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## On the Homefront:

The Plano Community Forum meetings are currently held on Thursday evenings from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. For more information, call 973-260-4208 or visit their website at [www.planocf.org](http://www.planocf.org).

Plano Repertory Theatre (PRT) presents Schoolhouse Rock, Live! The production will run November 15-December 9 at the ArtCentre Theatre located at 1028 15th Place in Historic Downtown Plano. Performances are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8:15 p.m. and Sundays at 2:15 p.m. Note: There will not be a performance on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22. Tickets range from \$10-\$30 and can be purchased over the phone by calling the PRT box office at 972-422-7460.

Keep Plano Beautiful (KPB) and the City of Plano, in partnership with The Home Depot, will host a special Texas Recycles Day event to educate Plano citizens and businesses about how recycling positively impacts our air quality and local recycling opportunities. This program will take place on Saturday, November 17, 2001, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at The Home Depot located at 1224 North Central Expressway (Highway 75 and 14th Street in Plano). KPB is looking for additional Texas Recycles Day sponsors! KPB would appreciate any donations to be presented as door prizes. Please contact Deb Bliss at 972-964-4132 for more information or to confirm your participation.

Individuals across Texas are being invited to take part in an exciting and inspirational new marathon-training program, "Train to End Stroke," that will be launched in Texas this fall by the American Stroke Association, a division of the American Heart Association. Informational sessions providing an overview of the Train to End Stroke program will be held November 10th at 24 Hour Fitness in Plano and Richardson at 2 p.m. For additional information on how to participate in Train to End Stroke, call 1-888-242-3839.

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## The American Chemical Society accepting applications for its Minority Scholars Program

The American Chemical Society today announced it has begun accepting applications for its 2002 Minority Scholars Program. The program supports academically accomplished African American, Hispanic and Native American students in their pursuit of undergraduate studies in chemistry, chemical engineering, biochemistry, environmental science, and related disciplines in two- and four-year college and university programs.

The Program's manager, Robert Hughes, said the Society "expects to award \$850,000 to current and new scholars over the next two semesters."

According to the Society's ChemCensus Report, relatively few minorities major in science-related disciplines at the college

level. In 2000, for example, those of Hispanic heritage, or 12.5 percent of the U.S. population, represented 2.6 percent of the chemistry workforce; African Americans, at almost 12 percent of the population, comprised less than two percent of the chemical workforce; and Native Americans, representing one percent of the

chemical workforce. Since the Scholars Program was launched with a \$5 million grant in 1995, over 1,100 students have won scholarships based on a mix of academic achievement and financial need. Students currently in the program represent 390 colleges and universities in 48 states and ter-

ritories, according to Hughes.

Program recipients are eligible to receive between \$2500 and \$3000 per academic year,

and many find that top corporations are interested in hiring them after graduation. "I was really excited," said La'Techa Johnson, a former participant hired as a plant chemist by PPG Industries in Baton Rouge, La. "I didn't think I'd be hired right out of college."

The company's interest in Johnson began when she was a chemistry major at Southern University A&M College in Baton Rouge. PPG and other firms including Astra Zeneca, Bayer, DuPont, GlaxoSmithKline and Xerox have all contributed \$100,000 or more to the program. They and other companies also offer mentoring and paid internships to selected program participants as an integral part of a student's academic and career development plan.

For more details on the ACS Scholars Program, including an online application form,

please visit <http://www.acs.org/minorityaffairs> or telephone 1-800-227-5558, extension 6250. The application deadline is March 1, 2002.

**Frequently Asked Questions**  
What are the eligibility requirements?

The ACS Scholars Program is open to full-time African American, Hispanic, and Native American students in chemistry, biochemistry, chemical engineering, environmental science, and related undergraduate degree programs in two-year or four-year colleges and universities. Interested students must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States and in need of financial assistance, as evidenced by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form available from the U.S. Department of Education or through school financial aid offices. Students must have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

What is the deadline for

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## Black Men Participate in Social Experiment

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Thirteen sinners sit in a circle in an East Liberty church. They are repenting in group therapy not by choice, but because of a judge's order. These men have been brought together for two reasons: Each has assaulted his wife or girlfriend, and each is black. They are part of a controversial social experiment about race and domestic violence that is being funded through a \$356,000 grant from the National Institute of Justice. The yearlong research project in Allegheny County will investigate a theory advanced by Oliver J. Williams, a University of Minnesota sociologist. He contends that black men who hit women have a better chance of reforming themselves if they are counseled in black-only groups that pay attention to their upbringing and social circumstances. Williams calls it "culturally focused batterer counseling." Edward Gondolf, a researcher at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, obtained the federal grant to test Williams' theory by tracking 600 Pittsburgh-area cases. All 13 men in the church know they have been put into this experimental program because of their skin color and Williams' belief that certain cultural issues "reinforce their violent behavior or make it difficult to change that behavior." The most talkative member of the group on this warm fall night is a muscular martial arts instructor of 50. He lifts his T-shirt to reveal a nasty scar. "She stabbed me in the back when I was walking away," he says. "Are we here to talk about real truth, or to be paci-

fied by society's rules? 'Cause the truth is that when you're attacked, your animal instinct to survive takes over." Seated around him in folding chairs, the other 12 drink in his explanation of why he turned violent. A few offer similar stories of being wrongly arrested after women perpetrated violence on them. The group facilitator also is a black man, a street-smart ex-convict named Jeffrey Dunmore. Privately, he is convinced that some of the men know no other way of life except violence. But in the group setting, Dunmore tells them to quit making alibis. "When," he asks, "are we going to stop whining and crying about what she did?" The group counseling is just beginning, but he sees glimmers of progress. "I was drinking with my woman," one young man reports, "and she threw beer in my face. I went to grab her and I stopped myself. I'm not going downtown again over some stupid stuff." He says the therapy is teaching him to look for ways to avoid violence. Conventional group counseling programs for men who hit women operate differently from the system Williams advocates. For starters, they are mixed with white and black faces. Oftentimes, the person in the authority role of facilitator is white. Beyond that, group leaders do not bother talking about a batterer's individual problems or the pitfalls of his environment. "The curriculum we use is not about what goes on in the community. It's about your behavior," said Bob Foster, chief executive officer of

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## Charges Dropped Against Michael Irvin

DENTON, Texas (AP) — A felony drug charge against former Dallas Cowboys receiver Michael Irvin was dismissed Monday after prosecutors said an officer conducted a search without a warrant.

State District Judge Lee Gabriel honored a state request dismissing the felony charge of possessing less than a gram of cocaine.

