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## On the Homefront:

The 19th Annual 2001 Komen Dallas Race for the Cure will be held Saturday, October 20, 2001. The race will take place at NorthPark Center located at Northwest Hwy (Loop 12) and Central Expressway (US-75). For more details, call 214-750-RACE.

The Plano YMCA is organizing their annual charity golf tournament Monday, October 22, at Ridgeview Ranch Golf Course. Join in for a round of golf, good food, lots of fun and to raise money for the youth of Plano. For more information, please call 972-378-9622, ext. 12.

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church of Plano will host its annual revival Monday, October 22 through Friday, October 26, 2001. 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 weeknight from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Each night will feature guest speakers and musicians. For more information, please call 972-423-6695.

For the eighth year, Quad C Theater proudly presents the Texas State competition of the American College Theater Festival, known as DramaPALOOZA! Seven colleges and universities from across the Southwest Region will present the very best in collegiate theatre during the festival, October 24-27, at Collin County Community College, 2800 E. Spring Creek Pkwy, in Plano. The winning production may advance to perform at the John F. Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. There will also be numerous workshops presented each day and all events are open to the public.

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## North Texas, Conventional Housing Loans and the American Dream

by: Anthony Jones

Rejection rates of home loans decreased between 1999 and 2000 for racial and ethnic groups across the United States and throughout Metroplex but a disparity still exists in the number of denials for homebuyers in the different groups.

"The difference is actually growing rather than shrinking," said David Swanson, a communications coordinator for the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN(r)).

Swanson explained the denial rate for home loans among African-Americans decreased 9 percent for the period 1999 through 2000 from 40.71 percent in 1999 to 36.89 percent in 2000. For Latinos, there was a decrease of 24 percent from 41.67 percent in 1999 to 31.61 percent in 2000 and the denial rate for whites dropped 28 percent from 24.87 percent in 1999 to 17.96 percent in 2000.

According to Swanson, a mortgage lending report issued by the organization "looks at low-income borrowers versus upper-income borrowers and what percentage of loans are going to low- or middle-income neighborhoods compared with upper-income neighborhoods."

"Mortgage lending is occurring based on neighborhoods and race so it finds that the percentage of African-Americans being denied mortgages is much higher

than it is for whites. And for Latinos it's much higher than for whites," he added.

The Dallas Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes

from banks and governments, and better public schools," Swanson said.

More than one in three African-American applicants and

rejected 1.68 times more often than whites."

"The disparity remains even if we compare applicants of the same income," he added. "Upper-income African-Americans (earning more than 120 percent of the median income) were denied 3.01 times more often than upper income whites."

"Upper-middle income African-Americans (earning between 100 percent-120 percent of the median income) were denied 2.27 times more often than upper-middle-income whites," Swanson said. "Moderate-income African-Americans were rejected 1.44 times more often than moderate-income whites while low-income African-Americans were rejected 1.14 times more often than low-income whites."

Swanson also explained upper-income Latinos were 2.01 times more likely to be rejected than upper-income whites and upper-middle income Latinos were 1.5 times more likely to be denied than upper-middle income whites. Moderate-income Latinos were rejected 1.18 times more often than moderate-income whites while low-income Latinos were rejected less often than low-income whites.

Minority Share of Conventional Loans: The share of conventional loans received by African-Americans increased from 4.4 percent in 1999 to 4.64 percent in 2000, although this is three times less than the 15.06 percent

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Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Henderson, Hunt, Kaufman and Rockwall counties.

ACORN is the nation's largest community organization of low- and moderate-income families, with over 100,000 member families organized into 500 neighborhood chapters in 40 cities across the country. Since 1970 ACORN has taken action and won victories on issues of concern to our members, Swanson said.

"Our priorities include: better housing for first-time homebuyers and tenants, living wages for low-wage workers, more investment in our communities

almost one in three Latino applicants for conventional loans were denied in 2000, compared to less than one in six white applicants who were rejected in 2000.

According to Swanson, the Rejection Ratios by Race revealed African-American applicants were 2.05 times more likely to be denied than white applicants were in 2000.

"This was a 25 percent increase from 1999 when African-Americans were 1.64 times more likely to be denied than whites," he said. "Latinos were rejected 1.76 times more often than whites in 2000. This was a 4.76 percent rise from 1999 when Latinos were

## Local Water Supply Secure

By: Bruce Craig

Area residents can be assured that their water supply is not likely to be tampered with by terrorist. Heightened security and sophisticated alarm systems are already in place in Garland, Plano and Richardson.

Edward Himes, Utility Operations Superintendent for Plano says, "We've stepped up our security and the police department is patrolling our sites more often. We have always had tight security at our ground storage and elevated tanks."

Most city officials believe that the chlorine content of drinking water at city plants would kill any bacteria introduced to the water supply. "It would take a tanker truck of poison to make anyone sick," says Joe Hood, Project Manager for the Garland water department. And with the constant monitoring that would not be possible.

Some North Texas cities buy their water already treated from the North Texas Municipal Water District. Raw water is drawn from Lake Lavon and treated at a plant in Wylie and then sent by underground pipes to member cities. Security around Lake Lavon has also been increased.

"The Corp of Engineers, Collin County Sheriff's Department and Wylie Police have all increased surveillance and patrols around Lake Lavon," says Denise Hickey of the North Texas Municipal Water District. She also reports that "since September 11th we've been in a lockdown mode at the treatment plant in Wylie. All entrance gates are manned and only those with official business are allowed around the plants."

Some of the cities purchasing water from the North Texas Municipal Water District are Allen, Frisco, Garland, McKinney, Mesquite, Plano, Richardson and Rockwall.

## Cancer Rates Higher for Minorities than Whites

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Racial minorities in Minnesota are far more likely to contract some forms of cancer, and die from them, than whites are, according to the Minnesota Department of Health's first study of cancer, race and ethnicity.

The new study found that black women die of breast cancer at a rate 50 percent higher than that of whites. Lung cancer kills black and American Indian men at twice the rate of white men. Cervical cancer rates for Indian and Asian women were three times that of whites, and for black women, four times higher.

And although there are about 30 percent more new cases of prostate cancer in black men than in white men, the death rate from that disease among black men is 2 1/2 times that of white men.

The results add to the growing body of statistical evidence about the health gap

between whites and blacks, American Indians, Asians and Hispanics.

The state's disparities in cancer deaths are similar to those reported in national analyses.

Public health officials and other experts said the forces behind the cancer numbers are the same as those for other health differences. Poverty and lack of education are common links among groups as diverse as Hmong, Somalis, American Indians and Hispanics. They also share a lack of health insurance and trouble obtaining health care. Health officials said that the growing immigrant population can also have cultural and language barriers to health care that are sometimes exacerbated by fear and distrust of the government.

"Yes, there is a lot of disease that is associated with socio-economic status," said Dr. Nicole

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## More People Fear Germs in Restrooms

ORLANDO, Fla., Oct. 17 /PRNewswire/ -- More people are afraid of getting sick from germs in a public restroom than in any other public place, according to a national survey of 1,007 adults released today.

Thirty-nine percent of respondents said they believed they were most likely to pick up other people's germs in a public bathroom. Restaurants came in next at 21 percent, followed by airplanes (20%), subways and trains (11%), and movie theaters (4%). The survey was conducted in late September by Opinion Research Corporation International on behalf of Kimberly-Clark Professional, which provides tissue, towel and skin care products for commercial restrooms. It was released today at the ISSA/INTERCLEAN-USA convention of cleaning professionals in Orlando.

Since germs and unsanitary conditions go hand-in-

hand, it's not surprising that "unclean conditions" were most apt to lead to a bad impression of a public restroom, according to 66 percent of respondents. "No toilet paper" was a distant second (13%), followed by odors (11%).

