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On the Homefront:

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@sbcglobal.net

The Collin County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce hosts "Business Certification for Minority and Women Owned Companies" seminar. Learn the advantages of business certification in qualifying for government contracts, and contracts for goods and services you can sell to corporations. Co-Sponsored by Plano Chamber of Commerce. Saturday May 3, 9 a.m.-12 noon, 1200 E. 15th, Plano. For advanced registration: 972.801.2717, or secretary@cechchamber.org

The Plano Children's Medical Clinic is trying to extend its services by purchasing a mobile unit. Join with Jerry Huffman Custom Builders at their 3rd Annual Spring-Fling Monte Carlo Style Event (Black Tie event) and help raise funds. Event is May 16, 7:00 p.m. - midnight, Harvey Hotel, Plano. To be a sponsor, donate money or items for the auction: 972.248.1667, or visit www.jhuffman.com

Collin County Community College District's Music Department presents a spring jazz concert, May 4, 8:00 p.m. in the John Anthony Theatre, Spring Creek Campus, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway. Featuring the CCCC Jazz Lab Band, CCCC Jazzet One and Jazz Combo II and III. Tickets \$5 at the door. For more information, call Kris Regan at 972-548-6508.

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.

Richardson's Wildflower! 2003, May 8, 9 & 10. The largest and most highly profiled ticketed arts & music festival in the North Texas area! A weekend full of live performances from the country's biggest stars to daily exhibits, art and craft vendors, activities and fun for the entire family! Galatin Park and Norrell Networks Campus, Galatin Parkway and US 75, Richardson. Friday, 6 p.m. to midnight; Saturday, 11 a.m. to midnight; Sunday, noon to 7 p.m.

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'HYPNOSIS' - A Heightened State of Awareness

Part 1



(Left to Right) Nancy Chiopetti with hypnosis Patient Stephanie Gizard

By Belinda G. Alexander
HYPNOSIS—When spoken, the word sparks debate, curiosity, suspicion and even revelation! Where one stands on the subject can be influenced by many different factors. Many people have found

Hypnosis to be a positive answer and solution to problems that may once dominated their lives.

A DEDICATED PROFESSIONAL

Nancy Chiopetti's first interest in Hypnosis was sparked as a High School student. While living in California she began to study Hypnosis. After returning to Texas,

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Local Church Recognizes Church and Community Leaders



Myrtle Hightower (left) poses with Felix L. Cortez (right). Cortez was presented with an award for Dedication and Devotion to the church and community.

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Peace Profits and Money, Money, Money

Blackonomics

By James Clingman (NNPA)—Well, I hate to say, "I told you so," but... Several weeks ago I wrote an article, "It's Iraq's Economy Stupid!" I reminded us that if we follow the money we will see history repeat itself when it comes to the profits of war; and now we see the same thing when it comes to the profits of peace. As I watch the dastardly acts of arrogance and avarice by our so-called government leaders, I often wonder if these guys and their girl have any conscience at all. I wonder if they think they are going to live forever and never have to account for what they have done. I guess not.

Now that the war is winding down, we are seeing the real reasons for thousands of people losing their lives. We are witnessing the real reasons we fought about Osama, who merely served as our Marquis de Lubbock (the Dutch terrorist who, in 1933,

firebombed the German Parliament, the Reichstag, jump-started the Hitler regime, and changed the German constitution), and went after Saddam. As the O'Jays said, "Money, money, money."

We see closed bidding for reconstruction contracts, and "bidding" is a mild word for what is really going on behind those closed doors. We see the two leading firms, Halliburton and Bechtel, going to the head of the line and getting huge contracts, so large that no one can really say how much they will be in the end. We see the new sheriff of Baghdad, Jay Garner, hand-picked by you know who, riding into town on his white horse determined to mine the black gold of Iraq, under the guise of humanitarian compassion for the people of Iraq.

We see more than a billion dollars in cash, so far, being found by the troops. Who knows where that money will end up? Of course, they tell us they have to

determine if it's counterfeit or not. Do you believe this stuff?

We see the old guard—George Schultz, Henry Kissinger and James Baker—standing in line to make millions from their war on terrorism. We see the Spiro T. Agnew of the 21st century, "Tricky Dick" (where have we heard that term before?), Cheney, rubbing his hands together gleefully waiting for another windfall. And where is Condoleezza these days? The last I heard, she was in Russia negotiating some deal for Hussein's safe passage out of Iraq; maybe that's why they can't find him and maybe that's why there was so little resistance when we crossed that mythical "red line" around Baghdad.

And let's not forget about our pal, Colin Powell, the brother (and we have another one on the rise in Bag: Gen. Vince Brooks) who let himself be used to the point of now being blamed

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'Team Work Makes the Dream Work'



Left to Right—Award Recipients—Rachel Powell, Dr. Pool, President of Tustfield College; Johnny Booth

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Preventive Healthcare: What Pregnant Women Should Know

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By Lakeesha Joe
Pregnancy is about more than cravings and mood swings. It's also about the beginnings of worrying about your child—Will my child be intelligent? Will my child be safe? But most of all, Will my child be healthy? The March of Dimes can help you with information concerning prenatal care.

According to the March of Dimes, there are ten steps that can be taken to promote healthy pregnancy, including taking a multivitamin with 400 micrograms of folic acid every day, getting a pre-pregnancy checkup, eating healthy, stop smoking and avoid secondhand smoke, stop drinking alcohol, do not use illegal drugs, avoid infections, avoid hazardous substances, and chemical, talk to your health care provider about your family history, genetics and birth defects, and avoid stress.

Pregnant women should seek prenatal care as soon as they know they are pregnant and on a regular basis. Along

with regular prenatal care, the pregnant woman should do such things as stay within the recommended pregnancy weight gain, never try to lose weight during pregnancy, talk with your doctor before taking medications, and identify a pediatrician for your baby before the birth.

Prenatal care is vital to the health of the mother-to-be and the unborn child. According to statistics, babies born to mothers who received little or no prenatal care are twice as likely to be born low birth weight as compared to babies born to mothers who received early and consistent prenatal care. Also prenatal care can catch any problems, such as birth defects, that may occur during the pregnancy.

Lisa Thomopoulos, mother of two and expecting a third baby in three months has gone to regular prenatal checkups since finding out that she was pregnant. Because Thomopoulos knows the importance of

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'Team Work Makes the Dream Work'

The Mesquite NAACP Branch held its Fifth Annual Freedom Fund Banquet, last Friday, April 25. Speakers for the event included Mike Anderson, Mayor of Mesquite; Dr. James Terry, MISD Superintendent; and Denise Upchurch NAACP Past President. Guests enjoyed dinner, musical entertainment, silent auction, and a dance performance. Awards were given to members of the Mesquite Branch, and members of the community who have sacrificed for the benefit of their community.