Irvin was indicted in June, 10 months after he and a woman were arrested at a Dallas apartment where law officers said they found marijuana and ecstasy pills. He has denied that the drugs were his.

Irvin was to appear in court Friday for a motions hearing in the case. A trial date had been set for Jan. 14.

But in a motion filed Monday, Denton County prosecutors said they learned last week that an officer searched the apartment without a warrant.

"Until this fact was revealed to the state, the state was under the belief that all of the evidence that the state intended to introduce in the trial of Michael Irvin ... was found in plain view in the apartment when the officers entered the apartment," according to the motion.

The state also said that separate internal affairs investigations of three officers from three law enforcement agencies called into question the testimony of material witnesses. Prosecutors said without that testimony, the state could not present a case against Irvin or Nelly Adham, the woman in the apartment with him who later was indicted on the same charge.

"Our initial reaction is one of great relief," said Peter Ginsberg, one of Irvin's attorneys. "We are glad Michael can go on with his life now."

Prosecutors said they had not been able to question the officer before last week because of an unrelated internal affairs investigation.

The district attorney's office could not be reached by telephone for

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## Consumers Must Have Good Credit to Access Auto Financing Deals

(Philadelphia, PA) — Several car manufacturers struck back this month, increasing sales with the tempting offer of 0% financing. Manufacturers including Ford and Chrysler offered consumers interest free financing for some models of cars and trucks. General Motors, the first one to offer the special incentive, has now extended it through November 18.

While the offers seem to be working, October car sales have been at record levels for the year, the 0% financing is only available to those with strong credit scores.

"The 0% financing can save car buyers between \$2,500 and \$5,000 so now is a great time to buy. However, consumers need to have good credit histories in order to qualify," Ed Ojdana, president of ConsumerInfo.com, one of nation's largest providers of consumer credit information.

According to Ojdana, most car companies are looking for credit scores of 700 and above when they offer the best interest programs. The scores themselves range from 400 to 900

and are based upon 90 different variables in a consumer's credit report. Those having scores in the 600 range may not qualify for the best rates. Those on the 400's may not receive financing offers at all.

Consumers can actually strengthen their scores. "First, you need to make sure there are no inaccuracies in your credit report. You can access your report on the web instantly at QSpace.com or Homestore.com for under \$10. You can add your credit score for another \$5," says Ojdana. He also offers the following tips for added score power:

- \* Make sure you have no current delinquencies.

- \* Cancel credit cards you don't use - even a zero balance shows "potential, unused debt". Two to four credit cards are the optimum number of cards to have.

- \* Make sure you are not over the limit on any credit cards.

In addition, over the long term, consumers should make payments on time and, preferably, with more than the minimum payment due.



# Power Pages "Breakfast Networking Forum"

Every other month Hattie Kelly of Power Pages News and Marvia Shelton of Coldwell Bank, sponsor "Breakfast Networking Forum" strictly for the benefit of business people to get together, share ideas, and build relationships. Each time business guests attend, they will be enlightened with new speakers with the intent to attract new audience members with a wide range of interest in an array of topics for the diverse business population.

This month's forum was held on November 6, 2001 with Richard Naispak and Harry Oaxaca as speakers at the Super 8 Motel in McKinney. Naispak is a manager at the McKinney Airport and he spoke about the expansion, growth, and benefits of the airport. Oaxaca is the principal of Fabion Middle School and president of the LULAC chapter in McKinney. He addressed the importance of education and how "teachers get a chance to touch the future," which is our youth.

Representatives from all aspects of the business realm were in attendance and more are welcome. The next meeting will be in January and the time is to be announced. Be sure to clear your calendars and if you need additional information, call Hattie Kelly at 214-544-2088.



Harry Oaxaca, Faubion Middle School Principal in McKinney gave an inspiring sermon



Richard 'Dick' Naispak, McKinney Municipal Airport Manager



1st row (L-R) Arlinda Brooks, Sandra Herndon, Audie Medrano, Cynthia Elliott; 2nd row (L-R) Gene Grams, Cynthia Adams, Isolina Byrd



Beverly Navmovich(standing) makes a presentation to participants

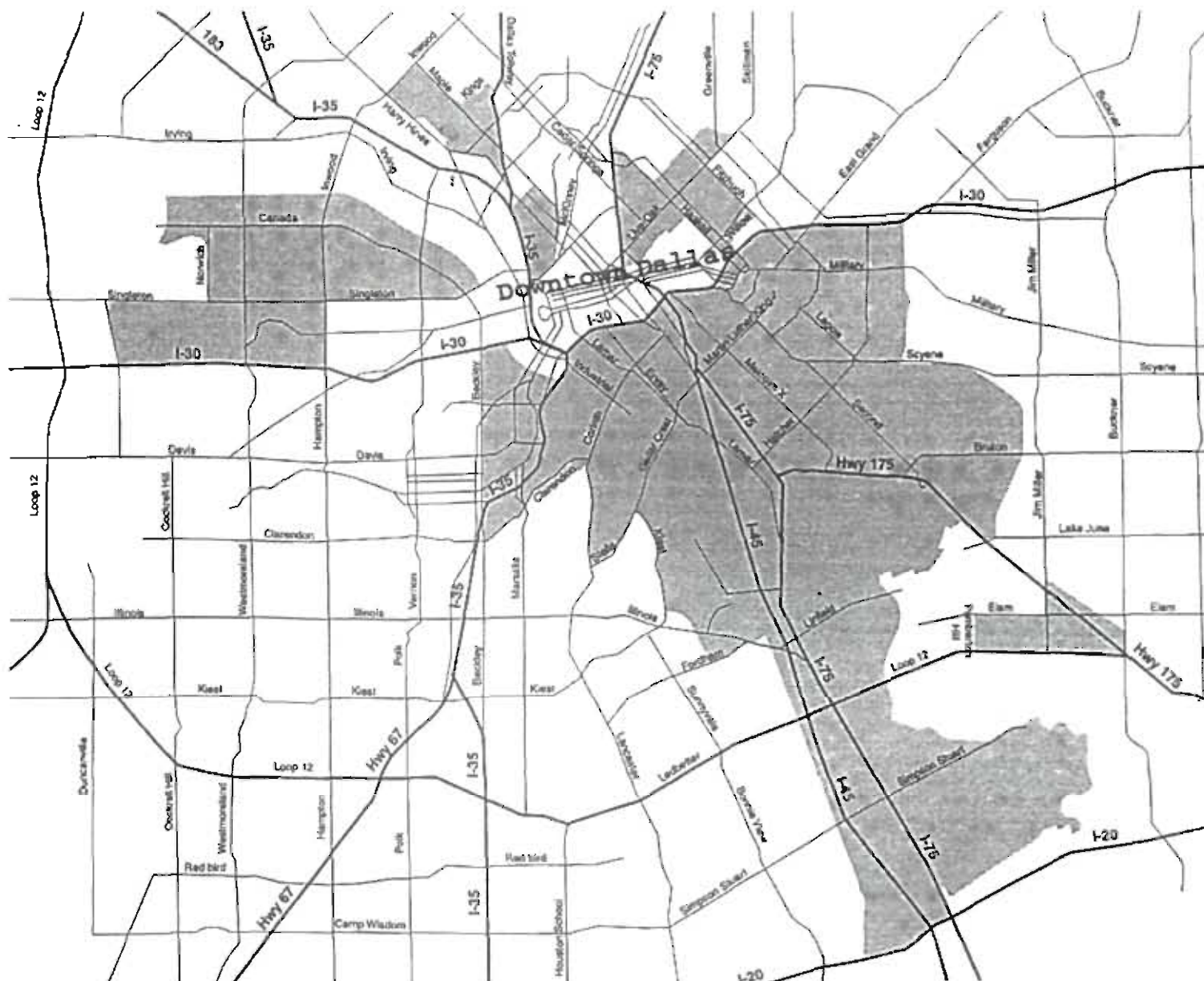
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## Statement of Rep. Martin Frost