### Cleanliness Rules

The flip side of this question led to a similar result: Seventy-seven percent of respondents said "cleanliness" was the top reason a public restroom would make a good impression on visitors. And since toilet seats often inspire germophobia it makes sense that the top choice for the restroom of the future was a self-cleaning seat (33%). Hands-free bath tissue, soap and towel dispensers came in next (12%), followed by instant hand sanitizers that allow people to wash their hands without water or towels

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## Community Spotlight



### Fright Bite Ball!

The City of Richardson presents the 12th annual food tasting event, A Taste of Richardson, featuring the city's own great masterpieces: our Richardson restaurants! The 2001 'Taste' will be presented Thursday, November 1 and will again this year be held at the Richardson Civic Center/City Hall, where last year's event was a huge success. The event combines sample rations from many of the best area restaurants and caterers with lavish décor and great entertainment.

As always, the theme of the event changes each year to keep it fresh and fun. An enormous tent will once again be constructed over the fountain on the lawn of City Hall, and the entire event will carry the "Haunting" theme.

Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 day of event and include sampling at all restaurants, unlimited soft drinks, three spirits (beer or wine) and great entertainment. Additional spirits can be purchased at the event. Advance tickets will be available beginning October 18 at Richardson City Hall (411 W. Arapaho Rd., Room 101) and at all Richardson Recreation Centers during regular office hours. The advance discounted rate will be available until 5:00pm, Wednesday, October 31. Full price tickets will be available Thursday, November 1st at Richardson City Hall ONLY from 8:00am to 5:00pm. Tickets will also be sold at event entrances beginning at 6:00pm.

For more information, call the Special Events Hotline at 972-744-4581 or the Special Events Office at 972-680-7909.

Civic Center/City Hall is located at 411 W. Arapaho Rd. Richardson, TX 75080



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## Remember the Alamo

By Representative Jerry Madden

The world changed on September 11. The secure and safe world we thought we had was torn asunder by the attack on the World Trade Centers and the Pentagon. We realized that the security we thought was there in life really wasn't there after all. It was replaced with a world of uncertainty. However, in that uncertainty, things took their proper place in life. I think we all realized that we have our faith, our families, and our freedoms on which to base our strengths.

What we've seen in America is a religious revival the likes of which none of us thought possible. How many of us have spent more time in church in the last few weeks than we have in the last few months? We've seen the rebirth of faith in our nation that is stronger than anything we've seen in the last 30-40 years.

Look around you at the people you see today and do something that you haven't done in the past: tell them how much they mean to you, that they are loved and respected by you. Remember, you might not have that chance again. The reality that you are now in was the reality of those in New York who will never again see their friends, family, neighbors or business acquaintances.

We're also seeing a rebirth in the importance that our great Constitution has for us. It gives us a freedom that others dread and fear. It is a powerful tool in the human

world today and we saw that strength when all American citizens came together on

September 11. It reminds some of us of events in Texas history. We remember the slaughter of Texas freedom fighters at Goliad and the Alamo. But those events truly united a people as no other events could. The same happened on September 11 in

America. It was Admiral Yamamoto who spoke about America in a way that is so true. He said that after the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Japanese awakened a sleeping giant. Yet the most important part of what he said was that they "awakened a sleeping giant and filled it with a terrible resolve." If the proponents of terror do not believe that they have not done that with America, let them remember that Texas developed that terrible rallying cry of resolve after the fall of the Alamo: "Remember the Alamo." That same resolve will lead to a cry of "Remember Sept. 11, 2001."

The proponents of terrorism should know that there is a Texan now leading America who is filled with the same resolve of those Texans under the leadership of Sam Houston. Terrorists must know that San Jacinto is coming. I've been fortunate to know and work with then Governor George Bush and I am firmly convinced that the events that have happened here in Texas over the last eight years, and those that have happened in Florida, in the U.S. Supreme Court, and other areas where a few hundred votes for George Bush won

those states, clearly were part of a greater plan. We have in our leader a person who does what he says he's going to do. Texans know that as Governor of Texas, George Bush did what he said he was going to do. And we know that as President of the United States, the most powerful position in the world, he will do everything humanly possible to keep his word.

When he says we will find the terrorists, root them out, keep them running, and bring them to justice, I have faith that that is exactly what will occur. This battle will end when and where we say it ends, and it will end with total victory.

Many of you have heard the motto of the U.S. Military Academy: Duty, Honor, and Country. As a graduate of West Point, I know that those three words provide the core for those young men and women serving in our military today. Many of them will be in the vanguard of the counter attack against the evil perpetrators of the events of September 11. They will all be steeled by their commitment to those three words. They will do their duty with honor and uphold the dignity and strengths of our great country. Never before in our history have those three words meant more and our President personifies them.

To feel secure, we must trust our faith, love our families, and believe that our leaders freely chosen will do as they say. With those certainties, let us go forward into the world we now face with a conviction that we will emerge triumphant, so help us God.



Ron Shaw

There has been a lot of talk lately about calamity and crisis and tragedy and God's part in all of it. In the light of what we've recently experienced, many are asking questions about the will of God. A lot of our young people seem to have a better handle on things than adults. While speaking recently to a group of teens, one asked if the recent attacks on America was God's judgement (as she had been told). That led to another question about sickness and then of course the Aids question. I realize that a lot of so-called theologians (whatever that is) are attempting to answer these questions based on their knowledge about God. That is to say they may have studied about Him but it's obvious they don't know Him. In short, Jesus is God's response to any and every situation. All that He has to say or do is filtered through him. If you want to know what God's response to any situation we face in life is, just look at what Jesus said or did in that situation. God doesn't inflict sickness or disease on anybody. He doesn't send tornadoes or hurricanes to tear up people's houses. He doesn't use the devil to do His work. Anybody that would suggest that He does those things demonstrates their ignorance of Him. Nevertheless, the group of teens wanted to know what everybody wants to know. As Gideon once asked, "if God is with us, why has all this happened to us?" I don't propose to know everything. But there are some things I'm certain of because of what He has already stated in His word. As I talked with this group, the Lord brought me to reality. He said to me that with every increase from Him, there is always an assault by our adversary.

Consider our text. Jesus is questioned by a young man who had obviously experienced a

## Increase With Assaults

Mark 10:30

degree of prosperity. He came to Jesus asking what he needed to do to live forever. When Jesus told him, he dropped his head and went away sorrowfully. The next few lines are eye opening. The disciples of Jesus heard him say that it was hard for the rich to get into heaven. They were astonished because they had also experienced a measure of prosperity. To hear Jesus make that statement puzzled them so they asked, "well then what about us". In other words we're men of wealth so does that mean we can't get in. Then he responds to them by saying that those who trust in their riches will find it difficult to get in. The reason is because riches will never get you in. Only faith in God can do that and most put their faith in their riches. So Jesus says anyone who gives up material possessions and relationships to follow Him will be rewarded in this life with and increase in all that the give up but, because of the blessing of God causing them to increase, their adversary would also increase his assaults on them. In short, there's no such thing as an increase without assault in this life. With every blessing of God, there comes an attack of the enemy. The pattern is seen throughout the bible. An increase in anointing, increase in money, increase in family; whatever the increase, you will be assaulted by the adversary. Pastors who have increase in their ministries are finding out that the assaults will be proportionate to the increase. Couples are finding out that with increase in their households, there will be increase in the assaults. Did you know that more than 75% of all couples who either get significant pay increases and / or buy houses end up either divorced or suffering significant damage to their relationship! There is an enemy

out in the world who tries to tear down everything God does in our lives. So the more God increases us, the more he will try to tear down. America has just experienced one of it's most prosperous times in her history. The economy has been (as they say) red hot. People have made a lot of money. It should be no surprise then that the assault that we've just seen was the one of the greatest in her history.

I don't say this to frighten or scare you, but rather to make you aware. Jesus said persecution would arise when God blesses. He didn't say that for us to be fearful, but rather be wise. So let me offer you some personal assistance so that when you personally prosper and you are increased you won't be caught unaware. First, determine to trust God, not the increase. Enjoy the increase but trust God. If you develop your confidence in Him and not allow your increase to distract you from the one who granted it, you'll not be moved by the assaults. When God blesses you with more, give back to Him in the same liberal way He's given to you. This shows you trust Him and not your stuff. Secondly, determine to develop a fearlessness in Him. We haven't been given a spirit of fear but of power. Therefore even though we're not ignorant of satan's devices, we're not afraid of them either. Make the decision to not be afraid and then follow on the develop a faith that faces persecution with courage and not like wimps. Thirdly, renew your mind to the fact that just because we are assaulted doesn't mean that we lose. On the contrary, we win. Along with every increase of God, comes the power to withstand successfully every assault. If Jesus was attacked, we'll be attacked. However, Jesus was victorious and so are we.



