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Collin County celebrates Juneteenth 2001 with education

By: Angela D. Jones

On August first of this year, John F. Hightower will celebrate his 88th birthday. Needless to say, he considers himself blessed to have lived so many years and to have played witness to so many events - some joyful and others, which remain a great source of pain.

He is a legend in Plano-so much that a school was named after him. Plano's John Freeman Hightower Elementary School was constructed three years ago as a tribute to Mr. Hightower for his years of service in the Plano Independent School District (PISD) and his involvement in integrating Plano schools.

"I was principal of the local high school before it was integrated," recalls Mr. Hightower. "I can remember the school being called the 'Colored High School.' It didn't have a name until we named it Frederick Douglas High School."

Although born in Arkansas and reared in Oklahoma, Mr. Hightower has lived in Plano for over 40 years. He moved to Austin after finishing high school in Oklahoma. While most of his memories are of segregated bathrooms and signs marked "colored" - his fondest memories are of Juneteenth, it's historical emphasis and influence in Texas, and of the festivities surrounding the event.

"I can remember them having several Juneteenth celebrations in the country outside of Austin," Mr. Hightower recalls fondly. "There was barbecue, ball games and a lot was put into it."

Since then, Mr. Hightower says he has seen a

dramatic change in the way that Juneteenth is celebrated. "I don't feel like the younger generations put the same emphasis on it and it seems that people don't feel it's worth the effort to plan programs and events around the day like they used to," Mr. Hightower says.

For as long as he can remember, Juneteenth in Plano has been commemorated at Plano's Douglass Recreation Center. Accordingly, that's where he and his wife, Myrtle, plan to spend Juneteenth 2001.

Not far from Plano, the city of McKinney will take a different, more spiritual approach for its Juneteenth festivities. On June 16th, the city will host its 10th annual Praise in the Park celebration at McKinney's Finch Park. The event, which will be held from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., will feature various churches and youth groups and offer such festivities as train rides, jumping gyms and face painting for the kids; as well as art displays and various other vendors for the adults. Most importantly, there will be a segment of the event that will give

an overview of Juneteenth and the history surrounding the holiday.

McKinney resident

With this in mind, the McKinney NAACP set out to revive the spirit of the celebration and to focus on the spiritual aspect of the event.

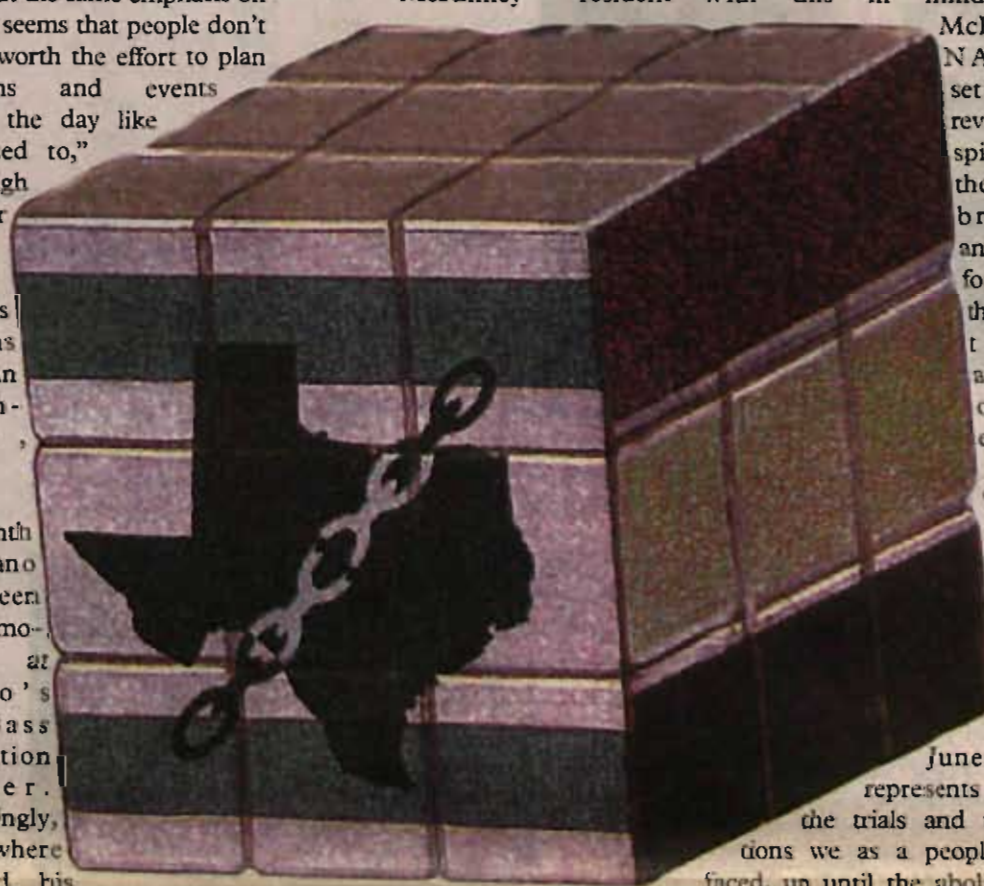
While McKinney boasts a population of 58,000 - only 3,966 are African-Americans. And sadly, Jagours says, out of the 34 African-American churches in the area, only three of these churches are actively involved with NAACP efforts.

He adds, "we (NAACP members) have constantly reached out to the religious sector of the community to seek their support in what we're trying to do. We would hate for a cross to be burned or racial slurs to be painted on church properties before they come join us in the struggle."

NAACP membership for the McKinney chapter is open to anyone living in Collin County, regardless of race because, as Jagours explains, "...injustices of civil rights hit all races." As one of the fastest growing cities in Texas, the city of Frisco has experienced a growth rate of 400% since 1990. While more and more African-Americans are flocking to the area in search of new careers, economic prosperity and a quality home in which to raise their families - Frisco has yet to develop a formal, annual celebration for Juneteenth.

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On the Homefront:

ABWA of Collin County holds meeting

The American Business Women's Association (ABWA), Collin County chapter, is meeting Tuesday, June 26 at the El Dorado Country Club located in McKinney at 6:30 p.m.

The guest speaker for the evening will be Matt Jones, a sales consultant. Admission price is \$18.

For additional information, please call Cindy at 972-359-7398 or Audrey at 972-386-1452.

Autograph session in Plano

Actor Jeremy Bullock, who played bounty hunter Boba Fett in "Star Wars", will be signing autographs Wednesday, June 20, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Space Madness, 6905 Colt Rd., Suite 101.

Customers can bring their own memorabilia for Bullock to sign or choose from an array of Special Edition Star Wars figures for purchase at the store.

For more information, please call 972-943-8135.

Stuart Little and Dorothy come to Collin County

The Plano Repertory Theatre production of "Stuart Little" runs June 18 to June 30, 2001 with performances at 10 a.m. at the Heritage Farmstead, 1900 W. 15th St. in Plano.

Tickets are \$5 and special group rates are available.

Call 972-422-7460 for additional information.

Performances for "The Wizard of Oz" will be presented at 10 a.m. June 20-22 and at 8 p.m. June 22-23 at the Frisco Community Theatre located in the 7700 block of Maple in the Youth Center Park in Frisco.

Tickets are \$5. Call 972-377-3868 for more information.

Plano citizens Race for The Cure

For the 9,000 participants of the 11th annual Race for The Cure on Saturday June 2nd, the weather was perfect. And Debby Mason, President of the Susan G. Komen Foundation's Collin County Regional Affiliate, said the race was "a great success", raising nearly \$23,000.00 for breast cancer education, screenings and treatment.

There were two races, the 5K being the main event, and the one-mile family fun walk/run. Ms. Mason said the whole event is a family and friends event, with there being few who participate on their own. This year there were around 400 breast cancer survivors participating, although

Ms. Mason said it is hard to pin down the exact number as some survivors are not yet ready to be identified. At registration survivors asked to be recognized at the race, and they received a pink T-shirt and bibs for the race.

The Plano Race for The Cure is one of three held local-

ly. Fort Worth holds one in April, and the Dallas race,

tration fee and each participant has the opportunity to

Seventy-five percent of the money raised this year stays in

those non-insured and under-insured. Ms. Mason said grant applications are ready for this year's allocating, and any non-profit organization helping women can apply.

The remaining twenty five percent of the Race pledges is sent to the national Komen Foundation to be used for research, and is allocated by committee of trained experts.

Each Race for The Cure is sponsored and organized by each regional affiliate, but all have to comply with national Komen Foundation Standards. The Race organizers are all volunteers, some working year-round for the regional affiliate, and others who volunteer solely for the Race. According to Ms. Mason there were 200 to 400 volunteers this year. Mason has volunteered at the Race for the last seven years, and was a race participant before that. This year she was one of the co-chairs of the race com-

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Gary Anthwerp and Michael Howard wait in line for water after crossing the finish line.

which is still all female, is held in October. The Race is designed to raise awareness of breast cancer, and to raise funds for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation at local and national levels.