- Aviation Security Bill

"We will hear a lot of rhetoric today, Mr. Speaker, but the issue before this House today is a very simple one. Do you support the current system - in which low-bid, private security companies are responsible for airline safety? If so, then vote for the Republican leadership's bill.

"Or do you believe that the current system has failed the American people, and should be replaced with federal law enforcement professionals protecting our airports - just as they protect the Capitol, the White House and America's borders? If so, then vote for the bipartisan substitute.

"Mr. Speaker, I think it's an easy choice.

"Replacing the current failed system is simple. The White House said today that the President is 'eager to sign an aviation security bill into law.'

"Three weeks ago, the Senate unanimously passed - on a vote of 100 to 0 - a strong bipartisan aviation security bill that we will offer as a substitute today.

"This House can send that

bipartisan bill to the President's desk tonight. Then we can immediately start putting more sky marshals on planes, strengthen cockpit doors, and start protecting our airports with federal law enforcement professionals.

"On the other hand, Republican leaders are today offering the flying public nothing more than a fig leaf that would protect the same old failed private airport security system.

"Even worse, Mr. Speaker, Republican leaders are offering a Manager's Amendment that would not just keep private security companies in charge of airport security - it would virtually exonerate them from their September 11th failures.

"The Republican Manager's Amendment would provide



the private security companies with liability protection - preventing the victims of September 11th from holding them accountable for allowing terrorists to get on planes with box cutters.

"That is nothing less than shameful, Mr. Speaker, and I am stunned that Republican leaders are trying to slip it through the House.

"Mr. Speaker, while the rest of the country pulls together to win the war on terrorism, the Republican leadership is playing politics as usual.

"I urge my colleagues to reject partisanship and special interest politics, and to pass the bipartisan substitute, so that the President can immediately sign this aviation security bill."



## New York Church Reopens

NEW YORK (AP) - Lower Manhattan's historic Trinity Church reopened its doors to worshippers on Sunday, restoring a touch of civility amid the milling tourists, noisy jackhammers and the smell rising from the smoking rubble of the World Trade Center three blocks away.

The 155-year-old neo-Gothic church, which serves a 300-year-old parish, escaped the Sept. 11 terrorist hijack assault on the twin towers with nothing worse than a heavy layer of dust.

However, it was located within the post-disaster "frozen zone" and was sealed off from public use as an FBI crime scene, forcing its 1,000 Episcopal parishioners to use a nearby Roman Catholic church for services. The parishioners who returned Sunday filled the 400-seat Trinity at Broadway and Wall Street.

As part of the All Saints Day reopening, Trinity's vicar, the Rev. Samuel Johnson Howard, gave a thank-you plaque to his Catholic counterpart, the Rev. Peter Meehan, pastor of the Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. St. Paul's Chapel, a Trinity Church annex a block east of the World Trade Center, also escaped with minimal dam-

age to its 1794 Georgian facade and stained-glass windows, and it was turned into a 24-hour rest center for trade center rescue and recovery workers.

Several other historic edifices in the area suffered varying degrees of damage but one, the 1832 St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, was destroyed in the collapse of the trade center's south tower, which stood across the street.

"Today we stand in a moment of time that we hope will never be repeated," said the Rt. Rev. E. Don Taylor, the Anglican vicar bishop of New York, who led Sunday's service as a guest of the Trinity parish.

He said the people of the city were seeking answers, and "out of the chaos of a world gone mad, they find a great and powerful God, who through the window of hope can open an eternity of possibilities."

When the first tower was struck by a hijacked airliner, children were filing into the parish preschool a block away, said the Rev. Daniel Paul Matthews, rector of Trinity Church. They were led hand-in-hand to safety, he said.

Matthews said Howard and his wife saw the attack from

their nearby apartment and rushed to the church.

"When the first plane hit, people came into the church to pray, and after the second plane hit, more came in," Matthews recalled. "Several of our clergy were in the church and were singing a hymn when the first building collapsed. Everybody in the church thought we had been hit."

A few blocks from Trinity Church, several dozen police officers from Georgia, Texas, Virginia and other states gathered Sunday at New York City police headquarters to pay tribute to the 23 officers who were killed in the attack. Police First Deputy Commissioner Joseph Dunne told the group that it was 33 days before any police officers' bodies were recovered.

"You can imagine how stressed out and how depressed our officers were - especially our emergency services officers, who were out there on the pile day and night all that time before we were able to recover two officers," Dunne said.

As of Sunday, a total of three have been found and identified. On the Net: Trinity Church: <http://www.trinitywall-street.org>

## New Diabetes Guidelines Call for Earlier Screening

(CBS Early Show) It's estimated that 16 million Americans suffer from diabetes. What's alarming is the fact that one-third of them don't know even know they have it. Now, new guidelines are recommending people at high risk be screened starting at age 30 for diabetes. Dr. Rhoda Cobin is the president the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists (AACE). She joined the Early Show to talk about the new guidelines.

Diabetes is often called the "silent killer" because the symptoms go undetected for years. The disease is striking more and more younger people. Yesterday, in Washington, DC, the American College of Endocrinology (ACE) and the AACE lowered the recommended screening age for "high risk" people from 45 to 30 years old.

They also agreed on a new

term for a test that's considered the "gold standard" for measuring blood sugar levels in people with diabetes. The changes should help prevent the progression of a disease that some experts say has reached epidemic proportions in this country.

