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### On the Homefront:

Billie G. Meador, Edward Jones Investment representative will host a financial workshop, June 3 - 24, one night a week, 7 - 9 p.m. Held at Collin County Community College, 4800 Preston Park Blvd, Plano. Fee: \$65.00. Call Meador at 972.208.5688.

Youth-n-Service begins for youth ages 12-16, through July 15. Youth will participate in community projects for the elderly, give support to organizations that help those in need and work in projects that keep Mesquite beautiful. Contact 972.222.3198 for more information.

The Garland Senior Activity Center presents its third annual "Tribute to Veterans" June 6, at the Atrium, Granville Arts Center, 330 N. Fifth St. Garland. More than 900 people are expected to attend the two concerts, featuring country music legend Hank Thompson and the Brazos Valley Boys. Afternoon concert begins at 2 p.m., tickets \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. The evening concert begins at 6 p.m. and includes a barbecue dinner, \$22 in advance only. To order tickets call 972.205.2769.

Plano's Picnic in the Park - On the Road, June 5, 12 and 19, 7pm - 9pm; June 5: Kraig Parker - Ultimate Elvis Tribute, Hoblitzelle Park, 7500 Red River Dr.

June 12: Me & My Monkey-A Beatles Tribute, Arbor Hills Nature Preserve, 6701 W. Parker Rd.

June 19: Crawfish - 40's Big Band, Classic Rock, Country, and Dixieland, Bob Woodruff Park, 2601 San Gabriel.

ArtCentre of Plano hosts "Jump Start for Arts," a Free Summer Arts Program for low-income students ages 8 - 15, June 16-July 25. Classes taught by certified art teachers. Ages 8-9, June 16-27; ages 10-12, June 30-July 11; ages 13-15, July 14-25. Held at the ArtCentre, downtown Plano, at the corner of 15th Street and Avenue K, from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Call 972.423.7809 for further information and registration.

The SPCA of Texas in Dallas offers discounted spay/neuter surgery package June 1-13. Neuter + shots: \$25/Spay + shots: \$35. Must make an appointment. No surgeries on Saturday. Call 214.651.9611, ext 116 or 133. 362 S. Industrial Blvd, Dallas.

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## Another Empty "Victory" for Black Folks?

**Blackonomics**

By James Clingman  
After receiving an e-mail regarding the Danny Glover-MCI affair, I just had to write about it. The e-mail read: "Urgent Alert-We Celebrate A Victory." A message from MCI to the TransAfrica Forum Board Chairperson stated, "Our contract with Danny Glover runs through January 2004 and we intend to honor our contract." The e-mail went on to say, "This morning we confirmed that the message above is the official position of MCI. To put it in another way, we won!" I then sent an e-mail asking the sender, "What did we win?"

In case you have not heard and did not read my last article ("Demopublicans, Republicans, and Entrepreneurs"), MCI was threatened by Joe Scarborough, a conservative MSNBC talk show host, for casting Glover in its commercials. Additionally, a group of Black folks threatened to retaliate against MCI if Glover was let go. Subsequently, Scarborough announced on his show that his

pressure and his threat of a boycott of MCI had worked. He said they had officially cancelled Glover's appearances in their commercials; MCI also said Glover would be paid for the balance of his contract. That announcement came after the Black group served notice that they would drop MCI if Glover were let go and not allowed to speak his mind on issues such as racism, George Bush's policies and Fidel Castro. I posed the question at that time, "Who will win this latest battle?"

I thought Scarborough had won, that is, until I saw the e-mail saying "we" had won. You know who really won? MCI. As usual, as in the battles with Pepsi, CompUSA, Revlon and the long list of infamous transgressors against Black people, we call for apologies, we start "call-in campaigns," or another let's-make-them-know-how-much-money-we-spend-on-their-products campaign. The offending company comes up with an "act" of contrition, mounts a public relations campaign, makes appropriate apologies, and the while cutting a deal on the side with folks like Scarborough

and Fox News Bill O'Reilly to keep them happy. So, I ask again, "What did WE win?"

Remember Fire Marshall Bill on the television show, "In Living Color?" He would scream, "Let me tell you something!" While we are busy trying to prove how much money we spend with those who offend us, we could be redirecting a great deal of that money toward ourselves. All CompUSA had to do was apologize and hand out 10 percent off coupons, and we ran right back to them, instead of supporting a Black-owned computer company. Hotels that offend us get bad "Report Cards" from the NAACP; so we end up staying in the ones that get C's rather than D's, instead of getting more Black-owned hotels. MCI did its thing and now we're screaming victory because they said, "...we will honor our contract..." with Danny Glover. (The last time I checked, folks were legally bound to "honor" contracts. Is that still the law in this country?)

Let me tell you something else!

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## Is Your Quality of Life Limited Due to a Digestive Disorder (IBS)? Here's What You Should Know

**MON-The Gazette HealthCheck® 2003**

By Jacqueline Perry W.

Gassiness, bloating, changes in bowel habits, and cramping abdominal pain-an embarrassing health problem that some may find hard to talk about is Irritable Bowel Syndrome; it's a problem that should not be overlooked because it is associated with the body's intestines. The intestines are part of the body's digestive system, which is a very significant function of the body.

IBS is a functional bowel disorder of the gastrointestinal (GI) tract. With Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS), the intestines squeeze too hard or not hard enough, causing food to move too quickly or too slowly through the intestines. An estimated 20% of people in the U.S. suffer from the

affects of IBS, one of the most common ailments of the bowel. IBS is believed to be a result of dysfunction of the muscles within the gastrointestinal tract or the nerves controlling the organs.

The digestive system is a series of hollow organs joined in a long, twisting tube from the mouth to the anus. Inside this tube is a lining called the mucosa. In the mouth, stomach, and small intestine, the mucosa contains tiny glands that produce juices to help digest food.

When we eat foods such as bread, meat, and vegetables, they are not in a form that the body can use as nourishment. Our food and drink must be changed into smaller molecules of nutrients before

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## Does Macy's Racially Profile Customers? Lawsuit Claims It Does, Company Says No

By Melani Austria Farmer

Macy's is under fire after the department store behemoth got hit with a lawsuit, alleging that it racially profiles its customers.

Sharon Simmons-Thomas, who is African American, works as a legal secretary in Manhattan, filed a lawsuit seeking class-action compensation Tuesday against Macy's East and its parent company, Federated Department Stores. The suit alleges that Macy's targets African Americans and other people of color for shoplifting.

The suit seeks \$100 million in damages against Macy's East and Federated, which also owns Bloomingdale's department stores for "targeting African Americans and other non-white shoppers for shoplifting and subjecting such shoppers to false accusations, wrongful detentions, searches and confiscation of personal property based on race," according to the suit filed in U.S. District Court in Manhattan.

"Unfortunately, in our society today, people of color are profiled in department stores," said Mary Frances Winters, president of The Winters Group, a diversity-management consulting firm based in Rochester, N.Y. "Unfortunately, it's so ingrained in our culture that it certainly does happen there; it's an assumption made that a person of color has a higher license of being someone with criminal intent, and that's truly unfortunate."

Interestingly enough, Federated announced also on Tuesday the appointment of Bill Hawthorne to the newly created position of vice president diversity and deputy general counsel. Hawthorne will be responsible for corporate wide diversity initiatives including employment, organizational development, work environment, minority vendor relationships, purchasing and business development, the company said. Federated, based in Cincinnati, did not return phone calls but Macy's reportedly released a statement saying that the store does "not profile, target or discriminate against any minority group or individual," according to The New York Times.

Highlighted in the lawsuit was an incident involving Simmons-Thomas when she was shopping in December at the Macy's located in Herald Square in Manhattan. She alleged that

after she exchanged clothing and additional items at the store, plainclothes security guards detained her, even after she presented her receipts for the new items.