Participants paid a regis-

get sponsorship for the race. Ms. Mason said there were prizes for the top pledge participants, with one of the top prizes being a \$1,000.00 gift voucher for Collin Creek Mall in Plano, who, she said, are good supporters of the Race.

the local community, which for the Collin County Regional Affiliate covers Collin, Denton and Grayson Counties. The funds are allocated to non-profit organizations providing education, screenings and treatment for

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Community Spotlight

(L-R) Karrie Lindquest and Bernie Menzer show off at the Sam's Grand Opening in Plano

Photos by Stan Davis



(L-R) Kemala Giddens, Michelle Turner and Suzanne Smith get ready to cut the official Grand Opening Cake at the new Sam's in Plano

Photos by Stan Davis



Megan Sims and Julie Holeman Moulas, Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders, were on hand to show their spirit at the Race for The Cure.

Photos by Maggie Ybarra



Michelle Row was the second to cross the finish line at the Race for The Cure.

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(Left to Right) Bruce Vander Lind and Barry Sanders on the green at Troy n' Emmitt's Charity Classic.

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Eric Dickerson signs autographs at Troy n' Emmitt's Charity Classic.

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Lilly Board gets ready for the game at Troy n' Emmitt's Charity Classic.

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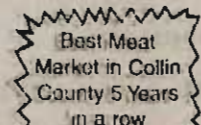


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Juneteenth celebrates the importance and power of information for everyone

Each year, in cities across the country, many Americans celebrate the date of June 19th. Juneteenth, as it is often referred to, commemorates the date African American slaves in Texas received notification of their emancipation. While any day that enslaved people received freedom is a day worthy of celebration, the irony of Juneteenth is that the word came almost two years after slaves in the southeast heard. For some, this means that Juneteenth is, at best, a bittersweet holiday - one that blends fun and festivity with a latent dismay that, even in this instance, justice for African Americans was delayed.

There is little doubt that in countless publications and websites across the country, there will be many editorial plaudits directed towards the historic significance of Juneteenth. While interesting and perhaps educational, there are other lessons to be gained from the Juneteenth experience. First among these lessons is the reminder that we all should be ever vigilant to stay informed of those events that have bearing upon our lives. This challenge becomes even more daunting with the advent of resources such as the Internet. No longer can we claim a lack of access to information. Rather, the real task is to be able to review and absorb huge volumes of information into useful and accessible pieces. If you doubt how real this challenge can be, try doing an Internet search for the

word "Juneteenth" and see the thousands of references that you get back. Truly, the difficulty is the ability to make

lems created by a Juneteenth experience, is to work diligently to lift education to the stature of a first priority in our community and to then pursue it relentlessly and with all due vigor.

Perhaps the most significant lesson to be learned from Juneteenth is the interdependence that we have for the welfare of each other. Part of the problem that pushed us to the first Juneteenth was the errant view that it was appropriate to subjugate another group of people. Because of the ability to control information and limit access



sense of the volumes of information that are readily available on demand.

There is an old saying that suggests that the best way to hide something from many people is to put it inside a book. The inference is that many people do not read, therefore that which is in a book will be shielded from public review. How do we incorporate and stay abreast of current trends and topics? Clearly, education, both classroom and practical, are more important now than ever before. Those who control information, as Juneteenth shows, control the fate of those who do not. The principal way for any of us to avoid the prob-

to it, African Americans and all Texans suffered and continue to suffer from the vestiges of this wrong. This reality obligates all of us, irrespective of race, creed or color, to leave our comfort zones and actively learn more about our fellow Texans. Think about these questions. How many events celebrating Asian American Heritage Month have you attended? What recognitions did you exhibit for Cinco de Mayo? With Juneteenth being this month, what are your intentions for this day? In each of these instances, the special days are not just for their namesakes. No, each day or month is a chance for all Americans to celebrate, recognize the strength of our diversity, and keep the possibility of any more Juneteenth experiences in the distant past.

Frisco voters are 8,000 signatures away

If a bill approved by the Legislature goes into effect this fall, Frisco voters will be one step closer to deciding if beer and wine should be sold in its grocery stores.

The Frisco Chamber of Commerce is in the process of

formulating a steering committee to coordinate a petition drive to get the proposition on the ballot.

The steering committee will need 35% of the city's registered voters, about 8,000 people, to sign the petition within 30 days.

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Going through changes

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For the past several weeks, my office has been overwhelmed by calls and visits from people who seem to have the same question. One young man asked it in these simple terms. "Why must I go through these changes?" Transition is always an uncomfortable time for everyone. Even though it's one of life's constants, it's always necessary. If we are ever going to end up where God wants us, we must go through transition. Our organization is going through transition. We've gone through times of transition before and the preparation is most always the same although the results are different. First let me suggest to you if you are leading an organization, group, or the head of a household, this requires several key things on your part if those who are depending on you are to get through it successfully.

As a leader, I know that times of transition or going through changes always make people more inclined to trip mentally and emotionally. That's why I must be prepared. I must help them remember to watch out for the pitfalls during these key times of life. We are more sensitive during these times and therefore are more susceptible assaults and temptations than at other times. We are more vulnerable and therefore our adversary would seek to use this opportunity to cause us to self-destruct. One lady recently called after telling her husband to "just get hell out". The issue that brought them to that point was small and simple to resolve but because they are going through some necessary changes in their lives, that small issue was magnified in to something huge. One of the things that we are tempted to do during times of change and transition is to affix a permanent solution to a temporary

problem.

A group of teens were asked about several issues they faced. Several said they thought about committing suicide. Then they talked about what they would do afterward. It never dawned on them that even though they were unhappy because of their looks or their home life, these were temporary things that could be fixed. It also never occurred to them that if they killed themselves, there would be no next time or nothing to do afterward. In other words, we must remember that transition and changes are just that. Situations and circumstances, which are not permanent, but rather here today maybe tomorrow but will soon pass. I've learned that in following God, He will lead you through times of transition and places of transition.

Consider our text. He's bringing Israel from Egypt to Canaan. According to the bible, the way He took them was not the shortest route. It ended up costing Him forty years although it was a four-day trip (via the short cut). There were three basic reasons He gave for taking them through. First, there were lessons they needed to unlearn. They had been in Goshen a long time and therefore had picked up some attitudes and practices that perhaps needed to be cut away. Where God is taking you will most likely require some different attitudes than the ones you've practiced. Times of transition remove unprofitable things. Second, there was knowledge that needed to be tested. As in all our lives, we talk a good game as long as we're not on the field playing. It's easy to talk about how you trust God and how good He is when you've not been tried. The true test of how good a

boat is, is not what it looks like while in dry dock, but what it does when you put it in the water. It's easy to tell others how to raise their children or treat their spouse and talk about what you would do if you were in their shoes. However the times of transition test whether we are just professing Christians

are actually practicing Christians. Third, during times of transition, there are things I need to learn. I call them hidden things that need to be revealed. During times of transition we learn things about others and ourselves that are not generally exposed during regular times. When people go through changes, it discloses motives, mentally, and make up.

In short, we will all go through changes if we are to get better. When God is leading us, He will always lead us through times of transition. I am aware of the fact that we put ourselves through needless changes. However, I'm talking about following God. Israel faced several obstacles. Just because He leads us doesn't mean we do not face opposition or obstacles. Nevertheless, if we follow Him and are obedient, we go through changes and are not defeated by them. The things that need to be removed so that we may progress are removed. The things that need to be learned are learned so that we will be fortified. The things that need to be tested are tested so that we will have confidence toward God. Don't fight going through changes. Just determine to go through. Do not stop until you get through it. Decide to go where He leading you knowing that His idea for your well-being and happiness is much greater than yours.

TXU and TPA announce scholarship winners

DALLAS (Texas Publishers Association Wire Service) - TXU and the Texas Publishers Association announced the six winners of their second annual 'Bright Minds, Bright Future' scholarship contest. Each student will receive \$2,500 towards his college education.

Winners are Dana Vaughn, Dallas; LaTasha Robinson, Fort Worth; Andrea Purch, DeSoto; Jared Gills, Duncanville; Zack Hooper, Stephenville; and Erica Wade, Tyler.