In response to recent diabetes findings, the ACE Diabetes Mellitus Consensus Conference has made the following recommendations:

1. Age Of Diabetes Screening Lowered To Age 30

The panel agreed that current guidelines for diabetes screening should be reduced from 45 years of age to 30 for high-risk groups. Recent statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have shown that diabetes has increased 33% from 1990 to 1998, with an alarming increase (76%) among people aged 30 to 39. In addition, diabetes occurs at a younger age in high-risk groups, which are developing the disease at alarming rates.

Ethnic populations account for nearly half of all newly diagnosed diabetes cases. In fact, one in four Latinos is diagnosed with diabetes by the age of 45 and African-American children as young as age 5 are exhibiting symptoms of insulin resistance - the beginning stage of diabetes. Because of these alarming statistics, ethnic populations need be screened at an earlier age.

2. A1C Blood Sugar Test Target Lowered To 6.5%

The panel has lowered the target for diabetes control to 6.5%, thereby bringing United States standards in concert with worldwide guidelines. A1C levels under 6% are normal for people without the disease. The A1C test is a simple blood test given to patients with diabetes to determine how well their blood sugar has been controlled over a 3-month period.

The conference reinforced the belief that A1C is the best test and term to use in determining how well a patient's diabetes is controlled over time. It is critical that patients know their A1C level and their goals so that they are able to prevent diabetes-related complications.

3. Postprandial Blood Sugar Target Levels Lowered

The risk of diabetes comes from tissues that are exposed to

abnormally high blood sugar levels both before and after meals. Therefore, the panel recommends lowering target levels of blood sugar to 110 before eating (preprandial) and to 140 after eating (2 hours postprandial).

Addressing the postprandial levels is significant not only because it will reduce tissue damage for patients but also because it alerts them to a problem previously unaddressed in blood sugar monitoring.

### Interview With Dr. Cobin

Why do we need new guidelines?

Diabetes is getting more and more common and more Americans are gaining weight, so we are seeing a lot more diabetes and so we have the need to improve the guidelines. Ironically, in Europe the guidelines have been evolving and they've been making changes. We're really just catching up.

The headline here is: people who are considered "high-risk" need to be checked starting at age 30?

Yes, previously it was age 45 but we dropped it to 30. So, it's very important for anyone who has a family history of heart disease, or high blood pressure, or if you're inactive or a member of a high-risk minority population such as Native Americans or African Americans. What we found is that the largest rise in diabetes is in the age range 30 to 39.

Why is this disease so underdiagnosed?

It's complicated because most people don't have symptoms for the first 7 to 10 years so there's a delay in diagnosis. And, after diagnosis, it's very common to find some damage has been done. At least half of all those diagnosed are found to have another type of blood vessel problem. In 25% of people the small blood vessels in the eyes have been damaged. We need to start checking early because of the lack of symptoms.

This conference also established a name for a test that's become the gold standard for measuring blood sugar after diagnosis. What is it?

It's a test that is now called

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## Rep. Watson Introduces Bill to End Use of Mercury in Dental Fillings

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 5 (IPRNewsWire) --

Congresswoman Diane Watson (D-Los Angeles) announced today that she is introducing a bill that will warn consumers about the risks of Mercury in dental fillings and phase out the use of Mercury in dentistry over five years.

The bill is the first legislation on the federal level to address the issue of Mercury in dental fillings. So-called "silver" fillings are composed mainly of Mercury, a highly toxic material. California and several other states have recently enacted laws that address the health risks of Mercury.

"Today, I am announcing legislation to disclose and phase-out the last major use of Mercury in the human body," said Congresswoman Watson. "The fillings that most of us know as 'silver' are mainly composed of Mercury, not silver. Mercury is an acute neuro-toxin. It is the most toxic non-radioactive

element and the most volatile heavy metal. It's time to remove Mercury from the practice of dentistry."

"It is no longer a question of if, but when, Mercury dental fillings will be history," said Charles G. Brown, the former West Virginia state

Attorney General and lead attorney for Consumers for Dental Choice in the national fight to end the use of Mercury in dentistry. "Mercury has been -- or is being -- removed from all other health care uses, including in thermometers, vaccines and disinfectants. It is politically and medically untenable to be removing Mercury from all

other medical uses and at the same time continuing to place it in peoples' mouths."

"I know from first hand experience the effect that Mercury fillings can have on one's health," said Anita Vazquez-Tibau, a Consumers for Dental Choice activist. The medical risks --

particularly to pregnant women and children -- are great, and we must stop the use of Mercury in the dental profession as soon as possible."

In California over the past six months, the issue of Mercury-based dental fillings has become a subject of major controversy (see coverage at <http://www.toxicteeth.net/>). In June, consumer groups filed suit against the American and California Dental Associations for deceptively calling mercury-based fillings "silver" and for secretly accepting payments from

Mercury amalgam manufacturers while endorsing their product as safe. In September the California Legislature voted to abolish the Dental Board and replace it with an entirely new Board, largely because of its refusal for nearly ten years to adopt a Fact Sheet that properly

warned consumers of the dangers of Mercury fillings. Governor Davis signed the bill into law earlier this month (along with a bill outlawing Mercury thermometers), saying "Mercury is a persistent and toxic pollutant that bioaccumulates in the environment."

## Consumers Not Likely to Shop Online in the Second Half of 2001

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 5 (IPRNewsWire) --

Odyssey, an independent market research firm based in San Francisco, today announced the results from their most recent Breadbox study, a semi-annual tracking study focused on attitudes toward and participation in e-commerce among U.S. consumers. The research shows that online purchasers are significantly less likely to purchase online again in the second half of 2001, providing a stern warning for online retailers this holiday season. Among consumers who bought personal items online in the first half of 2001, the proportion reporting that they are very likely to purchase online again in the third and fourth quarters has dropped to 54%, down from 71% just one year ago. In addition, among consumers who have ever purchased online, the proportion who have purchased in the last six months has declined steadily from 95% to 82% over the last 18 months.

Furthermore, the economic

downturn has already had a measurable effect on consumer attitudes toward shopping in general. Fifty-one percent of consumers report they are more likely to pursue bargains given the current economic environment and 46% report that products on sale are the only products they are likely to buy.

However, Breadbox data also indicated that as of July, 85% of consumers planned to spend as much or more this holiday season as they did in 2000.

"Online retailers are going to face some very tough sledding this holiday season. Certainly some of those who have established brand names and exercise extraordinary discipline in

targeting customers will come through fine, but the data provides ample reason to believe that many online retailers who expect this holiday season to be their salvation will find it instead to be their demise," said

Nick Donatiello, Odyssey's President and CEO. "The challenge of balancing volume with per sale profitability will be greater this year than it has ever been before for these young retailers."