## Male Breast Cancer Is No Myth

Though rare, breast cancer in men does occur. It accounts for less than 1 percent of all new breast-cancer cases and deaths, but each year 400 men die from it.

Most men with breast

lumps have a benign condition known as gynecomastia, an excessive development of the male breasts.

The difference between the two types of lumps can usually be determined by physical exam and mammography," says Dr. Ward Parsons, associate professor of radiology at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. "Mammography of the male breast is an essential part of the evaluation of male breast disease, and sometimes a breast biopsy is necessary."

Men with a family history of breast cancer in female relatives may be at increased risk. They should report any change in their breast to a physician.

### What Fun Is Exercise If You're Allergic To It?

Some people joke that they are allergic to exercise, but for individuals with exercise-induced anaphylaxis, it is no laughing matter.

"Symptoms can include itching of the palms or soles, hives, swelling of the lips or face, lightheadedness, shortness of breath, wheezing or passing out from low-blood pressure," says Dr. David Khan, assistant professor of internal medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

The condition is rarely fatal. Doctors, however, don't know a lot about the causes and risks of exercise-induced anaphylaxis, or allergic reaction.

"One theory is that people release endorphins when they exercise," Khan says. "In addition to causing a 'runner's

high,' these endorphins stimulate certain cells in the body to release histamine and other allergic mediators, which can cause an allergic reaction."

Exercise-induced anaphylaxis can occur with any type of exercise. If you notice symptoms, Khan suggests visiting an allergist for evaluation and treatment.

### Too Many Trips To The Bathroom? Schedule A Trip To The Doctor

One in 50 women will get a urinary-tract infection (UTI) this year. Its chief symptom is a painful frequent need to urinate, and it should prompt a visit to your physician.

While a urinary-tract infection is easily treated with antibiotics, any bladder disorder is potentially serious, says Dr. Philippe Zimmern, professor of urology at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

"The symptoms of a UTI can closely mimic those of overactive bladder," says Zimmern. "And because infection can cause a bladder to become overactive, a urinalysis is a necessary first step in diagnosing the problem."

Overactive bladder also is characterized by the frequent, urgent need to urinate and can cause pain like a UTI. But a tumor, stone or other potentially serious condition may cause overactive bladder. Any recurring infection always warrants concern and may necessitate a full urological assessment, Zimmern says.

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## New Brochure from PUC Explains the Electricity Facts Label

AUSTIN—Texas Publishers Association Wire Service — October 11, 2001 —

Texans needing information to help them compare competitive offers for retail electric service can now get a brochure entitled, "The Electricity Facts Label: What It Is and How It Will Help You Shop for Electricity." Competition for the retail sale of electricity begins in January 2002, and the Electricity Facts Label will help customers decide between competing suppliers when shopping for electricity.

The brochure, produced by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) and the Texas Electric Choice education campaign, provides details about how the Electricity Facts Label will help customers make a direct comparison when choosing a Retail Electric Provider (REP) — the company that provides electricity to homes and businesses.

The Electricity Facts Label, similar to a nutrition label found on many food products, provides helpful information on electricity prices, contract terms, generation sources, and emissions in a standardized format. This information will help customers make an informed decision about their electric service.

Under the 1999 state law that restructures Texas' electric

industry and gives Texans a choice of electric providers, each REP is required to provide its Electricity Facts Label to customers upon request.

"The Electricity Facts Label will have much of the information customers need to decide which REP's service plan best meets their needs," said PUC Commissioner Brett Perlman. "The Electricity Facts Label will help make shopping for a new electric provider simple."

Each REP's Electricity Facts Label is formatted in a uniform way that enables electric customers to compare the following factors:

- **Electricity Price:** This includes the average cost of electricity in cents per kilowatt-hour at various usage levels. The average price must include all charges assessed by the REP in selling electricity to customers, including promotions, discounts, or incentives offered by the REP. For example, a REP offering customers one month of free electricity must include this incentive in its price per kilowatt-hour to reflect the free month of service.

- **Contract Terms:** This provides specific information on the REP's minimum contract period and any penalties assessed to customers for early cancellation of their contract.

- **Sources of Power Generation:** This provides a listing, on a percentage basis, of the

fuel mix used to produce electricity for a REP's customers, such as coal, natural gas, nuclear energy, and renewable energy.

- **Emissions:** This provides information on the amount of air emissions attributable to the sources of generation used to produce power for the REP's customers.

While most Texans will soon have the opportunity to shop for a new REP, those customers not interested in selecting a new REP will have their electric service provided by a REP affiliated with their current electric utility. This seamless transition will occur in January 2002. Lawmakers gave cities that own their electric systems and member-owned electric cooperatives the option of allowing REPs to compete for their customers, or keeping things the way they are today.

To obtain a copy of "The Electricity Facts Label: What It Is and How It Will Help You Shop for Electricity" brochure, customers may contact the Texas Electric Choice answer center toll free at 1-866-PWR-4-TEX (1-866-797-4839). Customers also may download a copy of the brochure from the Texas Electric Choice website, [www.powertochoose.org](http://www.powertochoose.org).

To download a sample of an Electricity Facts Label, visit <http://powertochoose.org/residential/choosing/worksheet.html>

## What To Do If You're Offered An Early Retirement Buyout



John Dudley

Corporate "downsizing" has become so common that it hardly rates as news any more—unless you're one of the affected employees. The common alternative to outright firings is to offer a buyout package that strongly encourages early retirement. The theory is that the company will achieve net savings from lower salary costs and a leaner organization. Usually, you'll hear of a buyout offer on the company grapevine before it's officially announced as your "opportunity" to retire early. It is likely to be an offer that's yours to refuse, but the reality may be that if you do, you will be terminated soon with a lesser or no package. Or, you may get a sweeter offer in six months or later. If you think you may be about to receive an early retirement offer, there are five things you should do:

### Step Back And Think About Your Plans

You have three main possibilities: Get another job, work for yourself, or retire. You'll need a decision on direction sooner or later, because your direction could affect what you do about your package. If you want to move on to another job, you should get moving fast, because it's much easier to get work if you are still working. There's usually a comfortable period between the offer and the expected retirement date. Try hard to line something up before your retirement takes effect. Also, if you know you want to keep working, you may

want to hold off receiving the retirement package for as long as you can. But if you are trying to start your own business, you will probably need to gather up as much capital as you can, including cash from your early retirement package. With retirement, you may want to put the entire package into an investment program.

### Talk To A Professional

It's smart to go over your specific offer and plans with your professional advisor to get a review of both the immediate offer and the long-term effect on your situation.

### Size Up Your Offer Carefully

There is no standard offer, but the "sweeteners" you may see can include a selection from benefits like these: A bonus in cash, lump-sum payment of retirement plan benefits, some salary continuation, a credit of extra years of service in your retirement plan, insurance coverage, continuation of medical benefits for a time, outplacement services, and stock options. You need to consider the particulars of your package against your plans.

### Know The Tax Situation

Distributions from tax-qualified retirement plans are usually taxable to a great extent. That will reduce the cash you have available. Also, you can trigger extra tax if you take too much out of a plan in a single year or if you are too young when you take your distribution. You should be able to defer tax on your distribution until you need to receive it by rolling over your money into an IRA.

Or, if you meet the age requirements, you may be able to use forward averaging options to cut the tax you owe on a retirement plan distribution. Check with your tax professional.

### Can You Negotiate?

Your offer may be standard, offered to all the employees in your category of service and age. Such an offer may not be negotiable. If you have received an individual voluntary separation offer, negotiation may be very possible. You don't have to take or turn down the first offer. You may need a particular benefit that's not in the package or changes in the benefits that are included. Ask, and you may get your benefits. Don't ask, and you certainly will not get them.