Bright Minds, Bright Futures Scholarship Contest



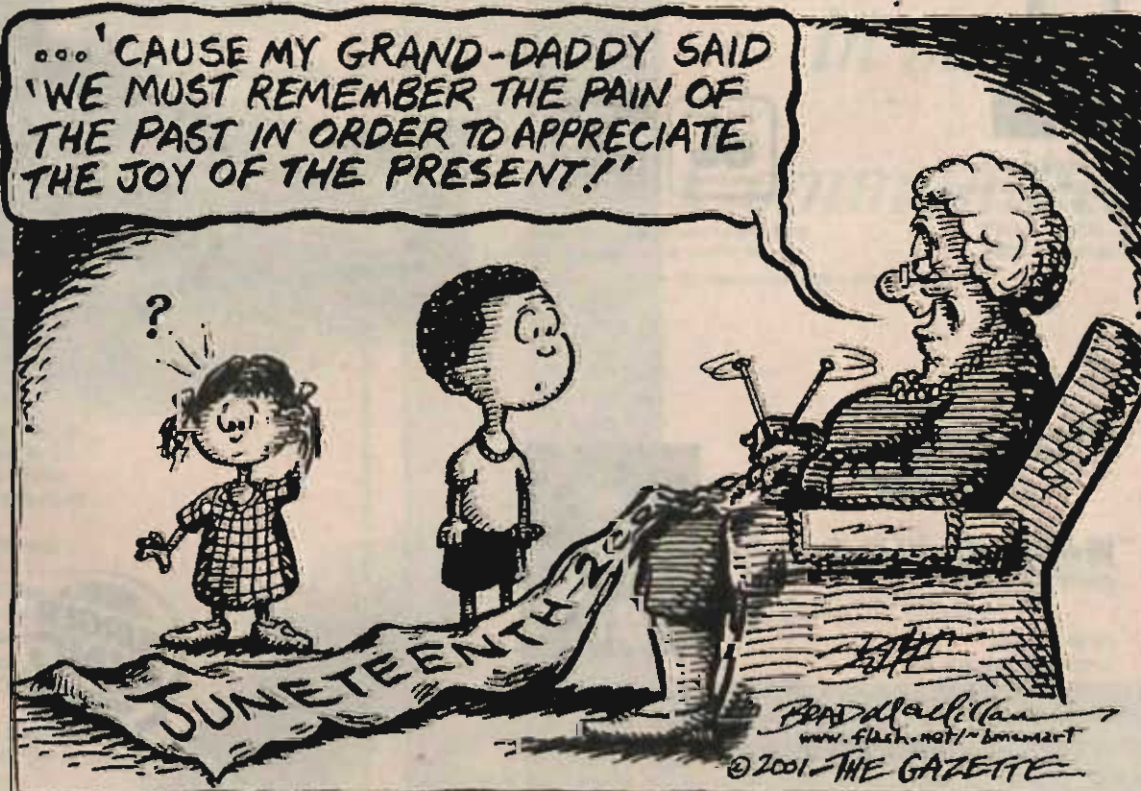
Winners of the scholarship were required to submit an original essay relating to the African-American experience in the 21st century. The contest was open to graduating high school senior in Texas.

The winners will be recognized at a scholarship reception July 28 at Six Flags Over Texas. The ceremony will be in conjunction with the Fred Hammond and Mary, Mary gospel concert sponsored by TXU the same evening.

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Redistricting, still a pending issue

By: Lakeesha Joe

Although the 77th Legislative session has ended and more than 1,100 legislative acts have been put into place, there is still the pending issue of redistricting.

Every 10 years, the Legislature is supposed to redraw district lines for the Senate, House of Representatives, Congress and State Board of Education districts (SBOE), to ensure equal representation based on the most recent census. The most recent census, which was conducted in 2000, initiated redistricting or the redrawing of congressional district lines.

Redistricting is one of the most partisan issues to come before the Legislature. For example, during the recent-ended 77th session, the Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill (CSSB) 499 was approved by the Redistricting Committee but did not have enough support to be brought to the floor.

The job of legislative redistricting then passes to the Legislative Redistricting Board (LRB). But Congressional and SBOE redistricting could be taken up again in a special session or go directly to court. The goal of the redistricting Committee is to draw plans that are acceptable to the Senate and the House by the end of the month.

Senator Jeff Wentworth of San Antonio is the Chair of the Redistricting Committee. The other members of the committee include

Mike Jackson (vice-chair) of La Porte, Kenneth Armbrister of Victoria, David Cain of Dallas, Robert Duncan of Lubbock, Rodney Ellis of Houston, Troy Fraser of Horseshoe Bay, Mario Gallegos of Houston, Florence Shapiro of Plano, and Judith Zaffirini of Laredo.

During the last week of the 77th Legislative session several Bills, which are included in the more 1,100 legislative acts, were passed. The Senate aimed at improving air quality inside government buildings passed a bill that would do just that. House Bill (HB) 2008 will direct the Texas Board of Health to establish voluntary air-quality guidelines in all buildings owned or leased by a government agency.

"Currently, we have a problem with indoor pollutants," said Mike Moncrief, Ft. Worth Senator, the sponsor of HB 2008. "They include toxic forms of mold."

An amendment that would have required schools to more closely monitor classroom air quality was narrowly defeated.

In other Senate news that occurred during the last week of the legislative session, a measure was voted in that would make more types of prescription contraceptives available under health benefit plans.

HB 2382, sponsored by San Antonio Senator Jeff Wentworth, would require insurance providers to offer coverage for contraceptive

drugs and devices equivalent to what is available for other prescription drugs.

Current regulations prohibit an insurer that covers all other prescriptions from denying coverage for oral contraceptives. HB 2382 would expand to include all types of prescription contraceptives.

HB 2382 would exempt religious-based plans that have a moral opposition to providing birth control. The bill will not provide for coverage of any drugs that terminates a pregnancy.

In its last week for legislative action, children were also a focus during legislative sessions. The Senate approved a compromise proposal that would simplify the Medicaid eligibility process for children.

The Committee Substitute for Senate Bill (CSSB) 43 is intended to reduce the number of children in Texas who are not covered by health insurance according to Laredo Senator Judith Zaffirini, the author of the bill.

"The bill simplifies the procedures for certification and re-certification for children's Medicaid," said Zaffirini. "Since authoring this bill, my intent has been clear, to deliver the same ease of enrollment found in CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program) for the children of Texas in need of health care. We have far too many children that are without health insurance in Texas due to existing lack of coordination between programs and the difficult enrollment process."



John
Dudley

Trust Fundamentals

Types of Trusts

Put simply, there is no such thing as a standard trust. Instead, every trust is tailor-made to fit the financial needs and goals of the grantor. Trusts thus come in several varieties. For instance, a trust may be testamentary (created by the grantor under his or her will) or living (created by agreement during the grantor's lifetime). Furthermore, a living trust may be either a revocable trust (a trust which can be altered, amended, or even terminated — with all trust property returned to the grantor — at any time) or an irrevocable trust (a trust that cannot be changed).

In addition, a trust may be created for any number of beneficiaries (including the grantor himself) and may provide for just about any method of trust property distribution that the grantor desires. (Many grantors typically choose to provide that trust income be paid to one beneficiary for his or her life, with the remaining trust property to be paid to another beneficiary or beneficiaries when the income beneficiary dies.)

What a Trust Can Do for You

A trust may be established for any number of uses. Among the more significant:

A trust may be created as a "pourover" vehicle for your estate assets, designed to hold and manage your property for the benefit of your heirs after your death.

A trust may be created as a receptacle for the life insurance proceeds to be collected upon your death.

A trust may be created for the professional management of your investments, such as stocks and bonds, real estate, etc., during your lifetime.

A trust may be created as a means of providing for your child's education or for the care of a handicapped dependent.

A trust may be created for use in conjunction with your retirement planning.

A trust may be created as protection against the mismanagement or nonmanagement of your assets in the event you become temporarily or permanently unable to manage them yourself.

A trust may be created as a tax-savings device.

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Larry Jagours



John Hightower

Instead, there will be a Juneteenth display, much like the annual Black History Month display, at the Frisco Public Library located in the Frisco Municipal Complex.

A resident of Frisco since 1997, Lisa McKay-Jones has played witness to the dramatic growth in the area and can clearly remember when the StoneBriar Mall was just barren land. A mother of three and avid book collector, McKay-Jones aspires to open up an African-American bookstore in Frisco and to someday be a part of an organization dedicated to promoting African-American entrepreneurship in the Frisco area.

Although she hails from Illinois, McKay-Jones is versed in Juneteenth history and tradition. As such, she has equipped her three children, ranging in age from 3 to 12, the background of the Juneteenth holiday and its historical significance in Texas. She is also saddened

by the fact that there is no formal event planned to commemorate the Juneteenth holiday, and that she must take her kids to Plano or Dallas to recognize the day.

"I try to stress to my kids that, in addition to knowing their own history, that they should educate other persuasions within their school about their rich heritage," she says.

For more information on Juneteenth festivities planned in the Collin County area, contact the following:

Plano
Douglass Recreation Center
972-941-7174

McKinney
NAACP
972-354-2521 x7405

Frisco
Frisco Public Library
972-335-5510

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mittee, which has approximately 20 members. The committee members arrive at 5:00 a.m. on race day, at Headquarters Drive in Plano, where the race starts and finishes. Volunteers check in between 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., and the Race starts at 8:00 a.m. before the temperature climbs.

The committee members oversee the volunteers, ensuring everyone is at the right station. Ms. Mason said there are so many jobs to be done at the Race, including checking in Race participants, making sure the water stations are adequately filled, giving Race finishers cold oranges and having volunteers at the finish line to check finish times. She said they have many repeat volunteers, including the Knights of Columbus who handled most of the parking this year, and The North Texas

Ford Dealers, who are the local presenting sponsors. However, Mason said that they are always looking for new volunteers, not only for the Race, but also for events throughout the year, such as the Golf Tournament to be held in Wylie in October.