Left to Right- B.J. Williams, President, Garland NAACP; Rodney Harmon, President, Mesquite NAACP



Left to Right- Diondra Piper, 12 poses with Lontora Rogers, Youth Council President, Mesquite NAACP



Denise Upchurch, 2nd Vice President, Mesquite NAACP



Left to Right- Dr. James Terry, MISD Superintendent; Rodney Harmon, President, Mesquite NAACP; Mike Anderson, Mayor of Mesquite



Master of Ceremony- Reginald Hopkins

Local Church Recognizes Church and Community Leaders

On Friday, April 25, 2003, Hill Chapel CME held its 4th Annual Scholarship & Outreach Banquet and Silent Auction, benefiting graduating high school seniors.

Held at the Harvey Hotel, Plano, Lloyd Spence and Noiz Entertainment provided Gospel and Spiritual Music, providing the finishing touches to a night of fellowship and fun.

John and Myrtle Hightower, church members and Plano residents, started the event four

years ago as an outreach for the youth of the church. Myrtle Hightower said that funds from the banquet and silent auction benefit graduation seniors selected to attend a weeklong leadership conference in at Texas College, Tyler, in the summer.

"That is one of our major thrusts," said Hightower. "And we are also able to give the students a small graduation gift."

She added that although the

church is small, the hearts of the members are big, making the event a success.

"My husband thinks the banquet was very successful, and so do I," said Hightower, saying there were over one hundred people in attendance.

Hightower said she is thankful to the church and all who supported the banquet for making this year's banquet another great success.



Johnnie Burns (right) gives award to Jasmine Daniels



(Left to Right) Bessie Coffey, Bernice Jackson, Helen Young



Noiz Entertainment - Lloyd Spence in front



Rev. James E. Larry, Senior Pastor of Hill Chapel CME Church poses with wife, Betty



Achievement Award Recipients (Left to Right)- Daphne Proctor, Christopher Williams, Akeila Winbush, Jasmin Daniels

Around The Town

On-going

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.

Residents of Collin, Rockwall, Dallas, Hunt, Navarro, Denton, Kaufman and Ellis counties can now dial 211 for free advice on who and where to call for support.

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

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

Young Adult Writers of Allen,

a self-directed group for teens ages 13-18 who like to write and would like feedback on their writing from their peers in a relaxed environment. New writers always welcome. Contact Debbie Vavra at dvavra@ci.allen.tx.us 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 May 24

Saturday art classes at the Dallas Children's Museum - Learn the art of Adinkra stamping, how symbols in African textiles were developed, how to make your own stamps and print them on various surfaces. Different topic each week. \$5. Times are: 11a.m.-1 p.m.; 1:30p.m.-3:30p.m.; 4p.m.-6p.m. Call 972.386.6555.

May 1 - 4

Plano Repertory Theatre presents CYRANO, the story of a poet saddled with a tremendous nose who loves Roxanne. Tickets are \$22 to \$42. For show times call 972.422.7460, or visit www.planorep.org. Located at 1104 Capital Ave, Suite 100, Plano.

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 817.2536786.

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.

Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary presents 'Walk On The Wild Side Tour' - a tour of native wildflowers in their habitats. 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Pre-registration and payment required. \$7 museum members, \$10 non-members. For more information: 972.562.5566 or visit www.heardmuseum.org.

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, 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 For questions: registration@industry-link.com

May 3 & 4

Chestnut Square Historical Park presents Chestnut Square Art Festival, an annual gathering of local artists- paintings, sculpture, ceramics, pottery, drawings, glass, handmade jewelry, photography and clothing. 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. both days. For more information or to participate: 972.562.8790 or www.chestnutsquare.org.

May 3 & 4 (and 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.

The Contemporary Chorals presents "A Musical Smorgasbord," 7:30pm. Tickets: \$12. 972.233.2516 Plaza Theatre, Garland.

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.

McKinney Symphony Orchestra presents Classical Jazz featuring Mary Humm, Drew Lang, and Helen Blackburn performing a lively jazz and classical fusion. This popular event sold out last year, so reserve your tickets early. For more information: 972.562.9276 or www.mckinneysymphony.org.

Mother's Day Brunch at Bradford Recreation Center, 1146 Castle Drive, Garland, 10:00 a.m. to noon. \$8 for mom & child. 972.205.2770.

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, fund-raising, 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

A friendly reminder that there are thousands of pets at shelters needing homes. Check out your local pet shelter for a furry addition to your family. Or consider being a foster parent while permanent homes are found for animals. Contact your local animal shelter for details.

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THE TRUTH CLINIC

Will The Real America Please Step Forward

The American Bill of Rights and Constitution seems to have taken a wrong turn sometime between 9/11 and the war on Iraq. The checks and balance system of congress, the judiciary and the executive have been hijacked into the executive and American freedom reduced to a well-used media sound bite. An imposter is masquerading as the real America.

America once symbolized a vision for a peaceful people who loved liberty and respected each other's freedoms. Life in America used to be a promise to the world that liberty, paired with law is not to be feared. In a free society, diversity is not disorder. Debate is not strife. And dissent is neither revolution nor treason.

Because we're Americans, we are not supposed to have a police state. But with the Patriot Act government has made it clear that it can — and will — monitor our emails, tap our phones, dig into our bank accounts, and imprison us indefinitely without trial or even access to an attorney. But this imposter tells us these things are done only for good purposes — never to intimidate dissenters, or to force us to trust without facts. This new America is gradually becoming an enemy of liberty in word and deed.

This fake America is being presented domestically and internationally as an arrogant bully whose tactics are deceit, deception and brute force. This is inconsistent with the real America.

We seem to have forgotten our recent history. In 1945 when America had the world at its feet Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Harry Truman chose not to institute a new World

Order, but to build a world of alliances and multinational institutions.

Special attention was given to honest diplomacy. Consider what it meant to the rest of the world when Franklin Roosevelt—at the pinnacle of power—elected to go halfway around the world to meet subordinate leaders instead of summoning them to him. Unlike the current administration, FDR understood that American power had to be coupled with a generous spirit. He insisted that all allies be given their fair share of glory and that poorer nations had a seat at the conference table. America showed respect and in turn received respect and admiration.

These actions produced a pro-American world that was rich and secure. They laid the foundation for a booming global economy in which America thrived. America's self interest took into account the interest of others and reassured skeptical countries that America's mammoth power could be trusted and respected but never feared.

Now America has diminished its diplomacy and honed its military might. In the last few years Imposter America has withdrawn from five international treaties in a manner so brusque that even seasoned diplomats cringed. It developed a language and diplomatic style calculated to deliberately offend the world.

Nowhere has this appearance of diplomatic hypocrisy been more evident than with Iraq. The administration went before the Security Council urging the United Nations to enforce its resolutions on Iraq and to try inspections one last time. Unfortunately, that appeal had already been conterminded by senior officials who labeled inspections a mere formality

and made it clear that the administration was going to war.

With complete disregard to the sanctity of America's diplomatic word, the administration began large-scale military deployments even though it had promised to give inspections a chance. The doctrine of preemptive strikes by Imposter America has bred widespread mistrust and resentment that could undermine meaningful American foreign relations.

Samuel Adams wrote, "While the people are virtuous they cannot be subdued; but when once they lose their virtue then they will be ready to surrender their liberties to the first external or internal invader."