An early retirement can be an excellent opportunity or a long-term problem — if you can't make it fit well into your plans. If you want to talk over your situation, please contact us.

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of the MSA's population made up by African-Americans. The Latino share was 6.54 percent in 2000, an increase from 5.5 percent in 1999, and three and one-half times less than the 23.03 percent that Latinos make up of the MSA's population.

**Low and Moderate Income Neighborhoods:** Low and moderate-income neighborhoods comprise 38.08 percent of the MSA, but received just 11.26 percent of the conventional loans. Applicants from low-income neighborhoods were 3.04 times more likely to be denied than applicants from upper-income neighborhoods.

Residents of moderate-income neighborhoods were rejected 3.27 times more often than residents of upper-income neighborhoods, and residents of middle income neighborhoods were turned down 2.34 times more often than residents of upper income neighborhoods.

**Government-backed Purchase Mortgages**

Minority share of government-backed mortgages: African-Americans received 15.31 percent of the government-backed mortgages made in the MSA — more than three times their share of conventional loans. Latinos received 23.35 percent of the government-backed mortgages — more than three and one-half times their share of conventional loans. Government-backed mortgages accounted for 51.41 percent of the home purchase loans made to African-Americans in 2000 and 53.36 percent of the loans made to Latinos, but just 18.56 percent of the purchase loans made to whites.

Swanson explained even when combining government-backed and conventional loans, African-Americans only received 7.23 percent and Latinos 10.62 percent of all the home purchase loans made in the MSA.

Rejection ratios for government-backed mortgages: African-American applicants for government-backed loans were 1.71 times more likely to be rejected than white applicants were. This was a decrease from 1999 when African-American

applicants for government loans were 1.9 times more likely to be rejected. Latinos were denied less often than whites, a decrease from 1999 when Latinos were 1.2 times more likely to be denied than white applicants.

In 1995, ACORN celebrated 25 years of organizing. A milestone for any group, among low- and moderate-income community organizations a 25th anniversary is all too rare. Yet ACORN has not only survived but steadily grown from the small group of welfare mothers who began the organization in Little Rock back in 1970 to a membership of over 100,000 families in 30 cities today.

Its longevity, size and scope make ACORN unique but two other features truly distinguish it—an absolute commitment to organizing the poor and powerless plus a constant willingness and ability to break new ground.

From the beginning, when it brought together Black and white, welfare and working poor, ACORN defied expectations of what a community organization could be. It pioneered multi-racial and multi-issue organizing, led the way in electoral organizing, and branched into innovative housing development, community media and labor organizing.

No issue has been too large or small for ACORN. From the proverbial traffic light on the corner which often gives a neighborhood group its first taste of power to winning community reinvestment agreements from the nation's largest banks, ACORN's accomplishments have made a real difference in the lives of its members.

While some organizations have moved away from organizing low-income communities, ACORN has never wavered in its belief that without large-scale organizations of poor people, progressive change is not possible in America.

For 25 years, ACORN has steadfastly built a grassroots organization from the bottom up. The same principles that guided the first neighborhood groups in Arkansas still guide the organization today. ACORN members are

active members who participate in local meetings and issue campaigns. They are not just contributors whose sole contact with the organization is to write a check. Neither are they counted as a member because their church or union affiliated. Each takes the initiative to join ACORN and plays an active role.

ACORN is committed to organizational democracy and grassroots leadership. Members, not staff, speak for and lead the organization. They elect leaders from within their communities to serve on city, state and national boards which set policy for the organization.

Finally, ACORN is committed to the principle of financial self-sufficiency. Members pay dues and organize a wide array of grassroots fundraising events which today account for 75 percent of the entire organization's budget.

## Study Shows Affirmative Action Alive and Well in Region's Colleges

BOSTON (AP) — A new study shows that most New England colleges use affirmative action to guarantee that enough minority students enroll to keep their campuses from becoming overwhelmingly white.

The study, to be released Tuesday, found that minority high school students who meet minimum admissions standards are more likely to

be accepted at the region's colleges than white students with similar or even stronger applications.

However the study of 200 regional schools by education professors Joe Berger and Stephen Coelen of the University of Massachusetts-Amherst concluded that virtually all minority students accepted by New England schools meet the minimum

admissions threshold that white students also passed.

"We found that colleges are neither lowering standards for minorities nor using alternative standards for minorities, as many Americans still falsely assume," Berger told The Boston Globe. "They are all qualified."

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## Looking back at Josh Gibson PART 2

A pro is able to stride into the ball time after time, even after he has been dusted back or hit in the neck, and face off the pitcher with a bat that covers all parts of the strike zone. Josh, from the beginning of his career, could do it without flinching. When he became a premier slugger, he was thrown at more and more, for Negro leagues were freewheeling in every way, including the beanball, which was looked upon not as impolite or dirty but as a strategic weapon to be used against hitters like Josh who dug in and ruined you. Josh was thrown at and beamed often, but it never fazed him. Often, with two strikes and no balls as a count, he knew he was going to get a fastball sailing at his ear. He often bent down and picked up a handful of dirt and looked back at the pitcher as if to say that he knew what was coming and he'd been there before. Then the dustback pitch came, and Josh either hit the dirt or was hit in the head. But he got back up and hit as he always had, giving no pitcher a break, never showing a crack in the courage that he needed to hit the ball. To him and most other hitters in the league, it wasn't heroic, just something a good hitter had to do to stay on top. Josh stayed.

His home runs were most often long drives, deep, not necessarily high but often so; or quick, smashing blows that flew off the bat and rushed out of the stadium. They were, in every sense of the word, "Ruthian," for Babe's considerable strength made so many of his home runs tape-measure clouts. Yet to so many who saw the way Josh hit them day in and day out, they were "Gibsonian," with a power and velocity equal to anything Ruth ever hit. The most memorable were to dead center field, a mark of perfect contact between bat and ball at the precisely perfect instant. Yet he pulled as many to left, and

nailed others into the right-field stands. Few people remember Josh's home runs as being restricted to any one field, and mention that they were similar only in the way they disappeared.

The stories go on and on. He hit so many, and so many saw them go. There are the tales about Josh hitting one out of sight on one afternoon only to have it reappear out of the sky the next day. Of course, the umpire said, "Yer out! Yesterday, in Pittsburgh!" And there are the less apocryphal stories of games being stopped in mid-inning so the home team could measure the blow. The mayor of Monessen, Pennsylvania, did it one day, arriving at a distance of 512 feet.

The most engaging stories are from teammates or opponents who remember what it was like to play with him each day, and who saw the best of the Negro leagues and the white leagues try to outfox him or fake him out, fool him or overpower him.

It seemed Josh hit best against the best, against tough Negro-League pitchers who faced him down and made him hit what they had. His tremendous home run in Yankee Stadium against the Lincoln Giants in September 1930, only months after he had joined the Grays at age eighteen, came during the heat of a tough series against Cornelius "Connie" Rector, one of the best Negro-league pitchers of the time. Cum Posey considered it one of the greatest hits of Josh's career, and one, which came under enormous pressure.

Yankee Stadium, "the House That Ruth Built," brought out the best in Josh whenever he set foot inside the park. Against the New York Black Yankees (oddly enough, one of Negro baseball's weaker franchises through the years, even though it potentially had one of the biggest followings), Josh hit three homers one

Sunday afternoon in the early 1930s. One of them, as Black

Yankee shortstop Bill Yancey remembers, was another of Josh's unforgettable "quick" home runs. "He walloped three that day and one of them was the quickest home run I ever saw. It was out of the park before the outfielders could turn their heads to watch it. It landed behind the Yankee Stadium bullpen, some five hundred feet away. He didn't loft it, he shot it out of there."

Another of his Yankee Stadium clouts went to right field, landing in Tier 26. By all accounts, that was six tiers farther than one hit by Jimmie Foxx, a drive at that time considered the longest ever hit in those seats.