"Without identifying themselves as Macy's security, they accused me of shoplifting," Simmons-Thomas said in a statement released by her lawyer Ken Thompson of New York-based Thompson Wigdor & Gilly. "When I tried to show my receipts, one guard grabbed them from my hand and ordered I come with them. They never said where we were going."

She further described in the lawsuit that Macy's guards conducted a body search on her, detained her in a holding cell, handcuffed her to a bench, threatened to use physical force and confiscated her purchases.

The lawsuit filing comes on the heels of a lawsuit filed last week against Federated. The company reported quarterly earnings last week ahead of expectations, but said sales fell in the quarter. The most in the retail sector, Federated has had a challenging time dealing with a sour economy and weakened consumer spending. The company's shares have been fluctuating around \$30 per share, down from its 52-week high of \$33.15.

It is too early to tell how the lawsuit will impact the company's business overall, or if it will resonate with customers.

Myra Marofsky, president of ProGroup, a diversity consulting firm headquartered in Minneapolis, said any time a major company comes across an issue like this, the way in which that company handles the situation going forward is critical. However, most players in the retail sector, she said, have lacked in their efforts to address these issues proactively.

"Many retailing organizations have been very lucky," said Marofsky, who specializes in the retail industry.

"Many customers are saying, 'So what, she is new?' It's old news. [This retailer] just got caught this time. For many customers, this is the story of their life, so what happens is [customers] pick and choose where they feel most welcomed and shop where they do. Retailers need to become aware of this and need to address it proactively," she said.

Marofsky gives an example of one large department store she had

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## Rhema Life Fellowship Church Worship at New Location



Rev. Thomas poses with family and friend, Arnell Davis after church services.



Rev. Thomas poses with Shirley Tarpley, Religion Editor, MON-The Gazette.



(Left to Right) Naarah Allen, Beverly Tinner, Phemia Tinner, Ruena Allen attend church services to hear Rev. Thomas



(Left to Right) Brother Robinson, Rev. Thomas, and Brother Jones giving 1st communion in their new location.



(Left to Right) Brother Robinson, Brother Allen, Brother Jones, Sister Phipin, Sister Perkins at Rhema Life Fellowship Church

Members, family, and friends attended church services on June 1, celebrating Rhema Life Fellowship's new location in Plano. Rev. James W. Thomas, pastor, preached his first sermon at the new location. According to Rev. Thomas, the church's motto, "Raised to Walk in the Newness of Life" was given to the church by God, and they believe that God will continue to bless their

church as they step out on faith.

Rev. Thomas says that Rhema Life Fellowship Church is a body of Christian believers whose mission is to spread the love of Jesus Christ to the world in need of a Savior. The pastor and his church exist to evangelize souls, to equip saints of God, and to exalt the Savior.

To read more about Rhema Life Fellowship Church, see Shirley Tarpley's column in the Church News section.



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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 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 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. Men-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.

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 [mandelmar@ci.allen.tx.us](mailto:mandelmar@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](http://www.picture.com) for details.

### General Information

The City of Plano Parks and Recreation Department will host a free summer lunch program for area youth June 2 through July 25. Served at Bowman Middle School, 2501 Jupiter Road, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., for ages 1 to 18.

Administered by the Texas Association of Developing Colleges (TADC), the Urban Scholarship Fund is accepting applications for students interested in scholarships. Must be Texas residents and U.S. citizens, and full-time undergraduates in good academic standing. Must demonstrate financial need. Deadline for applying is June 30, 2003. Call 214.630.2511, or apply through high school guidance counselor or college financial aid officer.

Junior Players offers a free Discover Shakespeare Camp for middle school students, grades 6 to 8. The camp is June 30-July 11, Monday - Friday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at St. Luke Community United Methodist Church, 5170 E. RL Thornton Freeway. Call 214.526.4076, or visit: [www.juniorplayers.org](http://www.juniorplayers.org).

Plano's Household Hazardous Waste Reuse Center offers Plano residents free, quality household products, including garden products (herbicides and pesticides), pool chemicals, household cleaners, repair products, pet products, paint and automotive products. 4110 West Plano Parkway, at the Parkway Service Center, approximately 1 mile west of Coit Road. Mondays: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00

p.m., Wednesdays: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. For information about the Center, or to schedule a free chemical collection, call 972.769.4150.

The City of Garland announces its Summer Food Service Program, providing free lunches to children up to 18 years old in Garland and Dallas. People older than 18 years are eligible if they are mentally or physically disabled. June 9 - July 25, 11:00 a.m. - 1 p.m. Snacks served 2-3 p.m. For a list of sites available visit: [www.ci.garland.tx](http://www.ci.garland.tx)

The Dallas Independent School District Food & Child Nutrition Services Department, with Texas DHS, is sponsoring the 2003 Summer Food Service Program June 9 through July 25. Children and youth age one to 18 can receive a free lunch and snack each day at more than 40+ sites. Call 214.932.5500 for a list of sites.

### Through June 7

Plano Repertory Theatre presents "Charlotte's Web," at the ArtCentre Theatre in downtown Plano, 1028th 15th Place. Call 972.422.7460, or visit: [www.planorep.org](http://www.planorep.org).

### Through June 8

Log on to DART's website at [DART.org](http://DART.org), and receive a free pass good for travel throughout the DART, Trinity Railway Express, and Fort Worth T systems from June 22 to June 29, as part of DART's latest Route-of-the-Week promotion.

### Through June 20

"Just Like Me" is exhibited in the Main Gallery, Mesquite Arts Center. Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesdays until 9 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 5 p.m.-9 p.m. and 1-5 p.m. on Sundays.

### Through June 22

Plano Repertory Theatre presents

"The Last Five Years." A fresh and contemporary musical from Tony Award-winning composer Jason Robert Brown, chronicling a young couple's romance in a new and exciting way: her story starts at the end of the relationship; his begins on the day they met. Tickets \$24 to \$42. Call PRT's box office at 972.422.7460.

Through June 28  
Collin County Community College District's "The Arts" gallery presents "Revealing the Subconscious," by artist Morris Yanger, through June 28, Spring Creek Campus, 2800 E. Spring Creek Pkwy, Plano. Artist reception June 5, at 6 p.m. Morris explores subject matter and styles through the medium of metal and steel.

Visit [www.ccccd.edu/THEARTSgallery](http://www.ccccd.edu/THEARTSgallery), or call 972.881.5873.

June 6 - 21  
"Catch Me If You Can" is presented by the Mesquite Community Theatre. For tickets and reservations call: 972.216.8126.

### June 7

Herpetology at the Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary, 8 a.m. Take a hike and roll over a few logs - looking for snakes, lizards and turtles. One Nature Place, McKinney. Call 972.562.5566, or visit [www.heardmuseum.org](http://www.heardmuseum.org).

Award-winning poet and entrepreneur, 16 year-old Sarah English signs her third book, "The Sarah's Collection." Sarah will share the secrets of her journey and motivate other youth to begin fulfilling their dreams now. 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Barnes & Nobles, 362 East I-EM 1381, Cedar Hill. 972.293.7397.

### June 10

JazzBreaks on the Plaza, 7:30 p.m. featuring the Jane Robertson Quartet.

Free. Call the Arts Council for updated information at 972.216.6444. 1527 N. Galloway, Mesquite.

### June 11

Introduction to the Internet for computer users with some experience handling a mouse, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, at the Mesquite Public Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive. Registration required for all classes: call 972.216.6224.

### June 12 - 15

The hit comedy "Late Nite Catechism" comes to the Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Drive, Richardson. For performance times and prices call 972.744.4650, or visit: [www.eisemanncenter.com](http://www.eisemanncenter.com).

### June 14

SPCA of Texas in The Colony hosts low cost rabies/vaccination clinic for dogs and cats; worming, microchipping, adoptions, merchandise and information on other SPCA programs. Call Ann Barnes: 972.625-5545, 10 a.m. to noon. 4720 E. Lake Highlands.