While Americans live together we have little meeting of the minds, little compromise, little give or take on issues, and no apparent middle ground. You are either polarized for or against Imposter America.

Perhaps it is time for our nation's leaders to take a break from controlling the world with misguided doctrines and untenable wars and go into seclusion for a period of time to thoughtfully digest the Constitution and the Bill of Rights and perhaps rediscover Tom Paine's America.

Our rambunctious leaders need to relearn how to be a good neighbor, like in the post World War II era, when democratization was offered but not forced on other nations. Our actions confirmed a better way of life and democracy was willingly accepted by many countries because the evidence was overwhelming.

It is time for the real America to again step forward.

James W. Breedlove

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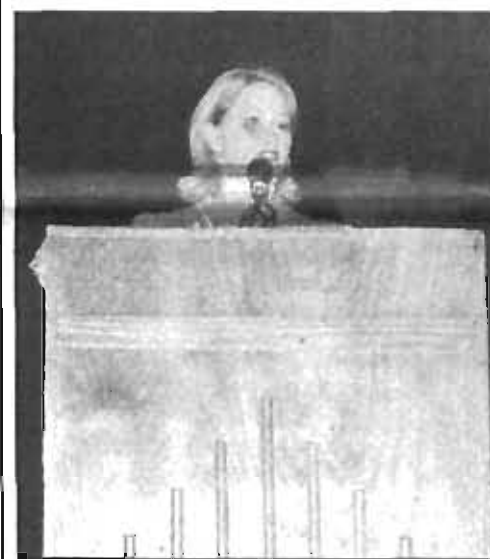
Reaching, Achieving, Excelling



B.J. Williams, President, Garland NAACP



Joyce Miller, NAACP Youth Advisor, Education Committee Chair- Garland Chapter



Kristyn Edney, Assistant Principal of North Garland High School

Recently, the Garland NAACP Branch held its Excel Awards, a component of the NAACP Back to School/Stay in School Program. The awards program, in operation since 1995, was held two nights to honor students at elementary and middle schools. Students were recognized for working hard in school and receiving exceptional grades, and maintaining good behavior. Parents, teachers, administrators and staff were also recognized for working with the students.

Over the years, the Garland NAACP and Garland ISD have collaborated with Baylor Medical, Raytheon, and Case Western Bank in supporting this program.



Brandenburg Middle School-
l to r: front-Ryan Henderson, Brittany Miles back-
Kenekukwu Ojukwu, Richard Shorter, Alexandria Portray



Austin Middle School
l to r: Shaun Taylor, Marcus Starks, Ashley Malone,
Stephan McGrew, Amber Croft, Deja Collins



Coyle Middle School-
l to r: back- Jasmine Counts, Darius Clemons, Janet
Oloyede, Mica-el Mumba front- Colby Reasonover-Blackmon



Bussey Middle School-
l to r: back- Darryl Whitehead, Tiffany Thompson, Timothy George, H; Chancey Agbayere
front- Janay Blassingame, Le'shae Moore.



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Is the sky clearest on the day it is most blue?

While you ponder that thought we would like to announce that Minority Opportunity News, Inc., formerly a Dallas based renaissance community tabloid, founded in 1991, has relocated to Plano, Texas, and changed our name to MON-The Gazette. In addition to moving our offices to Plano, our editorial coverage has also shifted to encompass Dallas' Northern Corridor. The Northern Corridor is clearly the fastest growing region in Texas, if not in America. MON-The Gazette believes that the engine to continue this growth is the airport expansion in McKinney, which is the largest and most visible of many area opportunities. As always, and true to tradition, MON-The Gazette will be there carving a world of opportunity for those seeking to provide quality services. Should you dare to expand your quest for economic parity outside the southern region or just want to know what is going on up north-

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

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Stephanie Gizard under hypnosis

she started her practice as a certified professional. Her Richardson office welcomes you in to a 'relaxed state' even as you enter through the door that exhibits a flowing stained glass forest effect. Nanci's petite stature and soft voice is both inviting and accommodating. A tour of the therapy rooms reiterates this professional's dedication to making each session soothing and relaxing. Nature's waterfalls, plush seating and soft light illuminations make the experience non-invasive and conducive to an ultimate calming effect. Nanci keeps her skills sharp by attending conferences and training programs. She utilizes this knowledge by regularly updating and improving her technique. Texas clientele have benefited from her services since 1977.

The best way to understand Hypnosis is to first clarify what it is 'not.' The subject has carried an air of mystery and sometimes superstition throughout history. Movies, television and books often give it a magical, mystical and overpowering association that has exacerbated the misunderstanding. It is this 'darkness' in definition that makes the job of a professional hypnotist very challenging — often before the even client enters into the office. One such talented

professional is certified Hypnotherapist Nanci E. Chiappetti, C.Ht. Nanci has operated a very successful Hypnotherapist clinic for many years in Richardson and the Dallas area. Her clients span a wide spectrum of professions and a diversity of problems and issues on which she has assisted them to workable solutions.

WHAT IS HYPNOSIS?

Ms. Chiappetti said, "Much of the 'mystery' about Hypnosis comes from confusion about what can be done and what cannot be done during the procedure. A hypnotized person is not asleep or in some strange trance-like state of mind. The subject is aware of all that is happening around them. The person will be able to remember suggestions made during the session. While hypnotized, if the suggestion becomes disagreeable — the client will either ignore that suggestion or instantly return to full consciousness. The state of Hypnosis is surprisingly a very natural experience for everyone. Daydreaming and preoccupation are mild states of hypnosis in which one's conscious mind has been distracted. It is in that state that the mind can then absorb positive and fresh information and suggestions."

As a professional of high ethical standing, Nanci Chiappetti is

dedicated to helping the public become more informed about what Hypnosis means. She explains how the process deals with the two states of mind — 'conscious and unconscious.' "The altered state of consciousness can guide you to more positive awakened life changes," she said. During Hypnosis, the altered state of consciousness enables contact with the unconscious mind. Her clients give glowing testimonies of renewed success, empowerment and a happier outlook after undergoing carefully monitored hypnosis sessions. Nanci has assisted clients into relief from habits and problems they had lived with for many years. A professional Hypnotherapist can help address problems of behavior, stress and attitude.

SELF-ESTEEM and HYPNOSIS

As a dedicated Hypnotherapist, Nanci Chiappetti has helped people greatly increase their self-esteem. Her system of guiding the client to a positively reprogrammed mindset has proven to be very successful. The effects of low self-esteem can be negative to a person's physical and psychological health. By encouraging the mind to let go of negative behavior and replacing that with positive — one's self-esteem can move to a healthy awareness.

A person's self-esteem can manifest in many different extremes. Habitual extremes can have a very negative effect on a person's quality of life.

Over-achievers and underachievers are often acting out esteem issues. Hypnosis can allow the underlying cause and effect to be examined. The client may be able to recall an experience or time in life when esteem was threatened or compromised. At a relaxed state of mind — positive suggestions can replace negative thoughts and actions. Nanci Chiappetti recognizes how important self-esteem is to a person's total health. She works to make Hypnotherapy available and affordable to more people who desperately could use the help.

