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Plano Forum awards minority scholarships

By Bruce Craig
The Plano Community Forum will hold its annual awards banquet on September 15. This year marks the 19th anniversary of the awards banquet. Several area students will receive a Martin Luther King Jr. scholarship to go towards their college education. The Forum will also recognize the achievements of individuals in the community who have contributed community service. Included will be business owners and community leaders.

"Eleven students from all three high schools in Plano will receive scholarships of different amounts at this year's banquet," explained Evelyn McKnight, vice president of programs. And the students aren't the only ones recognized. "We will honor our Founders this year which are Fred Moses, Cecil Starks, Al Schexnayder and Ken Chestnut," Ms. Parks said. Mr. Chestnut is the only Founder that no longer lives in Plano.

"for the first time we will award a scholarship to a non African American minority student. As the district changes and the world changes, minorities need

University of Oklahoma, Depaul, Morris Brown College and the University of Arkansas. Scholarship recipients are Jan-Michael Akers, Brandy

need for African Americans to be involved in the community. The Awards banquet is a major fundraiser for the Forum. The success of the banquet has

an impact on the amount of funds available for the MLK Scholarships. In addition to the scholarships, awards will be presented for community service, business, youth and civic achievements. Other activities will be a silent auction including a trip to Mexico and a raffle of a 2001 Jaguar for a weekend of use.

"It has helped bring about change in the community. There is a sense that there is a Guardian Angel," Ms. Parks said.

The banquet will be held September 15th starting at 6:30 pm at the Plano Centre. Tickets are \$45 each and dress is semi-formal. For more information, call Carrie McPherson or Evelyn McKnight at 972-260-4208 or visit their web site at www.planopc.org.



1st row (l to r) Evelyn McKnight, Helen Young, Barbara Simpkins, Sonja-Bens Harrison, Maziie Moses, Michelle Parks, Patricia Humphress, President. 2nd row (l to r) Larry Parks, Bert Robinson, Jimmy Dismuke, Earl Simpkins, Arthur Young

to unite." The criteria evaluated by the organization includes grades, financial need and community activity. "A students need to show time committed to their future," Ms. Parks said.

Some of the colleges that this year's recipients plan to attend includes NYU, Yale, Duke, SMU, UT Austin, University of Colorado,

Canady, Liane Corinaldi, Michael Parker, Eva Sampson, Obinna Ugokwe, Brandon Hall, Steven Hodridge, Sue-Jean Na, Alicia Washington and Ceshea Wooten.

The Plano Community Forum has been instrumental in increasing the awareness of active African Americans in Plano. It was founded in 1981 by a few concerned African American leaders who saw a

MLK Street Committee gathering momentum with Shapiro

By Anthony Jones
As the Martin Luther King Street Committee takes steps to coalesce more community support for renaming Avenue K, similar steps were taken by State Senator Florence Shapiro (R-District 8) in her bid to rename State Highway 190.

In an interview Tuesday, Shapiro said she understood well how renaming Avenue K would impact a lot of residents and a lot of businesses, but "I would not have a problem with renaming Avenue K."

Shapiro was watching events surrounding the gruesome attacks on American citizens at the World Trade Center towers and the Pentagon Tuesday - that she said, "will change our lives forever."

She explained her idea for renaming SH 190, came during a meeting of the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

"I found State Highway 190 had no significance," Shapiro said. "It was a number - nobody lived on 190."

At that time the Garland mayor had suggested naming SH 190, Eisenhower Parkway. Shapiro explained we already had LBJ, named for a Texas President and "that's when I came up with the idea to name it George Bush."

Because it was a state high-

way, it required resolutions from all the cities where SH 190 would be. The resolution was brought to the Plano City Council, which was approved, as were resolutions from the other cities, according to Shapiro.

The state senator was not sure if the Plano City Council vote was unanimous but explained, "they (the city council) did not have the power to change the name of a state highway."

"They could only change it within their boundaries," Shapiro added.

The petition to rename Avenue K, reminds Shapiro of Hillcrest Road that came before the city council in the early 1980s.

"There was a Hillcrest Ave," she said. "Everyone of the residents from that street came to the council, asking that they not rename the street Hillcrest."

Representatives from the fire and police departments cited the confusion that would result in two streets with the same name. The council declined the naming and in Plano, the roadway became Ohio Street.

"Instead, what we should have done was pick up the cost for the entire avenue and change the name of the small street," Shapiro said. "It's Hillcrest in Dallas to Collin County, then it's Ohio and

then Hillcrest in Frisco."

Shapiro also related the naming of 15th Street after Norman Whitsitt, who contributed enormously to the transportation infrastructure not only for Plano but also for entire state of Texas.

Whitsitt was a strong believer that joint ventures build roadways faster - and that became the Texas Department of Transportation method of operation.