Collin County Classic Bike Rally- More than 2,000 cyclists from around the country begin their trek from McKinney High School North and ride through neighboring cities. To participate in this recreational ride, to volunteer or for more information contact Fit-life Foundation: 972.578.5719 or [www.CollinClassic.com](http://www.CollinClassic.com).

### June 16 - 20

Heard-Craig Children's Summer Art Camp. A fun, entertaining and educational introduction to the elements of art for children ages 6-11. Classes taught by certified art educators with a combined teaching experience of more than 50 years. \$54

for Heard-Craig members/\$60 per child for non-members. Reservations required. 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. each day. For more information and reservations: 972.569.6909, 972.542.5340 or email [heardcraig@texoma.net](mailto:heardcraig@texoma.net) or visit [www.heardcraig.org](http://www.heardcraig.org).

### June 21

Black Dallas Remembered, Inc. presents the "Ninth Annual Young and Gifted Concert," 2 - 4 p.m., at the Yvonne A. Ewell Town View Center. All funds raised will benefit the Juanita J. Craft Civil Rights House. Call 972.681.7029, 214.333.0983, or email: [info@pomore.com](mailto:info@pomore.com)

### Volunteer opportunities

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](mailto:happybirthdayangels@yahoo.com)

The Plano Animal Shelter need volunteers over 16 years old to wash and walk the animals, help with clerical services and customer service. 972.578.7510. And here's a friendly reminder that there are thousands of pets at shelters needing homes. Check out four 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 Is America Ignoring The Real Enemy?

The Iraq war is over, the economy is still sluggish, manufacturing is in the dumps, unemployment is up and third world imports are creating a deflationary environment. With the nation's population growing, good-paying jobs disappearing, and an increasing gap between the haves and have nots it seems like these critical domestic issues should be getting top priority and not the al-Qaida. Do we really need the nation on a war mentality and spending umpteen billions of dollars out of the economy just to hunt down a few terrorist criminals?

The new tax cuts, coupled with a continuing U.S. occupation of Iraq, will push the federal budget deficit to nearly \$500 billion next year and could help drive up the federal debt by \$3.6 trillion during the life span of the tax bill, according to new forecasts by House Budget Committee Democrats and independent analysts such as Goldman Sachs. By 2013, when the first baby boomers are expected to begin retiring, the deficit for that year would stand at \$476 billion with the national debt at \$7.9 trillion, or 44 percent of the overall economy. That is about where it stood in the 1990s when deficit reduction became a primary objective of the Clinton Administration.

American corporations caught up in the need to show profits and cut costs are shipping American jobs overseas in record numbers. A few years ago in the booming 1990s people looked down their noses at the blue collar manufacturing jobs because there was an endless supply of high paying information-technology jobs.

Now, corporations are also shipping those overseas.

Even with the tax cuts corporations must cut costs and the fastest and easiest way to do that is to decrease the price of labor which literally translates into fewer jobs. A number of economists have reported that the slow economic recovery is not due to a lack of consumer spending, but the lack of business spending. For 33 straight months, factory employment has dropped with 2.3 million lost jobs. A quarter of the nation's industrial capacity is sitting idle. So where is the incentive for an American firm to invest and build a new plant or hire and train American workers when they can cut their costs 70 percent by using offshore workers?

It may be pure coincidence that the Iraqi war took the major headlines just as the trade figures for 2002 were being released. It is an astounding \$436 billion dollars. Conveniently for the administration these record setting numbers did not receive much publicity because the nation's attention was focused on terrorism. According to the publication, Left Business Observer, it takes about \$2 billion each day in capital inflow from overseas to fund this massive debt.

Last fall, the Federal Reserve published a study showing that most countries run into major financial trouble when their overall international deficits hit four percent of gross domestic product. Foreign creditors begin fearing that the debtor country's debts have become so high that full repayment is no longer possible. And the creditors become much less willing to continue lending and may even start selling the assets they hold

in the debtor country.

Most countries currently think of America as politically stable and economically productive. The dollar still serves as the world's currency. While no one can accurately predict when America's trade deficits and foreign debts will reach the critical point when foreign investors no longer feel that America is a safe investment it is clear that the higher these deficits and debts become, the closer that point becomes. A responsible and politically smart trade policy should be trying to take the nation off this road to financial ruin, rather than speeding along ever faster.

Richard Du Boff, Professor emeritus of economics at Bryn Mawr College and author of Accumulation and Power: An Economic History of the United States explains it this way, "The basic economic impact of the war is fiscal. It represents one more way that Bush is using the terrorism of Sept. 11, 2001 as a perfect pretext for carrying out right-wing domestic and international policies that he could only dream about before 9/11. In this case, war spending will join 'Homeland Security' spending in crowding out, and reducing, all other 'nonessential' -- in other words, social expenditures. The federal budget deficit will be increased, providing another reason to cut government spending."

The American people need to stop letting politicians use terrorism deception and falsehoods to distract from what needs to be done here at home to defeat the real enemy.

James W. Breedlove

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Cheryl Jackson

By: Cheryl Jackson

Society dictates there are some things in life that you will not be able to achieve without a college degree. As a little girl my parents dictated that I could do anything that I wanted to do if I set my mind to it.

My name is Cheryl Jackson and this is the Plain Truth about me. I have lived in Collin County for over twenty-five years. I have been married for 17 years to Artis Jackson and I have two beautiful sons, Robert and Artis Jackson. I have a host of

Introducing

## The Plain Truth Column

family and friends that love and believe in me, unfortunately their names are too many to mention. I hope my story will challenge you to go after your dreams. Nelson Mandela said in his inaugural speech "Who are you not to be great?" Today, I will ask you the same question. If you believe in yourself, you can achieve anything. When I approached Mr. Jones, the Publisher of MON-The Gazette, and presented my idea about this column, naturally he hesitated and did not give me an immediate answer. But not only do I believe in myself but I also believe in the power of prayer (thanks mom).

After several weeks he agreed to allow me to write this column, and I promise you will enjoy it.

My column will spotlight people and local businesses in our community that have achieved success. I want to educate and motivate you to patronize the companies that make a difference in our community. I want to lift your spirit with stories of inspiration and motivational moments. If you think that you or someone you know should be featured in this column please email me at [theplaintruth@mon.com](mailto:theplaintruth@mon.com). I am waiting to hear from you!

## Local Organization to Celebrate First Annual Community Day

On Saturday, June 7, The Parents Club-McKinney, will celebrate its first annual Community Day 2003 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Entertainment will include a fashion show, talent show,

and a variety of fun and games. All proceeds will benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Collin County. Sponsors include Sam's Club, Carver Dental, Tha Side Clothing, TSO Optical,

and more.

The event will be held at 701 S. Church St., McKinney, TX. For more information, call 972-562-6556.

## Local State Representative Recognized



Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, presents freshman Representative Jodie Laubenberg, R-Parker, with a commemorative guest upon the final passage of her first bill, HB 3534, relating to the place of business of a retailer for purposes of the collection of the municipal sales and use tax.

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

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

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McKinney's VIP Networking Page 1

## McKinney's VIP Networking Event Brings Businesses Together

By: Monica Thornton

Selebrian Enterprises recently held its fourth networking event at McKinney's Comfort Suites, for small business owners and community leaders.

Elyse Jenkins, owner of Selebrian, recognized local business supporters, including MON-The Gazette, Rolling Out Magazine, and Collin County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Jenkins said the events have been so successful they are planned for every month until the end of the year at the same location.

"This last event went very well, and it's getting better each time," said Jenkins.

The networking events were organized after Jenkins' friend, Marta Gore (McKinney's channel 6 "Safety Queen"), met some people at a McKinney council meeting who told her they were new to the area and didn't know anyone.