In Washington's Griffith Stadium, a ballpark in which Josh played many games later in his career, his home-run totals rivaled those of the entire major-league Washington Senator squad. That stadium was lined with twenty-foot-high walls covered with advertising. Once Josh hit a line drive

against the right-field fence

into a hot-dog sign, knocking paint and dust everywhere. A fan quickly yelled, "B'gosh! Josh knocked the mustard off that dog!"

Less remembered are the countless home runs Josh hit in small-town ballparks against semi-pro teams. He hit four homers in four at bats

one day in Zanesville, Ohio. He hit three straight in Fairmont, West Virginia. And there was the mayor of Monessen, Pennsylvania, with his tape measure. That was an event like one on an afternoon in San Juan, Puerto Rico. That day Josh was playing in a stadium located next to a prison. He hit one over two fences — the ball park's and the prison's — narrowly missing inmates standing 525 feet away from home plate.

It was home runs like those, most of them unrecorded and untold, which comprised much of Josh's record. Many observers believed the total to be more than a thousand in all, a believable count in view of the number of games Josh played, but one impossible to verify.

Even with such power,

such amazing home runs, Josh was seldom seen hot-dogging when he circled the bases. His talent and power were natural to him, and he didn't feel the need to rub it into opposing players. When he was just breaking in, he occasionally razed opposing pitchers as he circled the bases, but he did it competitively, not to mock or taunt them. He might have done more of it if it had been in him, but Gibson's personality right from the start was withdrawn and modest in most respects. He saw the leverage that some players got out of being showboats and crowd-pleasers, and he often tried to join in. But it wasn't really a natural facility. He was an attraction with a bat in his hands and he knew that. If the rest did not come, he would not force it.

He had his problems hitting on occasion, like everybody else. He fell into slumps, he struck out, and he had pitchers he could not get to. Teddy "Big Florida" Trent of the American Giants was one. Trent threw a good slider and a variety of curves, described by one teammate as "a long one, a short one, and a shorter one," all of which made him tough on Josh. Larry Brown, whose job as one of the fine catchers of black baseball was to help pitchers outwit Josh, said that Josh was "perhaps the best natural hitter and hardest slugger in Negro baseball." Brown said that he could not find Josh's weakness and that so many times after a particular pitcher

had struck out Gibson and was convinced he could handle him, "Josh came back and knocked the pitch out of the park."

Yet the hardest on Josh, as he was on almost every other hitter in baseball, was the gangling Satchel Paige. Josh's hits against Paige were "few and far between," by his own admission, and he never effortlessly touched Satchel for homers. Paige, for his part, played many years alongside Gibson. When he opposed Josh, he said he had as difficult a time as anyone. "You look for his weakness and while you lookin' for it he liable to hit forty-five home runs," Satchel said.

At the young age of 35, Gibson died a premature death only a month after his birthday and just a few months prior to Jackie Robinson's becoming the first black major leaguer in over a half century. Rumor has it that Pittsburgh Pirates owner Bill Benswanger signed Gibson to a major league contract in 1943 (a full four years before Robinson entered the league), but Major League Baseball commissioner Kennesaw Mountain Landis allegedly vetoed it. One is left to wonder if, after the passing of Landis, and the instatement of A.B. (Happy) Chandler as commissioner, paved the way for the integration of baseball. It is also fascinating to imagine what might have happened had Gibson indeed played for the Pirates.

Josh Gibson was posthumously inducted into the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame in 1972.

## Quad C Theatre Reaches Out

Sept. 19 - Last year, Quad C Theatre began working with the Adam's Animals collecting new stuffed animals for children in the oncology department at Medical City. This year, Quad C theatre is proudly supporting this organization again.

Adam's Animals is named after an incoming student to the theatre department at Collin County Community College, Adam Hurst, who passed away due to complications with leukemia. In the short time that we got to know Adam, he made a hugely positive impression on us all. This year, Quad C Theatre is assisting the Hurst family again in helping the chil-

dren on the 6th floor of Medical City - where their son Adam was a patient.

While Adam was in the hospital, he received a stuffed frog. This frog laid on his shoulder during blood transfusions, spinal taps, chemotherapy and many sleepless nights. For the second year, the Hurst family is collecting new stuffed animals for Adam's Animals. On August 17, they started collecting new stuffed animals to take to the children on the 6th floor of Medical City - the floor where children age newborn to 20 years old receive pediatric oncology care.

Then, on November 14,

Adam's birthday, the Hurst's will deliver the collection of new stuffed animals and balloons to all the children on the 6th floor. The remaining animals will be given to each child who is admitted and readmitted during the year. Every year, they will begin a campaign on August 17 to collect new stuffed animals for these children and then take them to the children on November 14.

Quad C Theatre is proud to be helping the Hurst family with their goal of collecting 5,000 new stuffed animals to be donated to the children in the oncology department. In exchange for your donation of a

new stuffed animal, you will receive Quad C Theatre merchandise or tickets to our shows. There will be a toy box located next to the Box Office in front of the John Anthony Theatre during all the 2001-2002 performances hosted by Quad C Theatre. Quad C Theatre is located at 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway in Plano.

For more information regarding this project, please contact Tiffany Kellerman, Business Manager for Quad C Theatre at 972.516.5076 or the Quad C Theatre Box Office at 972.881.5809.

## Frost Praises Defense of Freedom Medal

WASHINGTON - U.S. Rep. Martin Frost (D-TX) today commended the Department of Defense and Secretary Donald Rumsfeld for the creation of the Defense of Freedom medal to honor civilian DoD employees injured or killed in the line of duty. The Defense of Freedom medal will be the civilian equivalent of the

military's Purple Heart. The first recipients to be honored with the new medal will be the civilians injured or killed as a result of the terrorist attack on the Pentagon.

On September 13, Frost introduced legislation to make civilian Pentagon employees killed or wounded in the terrorist attack eligible to receive the

Purple Heart. And in the Defense Authorization bill passed by the House of Representatives Tuesday, the House commended the Defense Department's plans for a civilian medal and urged Secretary Rumsfeld to act expeditiously in creating it. Today, Frost praised the Defense of Freedom medal as a worthy tribute to those civilians.

"I am very pleased that the Defense Department has created the Defense of Freedom medal. This new medal is a very worthy honor to the many civilian Defense employees who perished in the attack on the Pentagon," said Frost, the Chairman of the Democratic Caucus. "Hopefully, this honor will help ensure our country always recognizes the essential work civilians provide for our national defense and the tremendous sacrifices they make in performing their duties."

The Defense of Freedom medal consists of a golden circle framing a bald eagle holding a shield. The reverse of the medal is inscribed with "On Behalf of a Grateful Nation" with a space for the recipient's

name to be inscribed. The laurel wreath represents honor and high achievement. The ribbon is the red, white and blue. The red stripes commemorate valor and sacrifice. The wide blue stripe represents strength. The white stripes symbolize liberty as represented in our national flag. The number of red stripes represents the four terrorist attacks using hijacked airplanes and the single blue stripe represents the terrorist attack on the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001.

The latest DoD update lists 125 total people, 64 of them civilian Defense employees, killed or unaccounted for: including 47 Army civilians, nine Navy civilians, seven employees of the Defense Intelligence Agency and one employee of the Secretary's Office. In all, 189 people are believed to have died in the attack on the Pentagon.

"I thank Secretary Rumsfeld for acting expeditiously to create this medal. This is a time-sensitive matter and hopefully these public servants can be honored with the Defense of Freedom medal as soon as it is appropriate," Frost said.

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**DART News**

**RAIL TO WHITE ROCK**

**DART Rail Blue Line Extends To White Rock**  
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## Crime Victims' Compensation

By Attorney General John Cornyn

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the Texas Legislature wanted to make victims aware of their Crime Victims' Compensation Fund to help families pay for out-of-pocket expenses related to the crime itself. The Crime Victim Services Division of my office administers the program that pays for victims from this Fund.

No taxpayer money is used for the Fund. Instead, criminals, the people who commit the crimes, contribute to the Fund through fines assessed by the state and federal courts based on the level of the conviction. In addition, some offenders are ordered to reimburse the Fund for monies the program paid to their victim. Jurors in Texas also have the option of donating their daily salaries to the Fund.

