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## On the Homefront:

September 26th is your last opportunity to participate in the revival at All Nations United Methodist Church where Dr. Clara M. Reed pastors at 3415 East 14th Street in Plano. Revival preaching service will begin at 7 p.m. The revival preacher will be Dr. Joe Palmore. Come and be blessed! For more information, call 972-424-8500.

Plano Repertory Theatre (PRT) presents the world premiere of a new adaptation of Homer's epic story of a great hero and his journey home from the Trojan War to his family, "The Odyssey," September 27-October 21, 2001. Local playwright Tim Hatcher and PRT's artistic director, Mark Fleisher, have collaborated for over two years to bring the magic and poetry of this age-old tale to modern audiences. For more information, call 972-422-7460.

Everyone is asked to support the Plano Kiwanis Club as they are holding their annual banquet on September 28th at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 with tables of eight. For more information, please call 972-260-4208.

Billie G. Meador, the Edward Jones investment representative in Plano, will host a financial workshop for individual investors. The workshop will begin on October 1 and continue through October 29. Classes will meet from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and will be held at the Courtyard Center Campus of Collin County Community College District. The enrollment fee for the workshop is \$69 per person, which includes all course materials. For more information or to reserve a seat, contact Meador at 972-208-5688.

"The Rimers of Eldritch and Songs for a New World" will be presented by Quad C Theatre of Collin County Community College in the Black Box Theatre, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway, in Plano October 2-14th. For tickets and showtimes, please call 972-881-5809. Matinees and group rates are available.

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## Plano Community Forum holds awards banquet, fundraiser

By: Bruce Craig

The Plano Community Forum held its annual awards banquet last Saturday night, September 22, 2001, and by all accounts it was a smashing success. This year's mistress of ceremony was KDFW-TV Fox 4's E. Rochelle Brown. The entertainment for the evening was provided by the melodic sounds of The Texas Instruments Jazz Band.

The highlight of the evening, of course, was the presentation of scholarships to the graduating students and the annual awards for outstanding community service. The 2001 Civic Award was presented to marketing and public relations professional Mr. Tom Dulaney, who was key in collecting donations for the Special Olympics. The 2001 Community Award was presented to Mr. Alvis Alexander, supervisor for the new Douglass Community Center. Mr. Alexander has



Standing (l to r): Elizabeth Hendricks, Dora Garcia, Cody Anderson, Rebecca Hollingshead, Thurman Jones, and Don Johnson. Sitting (l to r): Wayne Hendricks, Myrtle Hightower and T.J. Johnson  
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made his career of working with children an inspiration to the community.

Ms. Tristin Bunting, a student at Plano West High

School, and active youth leader in her church, was presented with this year's youth award. Also the Business Award was presented to Mr.

Harold Carter, an outstanding member of the plano community and owner of Harold Carter Realtors, Inc. Scholarship amounts

ranged from five hundred dollars to fifteen-thousand dollars. These outstanding students will be using the monies they received to further their education at various schools all over the country, including, Stanford, Baylor, Rice, Xavier, Princeton, Tulane, UT Austin and The University of North Texas.

Some of the generous local corporate sponsors of the evening's event included Legacy Bank, Nordstrom, American National Bank, Guaranty Bank, Ray Huffines, SouthTrust Bank and Verizon.

Ms. Evelyn McKnight, vice president of programs, says the ceremony was "very successful despite the sadness of the weekend." Referring to the terrorist attacks of earlier in the week.

Cody Anderson was lucky enough to win one of the nights raffles, Ms. Anderson will have use of a 2001 Jaguar for the weekend.

## UT professor's opinion on terrorism stirs campus debate

AUSTIN (AP) — A professor's newspaper opinion piece about the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks is at the heart of a free speech debate at the University of Texas at Austin.

UT professor Robert Jensen said he expected harsh criticism after writing that the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon were "no more despicable than the massive acts of terrorism" committed by the United States.

Jensen's column was published in the Houston Chronicle on Sept. 14.

Angry e-mails and calls soon followed.

UT president Larry Faulkner joined the criticism. Last week he published a letter in the Chronicle distancing the university from Jensen's views and personally denouncing the professor as "a fountain of undiluted foolishness on issues of public policy."

Some students say they are worried that Faulkner's public lashing out at Jensen is a warning that minority opinions are unwelcome. An opinion piece published Friday in the student newspaper, The Daily Texan, urged Faulkner to apologize to Jensen.

UT senior Clare Major, in a letter Monday in The Daily Texan, wrote that "I am utter-

ly dumfounded that, as president of my university, you would publicly make a personal attack on a UT professor."

But law student Lance Clack in another letter Monday thanked Faulkner for his comments. "Too often a small and radical minority on this campus are allowed to give the false impression that they speak for a majority of UT students," Clack wrote.

Jensen, 43, a former journalist who started teaching journalism at the university in 1992, said he received tenure three years ago. Tenure is designed to protect professors from being fired for their ideas.

But Jensen said he would have spoken out whether he had tenure or not.

Jensen described his politics as "mostly left-progressive." He said he has spoken on radio shows and published columns on Web sites to give "an alternative voice" to coverage of the terrorist attacks. Reaction has been about half positive and half negative, he said.

Jensen said he has not experienced any problems at work because of his article or Faulkner's response.

Faulkner pointed out in his letter and in a subsequent interview that Jensen has a

right to free speech, but said he has the duty to make it clear the professor doesn't speak for the university.

Faulkner said he felt compelled to personally criticize Jensen's position because of the enormity of the attacks. He said he has never done such a thing before.

Although many people have asked him to fire Jensen, Faulkner said "it would be far more damaging to the university to undertake to penalize someone for free expression."

In 1997, a similar university denunciation was launched by top UT officials against law professor Lino Graglia, who said that Hispanics and blacks don't succeed academically at some white institutions because their culture doesn't discourage failure.

The chairman of the UT System Board of Regents, the UT System chancellor and the UT-Austin president at the time called Graglia's remarks an insult and damaging stereotype.

Graglia has maintained for years that his remarks were purposely misconstrued because he opposes affirmative action. He said he made his comments only after being asked whether cultural forces or genetics were more likely the cause of lower scores by minorities.

## Poll Predicts Change in the Workplace, Result of Attacks

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Sept. 25 /PRNewswire/ -- A new poll conducted jointly by the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) and eePulse determines how companies responded to the terrorist attacks on September 11th and how they think the workplace will change as a result in the future.