"I mentioned to Elyse that we needed to get people together to let them know what's going on," said Gore.

Since then Jenkins and Gore have gathered vendors together to introduce people to their businesses in a relaxed

atmosphere. There is always plenty of food and soft drinks available at the events. So far, The Olive Garden and Rib Man's Bar B Q in Allen have provided the food. Local businesses and vendors also contribute to door prizes at the event. Door prizes have included free frames from Pearl Vision in McKinney, free business planning, and artwork.

For more information on the next networking event, contact Elyse Jenkins at 214-403-8379, or email at: [eljenkins@aol.com](mailto:eljenkins@aol.com).



Elyse Jenkins, owner of Selebrian Strategic Technical Marketing, gives a presentation during her monthly networking event.



Dr. Tracey Banks, D.O., GYN, who practices in McKinney, TX, receives a door prize and thanks Jenkins for the opportunity to discuss his practice.

## Retraction/Correction



DJ Cat Daddy

In our May 29th edition, in the Arts & Entertainment section, the name under K104's Radio Personality Cat Daddy's photo was incorrect. Rev. James W. Thomas is pastor of Rhema Life Fellowship Church in Plano. MON-The Gazette apologizes for this error. We would also like to apologize for the incorrect email address printed in the Rhema Life Fellowship Church advertisement. The correct email address is [TangellJ@aol.com](mailto:TangellJ@aol.com).

We make every effort to give our readers the most accurate information.



Rev. James W. Thomas



## Town Meeting Set for June 10

The City of Garland will broadcast a Town Meeting for residents on Tuesday, June 10, 2003. The program, hosted by Harry Hickey District 3 Council Member and Weldon Bradley District 4 Council Member, will be aired live on cable CGTV-16 at 7:00 p.m.

A call-in format allows residents from Districts 3 and 4 to ask their City Council representatives questions about their neighborhoods. Each Council Representative will give a "state of the district" message, then citizens can call 972-205-CITY with their questions and comments.

Another Town Meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2003. Council members Sharon Stotts, District 6, and Randall Dunning, District 8, will host that meeting.

Citizens without cable access may attend the meetings in person. Questions will be taken from the audience following the live broadcast. The meetings are held in the Garland City Council chambers at Garland City Hall, First Floor, 200 North Fifth Street.

### Blackonomics Page 1

Why don't we all switch our telephone service to MATAH Direct? What's that? It's a long distance service that has the best rate and gives money back to Black folks through the MATAH Network, the only Black-owned and operated distribution channel in the country. You want to win? Redirect your money rather than give it back to those who offend you. You want to win? Support companies that support you, not those that merely hire a Black actor to do a commercial. You want to win? You want to do something? You want to take some action rather than declare empty victories? Switch to MATAH Direct. That will really prove to MCI and everyone else that we are serious about our economic freedom, that it's not even about them; it's about us. Apologies are highly overrated.

And while you are at it, how about purchasing some other products, all made by your brothers and sisters, from the MATAH Network? You are buying the same products from someone anyway, and using them in your homes everyday. Switch. Buy some Grenada Nutmeg Oil from MATAH, and start relieving pain externally rather than popping so many pills and destroying your kidneys and liver. Switch.

That e-mail I cited went on to say, "This effort in support of Danny is a reminder that in a society that professes democratic values, we all have a right, and in fact a responsibility, to express our views and be heard." That is so right, and that's exactly what I am doing. I have a responsibility to my people not only to talk about economic freedom but also to show how it is obtained. That's the real victory we should be seeking; and the latest

melodrama featuring MCI will not take us there.

Another victory for Black folks? I don't think so. It's just another in a long and exasperating line of shortsighted solutions to long-term problems. Danny Glover, of whom I am a big fan and admirer, will be just fine. He will continue to speak out on relevant issues regardless of what MCI or anyone else does; he's a man, a Black man, and he

is not afraid to stand up for that. We can ill afford to allow the threat of a Joe Scarborough and a resulting capitulation by MCI to get us off track and make us think we have a victory. This is a money issue; let's deal with it with our money. Switch. Then we will see the real victory.

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." For speaking engagements, he can be reached at (513) 489-4132, or by e-mail at jclingman@blackonomics.com.

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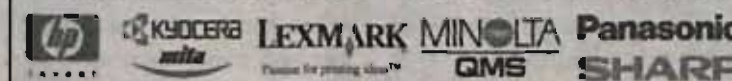
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Remember the city watering guidelines:

- From June 1 to Sept. 30, water only before 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m. when using sprinklers. Watering with a hand-held hose or soaker hose is permitted at any time.
- Water just your lawn, not driveways, sidewalks or streets.
- Promptly repair broken or leaky sprinkler heads and systems.
- Turn off sprinklers when the forecast calls for rain.

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they can be absorbed into the blood and carried to cells throughout the body. Digestion takes place when food and drink are broken down into their smallest parts so that the body can use them to build and nourish cells and to provide energy.

The symptoms of IBS can sometimes be mistaken for other medical conditions, which is why it is important to see a physician, such as a Gastroenterologist who can diagnose and manage your symptoms of IBS. According to an article in Digestive Health and Nutrition, experts believe that interaction between the brain and bowel is abnormal in people who have IBS. Research into that relationship may provide insight into why some people develop IBS, how brain and bowel dysfunction may trigger the disorder and what can be done to alleviate it. The impact of IBS varies with each individual. For some people, it may severely compromise quality of life. It is one of the most common disorders diagnosed by doctors.

Maintaining a healthy diet may relieve symptoms associated with IBS. Eat foods high in fiber, and avoid

or minimize consumption of dairy products, which sometimes triggers the onset of IBS. Some herbal remedies like peppermint, chamomile, fennel, and ginger are known to prevent attacks of pain, bloating and nausea. Also, maintain a diary of the foods that you eat that might bring on symptoms of IBS. Research suggests that people with IBS seem to have a colon that is more sensitive and reactive than usual to a variety of things, including certain foods and stress. According to the National Institute of Diabetes & Digestive & Kidney Diseases, a National Digestive Disease Clearinghouse, in people with IBS, stress and emotions can strongly affect the colon, as it has many nerves connecting it to the brain.

Cindy Lang, of Richardson, TX, was diagnosed with IBS after visiting the Digestive Health Associates of Texas, located in Plano. Lang, 34, had symptoms long before she finally decided to visit a physician.

"I thought it was a mind thing; anytime I would get nervous, my stomach would get upset," said Lang. "And now I have learned that stress is a factor." She added that certain foods such as those containing

milk, or greasy foods, would also trigger symptoms of IBS. Lang said that since seeking medical attention she has been able to minimize her symptoms.

"I try to limit my intake of medications, so the doctor gave me a strict diet to follow," Lang explained. Lang makes sure that she documents what she eats each time an episode occurs so that she can try maintaining a normal lifestyle.

"Often times, it's embarrassing when I'm at work or out with friends, then I have to rush to the restroom, sometimes for long periods of time," Lang said. "Now I don't have to worry about that issue as much, because I'm learning what foods trigger the symptoms, and what foods help."

While Lang agrees that her diet has helped relieve some of the symptoms associated with IBS, reducing stress has played a big role in her attempts to live a more normal life.

There is no cure for IBS, but there are ways of lessening the symptoms. Contact your doctor if you think you may be experiencing symptoms of IBS. Don't be embarrassed; again, it's one of the most common disorders seen by physicians.

## HealthCheck© 2003 Calendar

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

### Fairs

June 7

"Tuning Up the Whole Man, Mind-Body-Spirit": a conference that focuses on men's health issues. 30 vendor booths to include preventative heart care, fitness, injury prevention, stress management, family planning, depression, vision and health insurance. Health screenings for cholesterol, blood pressure, glaucoma, cancer and others. Discussions and seminars. Free continental breakfast and lunch. Register early. Sponsored by Parkland Health & Hospital System. Held at Cedar Valley College, 3030 Lancaster Avenue, Lancaster, TX. Call 214.266.0651, or 214.266.1124.