Funding helps maintain the Komen Foundation's ability to provide education, screenings, treatment and moral support for breast cancer patients and survivors to the extent that a group of local survivors came up with an idea to work closely with newly diagnosed breast cancer patients and survivors on a volunteer basis.

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Lose the winter weight with these shape-up tips

By: Delicia Carter

American culture is filled with images of svelte women and muscular men enjoying life. However, our streets are filled with dangerous places, such as Krispy Kreme and Pizza Hut. More than half of America is overweight and 30 percent of the people are obese. Our lifestyles have changed and our waistlines are showing it. Most Americans could stand to lose a little weight and exercise a lot more, not to look like the people in advertisements, but to be healthy and happy. A quick-fix approach is not the best way to become fit though. It requires consistency and life-long changes.

Every summer, thousands of Americans vow this is the year they will drop the weight winter put on. They promise to lose weight for that reunion, wedding or day at the beach. Eating healthy foods and committing to an exercise program have more benefits than the "look good" factor. Imagine getting a decent night's sleep, waking up ready to attack the day

and actually being able to run up the stairs.

Exercise is good for the heart, body and mind. When people exercise, they notice a change in their self-esteem. They feel stronger, healthier, maintained and happy. When people exercise, they must make time to do so. Plan to pencil your name in a planner just like you would a work meeting. It is important to have time to yourself and exercise is a great time to think about your day, unwind, let go of stress and build endurance and strength.

When people stick with an exercise routine, it will become easier. They can run faster, bike longer or stretch farther. It is great to see your accomplishments and improvements. Another bonus to exercise is that most people who start an exercise program lose weight, but the benefits are better than just looking great at that reunion.

Exercise does not have to be a solo activity. Many people take classes with friends or walk the dog as a family. In fact, exercise is a great time to

get closer with friends and loved ones. So, enlist a friend in your exercise program.

Following a muscle-building plan is also a good idea. By the tender age of 25, our bodies start losing muscle and the only way to retain it is by exercising or lifting weights. In the past, many women have shied away from weights because they did not want to bulk up. Today, women should start a weight-lifting program to help protect bones against osteoporosis as well. Another benefit to a weight-training regimen is building muscles can boost metabolism because muscle needs more energy (calories) than fat.

Nobody can expect to swear off the hamburgers and pledge their allegiance to the gym overnight. In fact, the most successful changes are those that take time. Every week or every month, adopt a healthy habit or lose an unhealthy habit. For instance, if you usually walk two miles a day, add one more mile. Constant little changes add up over time and really make a difference. Remember to allow one or two meals a week to include dessert or something else you really enjoy.

The most important factor in changing your life is confidence. Don't get bogged down by calorie counting or the numbers on the scale. You can do anything you discipline yourself to do and over time you will see the benefits.

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Tori White, a heroine in her own rite

By Brandy Jones

Most little girls only dream of being a princess; one who's beautiful, feminine, glamorous, charismatic, gentle and loved by all. However, very seldom do you equate princess with the word heroine.

Heroine in Greek means "one who is born to serve". A heroine as an archetype emerges when a woman manages to overcome her personal, local or historical limits and reach a dimension where paradigms are broken. Heroines challenge stagnation and are messengers of what is new.

"As a little girl I always wanted to be a princess so I figured being Miss America was the next best thing," said Miss Dallas.

Tori White was crowned Miss Dallas in February 2001 and is in the process of making her dream a reality while setting a standard. White is the first African-American to hold the prestigious title of Miss Dallas. "The exciting thing about being the first is that first is an ordinal that signifies that there's going to be a second and third. Being called the first is really special to me because it lets me know there's going to be someone after me and that's encouraging," White said.

White began her pageant career in 1996 at the Miss Juneteenth Pageant. Although she didn't place, the experience was invaluable. She received a sense of confidence in being able to adapt to whatever situation she's in and she learned that there's no need to put on another person on stage; just be yourself. "I also learned how to walk and other

lady-like things you don't get taught in bigger pageants. The things I learned have helped me and will stay with the rest of my life."

White has competed in the Miss Texas Pageant for three years and earned distinction as the 2nd runner up in 2000. She looks forward to representing Dallas this year, and the opportunity to be the first African-American to represent Texas at the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City this fall.

White is very confident in the possibility of becoming the next Miss Texas and even Miss America, however there is a lot of preparation that has to be done. "There's a lot of planning that goes into pageants, (but) I'm not planning to go win the pageant. I'm planning for the actual job of being Miss Texas and Miss America which is a full time job," said White. As Miss Texas and Miss America, you are to take a full year off from whatever you are doing to complete a full year of service. During that year, you are serving as a motivational speaker and an ambassador for social change.

White is gaining valuable experience while discharging her duties as Miss Dallas. She travels throughout the Dallas community promoting her platform, "Bridging the Digital Divide" in hopes of creating more opportunities for people to use technology resources. This platform was prompted in 1996 with the discovery that no one in her

family owned a computer. "No one had access to the resources that could make our lives better and as a matter of fact, it made our lives more difficult," White said. As a college student at the University

of Texas at Austin, she found that she didn't have time to correspond with everyone via phone and found it easier to send a mass e-mail via computer, but she could not do so. She believes that it's very important that people have access to technology resources that are supposed to be connecting people instead of creating a "digital divide".

Miss Dallas has taken her sub-platform into Dallas schools. "I have found that kids can't relate to 'Bridging the Digital Divide' because they are interested in what kind of car I drive, where I live, and do I have a lot of money. Kids today are watching music videos and TV and desire to be what they see. They aren't connected to reality," said White. "Character-Driven-Success" aims to encourage youth to stay connected to society and illustrates White as a model of a successful person with values.

Tori White, a heroine in her own rite, is a finance major at the University of Texas at Austin and will graduate this year with her Bachelor of Business Administration degree. Eventually, she wants a career in public service where she can practice international law and work on global trade and foreign policies between nations.



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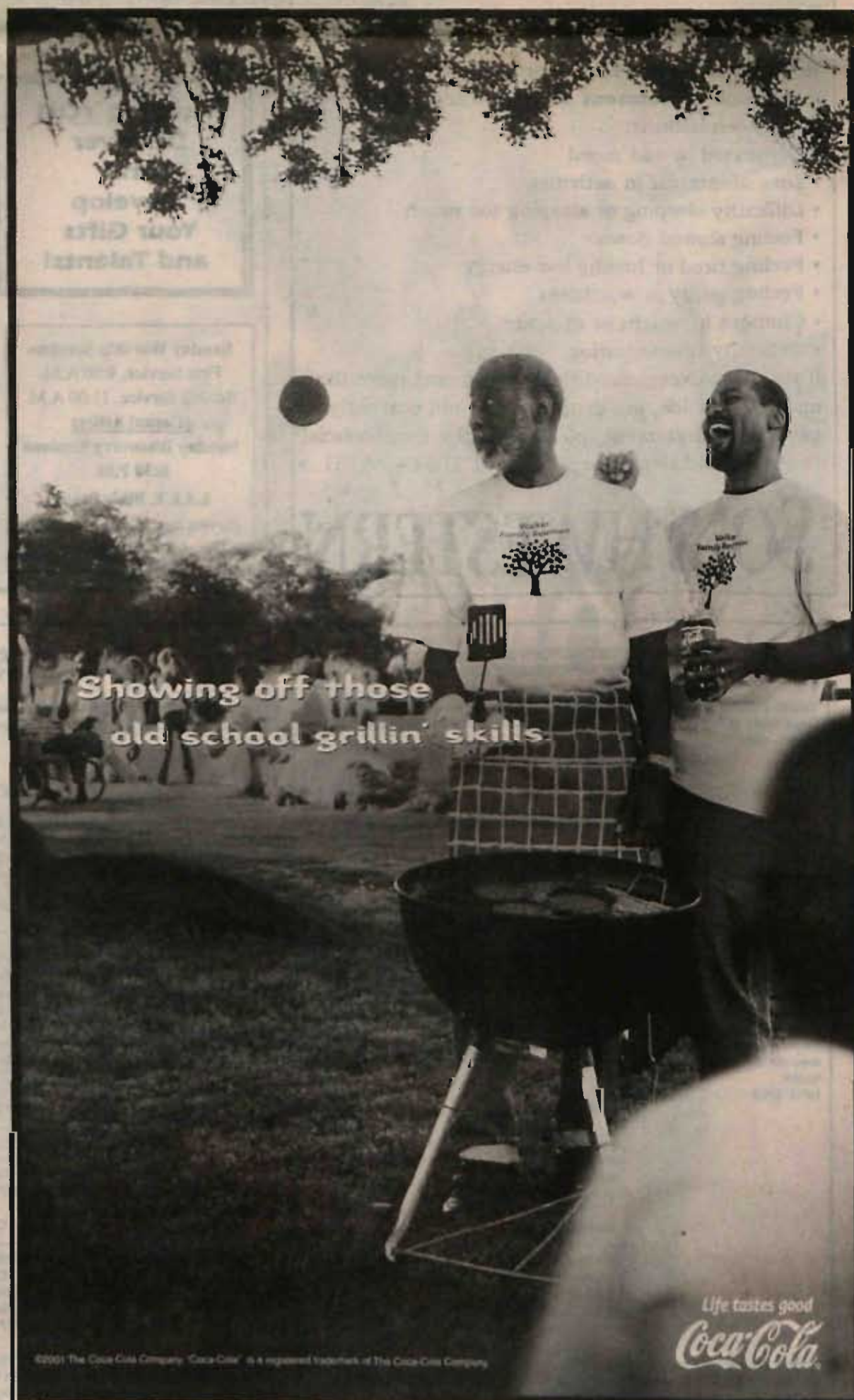
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Juneteenth celebrations, full of tradition, getting richer ever year

By Brandy Jones

"After four years of arduous service marked by unsurpassed courage and fortitude the Army of Northern Virginia has been compelled to yield to overwhelming numbers and resources," says General Robert E. Lee to his troops.