Eligible victims and their family members or claimants can receive up to \$50,000 for certain expenses incurred as a result of a crime. Some of these expenses include medical bills, lost wages, lost support, and

funeral and burial costs.

Victims who have suffered catastrophic injuries (a total and permanent disability as a result of the crime) are eligible for up to an additional \$75,000 to cover other expenses such as alterations to a home or vehicle to make it accessible, job training and vocational rehabilitation, home health care, durable medical equipment, and long-term medical costs.

In 1999, the 76th Legislature added some extra benefits to the compensation program for victims of family violence. The Legislators recognized that many of these victims stay with their abuser because they have no financial resources.

Victims of acts of family violence that occur on or after June 19, 1999, may qualify for up to \$3,800 in financial assistance for relocation. This one-time assistance includes up to \$2,000 for moving expenses and up to \$1,800 for assistance with rent that is associated with rent that is associated with moving away from the abuser. And, thanks to changes made during the most recent Legislative

Session, victims of sexual assault who were assaulted in their place of residence on or after September 1, 2001, may also be eligible for relocation assistance.

In addition to money for relocation, survivors of family violence who have dependent children can receive loss of support payments on behalf of their dependent children. These funds can, on a temporary basis, help make up for the income lost when leaving a partner or spouse.

The Texas Legislature establishes the compensation guidelines that specify which expenses are eligible for reimbursement. The compensation program does not pay for the loss of material possessions such as stolen items or crashed cars.

For more information on the Crime Victims' Compensation Program, visit the Office of the Attorney General Web site at [www.oag.state.tx.us](http://www.oag.state.tx.us). Applications for compensation are available online and by calling our office at (800) 983-9933.

## Coca-Cola Sponsors Community Reading Day in Dallas Schools

DALLAS—What in the world are Tasty Baby Belly Buttons? Did you ever wonder Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears? And what exactly happened with Alexander & the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day?

On leave from their normal workday, regional employees of the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of North Texas and The Coca-Cola Company posed these, and other "very important" questions, to hundreds of elementary school students across the Dallas area. Taking their cues from best-selling children's books, the employees volunteered their time to share the joy of reading with children grades K-3 at

several Dallas elementary schools. The volunteers visited Thomas Marsalis, Edwin Kiest, Bayless, and Tom W. Field Elementary Schools in the Dallas Independent School District. The event was held in partnership with DISD and the Reading Is Fundamental Organization.

Following Community Reading Day, Coca-Cola will give each child who participated a new book as well as themed take-home kits about the importance of reading to share with their parents. The group hoped to spread the message of the importance of reading and to provide the opportunity for the children to meet and learn from positive, professional role models. In

addition, they hoped that the children enjoyed a fun, imaginative reading experience.

The Coca-Cola Bottling Company of North Texas and The Coca-Cola Company are committed to their local communities. Earlier this year, The Coca-Cola Company announced an \$18 million program to provide sets of new, high-quality hardcover children's books to 10,000 K-3 classrooms in the nation's highest-need urban and suburban schools and community centers over the next three years. The Community Reading Day program was an example of their ongoing support for the local youth and education of America.

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(11%). In a nod to Big Brother, six percent of respondents voted for an alarm that would go off if someone tried to leave the restroom without washing up.

### Taking Matters into Their Own Hands

Employed respondents

said they would take action if their workplace restrooms ran out of critical supplies such as toilet paper, towels or soap.

More than half of those surveyed (57%) said they would complain to management if supplies ran short. Eleven percent said they would bring in their own supplies or commiserate with their co-workers.

Nearly half the female workers and 20 percent of male workers said they kept a waterless hand sanitizer at their desks.

In the workplace, many respondents were dissatisfied with the appearance of their restroom's dispensers, with

42 percent describing them as "Industrial" looking and 40 percent referring to them as "ordinary." Hand towels also received a low grade from workers, with 44 percent referring to them as "just okay" and 16 percent calling them "stiff and scratchy."

### Home vs. Work

There was almost unanimous agreement on one question, however. Nearly all workplace respondents (85%) said their home bathrooms were cleaner than those at work. Given the state of personal housekeeping today, this says a lot about workplace restrooms.

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## City's Parks and Recreation Department Receives Grant

The City of McKinney's Parks and Recreation Department was awarded the

National Recreation Trails Grant for \$25,340 recently. The grant will be used to enhance the Erwin Park Mountain Bike Trail.

Ron Dumke, Director of Parks and Recreation, said these funds will be used for trail improvements such as removing trees, providing

grade change crossings, small shelter at trail head, water fountain, signage, and landscaping. The Dallas Off Road Bicycle Association will provide much of the labor for the match grant portion. The project is scheduled to begin in November and be completed by spring 2002.

Erwin Park, secured from the Erwin Family in the mid-1970s, contains a 7.8-

mile mountain bike course on 212 acres of large, open space located in the City's northwest. Because of its large, natural state, trees and hills, Erwin Park is also a popular camping site. The Park also serves the community for picnic-goers and model-airplane enthusiasts. The park is also one of 38 competition sites included in the regional bid for the 2012 Olympics.

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Lurie, a medical adviser to Minnesota Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm. "But how that translates into poor health is poorly understood."

Even when comparing groups of equal economic status, minority members fare poorly, she said.

"Blacks have fewer car-

diac procedures and are less likely to get kidney transplants," she said. The reasons for that are clearly related to how doctors practice medicine, she said.

Genetic and biological differences are not understood well, either, she said. For example, Vietnamese women are five times as likely to get cervical cancer as whites, she said, "and that has to do with the biology

of cervical cancer. No one really understands why."

The Health Department report recommends improving the rate of early detection and screenings among minority members.

"That's the first step," said Dr. Jane Korn of the Health Department's cancer control division.

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A number of educators at the schools surveyed told Berger and Coelen that they receive so few minority applicants that they need some form of affirmative action to ensure diversity.

Meanwhile, states such as California, Washington, Texas and some colleges worked in the late '90s to end affirmative action because it was seen as unfair to white and Asian students.

Two lawsuits challenging race-based policies at the University of Michigan could eventually lead the U.S. Supreme Court to rule definitively on the use of race in admissions.

Berger and Coelen analyzed 250,000 student applications from 1993 to 1999 at UMass-Amherst, the other five New

England public flagship universities and most private colleges in the region.

Within the pool of qualified applicants — those who met each school's minimum requirements for grades and SATs — the researchers found that most New England four-year colleges accepted minority students at higher rates than they accepted white students, particularly at highly selective private universities. While not citing specific examples, the study also found that some minority students were admitted ahead of more-qualified whites.

Blacks and Hispanics make up 19 percent of the population of 18- to 24-year-olds in New England, but only 10 percent of the college population of the region.

### CITY OF DESOTO FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC

The City of DeSoto is currently accepting applications for Firefighter/Paramedic through: November 18, 2001. Civil Service Test Date is Saturday, December 8, 2001 at 9:00am at the University of North Texas (Extension), 8915 South Hampton Road, Dallas, TX. Minimum qualifications include: must be 18 years of age or older, may not have reached 36th birthday; High School Diploma, or GED; valid drivers license with acceptable driving record. Beginning Salary \$2,966 monthly plus benefits.

To request an application contact: City of DeSoto, Town Center Human Resources Office 211 E. Pleasant Run Road DeSoto, TX 75115 (972) 230-9601 or JOBLINE (972) 230-9690 EOE

### Advertisements for Bids/Proposals

Dallas Area Rapid Transit is requesting sealed bids or proposals for the items listed below. Copies of the documents may be obtained at 1401 Pacific Ave., Dallas, TX 75202, by calling: 214-749-2701, or by faxing a request to 214-749-3604. Request should reference the appropriate solicitation number as provided.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## STATE FAIR

## OF TEXAS

### Midway at State Fair More Exciting Than Ever

The epicenter of the State Fair of Texas just might be its fabled Midway, where six new rides will join in the celebration of Food & Fun: 2001, through October 21. Four of the new attractions are bona fide thrills; two new offerings are for little guests.