The SHRM(R)/eePulse poll, HR Implications of the Attack on America, included the responses of 5,673 human resource professionals. When asked what changes they predicted as a result of the tragedies, 66 percent of human resource professionals said that employees would be more caring toward one another. Approximately half of respondents said organizations would put higher security provisions in place (56 percent) and 52 percent felt that employees would not consider travel as glamorous "It's clear that change will come as a result of the atrocities committed against America and the American workplace," said SHRM President and CEO Helen Drinan, SPHR. "Since most companies felt they were not prepared to deal with the aftermath of the attacks, one of the most important changes that can come is that employers and employees work together to set in place a crisis

management plan." More than half of the survey respondents felt their companies (60 percent) were either not prepared at all to deal with the aftermath of the attacks or were only prepared to a small extent.

"Although many respondents reported that employees felt helpless," Dr. Theresa Welbourne, CEO of eePulse, notes that "reaching out to the workforce through communications, meetings, and direct actions ranging from donating money to relief funds, organizing blood drives, and even holding garage sales, helped many employees cope."

With slightly more than half (54 percent) of respondents indicating their organization had a disaster plan in place, many organizations responded off the cuff to helping employees cope. The majority (83 percent) allowed employees to watch TV or listen to the radio at work, 51 percent allowed employees time off if they needed it, and 50 percent collected money and/or supplies to be sent for aid.

The SHRM(R)/eePulse poll, was conducted through eePulse's web-based Measurecom (TM) system. For more information about eePulse, <http://www.eepulse.com>.



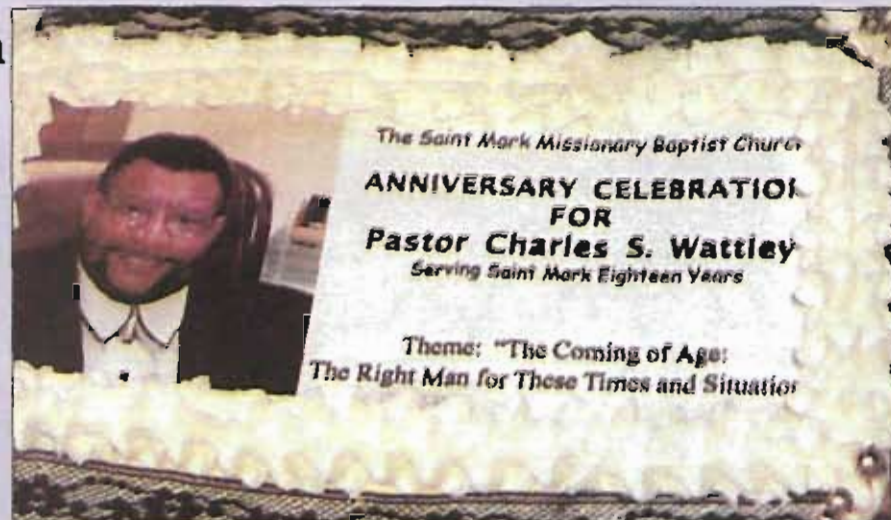
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## MLK Street proposal dead

There are other words that could describe the Plano City Council's recent decision to essentially kill an effort to rename a street for civil rights leader Martin Luther King but disgraceful comes closest. The city council was so bold in its disrespect of an effort to rename a street for the hero that they adopted a resolution to create a policy for renaming city streets. That means no policy existed so naturally the new policy will prohibit a street name change for the likes of Dr. King. Especially Dr. King. In their view, he's not their hero, never was and never will be.

So this transparent attempt to go back and put on the books a policy to eliminate any efforts to rename a street in his honor should be a cold back-handed slap in the face of any citizen with any real patriotism and passion for what's right. This should strike a cord in the African American community and all other minority communities of Plano to not let the "powers that be" dictate policy without letting your voice be heard.

The "powers that be" say we don't need a street named for MLK in our town. The same ones who so loathe MLK that they didn't even want to take a paid holiday in his honor. The council was so heavily under the influence of that kind of thinking

that they voted unanimously in adopting this "resolution." They don't even think the average "Negro" is aware that there is a city council in Plano and that they meet every Monday evening. They don't think African Americans in Plano have sense enough to see through this feeble attempt to deny the right of citizens in Plano who want a street named for MLK.

Sure they expected the usual speeches and protests they got from some of Plano's finest citizens regarding the insensitive message they were sending. They didn't care. They just sat there and listened. But what they count on is that the whole minority community is complacent and that they just don't care about such issues.

But what's important is that whether the council thinks minorities are complacent or just stupid, they need to be shown how wrong they are. If this disrespect gets by then what's the next resolution going to be? "THE CITY OF PLANO HEREBY DECREES THAT ALL CITIZENS OF AFRICAN AND MEXICAN DESCENT MUST BE OFF THE STREETS BY 9PM. EACH NIGHT!"

Sure that's silly but isn't it also silly to adopt a resolution to create a policy on street naming after a request has been made to

name a street after a hero that happens to be African American?

They've snubbed their noses at African Americans all month at the city council. Would it not have been a good gesture to have named Fred Moses, a well qualified civic leader and businessman to the vacant city council seat? But no, they had to maintain status quo—no bro. At least it would have added a little needed diversity on the council, another side, another view. But that would have been too much like right.

In the city of Plano, there needs to be a commitment to diversity. Right now there is none. They do whatever they want with no regards to the minority population in Plano. If the blacks cannot manage the courage or the strength to mount a resurgence of pride, then maybe there needs to be a coalition of strength between Hispanics, African Americans, Asians and all other minorities. After all, everyone benefited from the courageous efforts of our beloved MLK.

It's not just the street, but it's the attitude that went into trying to convolute the process. How dare the council insult the intelligence of all our people. Their action or their no action should get a resounding reaction.

## Pastors urge parishioners to trust God, not give in to hate

By Steve Brisendine  
AP Writer

Praise the Lord, yes, but don't be too eager to pass the ammunition.

Those were the messages Kansans heard as they packed church pews for the first Sunday services since Tuesday's terrorist attacks on New York and Washington and the crash of a hijacked plane in southwest Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Vince Krischke, of St. Lawrence Catholic Campus Center in Lawrence, said Americans must not rush to vengeance.

"These emotions come from our nature, but in the long run they are neither healthy or holy ways to live," he said. "If you love peace, then hate justice, hate tyranny, hate greed - but hate these things in yourself, not in another."