Since May, when the Martin Luther King Street Committee began petitioning the Plano City Council to first rename Parker Road the issue has been delayed for further study by the council.

As the historical significance of Parker Road surfaced the MLK Street Committee met with city officials and entered a compromise on a dual-name for Avenue K. When the issue came before the council on Aug. 21, it was again delayed for additional public input.

Meanwhile the MLK Street Committee held a meeting Tuesday evening to perfect their strategies for gaining more community support.

According to the Texas Legislative Council, Shapiro authored SB 1701, which set into motion the name change to George Bush Tollway.

SH 190 was renamed in part

the President George Bush Highway by during the 74th Legislature in early May 1995. Shapiro, according to the Legislative Council, referred to Committee on State Affairs and received permission by the Secretary of the Senate on May 3, 1995.

SB 1701 created Section 225.033 of the Texas Transportation Code titled, "President George Bush Highway."

(a) The part of U.S. Highway 190 in Dallas, Collin, and Denton counties is the President George Bush Highway. The designation is in addition to any other designation.

(b) The department shall design and construct markers indicating the highway number, the designation as the President George Bush Highway, and any other appropriate information.

(c) The department shall erect a marker at each end of the highway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the highway.

(d) If the Texas Turnpike Authority assumes jurisdiction over the highway, the authority has the powers and shall perform the duties of the department under this section and Section 225.021.

Section 225.033 became effective Sept. 1, 1997.

Dallas Religious Leaders' joint statement concerning the terrorist attacks on the United States

SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

Religious leaders of Dallas - pastors, priests, bishops, rabbis, imams, leaders of every faith and religion - deeply decry and weep over the horror that has been waged against the nation and people of the United States.

We sorrow, as surely our God must sorrow, with those whose lives have been so suddenly and wickedly destroyed. We grieve with those who mourn. We pray for those whose pain is deep and severe and seemingly endless.

We are stunned by the massive evil which has touched us all. We have learned to know how evil forces have no human bounds and will always bring devastation, sorrow, pain, and death. That is its nature.

We also affirm that justice and wholeness will prevail. And we trust that the God of life will strengthen and guide us to bring restoration in the midst of our grief and will bind us together.

We pray that, as innocent people have been deeply hurt, indeed as we all have been hurt, we may not respond to evil with evil. We decry all bigotry, racism and anti-Semitism - whether expressed against Arab or Jew and whether on foreign soil or on our own. We decry terrorist acts as ways to resolve our differences.

We pray God's guidance for our leaders and for leaders of all nations, so we may find justice for the acts of terrorism, comfort for all who mourn, security where we may feel none, understanding of one another, and new ways to bridge the chasms that divide us in our world. And we ask strength and understanding for all the rightly diverse people who make up our nation as we stand together against the forces that would harm us or diminish any among us.

We commend our nation to Almighty God and pray that our leaders may be given wisdom and courage in this time of crisis to lead us favorably and in accordance with God's will. May God give us and all peoples an end to oppression and violence. May God look upon us with favor and give us peace.

Signed by:

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On the Homefront:

The Plano Chamber of Commerce is pleased and excited to bring you its new job posting web site. Go to <http://planocc.org/jobpost> and look at the newest attraction. All active members of the Plano Chamber of Commerce can post available jobs compliments of the Education and Workforce Development Committee and Tom Grushka, The Intranet Guy.

The Plano Public Library System's (PPLS) Library Alive! Fall program series includes an informal lecture about the art of yoga. The program titled, "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Yoga," focuses on the origins of yoga, and how this popular form of exercise can promote wellness. The program will be held on Wednesday, September 12 in the Parr Library at 12 p.m. and on Tuesday, September 18 in the Davis Library at 7:30 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch and to come dressed casually if planning to participate in a voluntary yoga stretch at the end of each session. For additional information about this program and other library events, call the PPLS general information line at 972-964-4200.

You are invited to the Plano Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Membership Luncheon featuring Jim Sundberg, former Texas Ranger catcher and 3-time American League All-Star. The luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the Harvey Hotel located at 1600 N. Central Expressway. Members and non-members are invited. Please call 972-422-9884 for more details.

The Plano Community Forum cordially invites you to attend the 19th Annual Awards Banquet, themed "Twenty Years of Making a Difference" September 15, 2001. The event will feature Rochelle Brown, Executive Producer of Insights-FOX 4, live entertainment, a silent auction, dinner and awards, and a special raffle for a new Jaguar. For more information please call Evelyn or Carrie at 972-260-4208.

On September 12nd, the Plano Symphony Orchestra will be presenting, "Bright Lights! Broadway! Pops Concert!" For more information, call 972-473-7262.

