizon Committee that developed the city's comprehensive plan. I served 6 years on the Park & Recreation Board, 3 years on the Planning & Zoning Commission, and the past four years on the city council.

Have you previously been a candidate for this or another office? If yes, what year(s), and what office(s)?

Yes. Elected in 1999 and re-elected in 2001 to Plano City Council.

If successful, what would be your top three (3) priorities in this elective office?

1. Budget. 2. Infrastructure. 3. Support police and fire departments.

If successful, what would you do to improve this office? Please be specific.

Continue outreach efforts to the citizens. Make them part of the governing process.

If an incumbent, why are you seeking re-election: what remains to be done? What could you reasonably accomplish in another term?

In these difficult economic times, my experience should be valuable. Budget to be changed to one of a mature city.

How would you relate the problems/progress of this public office? Be specific.

Difficult economy/budget. Must prioritize the things that are essential and those that are luxuries.

What do citizens deserve from this public office?

A person who respects citizen input. A person who talks less and listens more. A person who cares about the long term future of Plano.

How does your character, work ethic or expertise match citizen needs and expectations?

I have lived here a long time and have been an active volunteer in the community. I believe that we can accomplish a great deal by working together.

What, if any, are your campaign promises/pledges to the electorate? Be specific.

I promise to be accessible, to listen to, and respect the opinions of my fellow citizens. I promise to always have the best interest of Plano foremost in my thoughts.

**Byron Betler**  
Plano City Council, Place 7  
Name: Byron Betler  
Address: 941 Simon, Plano, 75025

In 50 words or less, relate the knowledge, skills or experience your candidacy offers voters.

The major issue facing the City of Plano is the budget. I've been employed by a major corporation for the last six years in their finance



**Byron Betler**

organization. I was there when we made tough budget decisions. I've also served on the Plano Board of Adjustment.

Have you previously been a candidate for this or another office? If yes, what year(s), and what office(s)?

No.

If successful, what would be your top three (3) priorities in this elective office?

1. Balance budget. 2. Oppose property tax rate increase. 3. Increase business tax base.

If successful, what would you do to improve this office? Please be specific.

I would be a voice and represent all 250,000 citizens equally. I will listen to what people have to say.

If an incumbent, why are you seeking re-election: what remains to be done? What could you reasonably accomplish in another term?

N.A.

How would you relate the problems/progress of this public office? Be specific.

I would have open communication. I would create a website and post the city council agenda and minutes for ease of access.

What do citizens deserve from this public office?

Citizens deserve someone that will listen to their concerns. They also deserve strict enforcement of property standards codes.

How does your character, work ethic or expertise match citizen needs

and expectations?

Citizens need someone that is hard working and listens. I have worked since I was 14 years old. I started in my father's business. I was raised to work hard. I plan to work hard when elected to council for all 250,000 people that call Plano home.

What, if any, are your campaign promises/pledges to the electorate? Be specific.

I pledge to listen and work hard. I promise to oppose a property tax rate increase. I pledge to continue to help make Plano a great place to live, to maintain and improve the quality of life in Plano.

**Plano City Council, Place 7**  
Name: Jean Callison  
Address: 1705 Burningtrees Lane, Plano 75093

In 50 words or less, relate the knowledge, skills or experience your candidacy offers voters.

I have a 25 year history in Plano, and value the vision that has shaped our city's growth. I earned a BBA in Finance and International Business and MBA. I have 8 years at EDS in budgeting and financial analysis. I have numerous civic contributions.

Have you previously been a candidate for this or another office? If yes, what year(s), and what office(s)?

No.

If successful, what would be your top three (3) priorities in this elective office?

1. Balanced Budget while

maintaining strong city services. 2. Redevelopment and revitalization. 3. Safety.

If successful, what would you do to improve this office? Please be specific.

With both a bachelor's and master's degree in business as well as budgeting experience, I will work hard to produce a balanced budget.

If an incumbent, why are you seeking re-election: what remains to be done? What could you reasonably accomplish in another term?

N.A.

How would you relate the problems/progress of this public office? Be specific.



**Jean Callison**

We must ensure the same high

standards we currently enjoy are maintained as we address the current budget challenges and issues facing a maturing city.

What do citizens deserve from this public office?

Commitment, leadership, responsiveness and integrity.

How does your character, work ethic or expertise match citizen needs and expectations?

I believe it is our responsibility to give back to and serve our community. I have served Plano as a PTA President, Junior League President, and on numerous boards.