And at the Merriam Christian Church, pastor George Campbell stuck with his previous sermon topic, the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin from the Gospel of Luke, but related the message to the week's events. God loves and seeks the redemption of everyone, he said - even those societies we might "write off" as unlovable.

"If God is seeking the lost," he said, "then I immediately have to wonder, is God seeking Osama bin Laden?"

Instead of giving in to a desire for revenge, pastors said, people should rely on God and on the fellowship of other believers.

"Maybe this week, as we've witnessed humanity at its worst, we've also seen humanity at its best and the hope that God has for us, the belief that God has in us," said the Rev. Steve Lipscomb, pastor of Grace Cathedral, an Episcopal church in Topeka. "We've seen that in police officers, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, volunteers - the way Americans and, indeed, people around the world have come together in sympathy and in unity and in suffering love."

The true battle is not with terrorists, some pastors said, but with evil - which the Rev. Charles Polifka, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Lawrence, called a "germ" waiting to attack the soul.

Others called on America to examine its own soul in the wake of Tuesday's attacks.

The Rev. David Johnson, the minister to single young adults at the First Baptist Church of Shawnee, drew several rounds of "amens" with his remarks before a pastoral prayer:

"I don't know if this has been on your heart as well, but I think God sometimes uses things like this to get our attention," Johnson said. "I wonder if at a time like this, God - a sovereign God - has used these circumstances to get his people's attention and to draw them back to himself."

Rich Bennett, a public relations executive from the Kansas City suburb of

Overland Park, called it "unfortunate that it takes tragedies like this one, or the one in Oklahoma City, to make people demonstrate their Christian faith - and I include myself in that."

The wave of vigils and memorial services since the attacks is evidence of Americans' awareness of and need for God, Krischke said during Mass at the Catholic student center in Lawrence.

"They didn't run to our civil buildings, they ran to our churches," he said. "Surely, God is in the midst of this all, and the unaided human mind cannot figure it out alone."

Coming together with others can help as well, said the Rev. Ken Sype, surveying a capacity congregation of about 250 worshippers at Christ Lutheran Church in Overland Park.

"This is a time when we all need to be together. This is a time when we all need each other," Sype said. "Be glad that you have your loved ones in these difficult times."

Kansas City Royals first baseman Mike Sweeney attended services at two Johnson County churches before heading to workouts at Kauffman Stadium. The Royals play Tuesday in Cleveland, their first outing since the attacks. Sweeney said both sanctuaries were fuller than he had ever seen them.

"It was awesome to see that many people come together," Sweeney said. "It really gladdened your heart."

## Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church hosts "Taking it to the Streets"

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church of Plano, Texas will host its annual revival this fall for one full week, Monday, October 22 through Friday, October 26, 2001. The theme for this year's revival, "Taking It To The Streets" is based on the scripture referred to in Matthew 28:19-22, also known as The Great Commission. Rev. Isiah Joshua, Jr. is Pastor.

The revival's kick-off services will be held on Sunday, October 21 during the eight and eleven o'clock morning worship services, and then each week night from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Each night will feature a guest speaker and guest musicians. The speakers that are confirmed for the week are as follows:

Monday - Pastor Charles Terry of New Birth Baptist Church of Plano  
Wednesday - Pastor

Patterson, Sims Chapel Baptist Church of Garland

Thursday - Pastor D.L. Wilson of Sweet Home Baptist Church of Garland

Friday - Pastor A.W. Anthony Mays of Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church Austin

Tuesday night's speaker has not yet been confirmed.

In keeping with the theme, revival organizers the Young Adults Ministry of Shiloh (YAMS) and the ministerial staff will also conduct a week-long street ministry campaign in the church's community and surrounding communities in Plano. The campaign will include home visitation each week night by YAMS members and the ministerial staff to surrounding neighborhoods to informing them of the revival, and to deliver tracts about the Gospel and salvation. Each

night's visits will conclude with a sermonette delivered by a member of Shiloh's ministerial staff at the Douglas Community Center in Plano. Rev. Joshua will conclude the street ministry campaign by delivering Friday evening's sermonette.

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church of Plano is the oldest and largest African American church in Plano's Douglas Community. The church has recently celebrated it's 114 anniversary, and on June 3, 2001 moved into a new sanctuary dedicated this July, across the street from the former sanctuary of over thirty years. For more information on the revival or to attend Sunday services, please call the church office at 972-423-6695 or visit the church web site at [www.shilohbaptistchurch.org](http://www.shilohbaptistchurch.org).

## Breathe Easier This School Year

For children with chronic diseases, returning to school can disrupt management of their condition. But parents can avert potential problems by learning in-school medication rules and creating an action plan for care of their children in school, says Dr. Patty Hicks, assistant professor of pediatrics at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

"The family should communicate fully with the school nurse so that management of disease and taking medication is

as seamless as possible for the child, with the least disruption of school activities," says Hicks.

For children with asthma, many area schools use a plan that is custom-tailored to meet each child's medical needs. Under the plan, a peak-flow meter is used to gauge blockage of a child's respiratory passages and provide an early-warning system, Hicks says.

If indicated by the child's score on the peak-flow meter, the plan specifies use of an inhaler or other medication,

taken by the child in the presence of an authorized adult. The plan also defines further specific actions to be taken, ranging from additional use of inhalers to seeking immediate emergency care.

"This approach takes the guesswork out of when to administer medications and when to disrupt normal activities," Hicks says. "Perhaps best of all, action plans help educate the children to take on the role of managing their own disease."

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## U.S. defense secretary says the fight against terrorists will be unconventional, long-lasting

WASHINGTON (AP) - Fighting the shadowy network of terrorists that President George W. Bush has vowed to eradicate will require relying more on unconventional methods than bombers, tanks and warships, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said.

It might even require adding to the ranks of the U.S. military's commando forces, known in the military as "special operations" forces, Rumsfeld said.

"The terrorists who are attacking our way of life do not have armies, navies or air forces. They do not have capitals. They do not have high-value targets that the typical weapons of war can go in and attack," he said. "They're in apartments, and they're using laptops, and they're using cell phones and they are functioning in the shadows, not out in front."

Rumsfeld praised the capabilities of the military's special operations forces. They rarely are in the limelight because much of what they do is secret - difficult and dangerous missions behind enemy lines.

"They're unconventional, and we're dealing in an unconventional time, and we may very well need more of them," he said.