Odyssey's Breadbox study shows that 65% of online purchasers feel that shopping online saves them money. In addition, 55% of all U.S. consumers believe that people using PCs and online services for shopping are likely to be enjoying retail savings through the online channel.

"Consumers--both on- and offline--have existing perceptions of online retail as a way to save money and online retailers need to fuel these perceptions through marketing and communications efforts," said Sean Baenen, Odyssey's Managing Director. "Attracting consumers with low prices and following through with ironclad execution this holiday season can help some online retailers survive in the short-term, and, more importantly, will position these sites well when the economy regains momentum."



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the Domestic Abuse Counseling Center, which runs the main batterer intervention program in Allegheny County. Dunmore, who is part of Foster's staff, has received special training in Minnesota to carry out the culturally focused counseling. Foster, though, has his doubts about treating black men differently from others. He says men who hit women usually have a lot in common, regardless of race. "If you look at the total population of batterers, more than 80 percent grew up in a violent household or witnessed violence," he said. But black men account for a disproportionate number of those arrested for domestic violence. Blacks make up about 13 percent of Allegheny County's population of more than 1.2 million, yet 49 percent of the men who go through Foster's domestic abuse counseling program are black. The number is consistent with other urban centers, where 50 percent to 60 percent of the men arrested in domestic violence cases are minorities. Black men who enter these

court-ordered counseling programs also drop out at higher rates than whites. Gondolf's earlier research on batterers in Pittsburgh, Houston, Dallas and Denver found that about 25 percent of white men quit their court-ordered counseling programs. In comparison, about 40 percent of the black men dropped out. Many of them assaulted their wives or girlfriends again after washing out of treatment. With the grant money, Gondolf will track 200 batterers, both white and black, who go through conventional group counseling, another 200 black men using the conventional program and 200 more blacks using the "culturally focused" approach.

Then he will compare the effectiveness of one treatment program with the other. As part of the research, the batterers' female partners also will be interviewed every three months to help determine whether abusive behavior has recurred. Gondolf, a scientist with an Ivy League resume and a plainspoken style, said the new-fash-

ioned program for blacks seemed to have a couple of advantages. "Most counseling and therapy are geared toward the middle-class and run by white people," he said. A black-only group may also draw out men who distrust whites. "For African-American men, there's a code of the street that says you don't put down your guard and talk freely, especially to the criminal justice system," Gondolf said. Even so, he understands the concerns about treating batterers by race.

"How far do we take this cultural stuff?" he said. "Aren't there some universals, especial-

ly when it comes to crime?" Dunmore, the group facilitator, says the new treatment technique is grounded in good sense. "This guy," he says of an urban black man who typically uses his hands to control his partner, "is conditioned to be violent." The weekly counseling sessions have just begun, but he hopes that group members will stop seeing violence as the answer to problems. "I don't believe all of them are contaminated to the point where they are incorrigible," he said. "I have some nice, healthy optimism about this particular group." But in church with the batterers, Dunmore

seems like a frazzled high school teacher who cannot control the classroom. He chides those who speak out of turn. He appears exasperated because the martial arts instructor speaks up often and eloquently while others sit in silence.

When someone mentions manhood and violence in the same sentence, Dunmore challenges him. He says being a man has nothing to do with violence. An older batterer goes against the grain by saying, "Violence has its good side, too." Dunmore seems ready to pounce on the comment, but the man stops him in his tracks. "Our coun-

try was attacked," the man says of the Sept. 11 terrorism. "Now violence is being used to defend it." Group members smile. Violence, some argue, can be all right, depending on circumstances. As the 90-minute session is winding down, Dunmore tries to leave the batterers with something to think about.

"Before we talk about violence with Osama bin Laden," he says, "let's talk about violence in the projects." The meeting breaks up and the men hustle for the door. How they turn out remains to be seen.

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## Barbara Jordan lived as pioneer and prophet

By CRAGG HINES

Barbara C. Jordan, who rose from a poor preacher's family in Houston's Fifth Ward to build a career in government that some believe could have carried her to the White House, died at 59 in Austin.

With a will of iron and voice of gold, she was one of the few black women to make a name in U.S. politics.

Jordan had suffered from multiple sclerosis for years and was later diagnosed with leukemia.

Nationally, Jordan was perhaps best known for her personal, riveting summation as she prepared to vote for articles of impeachment against President Nixon.

In Texas, she was equally credited as a skillful politician who bridged the gap between her many impoverished constituents and the state's powerful, white establishment.

Although Jordan, a Democrat, was a steady, non-sensational operator, at the height of her career she was not immune to a grand dream. After a Houston Grand Opera performance of Treemonisha, the Scott Joplin tale of a young black woman chosen to govern her people, Jordan confided that her favorite bit was the stirring song, "We Want You to be Our Leader."

But after only six years as a member of the U.S. House, Jordan -- ill and bored -- left public life in the late 1970s for the more subdued role of a professor in Austin at the UT's Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs -- an institution named for another shrewd Texas politician who reveled in Jordan's early rise to prominence and fancied himself her mentor.

Jordan's infrequent returns to the limelight rekindled the almost unbounded adulation that marked her time in politics and also revived talk not only of all she had done but of what might have been.

Jordan, a lawyer, was the first black woman elected to the Texas Legislature and the first black woman from the South ever elected to the U.S. House. She served in the Texas Senate from 1967-73 and in the U.S. House from 1973-79.

Following her retirement from politics, Jordan served on the boards of several corporations. She maintained her credentials as a pragmatic liberal by raising money for Democratic candidates and

causes and chaired a federal commission that called for strict measures to limit illegal immigration.

President Clinton awarded Jordan the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1994.

Clinton said that Jordan's "eloquent voice, which articulated the views and concerns of millions of Americans, was always a source of inspiration. . . . Barbara's words flowed with heartfelt conviction and her actions rang of indefatigable determination as she challenged us as a nation to confront our weaknesses and live peacefully together as equals."

The House Judiciary Committee's 1974 deliberations that resulted in a vote to impeach Nixon made a star of Jordan.

In the deep, resonant voice that was a trademark, Jordan declared: "My faith in the Constitution is whole, it is complete, it is total. I am not going to sit here and be an idle spectator to the diminution, the subversion, the destruction of the Constitution."

"If the impeachment provision in the

Constitution of the United States will not reach the offenses charged here, then perhaps that 18th-century Constitution should be abandoned to a 20th-century paper shredder."