June 14

The Lupus Foundation of America, Inc., North Texas Chapter is hosting "Take a Walk on the Wild Side" - a family night out at the Dallas Zoo from 5-9pm. Featuring live entertainment, food, face painting, magicians, silent auction and raffle. Lupus is a life threatening disease that causes the immune system to attack the body's own healthy tissues and organs. About 1.4 million Americans have a form of lupus - 90% are women.

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 4, 12th-floor classroom. Call 214.768.6175.

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

June 7

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June 14

Dad's Day 5K run, 12377 Merit Drive, Dallas.

Benefiting the George Sheehan Fund for Prostate Cancer research at the American Foundation for Urological Disease. Registration begins 6:30 a.m. Dad & Child 1K begins 7:45a.m. Other events: Dad's Day 5K; 1 mile family fun walk; Diaper dash; dad's tricycle challenge; dad & child look a like contest; free prostate screening; Radio Disney. Early registration \$15/\$10 children 6-12. \$25 race day. Visit: [www.runondallas.com](http://www.runondallas.com) for details and registration.

Trails for walking/running/cycling There are about a dozen fun trails in Plano that are ideal for walking, running or cycling, from Bob Woodruff Park near Los Rios, to Arbor Hills Nature Preserve in far West Plano. For a list of trails and their length, visit: [www.planoparks.org](http://www.planoparks.org), click on 'parks & facilities,' then click on 'trail maps.' Or call 972.941.7250.

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When you are prescribed a new medication, ask your doctor or pharmacist the following questions:

What is the name of the medicine?

What should I do if they occur?

What is it supposed to do?

How many refills of this prescription can I get?

Is it okay to substitute a less-expensive generic medicine for the name brand?

What should I do if I miss a dose?

Will it achieve the same effect?

What should I do if I accidentally take more than the recommended dose?

What is the dose of the medicine?

Are there food, drinks, other medicines, or activities I should avoid while taking this medicine?

Is there any written information I can take home with me? (Most pharmacies have information sheets that you can use as an at-home reference.)

What are the possible side effects of the medicine?

When you pick up your medicine at the pharmacy, check to be sure it is the medicine you were prescribed by your doctor.

When your doctor prescribes a medication for you for the first time, make sure to tell him or her how the medicine is working. If you are having any allergic reactions to it or any concerns you have. Remember communicating is critical to a healthy outcome for health.

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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	✓

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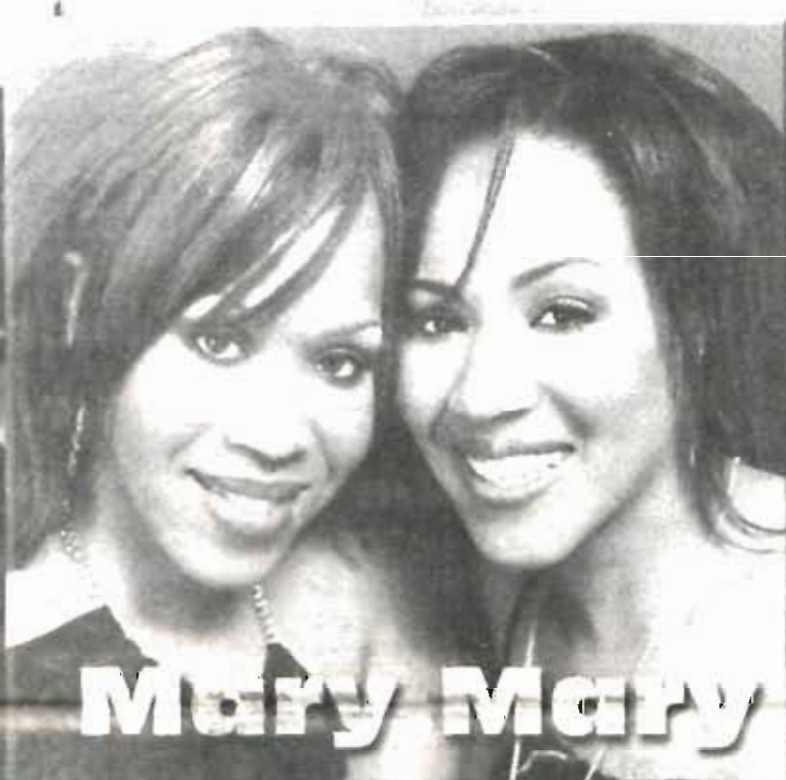
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The Yukon XL is offered with two or four-wheel drive, with two trim levels for the standard model - SLE and SLT. SLE models come standard with tri-zone air conditioning, cruise control, a driver message center, keyless entry, a leather-wrapped tilt steering wheel and a CD player, with the SLT models adding automatic climate control, leather seating, a

redesigned floor console with integrated rear passenger stereo and climate controls, and an upgraded audio system. Luxury Denali models come standard with just about every feature available, with DVD-based entertainment

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lb.ft. of torque, or if you can handle it, an 8.1-liter V8 with 340 hp and 460 lb.ft. of torque. The Denali model features an upgraded version of the 6.0-liter V8 rated at 320 hp and 365 lb.ft. of torque, offered as a half-ton, all-wheel-drive model only. Both 6.0-liter V8s and the 8.1-liter V8 get a heavy-duty version of the standard four-speed automatic.

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### Milton Hinnant Tells How Photography Got Him 'Hooked'



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In 1965, I enrolled at Fayetteville State University on an athletic work-study program to play football and study physical education. After two years, I withdrew and joined the U.S. Army, to be a paratrooper and go to war. While on assignment in Kansas, an amateur photographer showed me

his camera, and I was hooked. I got a camera the first week I was in Viet Nam; I was stationed with the 173rd Air Borne Brigade as a Communication Specialist. I shot lots of film in Viet Nam and the remaining 24 months I spent with the 82nd Air Borne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. I was discharged from the military on September 5, 1969.

In 1970, I continued my education in photography. Several of my professors, my academic advisor, and the Public Relations Director, whom I worked for, and the school's art director, had a meeting. They would not let me attend, but at their discretion, they decided I could withdraw from school and attend photography school.

In 1984, The Dallas Morning News contacted me about coming to Texas

to work. I have been here for 16 years. I have a wife of ten years, Wonda Burnin, an educator, and two children Syandene, age 7 and Milton Louist, age 4. I have received local and state awards, and one national award while in Texas and North Carolina. I have photos published in Newsweek, Sports Illustrated, Ebony, Jet, and Black Enterprise.

Milton Hinnant will be instructing the students at the RC Hickman Young Photographers Workshop. You can download the enrollment form by logging on to [artistsstuff.com](http://artistsstuff.com), click on photography, then programs. The summer activity begins Saturday June 14th at 11am at Pearl C. Anderson Learning Center in Dallas. The address is 3400 Garden Lane. Call 972 224 0513 or 972 572 3525, if you have any questions.

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purchasing.htm](http://www.ci.allen.tx.us/purchasing/purchasing.htm)  
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## Tarleton State University

**REQUEST FOR BID:** Construct Fencing at Intramural Softball Field, Tarleton State University, Stephenville, Texas. **RECEIPT OF BIDS:** Sealed Proposals will be received by Ms. Beth Chandler, Director of Purchasing and Central Services, at Tarleton State University, Mail Stop T-0600, Tarleton Station, Stephenville, Texas 76402, until 3:00 p.m., June 17, 2003, and then publicly opened and read aloud.

**SCOPE OF WORK:** Project consists of furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, tools and all miscellaneous items to provide the satisfactory construction of approximately 635 feet of chain link fence with two (2) double gates.