The military has 29,000 special operations troops on active duty and an additional 14,000 in the reserves. They are trained in a wide array of missions, including psychological warfare, sabotage and kidnapping, small-scale offensive strikes at discrete targets, fighting terrorists and training and equipping indigenous forces in foreign lands.

Rumsfeld and other admin-

istration officials who appeared on talk shows gave no hint when Bush might order the first strikes against those linked to last week's terrorist attacks.

The defense secretary said that while the terrorists lack the kind of military forces and bases that could be attacked by conventional means, nations that support or harbor the terrorists do.

He did not mention any countries. Afghanistan, however, is known to be harboring Osama bin Laden, whom Bush named as the prime suspect behind the airborne attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Rumsfeld has pointed at Iraq as a long-standing supporter of international terrorism. But Vice President Dick Cheney and Secretary of State Colin Powell said the United States has no evidence linking Iraq to the attacks.

Fighter jets maintain continuous air patrols over the nation's capital and New York City and Rumsfeld said fighters are on 15-minute alert at 26 bases elsewhere. The Air Force also is flying AWACS radar planes to help monitor air traffic, Pentagon officials said.

Cheney said that in the midst of the multiple hijackings, at some point after the twin attacks on the World Trade Center, the president authorized U.S. fighter pilots to shoot down any plane headed into the capital.

"Yes, the president made the decision on my recommendation as well," Cheney said. "I wholeheartedly concurred in the decision he made, that if the plane would not divert, if they wouldn't pay any attention to

instructions to move away from the city, as a last resort our pilots were authorized to take them out."

His comments left unclear whether Bush made this decision before the hijacked American Airlines plane hit the Pentagon. The North American Aerospace Command was notified of the hijacking 12 minutes before the plane struck; F-16 fighters launched from Langley Air Force Base, Virginia, but were miles (kilometers) away when the plane slammed into the building at 9:38 a.m. EDT (1338 GMT).

Bush said at the White House that when he was told that "an unidentified aircraft was headed to the heart of the capital, I was concerned." He did not say whether this was the plane that hit the Pentagon or a second that was headed toward Washington but crashed in Pennsylvania.

The Air Force, meanwhile, confirmed that three people named by the FBI as suspects in the hijackings have names similar to three non-Americans who attended U.S. military schools. The names are Mohamed Atta, Abdulaziz Alomari and Saeed Alghamdi, the Air Force said. It added, however, that discrepancies in their biographical information, such as birthdates, make it unlikely that they are the same three named by the FBI.

One of the three attended the Defense Language Institute at Monterey, California, and the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama; one attended just the language institute, and one the Aerospace Medical School, the Air Force said.

By Dean Fowlkes

When most small business owners plan to increase their profitability, they think mainly of expanding sales and income. Many owners ignore an equally effective, and sometimes easier, way to boost the bottom line: cutting their ongoing cost of doing business. To keep much of your income from going into overhead each month, consider these money-saving ideas.

**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 regular-

ly), and utilities (add insulation, replace old air conditioners and other equipment, question abnormally high bills, enroll in energy efficiency incentive programs).

Plan your business' overhead. Because ongoing expenses have a huge impact on your profitability and ultimate success, make overhead review part of your regular business planning process. A knowledgeable financial advisor can help you integrate your expense budget into your overall plan, and may be a resource in finding lower-cost services in some areas.

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## Wellness

### Let Cooler Heads Prevail This Football Season

Heat may be high school athletes' most serious opponent at the beginning of this football season. Dr. Benjamin Levine, director of the Institute for Exercise and Environmental Medicine - a joint venture between UT Southwestern Medical Center of Dallas and Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas - says the best approach is a gradual

period of acclimatization to the heat.

"Football players should spend a week acclimating to the heat by easy jogging or walking without helmets or pads, wearing only light-weight and light-colored clothing," Levine says.

Maintaining adequate hydration is essential, Levine says.

"All players should be weighed at the beginning and end of practice. Any player more than two pounds lighter than they were the day before should be scheduled for a lighter workout."

Players should also take frequent rest breaks without their helmets in a shaded area and add extra salt to their foods during mealtime.

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.

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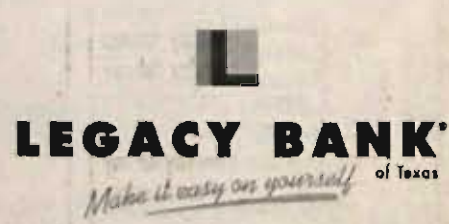
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# Looking back at Marcus Garvey PART 2

By Russell D. Shockly

When Marcus Garvey stepped ashore as an obscure foreigner in New York City early in 1916, black America was undergoing a series of profound social changes that were to play a major role in the eventual acceptance of Garvey's movement.

There were numerous reasons why African-Americans would be receptive to Garveyism. Many of these reasons stemmed from the after effects of World War I, while other reasons had their origins in images that had become a permanent part of African-American thought long before the coming of World War I.

The disillusionment felt by blacks who had participated in the total war effort during the post-World War period, had tremendous influence upon the widespread acceptance of this new and mostly unfamiliar, self-proposed leader with a strong program for racial nationalism.

Black Americans, in general, experienced tremendous post war disillusionment as it became more and more apparent that World War I had "not" been fought for the noble and democratic ideals that had been given so much public notoriety by the Woodrow Wilson administration. They were neither totally trusting nor supportive of President Wilson, the first democrat and second southerner to become President since the Civil War. African-Americans had held very high expectations for change during the post-war era however; they received literally nothing in the way of permanent improvement. Under these circumstances, it did not take Marcus Garvey long to realize that the growing mood of frustration and despair held by the black American would be the social climate needed to demonstrate his radically new ideals for racial redemption.

At first skeptical Harlemites paid scant attention to the stocky Jamaican. Even the brief but favorable notice of Garvey's visit printed in the Crisis, a newspaper published by W.E.B. Dubois, failed to arouse more than a casual interest in the Jamaican stranger. Undaunted, Garvey made a tour of the country, visiting some thirty-eight states, in order to study black conditions in America. He was

shocked to discover "that there were no programs. Instead of leaders, Garvey saw only opportunists who were living off their so-called leadership, while the poor were left groping in the dark." Another discrepancy was the reliance of many African-American leaders upon the support of white philanthropists. Garvey feared such dependence upon white charity and contemptuously termed this type of African-American leader "the most dangerous member of our society" because of his willingness "to turn back the clock of progress when his benefactors ask him to do so."