April 9, 1865, Lee surrenders his Confederate Army to Union General Ulysses S. Grant. Ironically, this was two years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, which became official January 1, 1863.

The proclamation abolishing slavery unfortunately had little impact on Texans due to the minimal number of Union troops to enforce the new Executive order. That is until June 19, 1865, ten weeks after Lee's surrender at Appomattox.

Union General Gordon Granger landed at Galveston, Texas, and drove the last nail into slavery's coffin, proclaiming: "The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with the Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and free laborer."

The reactions to the profound news ranged from pure shock to immediate jubilation. While many lingered to learn of this new employer to employee relationship, many left before these offers were completely off the lips of their former masters, attesting to the varying conditions on the plantations and the realization of freedom. Even with nowhere to go, many felt that leaving the plantation would be their first grasp of freedom. North was a logical destination and for many it represented true freedom, while the desire to reach family members in neighboring states drove some into Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma. Settling into these new areas as free men and women brought on new realities and the challenges of establishing a nonexistent status for black people in America.

Granger's affirmation ignited a chain of spontaneous freedom celebrations that rippled across the state and spread throughout the Southwest. The anniversary of freedom was not to be forgotten by people who had spent their entire lives in bondage. People for whom a lash across the back had been common punishment, but whose sting had been momentary compared to the pain of family separations, the indignity of deference, and the thought that only the grave would bring liberty.

Recounting the memories of that great day in June of 1865 and its festivities would serve as motivation as well as a release from the growing pressures encountered in their new territory. The celebration of June 19, now coined "Juneteenth", grew as participation from descendants of the initiators increased. The Juneteenth celebration was a time for reassuring each other, praying and gathering remaining family members. Juneteenth continued to be highly revered in Texas decades later, with many former slaves and descendants making an annual pilgrimage back to Galveston on this date.

A variety of activities were provided to entertain the masses, many of which continue in tradition today. Races, fishing and basketball are just a few of the typical

Juneteenth activities you may witness today. Juneteenth almost always focused on education and self-improvement.



Thus, often guest speakers are brought in and the elders are called upon to recount the events of the past. Prayer services were also a major part of these celebrations.

Certain foods became popular and subsequently synonymous with Juneteenth celebrations such as strawberry soda pop. More traditional and just as popular was barbecuing, through which Juneteenth participants could share in spirit and aroma that their ancestors, the newly emancipated African Americans, would have experienced during their ceremonies. Hence, the barbecue pit is often established as the center of attention at Juneteenth celebrations. Food was abundant because every-

one prepared a special dish. Meats such as lamb, pork and beef were brought on this special occasion. A true

Juneteenth celebration sent visitors home well satisfied and with stout bellies.

Dress was also an important element in early Juneteenth customs and is still taken seriously today, particularly by direct descendants who can make the connection to their ancestors and this tradition's roots. During slavery there were laws on the books in many areas that limited the dressing style of slaves. During the initial days of the emancipation celebrations, there are accounts of slaves tossing their ragged garments into creeks and rivers to replace with clothing taken from the plantations belonging to their former masters.

In the early years, little interest existed outside the

African American community with participation in the celebrations. In some cases, there was outwardly exhibited resistance by barring the use of public property for the festivities. Most of the festivities found themselves out in rural areas around rivers and creeks that could provide for additional activities such as fishing, horseback riding and picnics. Often church grounds

were the sites for such activities. Eventually, as African Americans became landowners, land was donated and dedicated for these festivities.

Rev. Jack Yates organized one of the earliest documented land purchases in the name of Juneteenth. Yates' fund-raising efforts yielded \$1000 and the purchase of Emancipation Park in Houston, Texas. In Mexia, the local Juneteenth

organization purchased Booker T. Washington Park, which had become the Juneteenth celebration site in 1898. There are accounts of Juneteenth activities being interrupted and halted by white landowners demanding that their laborers return to work. However, it seems most allowed their workers the day

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Cut inventory costs. Unless your operation provides services only, you probably need an inventory of parts or products. And the costs of carrying inventory, including storage, interest on financing, insurance, damage, obsolescence and deterioration, are considerable. You can reduce these costs by adopting "just in time" inventory control as part of your manufacturing, wholesale or retail process.

How do you arrange for inventory that's just in time without being late or unavailable and hurting sales? By reviewing your business history and making sure you have inventory available to cover your average level of business - and also arranging for fast supply when above-average business occurs.

Review your inventory to determine the quantity of each item in stock, how many were sold in the last 90 days and the current excess on hand. This will tell you which stock items can be reduced, which items are adequately stocked, which are under stocked, and which items you might consider dropping because they don't sell.

To meet customer needs with less inventory, also ask your vendors if they'll accept orders for lower volumes or even single units and provide overnight delivery. The inventory costs you save may make up for higher shipping and per-unit costs.

Negotiate lower prices for goods. Review your relationships with your goods and services suppliers and try to negotiate lower prices by offering long-term buying contracts or faster payment terms.

Another option for lowering supply costs may be to form or join a buying group. Small businesses that don't compete directly but use the same type of goods sometimes form such groups to achieve the volume of larger companies. Such an arrangement may result in substantial discounts and a wider choice of products and vendors.

Streamline your operation. Like your inventory, your business operation may also provide opportunities for economizing. Closely examine your operation's workflow - from order taking to product/service delivery - to discover process bottlenecks, material waste, labor or documentation redundancy and unnecessary steps. Also consider enlisting your employees' help in identifying inefficiencies, and encourage them by providing bonuses or public recognition for ideas that work.

Speaking of staff, most business experts advise keeping enough permanent help to operate the business at minimum levels while maintaining adequate quality and service. For busier times, overtime or temporary employees will likely be more cost effective than keeping extra people on the payroll.

Reduce training expenses. In today's increasingly mobile job market, the cost of training employees can be significant. One way to lower these costs is to offer an incentive to employees to upgrade their skills at their own expense. Allow employees time off at full or partial pay for training that applies to their current position or helps them advance within your organization. Another

resource for employee training may be your state employment agency, which through the federal Workforce Investment Act and other programs may provide or fund training for unemployed or low-income people you wish to hire.

Cut facilities costs. One of the highest ongoing costs for most small businesses is maintaining a place of business. Regularly review your rent (can you renegotiate a lower lease rate for a longer term with your current landlord? Will it pay to move to less expensive or smaller facility?), insurance (rates vary significantly, so shop around regularly), and utilities (add insulation, replace old air conditioners and other equipment, question abnormally high bills, enroll in energy efficiency incentive programs).

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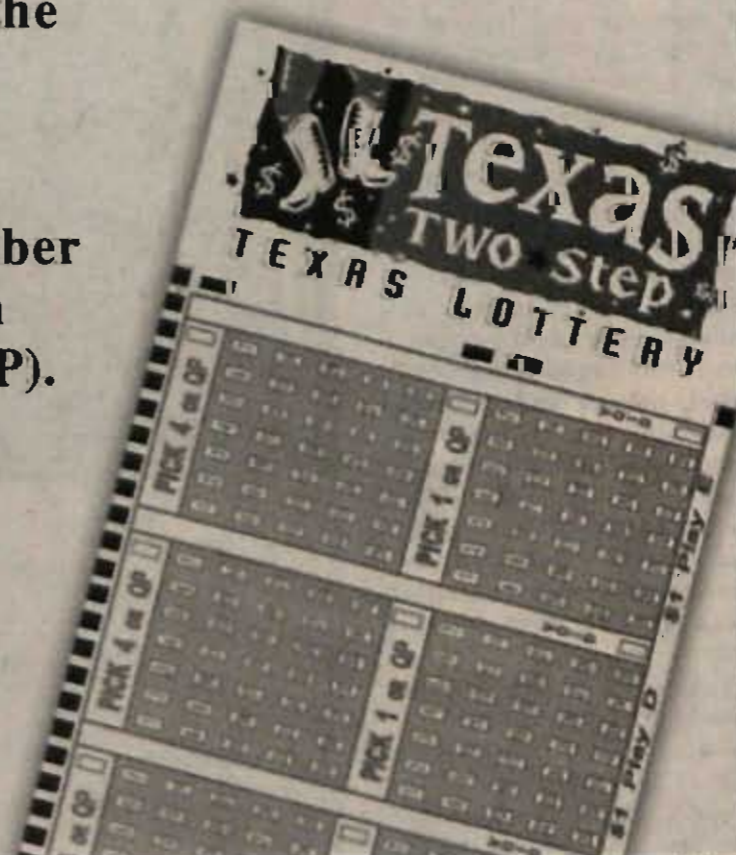


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off and some even made donations of food and money.