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Mesquite Independent School District Board of Trustees Election held

May 3rd

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Michelle Harrison (972) 814-7885

Campaign for Denise Upchurch for
School Board Place 7, 1521 Creek Valley Rd Mesquite, 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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receiving prenatal care, she also made sure that she received regular prenatal care with her previous pregnancies.

"I've been getting the regular prescribed prenatal care, which are just monthly doctors appointments", said Thomopoulos.

Prenatal care is so crucially important because it can help a woman reduce her risk of having a baby with a birth defect, which is an abnormality of structure, function or metabolism (body chemistry) present at birth that results in physical or mental disability or is fatal. During the prenatal visits, the doctor can obtain information about the mother and father's family history, which will help to identify risk factors for birth defects.

Many of us are clueless as to what causes a birth defect to occur. Birth defects can be caused by abnormalities in the number or structure of chromosomes can cause several birth defects. Birth defects can also be caused by environmental factors such as drug or alcohol abuse, infections, or exposure to certain medications or other chemicals.

About 150,000 babies are born each year with birth defects and are the leading cause of death in the first year of life. However, some birth defects can be diagnosed before birth using prenatal test such as the ultrasound, amniocentesis and chorionic villus sampling (CVS). An ultrasound can help diagnose structural birth defects such as spina bifida, heart and urinary

tract defects. An amniocentesis and CVS are used to diagnose chromosomal abnormalities such as Down syndrome. Through a lot of research in advances in prenatal therapy, it is possible to treat some birth defects before a baby is born, resulting in the births of health babies.

The March of Dimes, who has helped to beat diseases like polio, continues its research to cure diseases. The March of Dimes investments in genetic research have already begun to show results. Two March of Dimes funded grantees have used gene therapy successfully in treating hemophilia and retinitis pigmentosa in the lab, giving hope that there will soon be a cure for these genetic birth defects.

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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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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

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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 McKinney Mayor And City Council Candidates

Following are the candidates for McKinney Mayor and City Council and the respective districts being sought:
Mayor: Bill Whitfield (Incumbent); Jan Hall (Incumbent); Gilda Garcia Garza (Incumbent); Randall Odell Walder, Don Day (District 1); Gabe Nesbitt (Incumbent); Mike Ripberger (Incumbent); Scott Lewis, Michael S. Mertz, Linda Royer, Michael McCandless, Jennifer M. D'Uva (District 2); These are the candidates who responded to MON-The Gazette's candidate survey.
McKinney City Mayor Election



Jan Hall

Name: Jan Hall, P.O. Box 99, McKinney, TX 75070
Phone: 214.585.1110 Fax: 972.542.1015
In 50 words or less, relate the knowledge, skills or experience your candidacy offers voters. Active business owner, employer and a positive community leader. Serving as Vice Chair of McKinney Community Development Corporation. Served six years on the Planning and Zoning Commission, and was unanimously elected chairman for three consecutive terms. Recognized as one of Collin County's 21 Outstanding Leaders for the Twenty-First Century. Have you previously been a candidate for this or another office? No.
If successful, what would be your top three priorities in this office? Create a strong economic tax base without raising property taxes. Plan for and support growth while preserving our historic character. Build a partnership between City and Schools to share resources and enable services to remain

strong.
If successful, what would you do to improve this office? My style as a leader is to focus on results. I will provide strong, responsible, aggressive leadership during this period of rapid growth for McKinney. I will broaden the base of citizen involvement and encourage "participatory government". As Mayor, I will involve the entire community as we build our future.
How would you relate the problems/progress of this public office? Our taxes are higher than any of the surrounding cities. We have challenges as our population grows in communicating with citizens and encouraging their involvement. City staff, citizens and developers must work together as we update the Future Land Use Plan, and share resources. Creating a sustainable tax base to support the needs and services of our growing population is the most important challenge facing the Mayor and City Council. What do citizens deserve from this public office? I will build and establish working relationships with the community and other communities in Collin County, the media, and at the regional, state, and federal levels, and other regional organizations to further our common goals. My office door will always be open and I will also be out in the community listening to the citizens.
How does your character, work ethic or expertise match citizen needs and expectations? I have been approached by community leaders and residents



Linda D. Royer

requesting that I seek the office of Mayor many times in the past few years. For over 20 years I have owned and managed a

manufacturing company with my husband Bryan. Our company received the 2000 MEDC Corporate Performance Award for Outstanding Business and Corporate Citizenship. My work ethic is to work hard, work cooperatively with others, and get results. I have the required vision, insight, skills and experience to guide McKinney through our growth years.
What, if any, are your campaign promises pledges to the electorate? The entire community must be involved as we plan. We must prepare now so that we will be able to support our population and still have parks and opens spaces, good schools and maintain the historic hometown feeling that is McKinney. We must create a strong tax base and reduce the tax burden off the homeowner. I will work with the MEDC, the Chamber of Commerce and the development community to attract commercial and retail business, and to advertise our historic area as a shopping and tourist destination, build parks and recreation areas.
McKinney City Council At-Large Name: Linda D. Royer, 1108 W. Virginia St., McKinney TX 75069 Phone: 972.569.8555/972.542.2301
In 50 words or less, relate the knowledge, skills or experience your candidacy offers voters I have seen more change and missed opportunities in my 15 years here, than my opponents. I have been involved with city and school government for just as long. I have initiated many changes in McKinney. From changing the all At-Large school board candidates to "Place" representation to realigning Districts in the city.
Have you previously been a candidate for this or another office? Yes.
What year(s) and office(s)? 1997 city council, 2000 city council, 2001 school board.
If successful, what would be your top three (3) priorities in this office? 1. Increase our commercial tax base with something grenadier like a regional mall.
2. Recruit entertainment businesses that will create employment for our youth.
3. Appoint someone who lives within the airport community to the airport board.
If successful, what would you do to improve this office? Better relations with the people through open and responsive government.
How would you relate the problems/progress of this public office? I believe this office could do a better job if the council would become

more involved with the citizens of McKinney. Town meetings in neighborhood schools could go a long way with relations. The current council has made the opportunity available for those who wish to be more involved with its current planning stage. This trend should continue to grow.
What do citizens deserve from this public office? Honest open government.
How does your character, work ethic or expertise match citizen needs and expectations? For the past 15 years I have volunteered in city projects and with the school system. I have researched many projects as well as problems. I know this council as well as the council before it and the one before it. I have gone through 3 city managers, 3 police chiefs, 3 airport managers. I know city staff by name and they know me.
What, if any, are your campaign promises pledges to the electorate? I promise to do the best I can, research when needed and be an honest leader for the people.
Name: Michael S. Mertz, 5101 Lake Bend Dr. McKinney, TX. 75071-6477
Phone: 972.684.0613
Relate the knowledge, skills, or experience your candidacy offers voters.
I have years of experience gathering the people together to solve issues and implement visions. I served as a member of the Parks & Recreation Board for 2 years. I have been involved in development of the Parks Strategic Plan, a tenant to the Master Development Plan currently under development.
Have you previously been a



Michael S. Mertz

candidate for this or another office? No.
If successful, what would be your top three priorities in this office?