One of the key reasons for Garvey's amazing success in the rapid organization of the black masses was his establishment, in January 1918 of Negro World, the Universal Negro Improvement Association's new newspaper. It drew from Claude McKay, a sometime Garvey critic, the grudging praise of being "the best edited colored weekly in New York." Within the space of a few months, Negro World became one of the leading black weeklies, and as such, proved to be a most effective instrument for the promulgation of Garvey's program. The circulation of the paper has been variously estimated at from 60,000 to 200,000 during its most

prosperous years. In August 2, 1920 issue, the paper itself more modestly claimed a guaranteed circulation of 50,000 "reaching the mass of

Negroes throughout the world." Negro World was distributed all over the world until it was banned by many of the colonial governments for its dangerous nationalism.

In the paper the two words "Negro" and "World" formed a sphinx-like seal bearing the motto of the organization, "One Aim! One God! One Destiny! A newspaper devoted solely to the interests of the Negro Race!" It was appropriately priced within the low-income range of Garvey's followers, generally selling for five-cents in New York, seven-cents elsewhere in the United States and ten-cents in foreign countries. Certain sections of the Negro World were printed in French and Spanish for the benefit of those West Indian and Central American blacks that could not read English. The front page of the paper always carried a lengthy editorial proudly addressed to the "Fellowmen of the Negro Race," and signed, "Your obedient servant Marcus Garvey, President General." These editorials covered a wide variety of subjects, ranging from grand

visions of the past glories of Negro history to undisguised promotional appeals on behalf of the association.

The paper made a great effort to remind its readers of their glorious history, with particular emphasis on the regal splendors of ancient Africa. Garvey proudly recalled for his followers, though not always with complete accuracy, the stirring heroism of such leaders of American slavery rebellions as Denmark Vessey, Gabriel Prosser and Nat Turner. He reminded them of the struggles of Zulu and Hottentrot warriors against European rule, the histories of Moorish and Ethiopian empires and the intrepid exploits of Toussaint L'Overture against the French in Haiti.

Garvey delighted in the references to the greatness of colored civilians that existed at

a time when white men were only barbarians and savages. Readers were urged to write and speak on behalf of race equality and unity.

In 1919, Garvey's organizational activities had progressed far enough for him to purchase a large auditorium located at 114 West 138th Street in Harlem. Uncompleted, Metropolitan Baptist Church, had been roofed over and enlarged to provide seating space for as many as 6,000 people. Rechristened, "Liberty Hall," this building became the American headquarters of the Universal Negro Improvement Association.

There will be more on the life of Marcus Garvey in the next edition of The Gazette.



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## On The Move

# Coca Cola Bottling Company of North Texas Fills an Important Need of Middle School Students

While there are numerous programs targeted at improving the education of today's youth, one of the most important is El Lapiz Rojo/The Red Pencil. A special project of The Coca-

School and Home Office Products Association (SHOPA) Foundation that works through suppliers to provide school supplies to disadvantaged kids at a reduced price, provided essen-

President and General Manager of Coca-Cola Bottling Company of North Texas. "El Lapiz Rojo/The Red Pencil program was created to determine the needs of the community so



Cola Bottling Company of North Texas, El Lapiz Rojo is a community-based program that helps fill the many needs of students so that they can focus on their education, graduate from high school and have the opportunity to attend an institution of higher learning. Recognizing the importance of education in the overall development of children and teens, the program's goal is for each young person to achieve personal success.

One of the initiatives of El Lapiz Rojo was to provide much-needed school supplies to seventh and eighth-graders - students in those in-between, middle school years that are so important in the student's overall education. During the month of August, Coca-Cola Bottling Company of North Texas, in association with non-profit

tials school supplies and backpacks to over 4,700 students in five area middle schools: John Elder Middle School and Kirkpatrick Middle School in Fort Worth, and Meacham Middle School, J.L. Long Middle School and Alex W. Spence Middle School in Dallas. The students received backpacks and school supplies including spiral notebooks, pens, a proctor, compass, ruler, eraser, pencil sharpener, colored pencils and markers. These supplies will give students the assistance they need to make sure they can focus on their studies rather than any lack of resource.

"Our interest is to do everything we can to assist in the growth, development and success of youth in our community," says Rick Gillis, Vice-

that our company might provide some solutions. With El Lapiz Rojo, we hope that we can make a difference in each student's daily life by providing the tools to make their education process a little easier."

In addition to providing the backpacks and school supplies, Coca-Cola Bottling Company of North Texas is donating a portion of product sales within the local community to the program. Several retailers will match those donations.

El Lapiz Rojo/The Red Pencil project is a first of several programs that The Coca-Cola Company and Coca-Cola Bottling Company of North Texas are bringing to the local community. As with El Lapiz Rojo, all future initiatives will involve the entire community in the growth, development and success of the area's youth.

## Strategy

# Financial Planning in a Layoff Market

by Dona DeZube

With a slowing economy, pink slips are coming down like rain and you need to prepare for the worst-case scenario.

Today's economy is slowing, and workers in many sectors are bracing themselves for pink

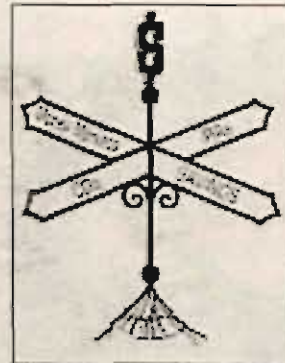
funded, put cash in it now while you can afford to," says Cumbie.

You may have to cut back on spending to free up cash to pay off that extra debt and feed the emergency fund. Such items might include entertainment, clothing and dining out.

"Surprisingly, many unemployed workers try to maintain their employment lifestyle, often by piling up credit card debt, dipping into retirement savings or running through their lump-sum severance package," says Barry.

### Get Credit Now

Some financial advisors advocate getting a line of credit with your bank while you still have a job. Don't touch the credit unless you absolutely need to. "A home equity line of credit would likely be less expensive than a bank line of credit, and you'll get tax deductions on the interest," says Cumbie. "Just be sure you can



slips. What can you do to prepare for a possible layoff and what should you do if it happens? The first step is to get your financial house in order now, so you're fiscally fit if you're hit by a layoff, says

Guy Cumbie, CFP, president of the Financial Planning Association. Here's what you can do:

### Dump Debt

First, prepare a written budget to clarify your cash-flow situation. Take a look at what you're spending and if there's more cash going out than coming in, trim back. Dump any debt you can, advises Bob Barry, CFP, president-elect of the Financial Planning Association. "Extra debt beyond the home mortgage and car payments can weigh very heavy if you are laid off, especially high-interest credit card debt. Pay off as much debt as you can while you still have a job," says Barry.