For decades these annual celebrations flourished, growing continuously with each passing year. In Booker T. Washington Park, as many as 20,000 African Americans once flowed through during the course of a week, making the celebration one of the state's largest.

Economic and cultural forces were the result for a decline in Juneteenth activities and participants beginning in the early 1900's. Classroom and textbook education in lieu of traditional home and family-taught practices stifled the interest of the youth due to less emphasis and detail on the activities of former slaves. Classroom textbooks proclaimed Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation of January 1, 1863 as the date signaling the ending of slavery - and little or nothing on the impact of General Granger's arrival on June 19th.

The Depression forced many people off the farms and into the cities to find work. In these urban environments, employers were less eager to grant leaves to celebrate this date. Consequently, unless Juneteenth fell on a weekend or holiday, there were very few participants available. July 4th was the already established Independence Day and a rise in patriotism was steered more toward this celebration.

However on January 1, 1980, Juneteenth became an official state holiday through

the efforts of Al Edwards, an African-American State legislator. The successful passage of this bill marked Juneteenth as the first emancipation celebration granted official state recognition. Representative Edwards has since actively sought to spread the observance of Juneteenth all across America.

Throughout the 80's and 90's Juneteenth has continued to enjoy a growing and healthy interest from communities and organizations throughout the country. Institutions such as the Smithsonian, the Henry Ford Museum and others have begun sponsoring Juneteenth-centered activities.

In recent years, a number of National Juneteenth Organizations have arisen to take their place along side older organizations - all with the mission to promote and cultivate knowledge and appreciation of African American history and culture.

Juneteenth today, celebrates African American freedom while encouraging self-development and respect for all cultures. As it takes on a more national and even global perspective, the events of 1865 in Texas are not forgotten, for all of the roots tie back to this fertile soil from which a national day of pride is growing. The future of Juneteenth looks bright as the number of cities and states come on board and form local committees and organizations to coordinate the activities. After all, the celebration of Juneteenth makes a statement for all Americans that the United States truly is the "Land of the Free."

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Frisco's Junior Cycling team earned titles at State Championship

The Exide Junior Cycling team, Frisco's youth cycling team, overwhelmed their competition at the Texas State Cycling Championships. The championships were held at Houston's Alkek Velodrome

ment these kids have made in just one year is tremendous and we are also encouraged by the interest in the youth program that is being generated by their participation and per-



through June 1-2.

Juniors competing in this event are the top youth cyclists in Texas whom are 18 years of age or younger. Eight members of the Exide Junior team traveled to Houston to compete against youth riders their age and returned to Frisco with five State Championships and 18 Championship medals.

The Exide team practices intensely and works hard at becoming better cyclists. Many times, they put in long hours on their bicycles and learning how to race stronger. These medals and titles they have won have come at a price that Exide is happy to pay with hard work.

"We are excited for these kids and their families, they worked hard in preparing for this event and will now focus on the U.S. Junior Nationals this August in Florida," said Steve Walsh, general manager of the Superdrome. "The improve-

formance."

The Exide Junior Cycling team is currently ranked in seventh place out of all the teams in Texas. This ranking encompasses all teams including those having professionals and higher-ranked category riders. This is a great attribute to their work ethic and dedication to the sport of cycling.

The Superdrome in Frisco has gained the reputation of being a world-class facility and is glad to help the youth in the area become better cyclists. Being a part of the Exide team prepares youth for the Olympics or just teaches them how to be a better cyclist. The Exide team also teaches bicycles safety, discipline, hard work and fun. It is a great activity for the youth of the community to get involved in.

For more information on being part of the Exide team, call Steve Walsh at (972) 731-1104.

Sam's Club welcome in Plano

By: Delicia Carter

Sam's Club located on East Spring Creek Parkway enjoyed its grand opening on June 7, 2001. After months of preparation, they are finally open for business. The 154,000 square-foot warehouse looks forward to offering affordable shopping for the people of

Worth," said Yale Scott, general manager. "Our new East Plano Club is the 17th club added to this market since we first opened here in 1983 and this Club is truly our Members Club, built with their needs and wants in mind."

The new Club will offer household supplies, office equipment, jewelry, electronics and furniture. They will also feature a Club café, bakery and meat departments, fresh floral, an optical department, pharmacy, a one-hour photo lab and a gas station.

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Bodybuilders Gunter Schlierkamp and Lena Johansson at the Sam's Club grand opening.

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(L-R) Marquitta Scruggs, Courtney Merit, Alyssa Merritt, Keith Marra & Ray Wyatt pose with Chester the cheetah at the Sam's Club Grand Opening

DART News



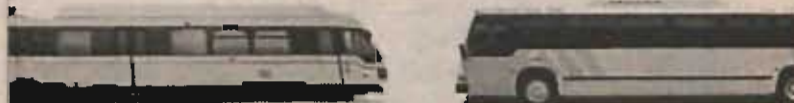
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Celebrity Birthdays for the week of June 17-23:

June 17: Actor Peter Lupus (TV's "Mission: Impossible") is 69. Singer Barry Manilow is 55. Comedian Joe Piscopo is 50. Actor Mark Linn-Baker ("Perfect Strangers") is 47. Actor Greg Kinnear is 37. Actor Jason Patric is 35. Singer Kevin Thornton of Color Me Badd is 32. Actor-rapper Herculeez of Herculeez and Big Tymers is 16.

June 18: Musician Paul McCartney is 59. Movie critic Roger Ebert is 59. Actress Constance McCashin ("Knots Landing") is 54. Actress Linda Thorson ("The Avengers") is 54. Actress Isabella Rossellini is 49. Actress Carol Kane is 49. Singer Tom Bailey of the Thompson Twins is 44. Singer Alison Moyet is 40. Singer Nathan Morris of Boyz II Men is 30.

June 19: Actress Gena Rowlands is 65. R&B singer Al Wilson is 62. Actress Phylicia Rashad is 53. Singer Ann Wilson of Heart is 51. Actress Kathleen Turner is 47. Country singer Doug Stone is 45. Singer Mark DeBarge is 42. Singer-dancer-choreographer Paula Abdul is 39.

June 20: Country guitarist Chet Atkins is 77. Actor Martin Landau is 70. Actress Olympia Dukakis is 70. Actor Danny Aiello is 68. Director Stephen Frears is 60. Singer-composer Brian Wilson of the Beach Boys is 59. Singer Anne Murray is 56. Home repair show host Bob Vila is 55. Singer Lionel Richie is 52. Actor John Goodman is 49. Singer Cyndi Lauper is 48. Bassist John Taylor of Duran Duran is 41. Actress Nicole Kidman is 34.

June 21: Actress Jane Russell is 80. Actress Maureen Stapleton is 76. Actor Bernie Kopell ("The Love Boat") is 68. Comedian Joe Flaherty ("SCTV") is 60. Singer Ray Davies of The Kinks is 57. Actress Meredith Baxter ("Family Ties") is 54. Actor Michael Gross ("Family Ties") is 54. Actor Robert Pastorelli ("Murphy Brown") is 47. Cartoonist Berke Breathed ("Bloom County," "Outland") is 44. Country singer Kathy Mattea is 42. Actor Doug Savant ("Melrose Place") is 37. Musician Porter Howell (Little Texas) is 37. Actress Juliette Lewis is 28.

June 22: Director Billy Wilder is 95. Singer-actor Kris Kristofferson is 65. "60 Minutes" correspondent Ed Bradley is 60. Journalist Brit Hume is 58. Actor David L. Lander (Squiggy on "Laverne and Shirley") is 54. Singer Todd Rundgren is 53. Actress Meryl Streep is 52. Actress Lindsay Wagner is 52. Actress Amy Brenneman ("Judging Amy") is 37. MTV host Carson Daly is 28.

June 23: Country singer June Carter Cash is 72. Actor Ted Shackelford ("Knots Landing") is 55. Actor Bryan Brown is 54. Actress Frances McDormand is 44. Drummer Steve Shelley of Sonic Youth is 39. Singer Chico DeBarge is 31. Actress Selma Blair ("Zoe") is 29.