1. Opening communications between the city council and citizens.
2. Complete the city's Master Development Plan and begin to implement that plan.
3. Start forming the ground work and plans to bring DART to McKinney.
If successful, what would you do to improve the office? My primary goal as is to represent the citizens of McKinney, keep them informed of the issues and decisions made, listen to their ideas and complaints, solicit their input, and grow the city together.
How would you relate the problems/progress of this public office?

My first initiative would be to create a web site that would be used to communicate the issues and initiatives currently on-going at city hall. This would include progress reports, final decisions, successes, and failures, made available in a clear and concise manner for everyone to understand.
What do citizens deserve from this public office? The citizens of McKinney deserve a city councilman that will listen to them and work with them to solve the issues in their neighborhoods. They deserve a councilman that represents the

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welfare of the entire city and does not make decisions based on personal agendas or political commitments. They deserve a councilman that is a straight shooter and leads with a conscience. How does your character, work ethic or expertise match citizen needs and expectations? I was raised in a family of farmers and country folks. I was taught



Scott Lewis

that success is only achieved through hard work. I grew up believing that a person must earn their keep, and when someone pays you one dollar you give him back more than one dollar's worth of work. I have always approached tasks with the attitude that if it is worth doing, then it is worth doing right. Being a city councilman is worth doing. What, if any, are your campaign promises/pledges to the electorate? I will maintain communications with the public through web sites, email, phone, newsletters, and public gatherings. I will ask your opinions. I will listen to you. I will be a citizen's voice at city hall. Name: Scott Lewis, 8709 Falcon View, McKinney, TX 75070 Phone: 972.562.8704 Fax: 972.562.1746

In 50 words or less, relate the knowledge, skills or experience your candidacy offers voters. I believe my 14 years in banking have provided me with a knowledge base that will prove invaluable in meeting the opportunities and challenges faced by our city. I have proven leadership and management skills, vision, the ability to communicate effectively, a solid financial acumen, a strong work ethic, and the desire and courage to make sound decisions for the community. Have you previously been a candidate for this or another office? No.

If successful, what would be your top three (3) priorities in this elective office? 1. Balance and increase our commercial tax base. 2. Continue to improve existing infrastructure. 3. Improve communication and teamwork. If successful, what would you do

to improve this office? I believe that my ability to provide strong leadership and effectively communicate with the citizens, and county and state officials will help McKinney come together so we can reach our full potential. How would you relate the problems/progress of this public office? I believe my predecessors have laid the groundwork for long-term sustainability. We need to plan effectively and act accordingly. What do citizens deserve from this public office? Leadership, communication, vision and action.

How does your character, work ethic or expertise match citizen needs and expectations? The citizens of McKinney share the same passion for the community that I do, along with the desire to leave our children with a McKinney that we are proud of. Our citizens are a diverse group and our city has unique concerns because of our rich heritage and rapid growth. I will provide strong, forward thinking leadership, will listen to the concerns and needs of the citizens and not be afraid to make difficult decisions for the betterment of the city.

What, if any, are your campaign promises/pledges to the electorate? I pledge to listen to the issues and concerns of the community, to invest the time necessary to represent the community as a whole and constantly strive for the success of McKinney. Name: Jennifer M. D'Uva, 5100 El Dorado Parkway, #102-620, McKinney, TX 75070 Phone: 972.886.2212/469.964.6112



Jennifer M. D'Uva

Fax: 972.886.2213 In 50 words or less, relate the knowledge, skills or experience your candidacy offers voters. I am not a career politician. I am a mother, housewife and entrepreneur. I have a background in accounting and a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from UCLA. Have you previously been a candidate for this or another office? No.

If successful, what would be your top three priorities in this office? 1. Responsive government. 2. Responsive growth. 3. Responsive and open public forum. If successful, what would you do to improve this office? The office doesn't need improving, only the office holders. My only interest in this office is to make the best decisions possible, from the point of view of someone who simply

wishes to live here. How would you relate the problems/progress of this public office? There is such small voter turn-out in McKinney. The council must be as open and forthright as possible so voters can make informed decisions and know their interest and concerns are important. What do citizens deserve from this public office? Responsibility, responsiveness, and the assurance that the concerns of McKinnyans take precedence over the interests of outsiders.

How does your character, work ethic or expertise match citizen needs and expectations? I am not shy. I work smart. I have nothing to gain from this office. I accept no campaign contributions. I can smell if a bull's been around and am not afraid to say so. What, if any, are your campaign promises/pledges to the electorate? McKinney and all who make McKinney their home come first. McKinney City Council, Place 1 Name: Don Day, 110 E. Louisiana Street, McKinney, Texas 75069 Phone: 972-562-0267

In 50 words or less, relate the knowledge, skills or experience your candidacy offers voters. 38 years experience as a contractor/developer. BS degree in Physics from North Texas State University. Owner and General Partner in DFA, LTD, principal owner of The Sweet Tomato Restaurant, The Estate Antique Mall and 10 buildings in Downtown McKinney. DFA's principal business is the purchase and renovation of commercial historic buildings. DFA has won the City of McKinney's award for the best Commercial Historic Preservation project for two of the past three years. Have you previously been a candidate for this or another office?

Member of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Member for McKinney Housing Opportunities Board. President of Downtown Properties Owners. Past board member McKinney Housing Authorities. Past member 2002 Bond Election Executive Committee. Past member Throughfare Committee. If successful, what would be your



Gilda G. Garza

top three priorities in this office? 1. Promote commercial economic growth. 2. Reduce waste of tax payer dollars on the \$117 million in construction contracts the city will contract for this year alone. 3. Bring rooftops and commercial development to old east McKinney. What would I do to improve McKinney? Over the past 5 years, McKinney has doubled in population, and real estate taxes have more than doubled. Home owners do not generate sufficient revenue to fund education, neither do we have a broad commercial tax base. Our major problem is lack of retail. We need to stimulate this growth. - push for a

local option election for beer and wine; recruit retail shopping developers to McKinney; work to foster a "user friendly" attitude among city employees. Why am I running for city council? Because I see a need that I can fill in at least three ways: a. Construction Management. We need an in-house department dedicated to insure that we buy wisely. b. Commercial tax base growth. c. Old East McKinney has an opportunity to join the rest of McKinney as a growing prosperous area. I believe it is an obligation of every human to strive to leave his or her

corner of the world a better place than we found it. Name: Gilda G. Garza, 1208 Garcia Street, McKinney, TX 75069 Phone: 214.403.8379 In 50 words or less, relate the knowledge, skills or experience your candidacy offers voters. During my first term I have gained considerable knowledge of city government and its process. I continue to have the passion to help District 1 address its needs and improvements. Have you previously been a candidate for this or another office?