### Stock up on Cash

Start building a cash reserve. Make sure to have three to six months of emergency cash stashed away to pay bare-bones expenses if you're laid off. "If you don't have such a fund or it's not well-

keep up with the monthly payments, since you do put your home at risk."

### Keep Your Options Open

If you start scouting for jobs now, you'll be one step ahead of the ax. Your search should include not only work at other companies, but positions that may be available inside the company. "As odd as it may seem, even though the company may be laying off workers in some departments, it may be hiring in others - often from the inside first," says Barry. If you do get the pink slip,



start your job search at once and spend some time every day looking for new work.

"Amazingly, it's common for unemployed workers sitting on top of generous severance packages or

lump-sum retirement pay outs to postpone their job searches for months," says Barry. "Take your layoff as a good opportunity to upgrade your marketable skills."

### Know Your Options

If the pink slip arrives, you may be eligible for a substantial exit package. You may have options - such as taking a lump sum or a salary continuation package. They might even include company funding of a healthcare plan or your retirement account for a while beyond severance. You also may be able to negotiate a stronger exit package than initially offered. Cumbie and Barry both advise considering these plans with a personal financial planner. If the company's exit package doesn't continue your group health insurance, consider continuing the coverage under COBRA, the federal law allowing some laid-off workers to buy into their former employer's health plan for up to 18 months.

### Don't Count on Unemployment Insurance

Unemployment insurance won't begin to make up for your lost wages, though every little bit helps. Keep in mind when calculating your post-layoff income that unemployment insurance is taxable and short term.

### Hands off That 401k

Try to avoid borrowing or withdrawing funds from your retirement accounts or spending lump-sum retirement payouts. "The layoff probably will be temporary, but retirement isn't," says Cumbie. "Pulling funds out early could cost a lot in taxes, penalties and lost growth opportunities."

## Wellness

# Pass the Salmonella, Please

The next time you have a dinner party, an uninvited guest may appear.

Food preparation and handling are the two main causes of food poisoning, says Dr. Greene Sheperd, a toxicologist at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. But if you follow a few simple precautions, food poisoning can be turned away at the door.

Make sure you refrigerate or freeze perishables immediately and cook food at recommended temperatures to kill bacteria. Wash your hands in hot, soapy water for at least 20 seconds before preparing, serving or eating food and thoroughly wash plates, utensils, cutting boards and countertops after contact with raw meat. Also don't leave leftover food standing too long.

"Hot or cold foods left standing too long at room temperature provides an ideal climate for bacteria to grow. Just be smart about how you buy, store, prepare and serve food, and you'll reduce the risk of food-borne illnesses," says Sheperd, medical director of the North Texas Poison Center. For more information, call 1-800-POISON-1 (764-7661).

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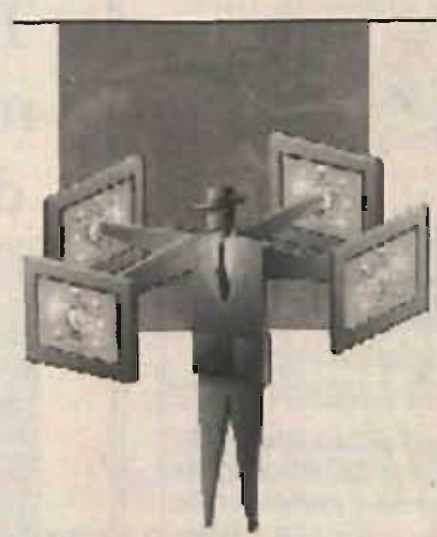
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# Arts & Entertainment

## Backstreet Boys honor disaster victims

TORONTO (AP) — The Backstreet Boys went ahead with a planned performance here, but not before the group paid tribute to the victims of this week's terrorist attacks.

One of those killed in the destruction of the World Trade Center was Danny Lee, a set carpenter for the group's current "Black & Blue" tour. Lee was on board the hijacked plane that crashed into the north tower. He was returning to Los Angeles after the Backstreet Boys' Boston performances to await the birth of his second child.

The group asked the audience Wednesday night to observe a moment of silence for Lee and the other victims of the attacks in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, according to the group's publicist.

They also announced it was donating \$1 from each ticket to a relief fund established by ClearChannel.com, the tour's sponsor. The fund will raise money for the American Red Cross and other organizations helping with rescue and relief efforts.

Other artists who have agreed to donate \$10,000 each to the relief fund are Sade, Earth, Wind & Fire and Lynyrd Skynyrd.



## Bob Dylan rebuffs current music trends

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bob Dylan says he cares so little for modern music that if he were growing up today he would probably turn to mathematics or architecture instead.



"I know there are groups at the top of the charts that are hailed as the saviors of rock 'n' roll and all that, but they are amateurs. They don't know where the music comes from," Dylan told the Los Angeles Times.

"I wouldn't even think about playing music if I was born in these times," said Dylan, 60. "I wouldn't even listen to the radio."

Dylan's new album, "Love and Theft," was released Tuesday.

The musician won legions of fans during the 1960s with his enigmatic lyrics and blues and folk-influenced guitar playing. Since then, he's fallen in and out of favor with critics and audiences, but Dylan said he's not bothered by negative responses, the Times reported Sunday.

"You can't worry about things like that," Dylan said. "Miles Davis has been booed. Hank Williams was booed. Stravinsky was booed."

"You're nobody if you don't get booed sometime."

## Brooks & Dunn tour continues with no cancellations

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Country music performers Brooks & Dunn are one of the few musical acts that continued playing tour dates despite the terrorist attacks.

Kix Brooks and Ronnie Dunn said that when they get on stage they explain to their crowds their reasons for going on with the show.



"We have concluded that a coward's act of terrorism will not be allowed to suppress our coveted way of life. ... In an effort to proclaim our allegiance to the undefeated

American spirit, we stand before you tonight."

Then they launch into their hit "Only in America."

Dunn told The Tennessean that when they walked off the stage one night, "all I saw was a sea of American flags. I've never seen a mass of emotion that powerful."