Spin Out is a new, 24-passenger experience that will, literally, turn riders every which way but loose. Extending from a long arm, an asterisk-shaped wheel spins wildly before pivoting and turning upside down. Riders still spinning and rotating around the central axis are upended, their feet dangling freely in the air. Tivoli, from England, is Spin Out's manufacturer.

Soaring 130 ft. in the air, the brand-new Turbo Prop will be impossible to miss. Accommodating eight passengers at a time, the Italian ride is basically a mammoth propeller attached to a towering frame. Riders simultaneously spin and rotate in a giant arc.

A new ride that's not for the faint of heart or for those suffering from acrophobia is Drop Tower, where thrill seekers ride to a height of, and drop from, one hundred forty feet. Rounding out the new lineup is the Tsunami, and 30-ft. inflatable slide that's replete with inflatable palm trees.

The Midway's slower-paced Kidway features puppets, family shows and scaled-down rides. Debuting in 2001 will be the Dive Bomber, a chance for little pilots (and their parents) to climb into the cockpit. The smooth, octopus-type action allows the six airplanes to gently climb and swoop. Monkey Mayhem is a family-friendly spin ride featuring vibrantly-painted monkeys holding bananas. Each monkey holds up to four adults or six children; passengers control the speed of each vehicle.

The State Fair Midway is home to a vast collection of traditional rides, including the 20-story high Ferris wheel, The Texas Star, and the timeless 1914 Dentzel carousel. Operating hours vary; daily times are posted at entrances to the amusement area.

### Calendar of Events

Thursday, October 18

Tricks with Mix Contest  
National Brahman Bull Show  
Senior Citizens Day

Friday, October 19

Simply Desserts Contest  
Simbrah, Pinzgauer, Simmental & Sheep Shows

Saturday, October 20

Youth Cooking Contest  
Longhorn, Sheep, Pigeon & Angus Shows  
Santa Gertrudis Female Sale  
Jaci Velasquez Concert

Sunday, October 21

Fleece to Shawl Contest  
National Santa Gertrudis Show  
Breeding Sheep Showmanship Contest & Show  
Stampede and Ramon Ayala Concerts

### State Fair to Award Scholarships

State Fair of Texas Scholarships will provide financial aid to 143 students who plan to study at Texas colleges and universities next fall. The State Fair grants of \$1,000 assist students who are entering college for the first time, as well as previous recipients of the awards who are making exceptional progress toward their degrees. Funds are distributed to graduates of four Dallas high schools in Fair Park area (Lincoln, Madison, North Dallas and Woodrow Wilson) and students statewide who have



participated in State Fair livestock shows.

For the 2001-2002 school year, the State Fair of Texas has awarded 65 new scholarships to graduating seniors and renewed grants for 78 students who have maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better.

Since 1992, graduates of Fair Park-area high schools have been assisted in pursuit of their educational goals by approximately \$300,000 in State Fair Scholarship funds. At the same time, approximately \$700,000 in financial aid has been provided to young people from around the state who have participated in State Fair of Texas livestock programs. Total dollars invested in these programs now exceeds \$1,000,000.

### Carl Brashear, Navy man

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This extraordinary man became the first African-American Master Diver. Carl's life inspired Bill Cosby, who produced the recently released major motion picture, "Men of Honor" featuring Robert Deniro and Cuba Gooding Jr., who portrays Carl Brashear.



The University of Texas at Arlington is showing the movie at 5 p.m. at E.H. Hereford University Center located on 300 W. First Street. Immediately following the movie showing is a lecture by the legend himself and a reception. If you would like more information, please call (817) 272-2963.

### Art, Music and Food Will Take Center Stage When the Texas Discovery Gardens Hosts Mundo Latino, A Celebration of Culture, Through October 21.

Work by international Latino artists will be exhibited in a collection that includes Alfredo Colunga and Jose Luis Cuevas from Mexico, Cuba's Barbara Ruela and Fabio Herrera of Costa Rica.

Traditional music and dancing, including folklórico, tango, merengue, salsa, pre-Columbian and Aztec, will be featured in daily performances on the outdoor stage.

Mundo Latino's lineup includes a scholarship presentation, bilingual story telling, puppet shows, piñata demonstrations and pre-Columbian history lessons. The educational portion of the program is sponsored by 7-Eleven.

Other sponsors include American Airlines, Exxon, State Farm Insurance, Bank One, MADD, and the State Fair of Texas. Media

partners are Valiente Magazine, Advocate Publishing, Radio Romantica, Super Estrella, Radio Tri-Color, Telemexico Spanish Network, and El Sol de Texas.

Produced by Strategic Events, a local Hispanic-owned business, Mundo Latino is a free attraction for State Fair visitors. The Texas Discovery Gardens will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.



### State Fair Spotlight on Auto Show 2002

New vehicles - domestic and foreign - join idea cars, trucks and classics for the biggest car show in the Southwest, Sept. 28 - Oct. 21 at the State Fair of Texas. More than 400 models will be on display inside and outside the Automobile and Centennial buildings.

The last decade has seen exhibit space expand from 84,000 to 225,000 sq. ft. in two halls, a separate truck section and external display areas. Polls show that the Auto Show is the Fair's most popular attraction, drawing 85% of total attendance.

There's plenty of product on the American front - Ford will roll out its new Thunderbird and a showstopping array of trucks, including the F150's FX4 and King Ranch Super Crew models and the F650 Supercruiser. DaimlerChrysler will unveil a host of new vehicles, including its Chrysler Concept car, the Dodge Maxicab, the Jeep Varsity, the Dodge Dakota Quad Cab and a Nastruck. Chevrolet will offer its TrailBlazer and Envoy, while GMC will send its Sierra Denali with QuadraSteer. The 'energy' will be positive over at Pontiac, site of the new Vibe, and Cadillac is featuring new EXT and CTS models.

Subaru will strut its stuff with the new Outback Sedan H-6 and its Impreza models. Other foreign car makers that will be part of Auto Show 2002 include Toyota, Nissan and Infiniti.

The Centennial Bldg. will house a special exhibit celebrating 100 Years of Automobiles at the State Fair of Texas. It has been one hundred years since the first car debuted at the 1901 State Fair! Restored vehicles, period costumes, photos and more are all part of the fun in this retrospective.

Outside, the Classic Corral will round up vintage vehicles, including Mustangs, Harleys, Corvettes, Z-cars, wooden boats, GTOs, VWs and 'Vettes. The Corral is a weekend-only/weather-permitting display. The Automobile and Centennial Buildings are open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.





## Around The Town

### October 18

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

Methodist Hospitals of Dallas Prostate Screening and Awareness Program (MHD PSAP), will be on hand to provide free prostate cancer screenings for all men aged 50 and over, but particularly for African-American men as young as 40. The screening will be held Thursday, October 18, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Irving Mall, 3800 Airport Freeway. For more information, call 214-947-8181.

### October 18-21

For the third year, Saks Fifth Avenue's Fashion Targets Breast Cancer will benefit the Dallas County Affiliate by donating two percent of sales and this year, Saks is a Gold level sponsor of the Komen Dallas Race. This year's festivities beginning on Thursday, Oct. 18, will culminate with a celebration party wrap-up Race weekend on Saturday evening, Oct. 20, including a great raffle, fun entertainment and special guest designer appearances.

### October 18-November 4

Three terrifying tales of horror and suspense-Poe's The Tell-Tale Heart, Bierce's An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge, Jacob's The Monkey's Paw congregate to haunt audiences not once, not twice, but three times. These performances are full of thrills and chills for audience members 10 years and older. Performances will be held at the Crescent Theater, 2215 Cedar Springs Rd., across from the Crescent Court Hotel. Call the Box Office at 214-978-0110 for reservations and ticket information.

### October 19

Maggianno's Little Italy at North Park Center will be the scene for this year's Pre-Race Pasta Party to celebrate the 2001 Komen Dallas Race for the Cure. One of the best fall parties in Dallas features a delectable dinner, live entertainment, and silent auction. Race participants and sponsors are urged to come have fun and load up on carbs for the big day. Tickets are \$35 per person. For reservations, call 214-750-RACE, ext. 70.