What, if any, are your campaign promises/pledges to the electorate? Be specific.

Because of my love for the City of Plano and its citizens, because the challenges in our community need to be addressed, I commit to work hard to seek solutions to our city's needs as it faces maturity.

## Next Week

In next week's edition (May 1, 2003), MON-The Gazette will print an overview of the political races for the following:

Candidates for Mesquite Independent School District Board of Trustees; Candidates for Richardson City Council; Candidates for McKinney City Council; Candidates for McKinney Independent School District Board of Trustees.

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seat. Air conditioning and an adjustable center armrest are optional.

The GS and GL models come with air conditioning, seat-bottom tilt and adjustable lumbar for the driver, center armrest, tachometer, digital clock, upgraded carpeting, a 60/40-split folding rear seat, tinted glass, a remote trunk-hatch release and a rear wiper on the GS only. Power windows, mirrors and locks, and a CD player are available with the Popular Equipment Package.

For a car in this price range the interior features are impressive, with a highly legible instrument panel, and a center stack with straightforward climate and radio controls. The driver's

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Only one engine is offered for the Accent - a DOHC 1.6-liter inline four, making 104 h.p. and 106 lb.ft. of torque. The L model comes with a five-speed manual transmission, and the GS and GL are available with the manual or four-speed automatic. With the heaviest Accent - the GL automatic - weighing in at just 2,350 pounds, this vehicle has adequate acceleration around town and on the highway. Mileage is rated at 28 city/36 highway with a manual and 25/35 with an automatic.

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## University of Texas Graduate Releases Latest Works: "SECRET SHAME"

Alexus Rhone (affectionately known as "Ms. Alexis") is a full-time writer devoted to candidly exploring teen issues through fiction. She has worked extensively with various youth organizations as a mentor and is frequently sought out for youth-oriented speaking engagements around the nation.

In addition, Alexis facilitates teen book club discussions and coordinates teen female retreats. She has also designed a creative writing seminar for youth called "I Am a Writer" to help them overcome a fear of writing and cultivate a love for storytelling.

Alexus' debut novel, "Premature Pleasures", is the first of a four-part novel series. Since its release, "Premature Pleasures" was selected as a spotlight novel at the 2001 Essence Music Festival attended by more than 100,000 people from around the country. Alexis signed copies of "Premature Pleasures" for two days alongside bestselling authors Eric Jerome Dickey, Kimberla

Lawson Roby and Venise Berry, to name a few. In addition, The Tavis Smiley Youth Foundation invited Alexis to be a facilitator at the



Alexis Rhone

National Youth Symposium in Houston.

"Premature Pleasures" also debuted at #4 on the local bestseller's list for Children/Young Adult as reported by Barnes & Noble to the Houston Chronicle, as well as hitting #4 on the bestseller's

list for Hardcover Books as reported to the Dallas Morning News.

Her sophomore novel, "Secret Shame", continues the journey of Trek Baden and her family who've relocated to the suburbs, where Trek's first observation is, "...the rich and poor are both raggedy like roaches; but the rich play in newer buildings." "Secret Shame" is set for a Spring 2003 release. (To read excerpts from both "Premature Pleasures" and "Secret Shame", please visit [www.unshackledpublishing.com](http://www.unshackledpublishing.com).) She is currently writing the third installment of the Trek Baden series titled, "Backseats and Bleachers: A High School Love Story," set for a Summer 2004 release.

Alexus holds a Bachelor of Journalism/Public Relations degree from the University of Texas at Austin. She is also the Director of Journalism Creative Writing for two charter schools in Phoenix, AZ where she resides with her husband, Lewis.

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the Top 20 hit Why Is There Air? in 1965. After 1966's *Wonderfulness* reached the Top Ten, Cosby hit his commercial peak the following year with *Revenge*, which rose to the number two spot. Significantly, the album also marked the debut of Fat Albert and his gang, a group of beloved Cosby characters which later formed the basis of a long-running animated series for children. A flurry of releases followed as Cosby fulfilled his Warner Bros. contract with 1968's *To Russell, My Brother Whom I Slept With*, and 200 M.P.H.; along with the following year's *It's True! It's True!*, the two-record 1969 set 8:15/12:15 appeared on Tetragrammaton, a short-lived label which the comedian co-owned.