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BISHOP T.D. JAKES NAMED 'AMERICA'S BEST PREACHER' BY TIME MAGAZINE

In Five Issues, TIME is Creating a List of People Who Stand for the Best in America Today

New York - TIME launched today the third installment in its five-part America's Best series by

honoring 16 people who sustain the life of the mind, body and spirit. Bishop T.D. Jakes is named America's Best Preacher. For Society and Culture, the category is broad enough to include among other job titles, a teacher, a social critic, a couple of athletes, a feminist and a chef. "The thing that struck me as the most common element running through this group was a kind of fundamental humanity," says senior editor Lisa Beyer who oversaw the cover package (on newsstands Mon., Sept. 10th).

Jakes is a virtuoso, a prodigy, TIME's religion writer David Van Biema reports. The only thing more exhilarating than the style of Bishop T.D. Jakes' sermons is their rigor and compassion. "Jakes' eccentric pauses, coy glances at his audience and the occasional odd, Holy Spirit-inspired stutter that sounds like a skipping CD might normally mystify or annoy the nonanointed," Van Biema writes. "And yet, somehow, they do not. Like Brando's mumbling or Michael Jordan's outstretched tongue, they are pendants to an overwhelming gift." Globally, Pentecostalism is the fastest-growing Christian faith. Part of what stokes Jakes enthusiasts is the extravagant celebratory bounty of black Pentecostal preaching. "When it comes to rhetoric," says

Paige Patterson, a leader in the predominantly white Southern Baptist Convention, "the best Anglo preachers on their best days

don't preach as well as a good black preacher on his worst day."

TIME's cover, "Is This Man The Next Billy Graham?" features an image of Jakes, who this week celebrates 25 years of preaching. To choose America's best preacher, TIME's Van Biema consulted experts in many denominations and spent hours watching tapes, searching for the most electrifying proclaimer of the Gospel. "Many were terrific, but the [T.D.] Jakes tape affected me profoundly," Van Biema says. "When I got down to the Superdome to hear him preach in person, I found him amazing. It was the mastery and the beauty of the thing."

TIME is naming people who are at the top of their game right now.



"It's about excellence: how we define it today,

how a person achieves it, and how it changes our society," says deputy managing editor, Steve Koepp about the America's Best series. "In a modern world of specialization, we expect to find amazing levels of expertise even in areas that didn't exist a few years ago."

TIME's list also includes: Allen Iverson (Best Athlete); Eve Ensler (Best Feminist); David Sedaris (Best Humorist); Ruth Simmons (Best College President); Cheryl Mendelson (Best Economist); Tom White (Best Philanthropist); Alan Webb (Amateur Athlete);

Thomas Keller (Chef); Caroline Hax (Best Advice Columnist); Mike Krzyzewski (Best Coach); Anne Wilkes Tucker (Best Curator); Mary Catherine Swanson (Best Teacher); Sheila Bridges (Best Interior Designer); Stanley Hauerwas (Best Theologian); and Andrew Delbanco (Best Social Critic).

CNN is producing five hour-long specials that will air Sunday nights before the on-sale date of the TIME issues. The specials, under the CNN Presents banner, will offer in-depth profiles on one or more of the selected individuals from the list. The first CNN Presents special, "America's Best: Artists and Entertainers," will air tonight, July 1, at 10 p.m. (ET). The CBS Early Show will also preview the list on the day the magazine hits newsstands for the five consecutive months of the series.

Go beyond the print experience, log on to www.time.com/americasbest for a series of interactive portfolios. In conjunction with this special issue, AOL will be polling its 30 million members beginning Monday, July 2 and asking them who they think are America's Best. AOL members can participate at Keyword: America's Best.

Two more America's Best issues will be published through November 2001. Coming installments will focus on Business & Technology (October); and Politics & Community (November). Previous issues included Artists & Entertainers (July) and Science & Medicine (August).

TEXANS HAVE THE POWER TO CHOOSE

(NAPS)—Many people believe competition brings out the best in everything. That's the thinking behind legislation that provides customers of Texas' investor-owned utilities the right to choose an electric provider that is best for their needs beginning January 1, 2002. Competition should result in lower prices and help speed the development of new products and services. Other benefits include the construction of new, cleaner power plants and an increased development of renewable energy sources, such as wind and solar energy.

In the past, customers obtained all of their electric needs from one company. In the competitive market, customers will have greater control over their electricity choices. The generation and the retail sale (customer service) portion of the power industry has been deregulated. Electric Choice gives customers the ability to select a Retail Electric Provider (REP) based on prices, contract terms, incentives, or environmental considerations. REPs will contract with generation companies to provide customers power. Electricity will continue to be delivered over the same poles and wires used today. The current utility, or Local Distribution Utility (LDU), will continue to restore service in the event of an outage. The Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) will continue to enforce customer protections and will regulate the delivery of electricity to ensure safe and reliable electric service.