The SPCA of Texas presents the "Seventh Annual Braking the Cycle of Abuse and Violence Seminar," an open forum on critical issues of animal cruelty and its link to human violence.

The event will be held at American Red Cross located at 4800 Harry Hines Blvd. in Dallas from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 1-888-ANIMALS ext. 122.

"Shoot for the Cure" for a

\$5 donation, at half-time fans can take a free throw on the American Airlines Center basketball floor to raise funds for the Komen Dallas Race. Each fan who makes the free-throw will receive a \$5 gift certificate to Subway. Between the 3rd and 4th period, four celebrities will take a half court shot, each shot made will increase the donation to the Race by \$10,000. Sponsored by Subway, Komen Dallas Race Presenting Sponsor.

Methodist Hospitals of Dallas Prostate Screening and Awareness Program (MHD PSAP), will be on hand to provide free prostate cancer screenings for all men aged 50 and over, but particularly for African-American men as young as 40.

The screening will be held Friday, October 19 from 4-6 p.m. at the MLK Community Center, 2922 MLK Blvd in Dallas. For more information, call 214-947-8181.

### October 19-21

Collin Creek Mall is hosting a fair Friday, October 19 through Sunday, October 21 during the mall's hours of operation. The Junior League of Plano runs the event for the seniors including merchandising, registration, mall logistics, rentals, volunteers, special events and selling the merchandise. For more information, please call 972-424-7547.

### October 20

The 19th Annual-2001 Komen Dallas Race for the Cure will be held Saturday, October 20, 2001. The race will take

place at NorthPark Center located at Northwest Hwy (Loop 12) and Central Expressway (US-75). For more details, call 214-750-RACE.

Methodist Hospitals of Dallas Prostate Screening and Awareness Program (MHD PSAP), will be on hand to provide free prostate cancer screenings for all men aged 50 and over, but particularly for African-American men as young as 40. The screening will be held October 20 from 7:30-9:30 a.m. at the International Museum of Cultures 5K Run, 7500 W. Camp Wisdom Road in Duncanville. For more information, call 214-947-8181.

Beginning at 7:30 a.m., the City of McKinney will host Clean-Up Day. Volunteers will meet at 7:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church, 704 Drexel Street. Volunteers will be grouped into teams to rake, pick up trash and other cleaning chores. The clean up will conclude with a free lunch prepared for volunteers by the McKinney City Council and other City officials. Juice, sodas and water will be provided to volunteers throughout the day. To volunteer or register a team for the cleanup, call Glyn Strickland at 972-547-7385.

### October 22

The Plano YMCA is organizing their annual charity golf tournament Monday, October 22, at Ridgeview Ranch Golf Course. Join in for a round of golf, good food, lots of fun and to raise money for the youth of Plano. For more information,

please call 972-378-9622, ext. 12.

The Dallas Opera Cultural Diversity Committee will hold a press conference and reception at the Ivanfy & Uhler Gallery in Dallas, TX, located at 4623 West Lovers Lane. The reception will take place on Monday, October 22 between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m.

The ultimate goal of the Community Partnership Programs is to encourage Dallas' minority communities to assume greater personal ownership of the opera company. For more information on the Community Partnership Programs, please contact Suzee Bow at 214-443-1013.

### October 22-26

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church of Plano will host its annual revival Monday October 22 through Friday October 26, 2001. 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 guest speakers and musicians. For more information, please call 972-423-6695.

### October 23

October is Women's Health Month in conjunction with the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Dallas County Employee Health Services Center is providing a noon lecture each Tuesday in October in the Records Building located at 500 Elm Street, room 634. For more information, call

214-653-6200.

### October 24

The Frisco Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Membership Orientation Lunch at its office located on 6843 Main Street at 12 p.m. For more information, call 972-335-9522.

### October 24-26

For the eighth year, Quad C Theater proudly presents the Texas State competition of the American College Theater Festival, known as DramaPALOOZA! Seven colleges and universities from across the Southwest Region will present the very best in collegiate theatre during the festival, October 24-27, at Collin County Community College, 2800 E. Spring Creek Pkwy, in Plano. The winning production may advance to perform at the John F. Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. There will also be numerous workshops presented each day and all events are open to the public.

### October 26-28

The Dallas Symphony orchestra continues its tradition of providing a wickedly good time at the annual Halloween Spooktacular concerts. The performance, led by principal Pops Conductor Richard Kaufman, will be held October 26-28, 2001, as the Audi Pops Series continues at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center. Box-office hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information, call 214-692-0203.

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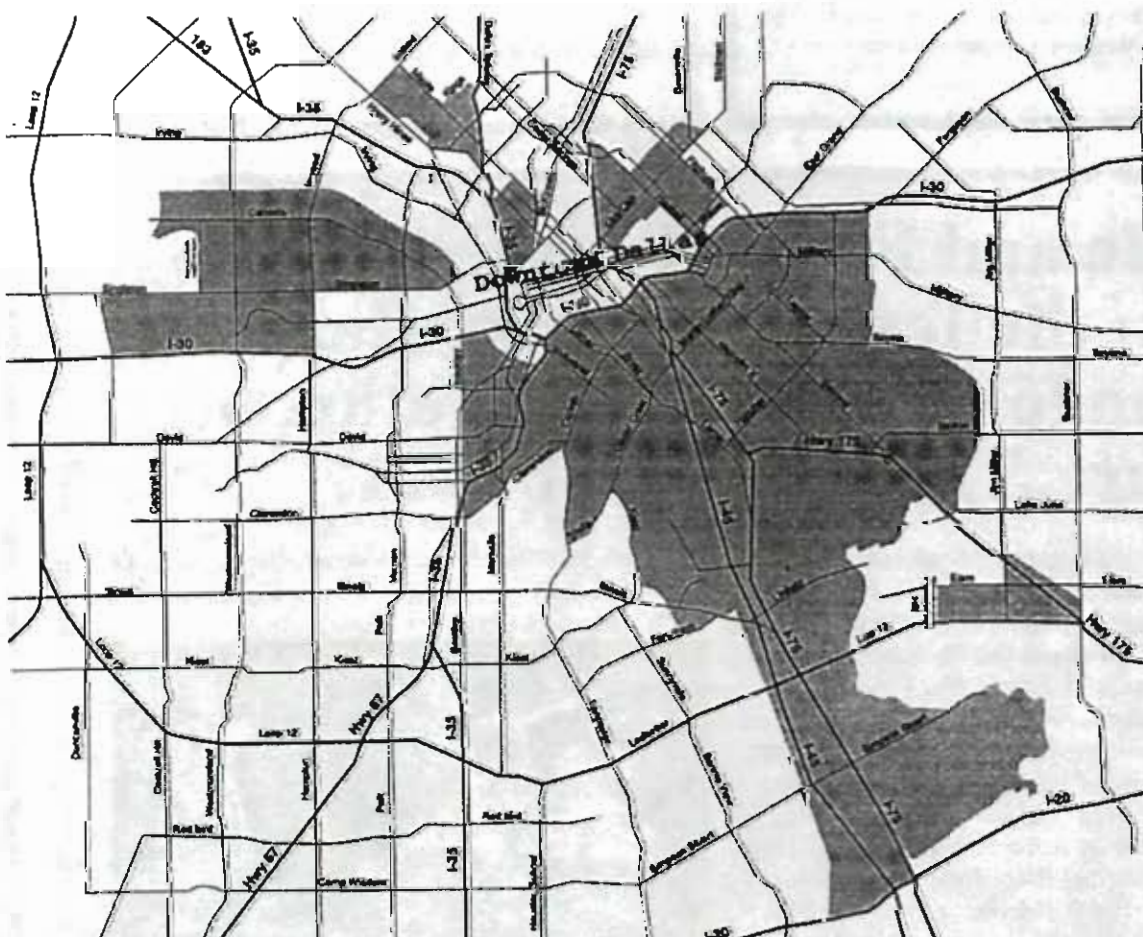
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