After signing to Uni, he issued a self-titled 1969 effort, followed by the sitcom *The Bill Cosby Show*. With the program, Cosby suffered his first major artistic setback; although NBC committed to two seasons of the show, ratings were weak, and at the end of the two-year period NBC pulled the plug. Although albums like 1970's "Live" Madison Square Garden Center and When I Was a Kid were successful, the period following the series' cancellation marked a crossroads for Cosby; his well of childhood reminiscences was running dry, and he clearly needed to explore new ground.

Consequently, beginning with 1971's *For Adults Only* he made a concerted shift towards more mature material; while still not risqué, his routines reflected a more grown-up attitude and sensibility. That same year he launched *The New Bill Cosby Show*, a disastrous variety program which lasted only one season. Not surprisingly, he took a subsequent hiatus from television; after recording 1972's *Inside the Mind of Bill Cosby*

and the next year's *Fat Albert*, he shifted his focus to film, teaming with Sidney Poitier in 1974 for *Uptown Saturday Night*, the first in a successful series of crime comedies which also included 1975's *Let's Do It Again* and 1977's *A Piece of the Action*.

Regardless of his success in other media, Cosby continued his prolific recording output; with 1976's *Bill Cosby Is Not Himself These Days* (Rat Own, Rat Own, Rat Own) and 1977's *Disco Bill*, he satirized current trends in R&B. (In the late '60s and early '70s, he also recorded a number of "straight" music albums like *Silver Throat Sings* and *At Last Bill Cosby Really Sings*.) After another failed television attempt, 1976's children's prime-time variety program *Cos*, he came back to stand-up with a vengeance for 1977's *My Father Confused Me, What Should I Do?*, a return to the family-oriented vignettes which first won him an audience. 1978's *Bill's Best Friend* continued the trend as well as offering cautionary messages against alcohol and drug use, while the popularity of concert films -- primarily those of Richard Pryor -- sparked the 1982 feature and soundtrack *Bill Cosby: Himself*.

After keeping a low profile for several years, he resurfaced in 1984 with *The Cosby Show*, an NBC series inspired largely by his own family experiences. The show was an unparalleled success which brought new life to the sitcom format -- a vehicle pronounced dead by many onlookers -- and quickly shot to the number one slot in the Nielsen ratings, a position where it remained throughout the majority of its eight-season run. Although his popularity was never in question before the show's debut, *The Cosby Show* made its titular star even more

of a success; not only was he the most popular and beloved talent on television, but he also became a successful author, and in 1986 he also returned to recording with the album *Those of You With or Without Children, You'll Understand*. Only film remained impenetrable, as both 1987's abysmal *Leonard*, Part 6 and 1990's similarly bad *Ghost Dad* bombed miserably.



After the 1991 LP *Oh Baby*, the comedian opted to end production of *The Cosby Show* to explore new endeavors. The first, a syndicated update of the old Groucho Marx quiz show *You Bet Your Life*, ended after only one season; the second, *The Cosby Mysteries*, fared no better.

Mr. Cosby Performs At Bass Performance Hall May 14

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Although African-American comedians had long been a staple of the stand-up circuit prior to the emergence of Bill Cosby, none had come even remotely close to reaching the same heights of commercial success or universal acceptance. Before Cosby, black comics were largely relegated to the so-called "chitlin' circuit" of black nightclubs and theaters, their albums banned from white-owned record stores; after Cosby, comedians of all racial and cultural backgrounds found a home in the mainstream, and were even given the opportunity to prove their talents in major film and television roles. Simply put, Cosby broke comedy's color barrier, and he set the stage for the widespread success of everyone from Richard Pryor to Eddie Murphy.

William H. Cosby, Jr. was born in Philadelphia on July 12, 1937. The son of a maid and an absentee father, he grew up in abject poverty, ultimately dropping out of high school to join the Navy. After earning his diploma through correspondence courses, he won a football scholarship to Temple University; while taking classes during the day, he tended bar in the evenings, where his easy ability to make customers laugh resulted in the decision to pursue a career in comedy.

Cosby quickly distinguished himself from his peers in a number of ways: not only did his relaxed, conversational style rely on warm, anecdotal childhood recollections instead of one-liners and gags, but unlike other black comedians, he refused to tell racial jokes or use profanities, establishing himself as a talent suitable for all ages and backgrounds. As a result, his success was immediate: his Grammy-nominated 1963 debut *Bill Cosby Is a Very Funny Fellow...Right!* established him as an overnight star as his breezy comic sensibility marked a significant shift away from the "sick" comedy of Lenny Bruce and Shelley Berman then so much in vogue.