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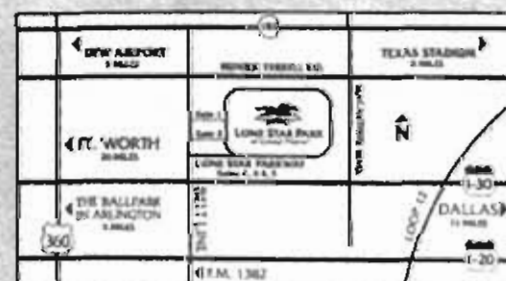
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by Neve Gingrich for his "diplomatic
failure" vis-a-vis the Iraq war. Although,
according to a recent CNN report, the
White House expressed its confidence in
Powell, saying he had done an "excellent
job" in promoting the president's views
and advancing his agenda. Well, they got
that right. You know what they say about
lying down with dogs. Colin. You find
yourself scratching even when you don't
itch.

What we see in the post-war era is a
mad scramble for money - a headlong
plunge into an ocean of profit - by some
of the most treacherous men of our
time. They comprise a cast of characters
the likes of whom the world has not seen
since J.P. Morgan and his ilk and the
Rothchilds before him. We see a veritable
carnival of stars with names such as
Perle, Wolfowitz, Fleischer, Rove, Feith,
Libby, Woolsey, and several others. Talk
about the in-crowd; Ramsey Lewis
would be proud of this group.

Finally, there is the Kingpin, the guy
who was there from the beginning, the
guy who was shaking Saddam's hand
and smiling as people were being gassed,
you know, back in 1983. He is the guy
who had Ronald Reagan's ear; he is the
guy who could not wait to go to war with
Iraq; he is the guy who for more than 20
years has plotted and schemed and lived
for this day. He is Donald Rumsfeld, the
glib, arrogant and flippant Secretary of
Defense, and architect of it all. (Did you
know there is an effort to run him for
president in 2008? He'll only be 75 years
old by then.) And you thought it was
Bush who planned this; Bush has to plan
how he is going to walk and what facial
expressions to use. How could you have
thought he planned all of this?

No, it's Rumsfeld, the John Gotti of
the new economy, the boss of bosses,
who laughs at the news reports of the
looting of antiquities in Iraq by
suggesting we are seeing the same
television reports of a few 5000 year-old
vases being stolen by the same persons.
He asked the reporters at his news
conference, "How many vases could
there be in Iraq?" I guess that means he
couldn't care less about things that were
on this earth during its infancy; he just
wants to find the money, to get the
contracts signed for his friends, and
move on to the next "Axis of Evil"
country and take over its resources or
change its "regime."

As for my disagreeing with this
underfunded, evil and despicable war
policy, and risking being called
"unpatriotic" by some, read the words of
former Republican President Theodore
Roosevelt regarding Woodrow Wilson's
crackdown on dissenters to the United
States getting into World War I. He said,
"To announce that there must be no
criticism of the president, or that we are
to stand by the president, right or wrong,

is not only unpatriotic and servile, but is
morally treasonable to the American
public."

Take that An Fleischer!

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Rev. Ella Mae McDonald

Hamilton Park United Methodist Church Celebrates Women's Day

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home where it hurts - home where it heals - and home where it
helps. She has served in the pastoral ministry for almost 20 years
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Dallas, Texas. The theme for Women's Day is "I Know Thy
Works" based on the scripture text Revelations 2:19. Our
dynamic Women's Chorus will render the ministry of music in
song. All are welcome to come as you are and join the women of
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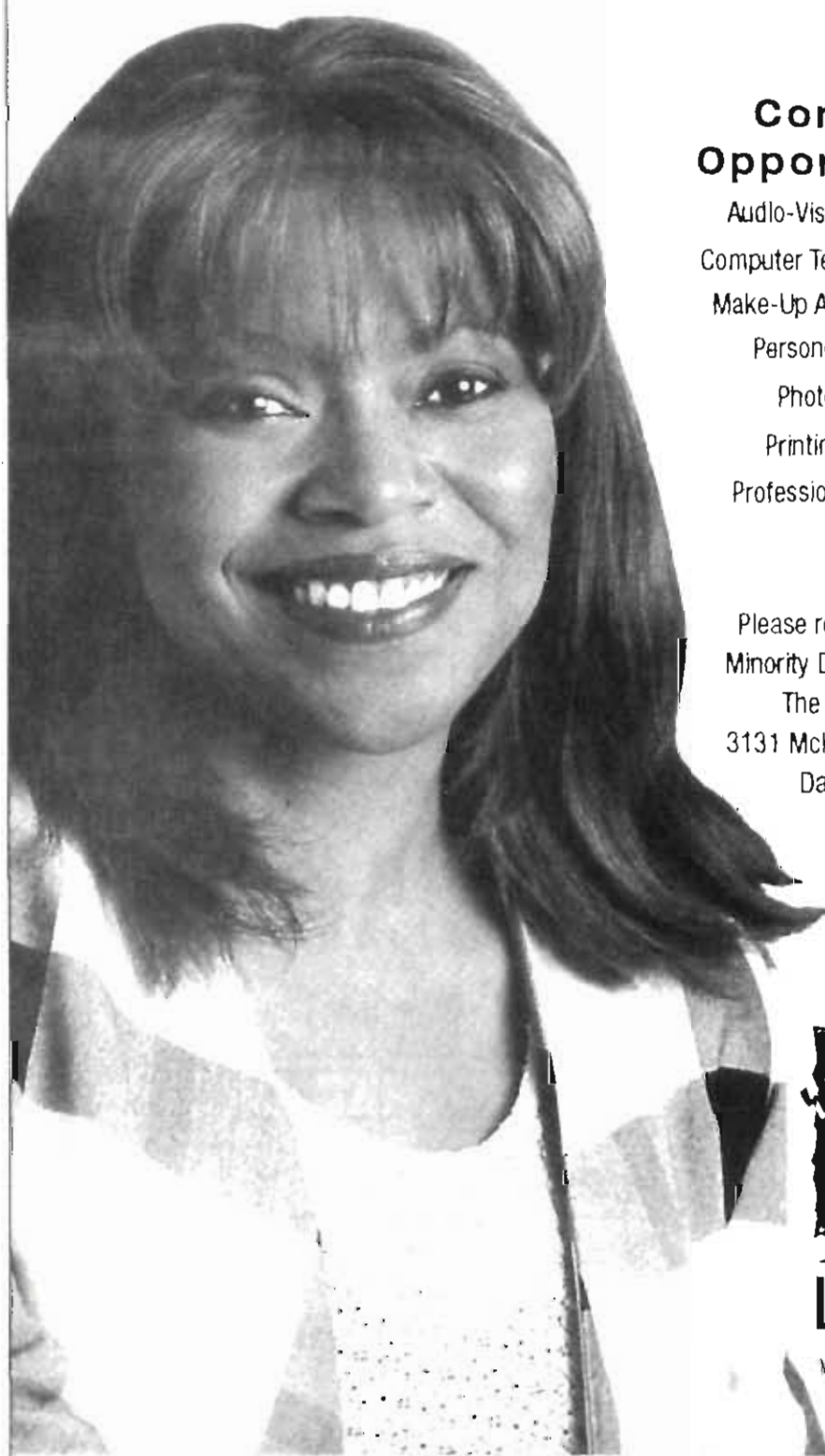
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If yes, what year(s), and office(s)?
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If successful, what would be your
top three priorities in this office?