Chambers of Commerce



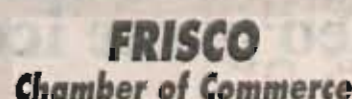
Thursday, June 21
7:30 a.m. - Business Development Committee Meeting
Held in MEDC Board Room.

Tuesday, June 26
8:30 a.m. - Government and Legislative Issues
Held at Collin County Community College- Central Park Campus in Room A301.

11:30 a.m. - Ribbon Cutting at CTX Mortgage
Held at Chamber Lobby.

Thursday, June 28
7:15 a.m. - Chamber Executive Board Meeting
Held in MEDC Board Room.

4 p.m. - Women's Golf League
Held at Oak Hollow Golf course. There is a \$15 fee.



Tuesday, June 19
11:30 a.m. - Ambassador Meeting
Held at Chamber office at 6843 Main Street.

Wednesday, June 20
11:30 a.m. - BREP- Industrial Relations Council Luncheon
Held in Chamber Event Room at 6843 Main Street.

Thursday, June 21
8 a.m. - Get on Track at 8 Networking Session
Held at Chamber office at 6843 Main Street.

1 p.m. - Newcomers Stuffing
Held at Chamber office at 6843 Main Street.

5 p.m. - YMCA Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting
Held at 2401 Internet Blvd., Ste. 100.

Monday, June 25
12 p.m. - The Rite to Smile Golf Classic
Stonebridge Country Club in McKinney.

Lunch will be at noon and the classic will start at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 28
8 a.m. - Get on Track at 8 Networking Session
Come network with area businesses at the Chamber office, 6843 Main St., Frisco.

Saturday, June 30
10 a.m. - Forever Free 2001 Town Lake Park in McKinney

There will be a car show, CASI Chili cook-off and more. Call (972) 335-9522 for more information.



Monday, June 19
7 p.m. - Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting
Everyone is invited to attend. Held at 1520 Avenue K.

Wednesday, June 20
7:30 a.m. - Board of Director's Meeting
Everyone is invited to attend. Held at Chamber building

11:30 a.m. - Women's Division Luncheon
Held at Gleneagles Country Club. Call (972) 424-7547 to register.

Thursday, June 21
5:30- 7 p.m. - Business After Hours- Studio Movie Grill
Held at 4721 West Park Blvd. Call (972) 424-7547 to register.

Friday, June 22
7:30 a.m. - Business Interchange
Everyone is invited to attend this event held at the Chamber building.

Monday, June 25
7 p.m. - City Council Meeting
Everyone invited to attend the meeting held at 1520 Avenue K.

Friday, June 29
7:30 a.m. - Business Interchange
Everyone is invited to attend this event held at the Chamber building.



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Tuesday, June 19
10 a.m. - City of Allen extreme teens trip for laser tag
Held at Joe Farmer Recreation Park. There is a \$25 fee.

11:30 a.m. - June Luncheon
Held at Brazos Cattle Company. There is a \$12 fee.

Thursday, June 21
7:30 a.m. - Eggs and Issues Breakfast
Senator Florence Shapiro will be a speaker.

10 a.m. - Ribbon Cutting for Pre-

Paid Legal, Corey Ensey Agent
Held at the Chamber office.

Thursday, June 28
4:30 p.m. Ribbon Cutting for On The Border
Held at 213 Central Expressway.

Friday, June 29
8 a.m. - Ambassador Meeting
Held at Dancing Bear Café.

Saturday, June 30
12 p.m. - Allen USA Celebration/Allen Chamber Business Expo and Health Fair
Held at Allen Station Park.



Tuesday, June 26
11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.-RCC Small Business Roundtable "Angel Financing"
Featured Speaker: Scott Johnson, Capmatch.com at Holiday Inn Select - Richardson (1655 North Central Expressway)
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Movie Review

Academy Award Winner becomes pop-culture video game icon

By Brandy Jones

Paramount Pictures and Mutual Film Company present

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From the phenomenally popular interactive Tomb Raider video game, springs a new kind of action hero:

Lara Croft. Lara Croft was born into wealth and groomed at the most elite schools. She travels to dangerous and mysterious locales around the globe in search of rare, lost crypts and long-forgotten empires. She speaks numerous languages, is highly trained for combat and answers to no one, obeying only desire for adventure.

But now she must face her greatest challenge yet: to

find two halves of an ancient artifact buried in space and time. To possess it means ultimate power for its possessor. However, to get there, she must first take on a powerful and dangerous secret society. The fate of mankind rests in the hands of Lara Croft: a twenty-first century heroine inspired by the most popular interactive video character in history.

Simon West attests to enriching some of the game's supernatural elements. "There are weird phenomena in this world," he says. "Underground, in the tombs, the gloves

are off and almost anything can happen. It's also a very visceral film that tells a very fundamental story about loyalty, betrayal, physical prowess and heroism."

"The challenge for us was to take a video game, turn it into a movie and find the perfect actor for the role of Lara. I can't imagine the film even being possible without Angelina," says one of the producers Lloyd Levin. "She represents a lot of qualities you would hope to capture in the character of Lara: intelligence, fearlessness, playfulness and a wicked sense of humor."

The film also stars Jon Voight, Iain Glen, Noah Taylor, Daniel Craig, Leslie Phillips and Christopher Barrie. This film opens in theaters June 15, 2001 and is MPAA rated PG-13 for action violence and some sensuality.



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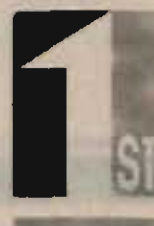
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Arts & Entertainment

Nelly Nabs 3 Source Award Nominations; Popular Rapper Also Nominated for Teen Choice Award, 'Best Male Artist'

NEW YORK, June 12 /PRNewswire/ — Universal recording artist NELLY has been nominated for three 2001 Source Music Awards in the categories of Single of the Year for smash hit "Country Grammar"; New Artist of the Year; and Album of the Year for his 6x platinum disc Country Grammar. The St. Louis-based rapper is competing for awards

against artists such as OutKast, Ludacris, Mystikal, Jay Z, Snoop and Eminem.

In just one year, NELLY has received over ten nomina-



tions since the release of his top-selling debut, Country Grammar, last June. The talented rapper has won several awards - a 2001 Soul Train Music

Award for "Best R&B/Soul or Rap New Artist," and a World Music Award for "Best New Artist." And his critically acclaimed album has received several nominations (2 BET Awards; a Blockbuster nod; an American Music Award; a Billboard and two Grammy Awards).

NELLY's current sin-

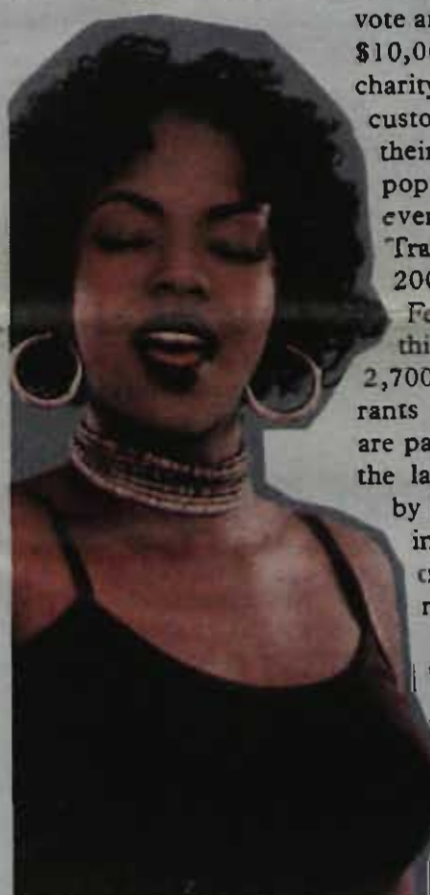
gle, "Rid Wit Me," is another bona-fide hit, ranking #4 on Billboard's Hot 100 Singles chart. Fans can catch the rapper performing this and other hits from his debut disc during his forthcoming tour with Destiny's Child slated to kick off on July 18th. In the meantime, NELLY will appear on

Soul Train, along with the St. Lunatics on June 16th; and can be seen on FOX's Teen Choice Special: Teenopolooza on June 28th. The 2001 Source Music Awards will broadcast on August 28th on UPN.

Fans can find out more information about NELLY's award nominations and tour schedule by logging on to www.nelly.net.

Burger King Corporation kicks-off its celebration of Black Music with "Living Legends" Sweepstakes

(Miami, Florida) May 31, 2001. Can you guess who is America's favorite musical "Living Legend?" Does soul diva Aretha Franklin come to mind? Or is it king of pop Michael Jackson? Perhaps Mary J. Blige, James Brown or gospel great Walter Hawkins. What about jazz songstress Diane Reeves or hip-hop impresario Wyclef Jean or Run DMC?



Throughout the month of June, Burger King Corporation and its franchisees will invite customers to make their votes count and nominate their favorite legend of music at participating restaurants in the U.S.