## Sean John Combs Tells His Dramatic Life Story In Latest Episode of VH1 Series

Also Featuring Interview Footage With Mary J. Blige, Run-DMC's Run, Clive Davis, Lyor Cohen, Andre Harrell, Jon Favreau and Eddie F, Among Others

NEW YORK, Sept. 25 /PRNewswire/ — Music superstar Sean John Combs — a/k/a Puffy, Puff Daddy, and P. Diddy — tells his dramatic life story in his own words, tracing his meteoric rise from the streets of Harlem to the top of the hip-hop world, when VH1's Emmy-nominated hit series "Behind the Music" kicks off its fifth season on Sunday, October 7 at 9:00 p.m. (ET/PT), followed by the premiere of the five-part documentary, "Say It Loud: A Celebration of Black Music in America" at 10:00 pm (ET/PT).

"Behind the Music: Sean 'P. Diddy' Combs" features rare and never-before-seen archival video, film and home movie footage, concert clips and songs, plus new interviews with Mary J. Blige, Run from Run-DMC, J Records president Clive Davis, Island Def Jam president Lyor Cohen, New American Music president Andre Harrell, actor Jon Favreau, and Eddie F, among others.

Taking a unique approach, "Say It Loud: A Celebration of Black Music in America" spotlights five themes in telling the story of black music through exclusive interviews at locations across the country, as well as rare archival footage (some of it never before seen in the U.S.). More than 70 artists chronicle the contributions of African American musicians whose profound influence have left an indelible mark on our culture, featuring Grandmaster Flash as he spins records in New York's Tompkins Square Park, Snoop Dogg hanging at his home studio, and Barry White telling anecdotes from the comfort of his living room. Interviews also include Aretha Franklin, Duke Ellington, Marvin Gaye, Michael Jackson, Isaac Hayes, Tina Turner, Prince, Tupac Shakur, Miles Davis, Billie Holiday, Robert Johnson, Whitney Houston, Sam Cooke, Dr. Dre, Al Green and many others.

VH1.com will celebrate the VH1 five part series "Say It Loud: A Celebration of Black Music in America" with exclusive artist interviews, video clips, online radio station, interactive timeline, and a detailed synopsis of each episode. Fans can log on to VH1.com to also participate in message boards and online polls centered on the artists, songs and movements that define the history of black music in America.

Combs granted "Behind the Music" unprecedented access to his workaholic lifestyle, and the cameras capture the superstar artist and entrepreneur backstage at Harlem's Apollo Theater, running his hip-hop empire via cell phone, preparing for a celebrated hometown performance to promote his much-anticipated album "P. Diddy and the Bad Boy Family... The Saga Continues" shooting a video for the hit song "D-I-D-D-Y," and managing his Sean Jean clothing line and other businesses by two-way pager.

"Behind the Music: Sean 'P. Diddy' Combs" tracks Puffy's entire life, from the days when his mother taught him how to fight in the family kitchen, to building a mini-empire as a paper delivery boy, to his elevation as the youngest executive in the music business at age 19. Combs also discusses the tragic loss of his best friend, rap giant Biggie Smalls, his boybook romance with superstar singer-actress Jennifer Lopez, and the headline-making New York City arrest and subse-



quent acquittal on gun charges that could have put him away for good.

VH1.com will showcase "Behind the Music: Sean 'P. Diddy' Combs" online with an exclusive interview with Combs, plus detailed biography, album reviews, downloads, and links to related artists and features. The site will also include a complete "Behind the Music" interactive timeline and online radio station compiling all the artists, music, and trends featured throughout the series.

This latest episode of "Behind the Music" highlights "My VH1 Primetime" Weekend Premieres, anchored by the debuts of new VH1 specials and series. "My VH1 Primetime" spotlights themed destination viewing nights in a new 9:00 p.m.-midnight VH1 primetime schedule. Upcoming on Sunday, October 14, "Behind the Music: Aaliyah" profiles the soaring superstar singer-actress whose life was tragically cut short only a few weeks ago by a plane crash in The Bahamas.

Critically applauded by the Arizona Republic as "So addictive it should be preceded by a warning from the Surgeon General," VH1's Emmy Award-nominated series "Behind the Music" takes an intimate look into the personal lives of pop music's greatest and most influential artists, tracing their struggles, setbacks and successes. "Behind the Music" features rare and never-before-seen archival video, film and home movie footage, concert clips and songs, plus exclusive interviews with the artists, their families, friends and colleagues.

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## Yasmine Bleeth arrested after accident

ROMULUS, Mich. (AP) — Actress Yasmine Bleeth spent a night in jail after patrol officers found what they suspect was cocaine in her purse during their investigation of a car accident, police said.

No charges had been filed and no one was injured in the one-car accident Wednesday night, Cmdr. David Early of the Romulus Police Department said Friday.

Bleeth, who lives in Los Angeles, has starred in television's "Baywatch" and "Nash Bridges." Contacted Friday, an assistant for Bleeth agent Larry Taube said he had not heard about her arrest and declined further comment.

Early said Bleeth, accompanied by a male passenger, drove off Interstate 94 and onto the freeway's median strip.

He said Bleeth acted intoxicated while the officers questioned her but didn't appear to be under the influence of alcohol. After she failed field sobriety tests, they searched her purse and discovered four syringes containing what police suspect was a liquid form of cocaine, plus a small plastic bag containing cocaine residue, Early said.

Bleeth could be charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs, a misdemeanor, and possession of a narcotic, a felony that carries a prison sentence of one to seven years, Early said.

She spent Wednesday night in a holding cell at the police department's jail and was released Thursday morning, he said.



## Toyota Displays Matrix At 2001 New York Auto Show

April 11, 2001 - New York, NY - Making its debut at the 2001 New York Auto Show is a race car-version of the Toyota Matrix. The Matrix, which goes on sale early next year, combines the functionality of an SUV, the style, image and performance of a sports car and the affordability of a subcompact sedan.



Additionally, a race-bred modified suspension with coil-over adjustable springs was installed to provide a lower ride height. The battery has been relocated to the rear of the vehicle for better weight distribution. Interior features include a padded rollcage, a MOMO carbon fiber racing seat, MOMO racing steering wheel, a window net, Simpson five-point racing seatbelts, four-panel rear view mirror, fire extinguisher system, battery disconnect switch, tachometer with shift light, and water temperature, oil pressure and voltmeter gauges.

The standard four-cylinder engine for Matrix will be ULEV-rated. It will feature Toyota's variable-valve technology and deliver 130 horsepower. A Matrix sport model will push that performance envelope considerably, with the same 180-horsepower engine and six-speed manual transmission found in the Celica GT-S. Power will be complemented by a sport-tuned suspension and standard 17-inch wheels and tires.