**INFORMATION AND BIDDING DOCUMENTS:** Obtain from Tarleton State University, Mail Stop T-0600, Tarleton Station, Texas 76402, telephone (254)968-9611. In order to measure all quantities and verify all conditions, contact Trae Oliver by phone at (254) 968-9698 or by email at [oliver@tarleton.edu](mailto:oliver@tarleton.edu).

### TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

#### CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Fort Worth  
Contract 0902-48-501 for REPLACE DYNAMIC MESSAGE SIGNS - ITS EQUIP UPGRADE in TARRANT County will be opened on July 01, 2003 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractors list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at [www.dot.state.tx.us](http://www.dot.state.tx.us) and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 10075  
State Office  
Const./Maint. Division  
200 E. Riverside Dr.  
Austin, Texas 78701  
Phone: 512-416-2548

Dist/Div Office(s)  
Fort Worth District  
District Engineer  
2501 Southwest LP820  
Ft Worth, Texas 76132  
Phone: 817-370-6500

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

## INVITATION TO BID

**EAGLE CONTRACTING L.P.**, an Equal Opportunity Employer is soliciting Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprises for Supply and Material Supply Bids for the following project:

**City of Dallas Water Utilities**  
Southside WWTP  
Anaerobic Digesters 9 & 10

**Bid Date:**  
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**Contact:**  
Charles Howard  
at: Metro: 817-379-1897  
Fax, Metro: 817-379-0610

**Mail to:**  
Eagle Contracting L.P.  
P.O. Box 1600  
Keiler, Texas 76244



# Arts & Entertainment

## Rock the Mic: Jay-Z, 50 Cent, Busta Rhymes, & Fabolous: Smirnoff Music Center, July 31

*Editor's Note: This is the fourth profile of the Stars of the Rock The Mic Tour. We took a closer look at major players in the rap game starting in our May 8th edition with Jay-Z. On May 22nd we presented Busta Rhymes. Last week we gave you a glimpse at Fabolous. This week we cap off our series with 50 Cent.*

More so than any other music since the blues, hip-hop is all about stories. And its stories are both criminal minded and grand, making them enthralling and unbelievable, but also making them only as interesting and convincing as the teller. That's why, despite being blackballed by the industry, without a major-label recording contract, heads still gravitated to Jamaica, Queens' realest son, 50 Cent, like the planets to the sun. 50 Cent, born Curtis Jackson 26 years ago, is the real deal, the genuine article. He's a man of the streets, intimately familiar with its codes and its violence, but still, 50, an incredibly intelligent and deliberate man, holds himself with a regal air as if above the pettiness which surrounds him. Couple his true-life hardship with his knack for addictive, syrupy hooks, it's clear that 50 has exactly what it takes to ride down the road to riches and diamond rings. 50 is real, so he does real things.

Born into a notorious Queens drug dynasty during the late '70s, 50 Cent lost those closest to him at an early age. Raised without a father, 50's mother, whose name carried weight in the street (hint, hint, dummies), was found dead under mysterious circumstances before he could hit his teens. The orphaned youth was taken in by his grandparents, who provided for 50. But his desire for things would drive him to the block. Which in his case was the infamous New York Avenue, now known as Guy R. Brewer Blvd. There, 50 stepped up to get his rep up, amassing a small fortune and a lengthy rap sheet. But the birth of his

son put things in perspective for the post adolescent, and 50 began to pursue rap seriously. He signed with JMJ, the label of Run DMC DJ Jam Master Jay and began learning his trade. JMJ would teach the young buck to count bars and structure



songs. Unfortunately, caught up in industry limbo, there wasn't much JMJ could do for 50.

The platinum hitmakers 'Trackmasters took notice of 50 and signed him to Columbia Records in 1999. They shipped 50 to Upstate NY where they locked him up in the studio for 2 1/2 weeks. He turned out 36 songs in this short period, which resulted in "Power Of The Dollar," an unreleased masterpiece that Blaze Magazine judged a classic. 50's stick up kid anthem "How to Rob" blew through the roof and playfully painted him as a deliriously hungry up-and-comer daydreaming of robbing famous rappers. But 50 and the fans were the only ones laughing. Unable to take a joke, Jay-Z, Big Pun, Sticky Fingaz, and Ghostface Killah all replied to the song. "It wasn't personal. It was comedy based on truth, which made it so funny," says 50

Cent.

In April of '00, 50 was shot 9 times, including a .9mm bullet to the face, in front of his grandmothers house in Queens. He spent the next few months in recovery while Columbia Records dropped him from the label. 50 didn't fold, he flew. Right into the zone. He banged out track after track, despite no income or backing, with his new business partner and friend Sha Money XL. The two recorded over 30 songs, strictly for mix-tapes, with the sole purpose of building a buzz. 50's street value rose and by the end of the spring of '01 he'd released the new material independently on the makeshift LP, "Guess Who's Back?". Beginning to attract interest, and now backed by his crew, G-Unit, 50 stayed on his grind and made more songs. But it was different this time. Rather than create new songs as they had before, 50 decided to showcase his hit-making ability by retouching first-class beats which had already been used. They released the red, white and blue bootleg, "50 Cent Is the Future," revisiting material by Jay-Z and even Rappheal Saadiq.

That's when the unbelievable happened, and hip-hop history was written. The energetic CD caught the ear of supa MC Eminem, and within a week Em was on the radio saying, '50 Cent is my favorite rapper right now.' Em looked to mentor Dr. Dre to confirm his belief in the young hitmaker, and the good doctor co-signed. Floored by the appreciation of the greats, 50 didn't hesitate in signing with the dream team. In the wake of his acquisition, 50 Cent has become the most sought after newcomer in almost a decade. Not since the summer of '94, when radio would play absolutely anything Notorious B.I.G. related, has hip-hop seen buzz like this.

## BASS

Performance Hall  
April 2003 Events

George Jones  
Friday, June 6 - 8:00pm

Harry Connick Jr.  
Friday, June 7 - 8:00pm  
Saturday, June 8 - 7:30pm

Swing  
Tuesday, June 10 - 8:00pm  
Wednesday, June 11 - 8:00pm  
Thursday, June 12 - 8:00pm  
Friday, June 13 - 8:00pm  
Saturday, June 14 - 2:00pm 8:00pm  
Sunday, June 15 - 2:00pm 7:30pm

Riders In The Sky  
Thursday, June 19 - 8:00pm

Carmen Suite  
Friday, June 20 - 8:00pm

## American Airlines Center June 2003

ZZ Top - June 14, 2003

The Eagles - June 19-20

And 1 Mix Tape Tour - June 21

Justified Stripped Tour - June 26, 2003

Brittany Spears - July 22, 2003

Rigling Bros. & Barnum & Bailey - July 24-Aug 4, 2003

Latin Grammy Awards - September 3, 2003

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TDD: 800-785-6244  
Group Sales: 214-665-4260

## The Eye



When a blind girl gets a cornea transplant to help her regain her vision, she finds that there is an unusual side effect after the surgery: She can see ghosts.

Starts June 6, 2003 in select cities

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Can't get enough of the hit reality TV series American Idol? (Judging from the ratings and water cooler conversations, few can.) Fear not. Kelly Clarkson, the 2002 winner, and runner-up Justin Guarini continue to capitalize on their sudden fame by starring in this musical romantic comedy set during spring break in Miami.

Starts June 13, 2003

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June 09 Pearl Jam	July 20 Poison
June 11 Peter Gabriel	July 26 John Mayer
June 16 Red Hot Chili Peppers	July 31 Rock the Mic
June 21 Pat Green	August 05 Neil Young
June 29 Ozzfest 2003	August 08 Lollapalooza
July 6 Maze	August 09 Lynard Skynard
July 18 Alabama	August 10 Boston

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## McCarthy

request bids for the George Allen Senior Courts Building, Dallas, Tx. be submitted before 12:00 noon Tuesday, June 17th, 2003. New 180,100 sf 10 story building plus 104,741 sf of renovation. Approximate Budget of \$41,000,000. Bid documents are available for review at McCarthy and Dodge/AGC planrooms. Bid documents may be purchased from MS Dallas (214) 521-7000. Please call M S Dallas for details.