In the opening of the speech, Jordan showed how deftly she could use her race to make a point:

"We the people" -- it is a very eloquent beginning. But when the Constitution of the United States was completed on the 17th of September in 1787, I was not included in that 'We the people.' I felt for many years that somehow George Washington and Alexander Hamilton just left me out by mistake. But through the process of amendment, interpretation and court decision, I have finally been included in 'We the people.'"

The historic highlights of Jordan's committee speech were replayed two years later as an introduction to her keynote address to the 1976 Democratic

National Convention. She was the first black woman to make a keynote address to the national convention of a major political party. And when Jordan's picture flashed on giant screens in New York City's Madison Square Garden and her recorded words boomed over dozens of loudspeakers, the crowd went wild.

The conventioners did not care that her 30-minute keynote speech was largely nonpartisan. When she finished, the assembly again broke into an uproar and chanted "We want Barbara" as the band played "The Eyes of Texas."

"I do know how to make a speech," said Jordan who was never shy about her political or oratorical skills, had said when her selection as keynoter was announced. Jordan returned, at Clinton's request, to the Democratic convention podium in 1992 as a keynote speaker.

She was on Jimmy Carter's original list of 14 vice presidential possibilities in 1976. But by convention time, Carter, with whom Jordan never seemed to hit it off personally, had passed her over.

Jordan refused pleas of blacks and liberals to allow her name to be placed in nomination for vice president as a way of gaining a brief national forum for their favorite issues.

"I really do not have much interest in being a symbol," said Jordan, who had earlier commented that in 1976 a black vice presidential candidate "would not be a viable political possibility."

A Cosmopolitan magazine survey of 700 political opinion leaders in 1975 put Jordan at the top of a list of women they would like to see become president.

She rejected the only position Carter offered her after his election, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

In the House, Jordan's major legislative achievement was the 1975 expansion of the Voting Rights Act to bring language minorities, such as Mexican-Americans, under the

law. Jordan's aim was to include Texas under the historic statute, an action denounced by many of the state's politicians, including then-Gov. Dolph Briscoe and Mark White, the secretary of state.



Jordan's proposal to expand the act ran counter to a deal for a simple extension that civil rights leaders had made with congressional leaders and the administration of Republican President Ford. Over outcries that her plan could wreck the whole act, Jordan prevailed.

Perhaps Jordan's most controversial role while in Washington was as a character witness in the 1975 bribery and perjury trial of John B. Connally, the former Treasury secretary and ex-governor of Texas. Because of the large number of blacks on the jury, Jordan's testimony that Connally was known as a man of high integrity was thought to be an ingredient in his acquittal.

Some liberal colleague would now and again accuse Jordan of being too pragmatic. In 1972, during her first congressional campaign, an organization of liberal Democrats in Houston refused to endorse her unless she promised to wear a button for Frances T. "Cissy" Farenthold, a liberal Democrat running for governor. Jordan acceded to the request and got the group's support, but she considered it political blackmail.

Jordan's state Senate career was less spectacular than her subsequent House terms. It was, however, while she was in the Texas Senate that she got to

know Johnson. The former president, empathetic to Jordan's ambition and determination, took her under his wing after retiring from the White House.

The highlight of her Senate tenure was probably the 1971 redistricting act, with which she ensured that a new U.S. House district was drawn to cover central Houston. It was a seat for which she would have little competition. She easily defeated Curtis Graves, then a state representative, in the 1972 Democratic primary and subsequently defeated Republican Paul Merritt.

Perhaps Jordan's most distinctive attribute was her voice, which seemed to belong to an Old Testament prophet. Senator Lloyd M. Bentsen, D-Texas, said that during Jordan's impeachment speech he "looked down to see if she were reading from stone tablets."

Jordan never was on the front lines of the civil rights battle of the 1950s and '60s. She later observed that many black activists of the period had ended up where she had always wanted to be -- in elective office.

She was accustomed to being the first black, and possibly more significantly, the first black woman, to do a number of things. The Washington Post once described Jordan as "the first black woman everything" -- only a slight exaggeration.

In 1965, Harris County Judge Bill Elliott named Jordan his administrative assistant for welfare issues, the first major county administrative job to be held by a black.

In 1966, she became the first black woman elected to the state Senate. She was the only

woman in that session.

"You didn't have any trouble picking me out down there, did you?" Jordan asked an uncle who had watched her swearing-in from the state Senate galleries in Austin.

She made it clear, however, she was not to be considered primarily as a representative of blacks or of women.

"Who speaks for the Negro?" she once asked in a speech to the Texas Daily Newspaper Association. "Well, I'll answer that question: No one. No one can."

When Jordan announced in 1977 that she would not run for re-election, she said her reasons were "predicated totally on my internal compass directing me to divert my energy to something different and to move away from demands, which are all-consuming."

The statement philosophically represented a new Barbara Jordan, tired of the intense public limelight. In Austin, she lived with her longtime companion, Nancy Earl.

Jordan left Congress 50 pounds lighter than she arrived. The weight loss was the result of a diet so maddening that she often was accompanied to social events by an aide whose chief function was to make sure she did not eat too much and that she drank no liquor.

The congressional retirement and weight loss gave rise to rumors Jordan was critically ill. In 1979 there was a report that she was dying of a bone disease. She said she was not "terminally ill." The diet, she said, was designed to make her "look better in the mirror."

By sometimes appearing in advertisements that stressed the capability of the disabled, Jordan acknowledged a health condition -- without detailing what it was -- that confined her to a wheelchair. After a 1988 incident, in which she was found unconscious in the swimming pool at her home outside Austin, doctors said she had multiple sclerosis.

She is survived by her mother and two sisters, Rosemary McGowan and Bernie Creswell, all of Houston.



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## ACS from page 1

submission of application?

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How did the ACS Scholars Program begin?

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## Sports

### Eagles vs. Wildcats

By Shauna Benoit

After losing to Lake Highlands, Allen had to buckle down in their game against Plano Wildcats. The Eagles squeaked by the Wildcats to win 21-20.

Early in the game, Plano's Ian Griffen broke through Allen's defense to the Eagle's 42-yard line. Then, Kedrick Alexander raced untouched down the sideline for a 58-yard touchdown. With 2:35 left in the first half, Allen's Napper pushed through Plano's defense to score. Less than a minute later, Griffen scores a touchdown to tie the game at halftime 14-14.

In the third quarter, Wildcats' Patrick Snowden kicked an unsuccessful 45-yard field goal, which ended up hurting Plano later on. Shortly afterwards, Plano's quarterback, Rhett Morgan, bolted down the field 55 yards. That run later led to a 2-yard touchdown. Plano fumbled on the field goal, and then tried unsuccessfully for a two-point conversion.