Mike J. Ripberger

1. Infrastructure initiative. 2. Retail. 3. Revitalization (for District 1).
If successful, what would you do to improve this office?
Continue to represent the residents of District 1. Be vocal and address issues, and communicate (town hall meetings).
If an incumbent, why are you seeking re-election? What remains to be done? What could you reasonably accomplish in another term?
It is not practicable to accomplish goals in one term. Infrastructure initiative is incomplete, airport issues and environmental hazards still exist. Awareness and relief can reasonably be accomplished.
How would you relate the problems/progress of this public office?
The problem relative to this public office is not only are we just one vote, it also takes time to accomplish issues. The positive is that we do make progress.
What do citizens deserve from this public office?
Citizens deserve respect, the right to know, and their issues concerns addressed.
How does your character, work ethic or expertise match citizen needs and expectations?
I have one term of experience; I was born and raised in District 1 - and that is why my slogan for this year is "From the Neighborhood...For the Neighborhood". I can therefore empathize with citizen concerns. I have no ties, residents can expect me to honestly represent them.
What, if any, are your campaign promises/pledges to the electorate? I make no promises, except to try my best to represent all of District 1 and make the best decisions to

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McKinney City Council, Place 3
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If successful, what would be your top three priorities in this office?
1. Efficient use of tax monies. 2. Attract more jobs to McKinney. 3. Televised City Council Meetings.
If successful, what would you do to improve this office?
Doing just enough to get by is not working. We must change our thoughts, our actions, and our leaders. I will be pro-active in finding solutions to the problems in my District. I will listen to citizens' input and take action to create a user-friendly city, especially to attract new business for quality growth.
How would you relate the problems/progress of this public office?
My phone number is listed, and you

can call me any time with your thoughts and ideas.
The relationship of the City Council with all of the media is an important one. We need to communicate with residents via newspapers, radio, Internet and television. I will continue to use my website, www.mikerippergerdistrict3.org as a forum for issues and ideas.
What do citizens deserve from this public office?
Citizens in District 3 deserve a representative who will listen and take action on their concerns. District 3 is McKinney's most diverse District, and its representative needs to embrace and respect its many views. How does your character, work ethic or expertise match citizen needs and expectations?
I have always tracked issues, and I am outspoken in my beliefs. I have been a regular attendee at city council meetings over the past few years. My participation in many local organizations shows my high level of commitment and interest in my community.
What, if any, are your campaign promises/pledges to the electorate? I will make it my job to know my District well, and to communicate with the citizens. I believe District 3 has a huge potential for improvement, and I am willing to invest my time and energy to be its champion on council.



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— National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy
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— American Psychiatric Association
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Arts & Entertainment

Upcoming At The Bass Performance Hall Bugs Henderson and The Shuffle Kings



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"Blues survivor Henderson has chops that can crush boulders" "...the Texan

tackles rock in all its indigo shades with a sense of humor and spirited energy. Bugs does it smooth, soulful, and lightning-fast." Texas guitar slinger Bugs Henderson, along with the Shuffle Kings (son and drummer Buddy Henderson and bass player Keith Jones), is back with a new release that's wowing blues/rock fans from coast to coast. Bug's life began in Palm Springs, California, moving to Tyler, Texas in the mid-

fifties where he became a real Texan. He spent his young years "just like on Happy Days or American Graffiti" cruising around with friends listening to Elvis and trying to pick up girls. Bugs wasn't quite the cruiser his friends were. Instead he was obsessed with

the guitar. Not caring much about who was playing or what kind of music it was, Bugs picked up every record he could get his hands on that had a picture of a guitar on it. Later, he got into B.B. King and Freddie King, but would listen to and learn everything from Chet Atkins to Elvis. Public recognition came in 1966 with Mouse & the Traps and their regional hit "Public Execution". It was at that time that Bugs acquired his nickname, "Bugs Bunny" because he played guitar so fast. (Actually, his buddies started out calling him "Bunny", but Bugs would have no part of that.) After also being a studio musician in the sixties, longtime friend and poker buddy, Freddie King, urged Bugs to step out of his sideman role and become a band leader.

When he did, Texas gained a "musician's musician". Over the years Bugs has been admired by Billy Gibbons, Eric

Clapton, B. B. King, Jimmy Page, Willie Nelson and the late Stevie Ray Vaughan. After thirty years of sweaty club gigs and the occasional blues festival, Bugs still loves getting up on stage and leaving audiences begging for more. As to why fame has eluded him, Bugs isn't bothered. He has found contentment in life with his guitar and his family. As he could say "I tell people all the time that I know you are supposed to stop and smell the roses, but in my case, I moved into the garden. I found what I liked and stuck with it." October 1998, Blue Flame Records releases "Heartbroke Again" a great live performance recorded in St. Louis, July 1986. This time Bugs is supported by his previous band called the "Stratoblasters", a stunning performance including Bugs' best songs.

Bugs Henderson and The Shuffle Kings Friday May 23rd @ 9:00 pm.

X2



Already living in a society that mistrusts them, the mutants are faced with even more discrimination after an unforeseen enemy who may be a mutant with extraordinary powers launches a devastating attack. The news of the assault causes a public outcry against mutants, including renewed support for the act that would require them to be registered, and William Stryker, a military leader rumored to have experimented on mutants (possibly including Wolverine), is among the most vocal supporters of the legislation. Stryker puts into motion a plan to eradicate the "freaks" and begins an offensive on the X-Men mansion and school. Magneto, having escaped from his plastic prison, forms an unlikely alliance with Professor Xavier to stop Stryker. Meanwhile, Wolverine heads north to investigate his past.

Starts May 2, 2003

The Dancer Upstairs



John Malkovich's directing debut is set in an unnamed and politically volatile Latin American country during the 1980s and follows a police officer named Agustin Rojas (Javier Bardem) on the trail of Ezequiel (John Malkovich), an extreme revolutionary whose group is responsible for assassinations and dog killings. Rojas' investigation is stalled when he finds himself attracted to a mysterious ballet teacher (Laura Morante).

Starts May 2, 2003 — in select cities

The Blarney Brothers Jam From Rock-A-Billy to An Irish Jig

The Blarney Brothers have a unique sound that few bands can claim. You don't often find six guys who can all sing, write & arrange music and play so many different and diverse instruments. But what kind of music is this really? The Blarney Brothers are a live pub show with the accent on "live" and the emphasis on "show". While much of their music is original and ranges from romantic to rock-a-billy, they have also found that Celtic music and pubs were meant for each other whether in

Texas or Ireland. The Blarney Brothers breathe new life into traditional songs while maintaining the spirit of the original. The Blarney Brothers also find the sea-faring music of Stan Rogers to be a strong influence.

So strong, in fact that it lends itself to a wonderful seagoing theme that weaves its way through a night with The Blarney Brothers. It also inspired the writing of an original song in the genre called "Ned's Chanty."