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## NEXT STAGE at Grand Prairie.

An Intimate Evening w/ Eagles  
June 06

Crosby, Stills, & Nash  
June 10

Third Eye Blind  
June 15

Matchbox 20  
June 21

Queensryche & Dream Theater  
June 25

## On Stage at Next Stage

The White Stripes  
June 26

Jackson Browne  
July 16

Widespread Panic  
July 20

Burlesque Fest  
July 20

Norah Jones  
July 23

## Tee Off for PCF's Scholarship Fund

The Plano Community Forum is sponsoring its 6th Annual Golf Tournament on Friday June 20, 2003. Register by June 1, 2003 and qualify for Earlybird Drawing. Write to Plano Community Forum, P.O. Box 860242, Plano, TX 75086-0242, include all names, addresses and phone numbers of entrants, with handicap, and endorse appropriate fees in the form of a check payable to Plano Community Forum. Call Jimmy Daniluke at 972-424-5829, or Sam McPherson at 972-491-2119 if you need more information. Tournament is at Los Ros Country Club, 1700 Country Club Drive, Plano, TX 75074. The event begins at 2:00pm.



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The Minority Opportunity News-The Gazette Is Proud To Support The "Ninth Annual Young And Gifted Concert"

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(Yvonne A. Ewell Town View Center - 2 PM - 4 PM)

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As Black Dallas Remembered is noted for preserving our historic sites throughout the Metroplex, it is also our mission to cultivate our youths' artistic talents that many times mirror the seeds necessary to mold future leaders in our community. We all know the role funding plays in preserving the mission of a non-profit organization and that is why we need your support! So please mark the date and join us June 21, at the Yvonne A. Ewell Town View Center!

All funds raised will benefit the "JUANITA J. CRAFT CIVIL RIGHTS HOUSE", a woman whose actions defined leadership and commitment that are still felt today!

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**Sister Tarpley**

Reverend James W. Thomas, his wife Lynnette, their children, son Jordan, daughters Jessica and Jalyri, and his congregation at The Rhema Life Fellowship Church moved to their new location last Sunday, June 1, 2003 in Plano, TX.

With June 1 being a first Sunday, Rev. Thomas was dressed in his official white robe to have communion (the Lord's Supper) with everyone in attendance.

The audience was dressed for the occasion with men and women in their finest hats, suits and dresses as they praised and worshiped God.

Rhema Life Fellowship Church motto is "Raised to Walk in the Newness of Life" Romans 6:4. Pastor Thomas said that God gave them that motto and they believe that God will continue to bless them as they step out on faith. They will not only "talk-the-talk" but will "walk-the-walk."

Pastor Thomas said, "Rhema Life Fellowship Church is a body of Christian believers whose mission is to present the everlasting Gospel and Love of Jesus Christ to a world in need of a savior. They exist to accomplish three basic mandates from God: To Evangelize Souls; To equip Saints of God; and to Exalt the Savior." Found in Acts 1:8.

Rhema Life Fellowship

## Inside the Rhema Life Fellowship Church

Church will be in the business of winning others to Jesus Christ through the proclamation of the word of God and by victory witnessing and fellowship as they endeavor to reach the world one soul at a time.

Rhema Life Fellowship Church Services will convene each Sunday Evening at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Thomas will preach and teach the following 17 Christian Doctrines: 1) The Holy Scriptures; 2) The Holy Trinity; 3) Creation By God; 4) The Nature of Man; 5) The Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ; 6) The experience of Salvation through Christ; 7) The Church universal body of Christ; 8) The Baptism of the Holy Spirit; 9) The Lord's Supper (Communion); 10) Spiritual Gifts; 11) The Sovereignty of God; 12) Stewardship; 13) Christian Behavior; 14) Marriage and Family; 15) The Second Coming of Jesus Christ; 16) The Rapture expectancy; 17) Eternal Destiny.

Tuesday Nights will be Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Thomas is looking for God to bless their "Truth on Tuesday" Bible Studies with souls being saved as they are being blessed mightily.

Pastor Thomas proudly makes known their Statement of Faith. They believe that the Holy Scriptures of both the Old and New Testaments are verbally inspired of God; and that they are the supreme and final authority for faith and practice. They believe in the triune God, God the Father, God the Son, and God the

Holy Spirit. They believed in the Deity of Christ, His virgin birth, and His bodily resurrection. They believe in salvation by "Grace" plus nothing and minus nothing. The conditions to salvation are repentance and faith. They believe that men are justified by faith alone and are accounted righteous before God only through the merit of the Lord Jesus Christ. They believe in the personal, pre-millennial return of Jesus Christ. They believe in the everlasting conscious blessedness of the saved and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost. They believe that all believers are called into a life of separation from all worldly and sinful places and alliances and unto a life of dedication to Jesus Christ. Pastor Thomas said that they do not teach denominationalism. Everyone is welcomed!

Rhema Life Fellowship Church invites everyone to come meet God and join them each week for their exciting services at their new location, 1310 Avenue I @ 14th Street, Plano, TX 75074 on Sunday Evenings at 6:00 pm and "Truth on Tuesday" Bible Study Night at 7:00 pm. They can be reached at 214-544-7727 by phone or email TangelLT@aol.com.

Email: starpley@wt.net

Pager: 214-833-1639

Voice Mail: 972-606-3878

Fax: 972-316-4197

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

## Church Happenings

**ALL NATIONS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
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Through July 24  
Mondays-Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Summer Day Camp - Project Transformation is a Methodist Church enrichment program filled with Biblical teaching, educational enrichment and with lots of fun activities.

The program includes a snack and lunch. The cost of the entire 8 -week program is only \$5 per child, with a maximum charge of \$20 per family. Call the church to see if you've beat the waiting list.

June 6

Star Party- Learn more about celestial bodies from an expert.

Beginning June 9

English as Second Language Classes - Weekly classes, conversational English for those who want to strengthen their skills. The foundational ESL classes will begin again in August.

June 19, 7:00 p.m.

Community Night Out!

All Nations United Methodist Church  
Dr. Clara Reed, Pastor  
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Plano, TX 75074  
972.424.8500

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June 21, 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.  
NAACP of Mesquite & Eastridge Park Christian Church Health Fair  
Free immunizations, vision screening, asthma screening...

For more information, call the church at 972-279-7201 or call the NAACP-Mesquite at 972-288-0281.

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**GOOD FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH**

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Good Faith Baptist Church Learning Center  
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June 4-6, June 8  
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Cornerstone Baptist Church of Christ  
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Leadership Training for Men (Young & Old) Room 316  
3rd Sunday of Each Month  
Free blood pressure screening in the gym after evening services  
June 9-13, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Vacation Bible School  
Theme: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

June 18-July 30 (Wednesdays)  
Summer Lectures- Prayer services: 7:00 p.m., Lectures: 7:30 p.m.

Theme: "Developing the Fruit of the Spirit in the Home"

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Greenville Avenue Church of Christ  
1013 South Greenville Ave.  
Richardson, TX 75081

**KELLER SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH**

June 9-13  
Vacation Bible School  
Theme- "Cracking the Character Code"

For more information, call 972-735-8077.