Trailing the Wildcats in the fourth quarter, Allen's quarterback, Kyle Westerberg, led his team to a 91-yard drive that took 16 plays and about seven minutes off the clock. The Eagles sealed the victory when Nate Cook stripped the ball away from Griffen with less than a minute in the game. This is the first time Allen has swept the Plano schools in regular season

games.

Eagles coach, Joe Martin, says, "This is a big deal for us, and I am proud of the kids."



## DIABETES from Page 3

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## NFL from Page 1

comment Monday night.

Irvin retired in July 2000 and was hired for Fox Sports Net's Sunday pregame show. He lost that job a few weeks after the Aug. 9, 2000, arrest in the North Dallas apartment.

Irvin was not charged after that arrest, which came two months after he completed probation on a no-contest plea to felony cocaine possession. He was indicted on the cocaine charge stemming from the latter arrest in June.

The charge carried a penalty of six months to two years in jail and up to a \$10,000 fine. In 1996, Irvin pleaded no contest to felony cocaine possession in exchange for four years of deferred probation, a \$10,000

fine and dismissal of misdemeanor marijuana possession charges.

The NFL suspended Irvin for five games. He finished his deferred probation on the charge just before he announced his retirement.

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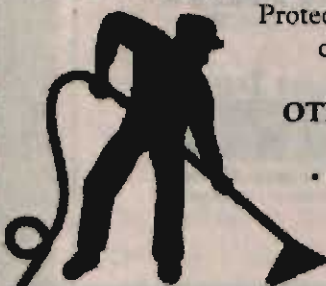
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Sinbad is raising two children the old-fashioned way that he recalls from his childhood. "No one had \$150 to spend on tennis shoes," he said, lamenting how so much has changed today: "When I was in high school, the gangster guys were the people you stayed away from. Now kids have become fascinated by the roughnecks. The rappers who have a gangster side are a hotter commodity."

He thinks the entertainment industry sloughs off its responsibility by asserting that it doesn't affect values. But young people, Sinbad insisted, could do a lot for themselves. "Accept responsibility," he said. "Nobody is ever going to give you anything. Nobody owes you anything. But you can go out and take it with education. Pick up a book and read. Learn your history and everybody else's too. And don't be scared to be yourself."



## Marion "Suge" Knight

LOS ANGELES

(AP) — Rap music mogul Marion "Suge" Knight, who was recently released from prison, wants to build a 9,000-square-foot (810-square-meter) hilltop mansion, though he doesn't plan to live there.

Instead, he'll use the house as a "positive" environment for children, according to his company, Death Row Records.

Knight plans to put a movie theater, pool and other amenities at the 1.8-acre (0.7-hectare) estate, according to renovation plans that will be considered at a hearing Thursday.

Construction ground to a halt after Knight, 36, went to prison in 1996. He was released in August after serving five years for violating probation by getting into a fight in a Las Vegas hotel.

The altercation occurred hours before rap star Tupac Shakur was killed in a drive-by shooting as he rode in Knight's car. Shakur was on the Death Row label.



## Geraldo Rivera

NEW YORK (AP) — Geraldo Rivera is quitting his prime-time talk show on CNBC to become a war correspondent for Fox News Channel, saying Thursday he couldn't bear to stay on the sidelines during a big story.

Rivera's last CNBC show after seven years will be on Nov. 16. He said he'll be leaving for Afghanistan the next day.

His legal affairs talk show is one of CNBC's highest-rated programs, although down from its heights during the O.J. Simpson trials. His 10 years as a syndicated talk show host ended in 1998.

Rivera, who exercised an exit clause in his NBC contract, said he wanted to do more reporting but it was difficult when he was committed to a talk show four nights a week.

He was particularly frustrated recently when he asked to do a special for NBC on why Muslims hate America, and was told he couldn't leave the country, Rivera said.

"That's when I said, 'I can't do this anymore,'" he said. "I'm a reporter, that's how I see myself. And the war on terrorism is the biggest story of our times. I've got to get out there. And when you're an anchor, you're literally anchored. I had to break the chain."

It's a coup for Fox News Channel, which has struggled to keep up with CNN in international coverage. Fox recently hired a former CNN correspondent, Steve Harrigan, to report from Afghanistan.

Fox News Channel chief Roger Ailes said Rivera "never got the respect he deserved as a newsmen" at NBC. "He never was used in the way he should be."

Rivera did news specials for NBC and appeared on the "Today" show. But many in NBC News' old guard were suspicious of Rivera's tabloid TV days searching Al Capone's vault and getting his nose broken during a chair-throwing brawl with white supremacists.

Ailes nearly hired Rivera in 1997, but at the last minute he decided to stay at NBC. Rivera said his exit from NBC now was done in a "gentlemanly" fashion.

NBC News President Neal Shapiro said: "We wish him all the best."

"Geraldo has had an up-and-down career," Ailes said. "He wanted to, and decided to make money doing talk shows and other things. My own view is that does not destroy you as long as when you're doing the news, you're doing the news."

"I don't think anyone has ever questioned his ability to do news," he said.

Ailes said Rivera's contract provides flexibility to use him for other things, perhaps as a talk show host again, but that's not imminent. "Right now he's coming in as our hot spot correspondent," he said.

CNBC said it will fill the sudden hole in its schedule by expanding its business programming into prime-time.

Rivera planned to tell his viewers Thursday that he's not the same man he was before Sept. 11, when "the maniacs tried to tear our heart out."

"I'm feeling more patriotic than at any time in my life," he said. "Itching for justice, or maybe just revenge. And this catharsis I've gone through has caused me to reassess what I do for a living."



## 'N Sync

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Only two members of 'N Sync have major roles in the new film "On the Line," but they're looking for a project that would star all five of them.

They don't want to do "A Hard Day's Night" sort of movie, says Joey Fatone, so they're waiting for the right project — maybe something like "Grease."



"If that doesn't come out, we want to do like something totally different. ... No musical elements in the movie," he told reporters recently.

Fatone and Lance Bass appear in "On the Line"; two other members, Justin Timberlake and Chris Kirkpatrick, have cameos at the end.

Meanwhile, Fatone says he'll never replace music with acting.

"Music is always going to be a part of my life. I mean no matter what I do. And as far as 'N Sync is concerned, we're just going to keep on going and that's obviously the main, main focus in my life right now."

"Maybe later on down the line if people stop listening to 'N Sync and it fades down, I'll probably go into something as far as doing some acting and expanding that."

"On the Line" opened in theaters on Oct. 26.