Not only is Matrix configured like an SUV, it was designed to offer the kind of interior function and flexibility consumers have come to expect in a sport utility vehicle.



## Around The Town

### Upcoming

Frisco Senior Adult Center, located at 7775 Camellia Lane, is offering an AARP course designed to give seniors the information needed to help them be safe and smart drivers for many years. No driving and no tests are required. Course completion qualifies seniors for a 10% discount on their insurance. Classes will be Mondays and Tuesdays from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. and a fee of \$10 will be assessed. Please register by October 1st. For more information, call 972-335-5515.

HONKI, a hilarious new spin on Hans Christian Andersen's timeless fairy tale, is at El Centro College Theatre through October 14. HONKI received rave reviews and critical acclaim with its London debut. For tickets and showtimes, please call 214-978-0110.

### September 26

It's Revival time at All Nations United Methodist Church where Dr. Clara M. Reed pastors at 3415 East 14th Street, Plano, Texas. Revival preaching service will begin at 7 p.m. The revival preacher will be Dr. Joe Palmore. Come and be blessed! For more information, call 972-424-8500. Methodist Hospitals of Dallas has added another advanced imaging system to its radiology capabilities at both Methodist Medical Center and Charlton Methodist Hospital. The mobile Positron Emission Tomography (PET) system is an early detection diagnostic imaging and staging procedure for cancer, heart disease and neurological disorders. PET scans at both hospitals will be fully operational by September 26th and physicians wishing to refer patients for a PET scan can call 214-947-0888 or log on to [www.mhd.com](http://www.mhd.com).

A free monthly senior citizens seminar "10 Ways Seniors Get into Trouble with Their Finances After Retirement" will be held at 2:15 p.m. at

Golden Corral Restaurant, 1440 E. Campbell Rd. in Richardson. The seminar is free and includes dinner buffet, door prizes and informative materials. For more information, call 214-265-8178.

### September 27-29th

The National Association of Black Social Workers, Inc. (NABSW) Southwest Regional Conference will be held on September 27-29, 2001 at the Sheraton Dallas Brookhollow Hotel, 1241 W. Mockingbird Lane. "Youth in Crisis: Preparing Human Service Professionals for the New Millennium" is this year's theme of the 2001 National Association of Black Social Workers Southwest Regional Conference. The conference will offer CEUs and present workshops. For more information, contact Audrey Brown at 214-670-6739 or Treva McDaniel at 214-915-4610.

Plano Repertory Theatre (PRT) presents the world premiere of a new adaptation of Homer's epic story of a great hero and his journey home from the Trojan War to his family, "The Odyssey," September 27-October 21, 2001. Local playwright Tim Hatcher and PRT's artistic director, Mark Fleisher, have collaborated for over two years to bring the magic and poetry of this age-old tale to

modern audiences. For more information, call 972-422-7460.

### September 28th

Everyone is asked to support the Plano Kiwanis Club as they are holding their annual banquet on September 28th at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 with tables of eight. For more information, please call 972-260-4208.

Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) National Alumni Association is hosting Tennis Classic 2001, a scholarship fundraiser, September 28-30th. The event will be held at Kiest Tennis Center in Dallas. For more information, contact Monica Robinson at 214-553-9615.

### September 29th

The Sixth Annual Sounds of Class, RSO Outdoor Concert, will be held on UTD's campus. For more information, call 972-234-4195.

Richardson Civic Center is hosting the Pleasant Oaks Gem and Mineral Show. For more information, please call 972-744-4090.

### October 1-29

Billie G. Meador, the Edward Jones investment representative in Plano, will host a financial workshop for Individual

Investors. The workshop will begin on October 1 and continue through October 29. Classes will meet from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and will be held at the Courtyard Center Campus of Collin County Community College District. The enrollment fee for the workshop is \$69 per person, which includes all course materials. For more information or to reserve a seat, contact Meador at 972-208-5688.

Keep your eye on the ball and join Golf Pro Kathy Whitworth, Honorary Tournament Chair Jen Olsen and the Honorable Lois Finkelstein for the Norma Lea Beasley/Women's Museum Annual Golf Tournament. The tournament will be held October 1st at Brookhaven Country Club. The tournament begins with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Prior to the tournament, Kathy Whitworth, LPGA champion and Hall of Famer, will hold a special clinic for tournament players to offer tips and get you started on a great day of golf. For more information, contact Melanie Enderle at 214-915-0894.

### October 2-14

"The Rimers of Eldritch and "Songs For a New World" will be presented by Quad C Theatre of Collin County Community College in the Black Box Theatre, 2800 E. Spring Creek

Parkway, in Plano. For tickets and showtimes, please call 972-881-5809. Matinees and group rates are available.

### October 4th

Susanne Mosier, director of women's business for the Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce, is inviting you to the Women's Business Conference on October 4th, 2001. For more information, please contact Carolyn Hollien at 972-424-7547.

Frisco Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Get on Track at 8 Networking Session at the Chamber Office located on 6843 Main Street. For more information, please call 972-335-9522.

Experience the swing craze at Frisco's Alumni Hall aerobics room first popularized in the 1940s. Learn swank moves to take over the dance floor, including fancy footwork, turns, aerials, dips, tricks and much more. Experienced and beginner dancers are welcome. The session is from October 4th-November 8th. Please call 972-377-1752 for times and class fees.

### October 6th

The American Red Cross is having its annual car hop fundraiser at the Sonic at Chase Oaks on October 6th from 10

a.m. to 5 p.m. Ronnie Morrison of Plano Chamber of Commerce, will be among the celebrity car hoppers dressed in 1960s attire. All tips are tax deductible and benefit the American Red Cross. For more information, please call 972-424-7547.

The Health and Wellness Outreach Ministry of Hamilton Park United Methodist Church invites you to take advantage of the many free health services provided during the annual health fair. Everything from dental screening and sickle cell to podiatry service, HIV education, cholesterol screening, vision testing and prostate screening will be available and more. For more information, please call 972-235-4633 and press option 7.

The Cottonwood Arts Festival will be held October 6th and 7th at Cottonwood Park in Richardson. For more information, please call 972-231-4798.

### October 7th

Quad C Theatre of Collin County Community College is having open call auditions October 7th from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. for "Beau Jest," a comedy for anyone who has ever tried to please their parents. For requirements and additional information, please call 972-881-5679.

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