The Blarney Brothers play Bass Hall/May 30-31



Car Review

2003 GMC Sierra: The Ultimate in Truck Driving



For 2003, the GMC Sierra gets a new front fascia and side moldings, new entertainment options complete with rear seat controls, XM Satellite Radio, new seats, a user friendly dual-zone climate control system, and QuadraSteer four-wheel steering system. And that's just the beginning of this powerful vehicle.

The 1500HD comes in only one body style, a short-box crew cab, a large cabin that offers plenty of room for six, and four doors to make getting in out easy.

There are only two trim levels available, the SLE and SLT. SLE models include cruise control, keyless entry, an AM/FM/CD stereo, and an updated driver message center that monitors 23

different vehicle systems. SLT models come with leather seating surfaces, automatic climate control, power-adjustable driver passenger seats, satellite steering wheel controls, and the OnStar communications system that provides 24-hour on-call assistance for everything from tow truck requests to dinner reservations.

Optional items include a rear seat DVD entertainment system, heated captain's chairs and a heavy-duty towing package that adds an oil cooler, platform hitch and all the wiring necessary for a brake controller and center-mounted brake light.

The standard 6.0-liter V8 gets electronic throttle control, as well as the ability to run exclusively on Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) or a mix

of CNG and gasoline.

For the 6.0-liter Vortec V8 rated at 300 h.p. 360 lb.ft. torque, GM gave the Sierra the 4L80-E automatic transmission. This transmission-engine combo allows the 1500HD to tow up to 10,200 pounds, with overdrive and a tow-haul mode that adjusts shift points for better performance.

Despite its hefty tow rating, the 1500HD is comfortable enough to be a daily driver,

with swift acceleration from the big V8 and smooth shifting of the heavy-duty automatic transmission. The new QuadraSteer system eases maneuverability, and the torsion bars up front and leaf springs in the rear gives the 2003 Sierra a superior and refined ride. The Bose audio system, XM Satellite Radio and a rear-seat DVD entertainment system also make this vehicle the ultimate family vacation vehicle.

BASS Performance Hall April 2003 Events

Bela Fleck and The Flecktones
Thursday, May 01, 2003 8:00 pm
Merle Haggard
Friday, May 02, 2003 8:00 pm
Mike Epps
Saturday, May 3, 2003 7:00 pm / 10:30 pm
Ricky Lynn Buckley Award
Monday, May 5, 2003 8:00 pm

Paul Mejia's Romeo and Juliet
Tuesday, May 06, 2003 8:00 pm
96.3 KSCS Presents Travis Tritt
Friday, May 09, 2003 8:00 pm
1964 - The Tribute
Saturday, May 10, 2003 8:00 pm
Bill Cosby
Sunday, May 11, 2003 8:00 pm / 6:00 pm

American Airlines Center April - September 2003

Stars vs. Mighty Ducks - May 3, 2003
Miami Fight Night - March 29, 2003
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May 08 KEGL BFD	June 11 Peter Gabriel
May 15 James Taylor	June 16 Red Hot Chili Peppers
May 17 Edgefest 2003	June 21 Pat Green
May 18 KISS Party 2003	June 29 Ozzfest 2003
June 08 Journey/Styx/REO Speedwagon	July 18 Alabama
June 09 Pearl Jam	August 05 Neil Young with Lucinda Williams
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Watch and pray that you don't fall prey to the enemy, for these are perilous times and the enemy is going about as a roaring lion seeking all whom he can devour. I tell you this day to stand strong with your head covered with the power of the blood of the Lamb of God. Cover your mind and your heart so that no impure thoughts can go through and take root in your heart. Examine your heart and see if there are any impure motives behind what you do because God looks at the heart and not at the outward actions.

Teach the younger ones by setting a good example of love and righteousness; you are the epistle that they read daily. You can quote the scripture to them, but what they really see is your actions for they speak louder than your words. Once you set a good example, cover them with a blanket of love and encourage them. Tell them who they are in Christ. That they are warriors of light and that all darkness is under their feet.

Show them the weapons

that they have and how to use them. Build them up at a young age on how to stand strong and be independent in God. Let them know that God will teach them His word and His will. Help them to seek God in the scriptures and teach them how to pray. They need to be built up on the truth of God's word because the enemy is seeking to destroy them.

God wants them to be bold in His love. They need to cast down vain imaginations and cover their heart with God's truth. Teach them to watch what they speak concerning their brother. To be a vessel that God can use to build up and edify, to exhort, not to tear down and discourage. Always speak truth to one another, not what they see, for every idle word that is spoken forth will be judged.

Teach them to cover their heart so that the enemy cannot plant poisonous darts within and cause division; they need to bind together and stand strong against the wicked one. If the enemy cannot attack from without, he will try to fight from within.

Tell them to let out a victory shout and rise up and take the land. Worship God in the beauty of holiness. Escape the clutches of the evil one once and for all. To run, leap and shout—to be free. Don't let anyone

hold them back.

Encourage them to spread God word so that all can see His love and grace. Jesus died so that all can have life. Today is the day of His salvation. Tell them to humble themselves be God's throne of grace so that He can lift them up.

Tell them that they should be clean in mind, soul and spirit. Teach them to be free and walk the crucified life. Let Jesus' resurrection power engulf them and guide them into all truth, to cast off all deception. Be discerning for these are perilous times and the enemy is attacking leaders with compromise to try and water down God's word to justify the error of their actions. They allow pride to keep them locked in the snare of the enemy. But deep down they know truth and just won't admit it.

Teach them to take a stand and repent of their wicked ways for God will judge them. Tell them to watch, to pray and to be bold. To stand for truth and to cast off all forms of wickedness and rise up and take the land.

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Tuesdays, 9:30-10:00 a.m.
& 11:30-2:00 p.m.
Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 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 p.m.
Counseling by Minister Gloria Fenceroy-Call the church for an appointment

Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
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 Fenceroy
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ON POINT MINISTRIES, INC.
May 8, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
CAPP Award's Banquet to recognize outstanding Christian leaders
Keynote Speaker- Rev. James Fitzgerald, Staff Pastor of Community Services & Development, Friendship-West Baptist Church

Advanced Tickets- \$25
Tickets at the Door- \$35
Table of 10- \$200
Event Location- Oak Cliff Event Center, 300 E. Ledbetter Dr., Dallas, TX

For directions, call 214-375-9590. For more information about the event, call 972-709-0245 or visit www.onpointministries.com

SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday,
7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.
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@yahoo.com.

May 10, 11:00 am
2nd Annual Fish Fry
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For more information email: thebrotherhood@shilohmbc.org
Shiloh Baptist Church

Rev. Isiah Joshua, Jr., Pastor
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ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH

May 3, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
2nd Annual Health Fair- Activities and information will be provided for all age groups
Visit www.sjbcfamily.com for additional information.

St. John Baptist Church
Denny Davis, Servant
1701 W. Jefferson St.
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The POTTER'S HOUSE

May 8, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Resume Critiques
May 9, 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
3rd Annual Job Fair- More than 30 area companies invited to attend

The Potter's House
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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.

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

Wednesday
Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
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Deliverance from IssuesTuesdays 7:30-8:30 PM
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Youth Bible StudyWednesdays 7:15-8:30 PM

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