Keller Springs Baptist Church  
Rev. Larry J. Sanders, Pastor  
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Bible Study 7:45 pm



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Dr. C. Paul McBride, Pastor



Schedule of Services:  
Sunday

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

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

Tuesday

Early Bird Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting and 7:30 p.m.  
Evening Bible Study

4396 Main Street

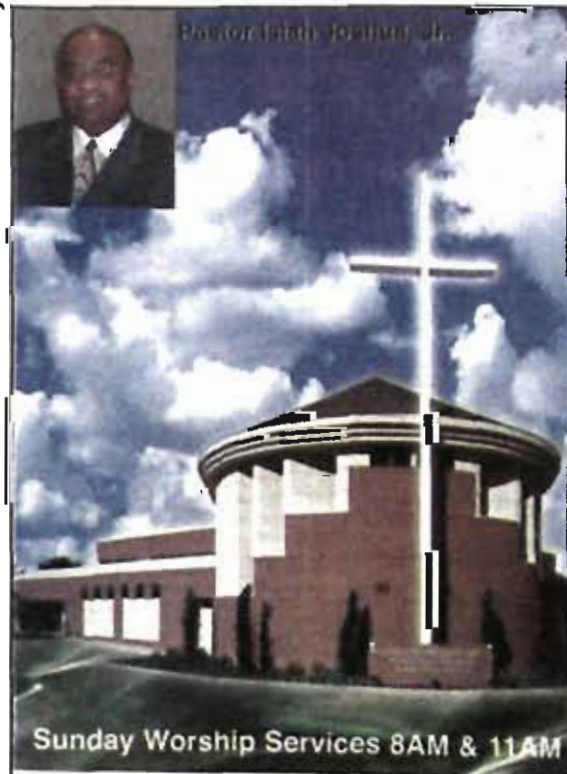
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Pastor Charles S. Wattley



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Leadership Meeting .....2nd Mondays 7:30-8:30 PM  
Marriage Enrichment & Singles Ministry  
.....4th Mondays 7:30-8:30 PM  
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2nd & 4th Sundays  
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Terry M. Turner, Pastor  
2232 Franklin Drive  
Mesquite, TX 75150

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June 6-7, 7:00 p.m.  
Youth Lock-In, Boys and Girls - 5-12 years old  
Contact LaShonda Williams at 940-271-0350

Morse St. Baptist Church  
921 Morse St.  
Denton, TX 76205

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Wednesday Night Tutoring,  
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For more information concerning any of these events, call 972-276-5218.

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

### NORTH DALLAS BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

June 9-13, 6:15 p.m.-8:45 p.m.  
Vacation Bible School- Location: Building C (Sherman location), Sanctuary and middle parking lot

For more information, contact Gail Miller 972-437-3493 x112

June 14, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
Leadership Wives Father's Day Appreciation Brunch

For more information, contact Mamie Brookins 972-414-5453

June 15, 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.  
Singles Ministry Presents- "How to Live Successfully Single in an Un-Successful World"  
Rick Cooper (972) 673-0122 or (214) 398-7303

North Dallas Community Bible Fellowship  
Rev. Leslie W. Smith, Pastor  
302 Centennial Blvd.  
Richardson TX 75081-5057  
Office phone: (972) 437-3493  
Fax: (972) 744-9514

### 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.

June 2-6, 6:30-9:00 p.m.  
Vacation Bible School- "Explore the Power... Jesus!"  
Enrollment continues until May 25

Shiloh Baptist Church  
Rev. Isiah Joshua, Jr., Pastor

920 E. 14th St.  
Plano, TX 75074  
SIMS CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

June 10, 7:30 p.m.  
"Unwrapping Your Gifts" classes  
June 21, 10:00 a.m.  
Vacation Bible School

For more information, call 972-276-0014.

Sims Chapel Baptist Church  
A. Louis Patterson, III, Pastor  
314 Parker Dr.  
Garland, TX 75040

Send your church announcements to editor@monthegazette.com or fax to 972-516-4197 c/o Church Happenings. Deadlines are Fridays before publication date. (MON-The Gazette is published each Thursday.)

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Sunday Worship Experience: 8:00 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

Wednesday Bible Study: 12:00 Noon & 7:00 P.M.

14120 Noel Road

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### ride DART in June

#### Discover the DART destination deals guide

The new DART destination deals guide lists special shopping, dining and entertainment offers available exclusively to ticket- or pass-carrying DART customers. Among the great deals: supersize any combo meal free at select McDonald's restaurants throughout Dallas. Visit DART.org for participating locations, along with a regularly updated list of all DART destinations and special offers. You can pick up a DART destination deals guide at participating merchants and the DART Stores in downtown Dallas, or call 214.979.1111 to order one by mail.

#### Sing along as Garland Summer Musicals presents Oklahoma!

Take the whole gang to a rousing performance of the Old West classic musical, Oklahoma!, June 13-22 at the Patty Granville Arts Center. Ride DART Rail to Downtown Garland Station, then stroll to the theater at the intersection of 5th and Austin streets. Buy your tickets at the box office on the day of performance and get \$2 off when you show your valid DART pass or ticket.

#### Hoop-It-Up with DART at the West End!

NBA fans unite to play a little 3-on-3 at Hoop-It-Up in the West End June 28-29, Dallas' annual basketball tournament leading to a coveted spot competing in the NBA All-Star Weekend. Ride DART Rail to West End Station. For registration form and rules, visit nbahoopitup.com.

#### Celebrate July 4th with a bang at Trinity Fest

Can't resist a fireworks by Grucci extravaganza? Choose from two easy ways to get to this year's Trinity Fest: Ride DART Rail to special event stops at Convention Center and Union stations, or hop the Trinity Railway Express (TRE) from CentrePort/DFW Airport, West Irving and South Irving stations. Trinity Fest admission is \$3.50 for adults; \$1.50 for children 10 and under. Buy advance tickets and DART passes at Minyard, Carnival, and Sack 'n Save food stores. Or just go online at DART.org to purchase advance Trinity Fest tickets and DART/TRE passes.

#### Garland gears up for a free Star-Spangled 4th

Enjoy a "Wild, Wild Fourth" in Historic Downtown Garland during the free Star-Spangled Fourth celebration, a five-day festival, July 2-6, featuring fireworks, concerts, a carnival, arts and crafts, parades, food and fun for the whole family. Ride DART Rail to Downtown Garland Station.

#### Piano Symphony Orchestra sounds off with Patriotic Pops

In a patriotic musical tribute to America on July 4th, the Piano Symphony Orchestra performs "Patriotic Pops" at Richardson's Eisemann Center. The program features such favorites as "Stars and Strips Forever" and "America the Beautiful." Tickets for the 4 p.m. performance are \$9 to \$27, not including handling fees; children's tickets are \$8. Ride DART Rail to Galatyn Park Station. For more information, call 972.473.7262.

#### Minor DART bus service changes on June 9

Effective June 9, DART will implement a series of minor bus schedule changes to better serve ridership demands. For a complete list of routes affected, visit DART.org or pick up the Service Change Brochure and new customer timetables dated June 9.

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### Macy's Customer Profile Page 1

consulted in the past. This particular store, which she did not want to name, had been faced with a similar incident, but was able to turn itself around.

"[A similar] incident became an impetus for them to start a major diversity initiative and get the attention from top executives," said Marofsky. "They were able to overcome this by the way they handled it. They changed how they viewed diversity as a critical issue for them... They were forced to do some internal soul searching."

Other big companies in the past have managed to reposition themselves in a positive light and slowly gain back consumer confidence. After battling its share of bias lawsuits, Denny's, for example, has enjoyed a comeback of sorts with customers through a number of diversity initiatives, including

increasing the number of minority-owned franchises and hiring more people of color at corporate headquarters.

The family dining chain made headlines when African-American Secret Service agents were treated poorly in one of its restaurants. Other patrons also claimed they were denied service because of their race. The company lost two class-action lawsuits in 1994 and was forced to pay \$54 million in damage. (See Also: Denny's, Finished Fighting Lawsuits, Reaches Out to Ethnic Customers)

Simmons-Thomas appeared with her lawyer in a press conference held Tuesday in front of Macy's in Herald Square. In the suit, Simmons-Thomas and her lawyer called for other shoppers - who may have had a similar experience - to step forward and join the pending class action.

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