The Burger King Black Music Month "Living Legends" sweepstakes will be a celebration of artists who are living legends of jazz, hip-hop, gospel, R&B, and soul music. The "Living Legend" will be determined by popular vote and he or she will receive \$10,000 for their favorite charity. Four Burger King customers will win a trip of their choice to either of two popular annual music events...the 2002 Soul Train Music Awards or the 2002 Essence Music Festival. In support of this program, more than 2,700 Burger King restaurants in forty-nine markets are participating. This marks the largest celebratory event by Burger King in honoring the accomplishments of African-American musicians.

"Burger King Corporation is proud to recognize the immeasurable achievements of African-Americans to this nation's cultural landscape," says

Sandy Salinas, director, Ethnic Marketing, Burger King Corporation. "A celebration of Black music and the legends who captured it to worldwide prominence is an acknowledgement of their contribution to American culture."

In June, "Living Legends" ballot forms will be available at participating restaurants.



their favorite musical living legend. Ballots must be completed and received by August 3, 2001, for official entry into the sweepstakes for one of two trips.

Scratch-off instant win cards attached to the ballot forms will offer special prizes to first and second place winners. Two hundred first place winners will receive commemorative "Living Legends" denim jackets. Two thousand second place winners will receive a compilation Black Music "Living Legends" CD. Scratch-off win cards will also offer food prizes.

Burger King Corporation, in its continued commitment to the young men and women who work in its restaurants, will hold a special crew program and drawing for its employees at participating restaurants.

Burger King Corporation created the American icon, the Home of the Whopper, in 1957. The company and its

franchisees operate more than 11,330 restaurants in all 50 states and 58 countries and international territories around the world, with more than 92% of Burger King restaurants owned and operated by independent franchisees. Since the company's founding in Miami in 1954, the Burger King brand has become recognized for great flame-broiled taste and Have it Your Way food customization. In fiscal year 2000, the Burger King system had system-wide sales of \$11.4 billion. To learn more the about Burger King system, please visit the company's website at www.burgerking.com.



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael J. Fox, the voice behind the young explorer Milo in "Atlantis: The Lost Empire," is narrating an interactive digital book version of the new Disney film.

"Spending quality time with my kids is a passion in my life," Fox said in a statement Monday. "And one of the things we do together is read stories — it's some of the best times that we share."

The 40-year-old actor suffers from Parkinson's disease, and Random House has made a donation to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

"Atlantis: The Lost Empire" has opened in New York and Los Angeles. It will be in theaters nationwide on Friday.

NEW YORK (AP) — Christy Turlington doesn't want her wedding to actor-director Ed Burns this fall to be a media spectacle.

"You won't see pictures in 'Hello,'" the model and activist says in the July issue of W magazine. "I want it to be a pure and perfect experience."

Turlington says she and Burns, 33, are both ready to settle down and start a family. She thinks about having children "all the time now," and would like to have four.

"We would love the idea of even more children, but I'm 32," she says. "I have friends for whom it hasn't been very easy to get pregnant. You take it for granted. I've really learned to think of it as a miracle, which it is. We will be lucky to have one, but I hope to have more."

Turlington says if she has a daughter, she won't encourage her to follow in her footsteps down the runway.

"I wouldn't encourage my child to work in an industry that focuses on superficial attributes, given all the information out there today about how delicate the age from 12 to 18 is."

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Mary Chapin Carpenter is back with her first studio album in five years.

"I was taking the time to have a life," she told The Associated Press. "That was probably the greatest revelation of the last five years for me. Just that it's possible to do that."

On "TimeSexLove" (Columbia), the 43-year-old singer-songwriter obsesses

about time passing too quickly, and broods about love and loneliness.

"The complete title is, 'Time is the great gift, sex is the great equalizer, love is the great mystery,'" Carpenter said.

"Love is the great mystery," repeated the unmarried singer. "Boy howdy, I'll never figure it out. Why do I love some people? Why do some people hurt me?"

Carpenter is back at a time when pop and country music are aimed at younger audiences.

"I listen to Britney Spears," Carpenter said. "But I think it's shortsighted and unfortunate if record companies forget that there's another audience besides the teen audience."

"I'm not saying that I

don't have anything to say to a 15-year-old. But I'm not trying to appeal to someone who would be interested in Britney Spears."

NEW YORK (AP) — Carmen Electra describes herself as "fiery, compassionate and playful."

But the former "Baywatch" star and Playboy model says people might be surprised to learn "how down-to-earth I am."

"At one point, it was all about going out — everything had to be over the top," the 29-year-old actress says in the July issue of Mademoiselle magazine. "That was an empty place to be."

"Now it's all about balance. I like to stay at home on Friday nights and listen to 'The

Art of Happiness' by the Dalai Lama."

Electra appeared in 2000's "Scary Movie." Her upcoming films include "The Guest" with Tara Reid.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It was an early Father's Day for actor Blair Underwood.

Seven pound, 2-year-old Blake Ellis Underwood was born Sunday in Los Angeles to Underwood and his wife, Denise, publicist Lee Wallman said.

The couple have a 4-year-old son and a 2-year-old daughter.

Underwood, 36, starred in "L.A. Law" and "City of Angels." His films include "Rules of Engagement" and "Gettysburg."

Around The Town

Ongoing

Attention all volleyball fanatics! Open play is every Thursday night from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Frisco Recreation Center. For more information call 972-377-1752 or visit www.ci.frisco.tx.us.

An aerobic class just for teens is held Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Alumni Hall Fitness Center at Prestonridge Campus of Collin County Community College, 9700 Wade Blvd. Class cost is \$3.

The Frisco Public Library, located at 8750 McKinney, is celebrating Juneteenth displaying an array of informative books, posters, and more. The display will continue until June 23. For more information call 972-335-5510.

June 15-July 1

N.M. Productions Theatre Company invites you to enjoy the timeless classic Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs with a new twist- Melodrama! Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs-The Melodrama runs June 15-July 1 at The Corner Theatre in the Desoto Town Center. Performances will be on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., and Sundays at 3:00 p.m. There will also be two special daytime performances for schools, daycare centers, and senior centers. Reservations are strongly recommended. Please call 972-680-4466 or metro 817-784-6671 for tickets and additional information.

June 21-23

The 2001 Women of Influence Personal Development Conference will be held June 21-23 at The Destiny Center located at 2350 E. Mayfield Rd. in Arlington, Texas. Speakers include Susan Taylor, ESSENCE Magazine Director, Debbie Turner, Miss America 1990, Laurie Beth Jones, author and motivational speaker, Stacia Pierce, pastor, author, and radio personality, Marte Tilton, author and motivational speaker, and Renee Hornbuckle, pastor, author,

and motivational speaker. This power packed weekend will also include a "Read to Succeed" book signing and networking reception, the Empowerment Breakfast, and the Women of Influence Gala Awards Tea & Fashion Show. For registration information call 1-888-952-4273 or visit www.womenofinfluenceonline.com.

June 21-24

Repertory Company Theatre (RCT) presents Rodgers and Hammerstein's Oklahoma! June 21-24 at the University of Texas at Dallas. A milestone in its fusion of story, song and dance, the production features a dream ballet, which reveals

the main characters' hidden fears and desires. Tickets are \$9.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children. For tickets and more information call 972-690-5029.

June 21-July 15

Plano Repertory Theatre presents "Same Time, Next Year." Bernard Slade's heart-warming romantic comedy follows an unlikely romance through three decades of their once-a-year encounters in a seaside motel. This hit ran for almost five years on Broadway before being made into a popular film. Experience this crisp, comic tango and take a fun look at America in the 50s, 60s, and 70s. For more information call PRT at 972-422-7460.

June 22

Cedar Valley College Family Music Theatre will present the rock opera "Godspell," June 22-23 and June 29-30 in the Cedar Valley Performance Hall. Performances are 7:30 p.m. nightly with Saturday matinees at 1:30 p.m. Based on the Gospel according to Matthew, "Godspell" has been described as "a joyous celebration of music, mime, comedy and slapstick." For ticket information call 972-860-7444, ext. 9302.

June 24

Open Door Church of God in Christ is taking the time to honor one of its own, Evangelist Glenda Williams Goodson. Sunday, June 24, 2001 at 4:00 p.m., an Appreciation Service will be held in honor of her untiring work. For more information or to make a donation call 972-230-4171.

June 25

The 4th District of the Texas Dental Association is pleased to present the first annual Rite to Smile Golf Classic benefiting Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children and Texas Dentists for Healthy Smiles. This event

will be hosted at Stonebridge Country Club in McKinney, Texas. Lunch will be served at noon and a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. An Awards banquet will be held 7:00 p.m. For more information contact Joe Menton at Stonebridge Country Club, 972-529-5992.

June 30

Dallas/Ft. Worth radio station 94.9FM KLTY, announces its "Celebrate Freedom" free concert Saturday, June 30, 2001 at Southfork Ranch. Scheduled appearances include contemporary Christian artists such as Stephen Curtis Chapman, Newsboys, Avalon, Plus One, Nichole Nordeman, ZoeGirl, Phillips, Craig and Dean,

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