## My VH1 Music Awards

NEW YORK (AP) — Creed, Mick Jagger, Lenny Kravitz and Destiny's Child will be among the performers at the second annual "My VH1 Music Awards" next month.



Kravitz, Destiny's Child and Jennifer Lopez are among the nominees in categories ranging from typical (My Favorite Male) to outlandish (Is It Hot in Here, Or Is It Just My Video?).

U2 and the Dave Matthews Band received the most nominations, with six apiece.

Fans determine the outcome by voting on VH1.com. The awards show will air live on Dec. 2 from the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles.

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## Around The Town

November 8-December 15

The Lucky Spot by Beth Henley will be showing at Richardson Theatre Centre. For show times and ticket information, call 972-699-1130.

November 8-January 5

It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Murder!, by Kurt Kleinmann, is a murder-mystery comedy presented live in Black & White, will open November 2, 2001, and run through January 5, 2002. Tickets are available through Pegasus Theatre. The Late Show on New Year's Eve includes Black & White party favors, Champagne after the show, a light Black & White appetizer buffet, and of course the show. For more information, call 214-821-6005.

November 8-December 4

In collaboration with H&R Block, The Women's Museum: An Institute for the Future will conduct a series of income tax preparation seminars to help individuals beat the tax season madness. Each seminar will be taught by an H&R Block representative and offer insightful tips on preparing taxes individually for small business owners. The cost is \$20 per seminar or \$35 for two seminars. For additional information and to register, call 214-915-0890.

November 9-10

TYTAS is honored to present the Dallas debut of In A Different Light: Duke Ellington, a brand new evening of incredible dance created by choreographer Donald Byrd for his company Donald Byrd/The Group. The performances will begin at 8 p.m. at McFarlin Auditorium. For more information and tickets, call 214-528-5576.

The Senior Citizens Center in Richardson is hosting Senior Holiday Bazaar November 9-10, 2001. For more information, call 972-231-4798.

November 10

Individuals across Texas are being invited to take part in an exciting and inspirational new marathon-training program, "Train to End Stroke," that will be launched in Texas this fall by the American Stroke Association, a division of the American Heart Association. Informational sessions providing an overview of the Train to End Stroke program will be held November 10th at 24 Hour Fitness in Plano and Richardson at 2 p.m. For additional

information on how to participate in Train to End Stroke, call 1-888-242-3839.

On November 10th, Richland College and Texas Astronomical Society present Planetarium Shows. For more information, call 972-238-6013.

If you have an interest in purchasing a home, you are invited to a home-buyer seminar from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Old Settler's Recreation Center, 1201 E. Louisiana, in McKinney. Consumer Credit Counseling will present the information. Experts from the mortgage lending and home insurance fields will be on site. The event is free so please RSVP at 972-547-7519 or 972-562-6080, ext. 7519.

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The "United Walk for Donor Awareness," featuring a 5K walk, health fair, wellness seminars, and more, is scheduled for November 10th at Dallas' Fair Park Tower Building, located on 3809 Grand Avenue. Registration for the walk begins at 8:30 a.m. and the seminars and health fair will follow at 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. For more information, call the National Marrow Donor Program at 214-351-8644 or visit [www.nmdp.org](http://www.nmdp.org).

November 11

On Veterans' Day, The Women's Museum will honor all veterans with free admission to the museum. The museum is located on 3800 Parry Avenue in Dallas. For more information, call 214-915-0861.

November 12

El Centro College will present "Understanding Islam" with guest speaker Imam Muhammad Shakoor at 10:15 a.m. and again at 11 a.m. in the performance hall ("C" building). Mr. Shakoor is the resident Imam of the Dallas Masjid of Al-Islam and is a member of the Muslim American Society. The lecture is open to the public. For information and reservations, call 214-860-2136.

November 12-24

Dallas will host a special showing "A lifetime of Artistic Expression!" the artistic works of Austin artist, Rick Anderson. The Estate of Rick Anderson will contribute 100% of its net proceeds to the Jack Sansing Dental Clinic, a unit of AIDS Services of Austin, providing comprehensive dental care to persons with HIV. The event will be held at Art Encounter located at 230 Spanish Village. For more information, call 972-726-7220.

November 13

The Frisco Library is sponsoring "Classic Readers" Book Discussion at 10 a.m. This month's selection is "A Walk in the Woods" by Bill Bryson. For more information, call 972-335-5515.

November 15

The Frisco Chamber of Commerce is hosting "et on Track at 8 Networking Session" at its office located on 6843 Main Street. For more information, call 972-335-9522.

Come and join the Frisco Senior Adult Center and visit the Allen Senior Center at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served and entertainment will include bingo and more. Van transportation will be provided or you may drive if you want. For more information, call 972-335-5515.

November 15-December 9

Plano Repertory Theatre (PRT) presents Schoolhouse Rock, Live! The production will run November 15-December 9 at the ArtCentre Theatre located at 1028 15th Place in Historic Downtown Plano. Performances are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8:15 p.m. and Sundays at 2:15 p.m. Note: There will not be a performance on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22. Tickets range from \$10-\$30 and can be purchased over the phone by calling the PRT box office at 972-422-7460.

November 17

Keep Plano Beautiful (KPB) and the City of Plano, in partnership with The Home Depot, will host a special Texas Recycles Day event to educate Plano citizens and businesses about how recycling positively impacts our air quality and local recycling opportunities. This program will take place on Saturday, November 17, 2001, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at The Home Depot located at 1224 North Central Expressway (Highway 75 and 14th Street in Plano). KPB is looking for additional Texas Recycles Day sponsors! KPB would appreciate any donations to be presented as door prizes. Please contact Deb Bliss at 972-964-

4132 for more information or to confirm your participation.

The 8th Annual Thanksgiving Celebrations & Awards Night is set for Saturday, November 17th at the Grand Ballroom of Omni Mandalay Hotel in Las Colinas. The event is organized by the Foundation for Pluralism Center for Studies in Religious pluralism and Secular Societies. The purpose of celebrating this event is to thank God for helping us all heal and help us cope with the September 11 tragedy. For more information, contact Mike Ghouse at 214-686-4663.

November 18

Rev. Ouida Pae Lee, Associate Pastor at Hamilton Park United Methodist Church will be the speaker at the 45th Anniversary Celebration of Glen Oaks UMC on Sunday, November 18, at 3 p.m. The Glen Oaks UMC choir, and the Hamilton Park UMC Men's Chorus under the direction of Patsy Brooks, director of music will provide the music for the celebration. Glen Oaks UMC is located at 4606 S. Polk St. in Dallas. For more information, call the church office at 214-376-6404.

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