1964's *I Started Out as a Child* -- the first of a record six consecutive Grammy-winning releases -- proved even more popular with audiences, and soon Cosby was contacted by television producer Sheldon Leonard to star with Robert Culp in the espionage series *I Spy*. Despite controversy -- a number of Southern affiliates threatened not to air the show -- Leonard stood firm, and Cosby became the first black ever to star in a dramatic program; ultimately, the show was a huge hit, and he even won an Emmy Award for his portrayal of Agent Alexander Scott.

Even at the series' peak, he continued writing and performing stand-up, issuing

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#### ATTITUDE

"The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts, it is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearances, giftedness or skill.

It will make or break a company... a church... a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice everyday regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way.

The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude... I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it."

Charles Swindoll

## Spring Cleaning The Mind

#### HAND IN HAND

He walks with me, unseen, unheard along the smooth or rugged way. He speaks to me, the Living Word, "Lo, I am with thee night and day."

Sufficient is His tender grace for every dark and trying hour by faith I see His loving face, beneath me are His arms of power.

Dark shadows shroud the way of life; I shrink from things I cannot know. And in a world of sin and strife, I could not find the way to go.

But in His hand I lay my head; though where He leads I cannot tell, one truth alone I understand that when He guides me all is well.

Greenville Avenue Church of Christ's Bulletin

#### THE RULES OF CHANGE

In the course of my various lives, I've learned certain truths about changing and entering new phrases. These are some of them:

\*Everything does happen for a reason. That's what my mother always said, and she was right. Sometimes life gives you a good swift kick. It kicks you so hard that you end up light-years from where you were headed. You feel lost. When you do then get a map and get going. It's OK to be afraid; but

it's not OK to stop walking.

• Change in and of itself is not bad. Ponds that stagnate produce rot; lives that stagnate without change do the same. Life, being an organic thing, must change and grow to keep from withering.

• Learn to make lemonade. As embarrassing as that old cliché is, it does contain a seed of truth. If life hands you lemons, learn to make the best lemonade in town. Learn from your adversity. If you wallow in negativity, you'll only get negativity in return.

• Let unexpected changes bring you wished for changes. Suddenly you'll find yourself with more time on your hands to feel sorry for yourself.

• Make peace with change. Your life has changed somehow. And whether you like it or not, someday you will understand that it had to; there was a lesson to be learned from it. And, one day, you'll open yourself up to learn what that lesson is so that you can accept it and move on!

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Let MON-The Gazette help your church accomplish the Prayer of James, "Enlarge our territory to expand opportunities that may impact in such a way that we reach more lives for God's glory. Let us do more for Him."

## Church Happenings

#### ALL NATIONS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.  
English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes- Strengthen your English!

(Through April)

#### Financial Planning Workshops

"Investing Versus Financial Planning": (Sponsored by the Men's Ministry) Next Workshop- April 24, 7:00 p.m.. To RSVP and obtain a free seminar material packet please call the church office.

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Wednesdays (during Lent, through April 26) 12:15 p.m.-12:45 p.m.  
Devotional Prayer Service

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All Nations United Methodist Church  
Dr. Clara Reed, Pastor  
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#### ETERNITY COMMUNITY CHURCH

April 27, 3:30 p.m.  
10th Anniversary  
Guest Speak- Elder Eddie Seals,  
New Outreach C.O.G.I.C. of  
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For more information, call 972-  
542-9556.

Eternity Community Church  
Rev. Kenneth Diggs, Pastor  
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#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HAMILTON PARK

May 3, 9:00 a.m.  
Singles Ministry will host a  
basketball tournament!

Opened to males and females  
starting at age nine  
Entry fee- \$45 per adult team of  
three; \$35 per youth team of three  
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Registration Deadline- April 30  
Location- Family Life Center,  
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For more information, call Kim  
Allen at 214-349-3418 or 214-537-  
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First Baptist Church  
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Rev. Gregory Foster, Senior  
Pastor  
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#### FREEDOM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

April 27, 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.  
Annual Choir Day-Dedicated  
to Church Member Lost to  
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9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship  
11:00 a.m.

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

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For more information, contact Minister Daniel Shaw at 972-291-0449 or email [lakeith75104@yahoo.com](mailto:lakeith75104@yahoo.com).

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

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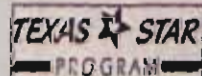
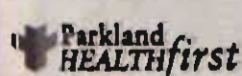
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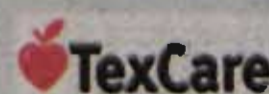
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