Some customers will have the opportunity to choose a new REP as early as this summer through a Pilot Program. The Pilot Program is designed to test the compatibility of communication and computer systems. Through the Pilot Program, 5 percent of the states' electric customers may choose a REP

before competition begins for everyone in January 2002. The ability to choose a new REP may not be available to all Texas customers. Lawmakers gave city-owned utilities and electric cooperatives the right to decide whether or not they want to give their customers a choice of providers. Customers should also keep in mind that the right to choose a new REP is optional. Customers who do not participate will be provided service by the REP that is affiliated with their current utility.

To learn more about the Texas Electric Choice program, visit www.power-tochoose.org or call toll free 1-866-PWR-4-TEX or 1-866-797-4839.

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Editor's Note: Although utility deregulation is being tested throughout the country, Texas Electric Choice is available only within the state of Texas.



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If you have experienced these symptoms more than once in your life, are drug free and not currently in psychiatric treatment, please call the Psychosocial Research and Depression Clinic at 214-648-5351.

SOUTHWESTERN

Hispanics on the move in Texas

Could it be that Hispanics are taking back Texas after all these years? The Hispanic population in Texas has grown in leaps and bounds in the last decade. Almost all labor jobs are worked by Hispanics in the Metroplex. Those jobs include construction, street crews, lawn work and in the service industry such as restaurant work and hotel work. Take a look around any construction project and all you see are hard working Hispanics. They are working jobs that many others don't want and getting low pay and no insurance benefits. Not to mention the danger involved in some of those street and construction jobs.

Their burgeoning population has resulted in increased political clout. So much so that they are crying out to have their concerns heard. Several hold high political offices. And now, Laredo millionaire businessman, Tony Sanchez has announced his intent to become Texas' first Hispanic

governor. He's a very rich businessman that has never held political office but has been very active in political causes. NAACP State President, Gary Bledsoe says Mr. Sanchez did a lot to "stem the tide on affirmative action."

While the NAACP does not endorse political candidates, Mr. Bledsoe says he is excited to see different races of people enter the race. Especially since the NAACP and LULAC entered into an historical pact to work together on common issues this past summer.

Dallas NAACP president Victor Smith says, "we welcome anyone who seeks public office and we salute them for their courageous behavior and more power to them."

As Hispanics organize themselves and their numbers rise Blacks should see in this an opportunity to continue an alliance with a long time friend. Remember, Mexico did not permit slavery when slavery was

in effect in Texas. While the civil rights movement was initialized mainly by Blacks, it was also a tremendous benefit to Hispanics. They joined African Americans to fight for the civil rights of all people.

This is no time to feel threatened by their increasing numbers but to embrace an ally with much of the same common issues. We all succeed when we join ranks to uplift each other. We cannot be like crayfish in a bucket by pulling each other back in the bucket when one reaches the top. This same philosophy should be used especially among African Americans by African Americans. It's clearly a way of thinking among our brown brothers and sisters.

Certainly, there is not complete agreement in all cases on all issues between blacks and browns, but divisive tactics and language should never be the policy. Let's look forward to the candidacy of this historical campaign.

Flo Anthony Headlines Dallas Stiletto Expo

Richardson, Texas—Syndicated gossip columnist Flo Anthony will host the health fashion and entertainment expo at the Richardson Civic Center located at 411 W. Arapaho Rd., September 15, 2001 from 11 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

"We are covering a wide range of subject matter," said Sebastian Green, owner of Sebastian Fashion Model Management. "We have put together some of the best talent in the area to make this expo not only exciting, but extremely informative."

The Stiletto Expo is a major fund-raiser for What About The Children, a non-profit organization that mentors underprivileged children from grammar school to ninth grade that prepares them culturally and academically for social achievement. Older children in the program are placed in jobs with business mentors who teach them good work ethics and job skills that will prepare them to be productive members of society, said Annie Rolfe, Executive Director and owner of Rolfe's Quality Printing.

Stiletto is expected to attract more than 5,000 partici-

pants and will feature local recording artists, fashion and hair shows and informative seminars and vendors.

Area professionals will lead workshops including "Natural Hair in the Workplace: What's Not to Do With It?" This workshop led by Linda Jones, reporter for the Dallas Morning News, will explore the controversy of natural hair in the work place. Another workshop is, "How to Break Bad Habits that Keep You From Succeeding" led by Dr. Elizabeth Brooks. She will moderate the panel and help expo participants look at their points of failure.

Ryan Johnson, owner of Studio 5012, will demonstrate new hair styling techniques and products. Stiletto will also fea-

ture two fashion shows, a student designer showcase where local student designers will compete for the title of Designer Of The Year.

One of the highlights of the event will be a celebrity fashion show sponsored by Sebastian Fashion Model Management. Local celebrities and Sebastian's models will show the latest creations from Fubu, top local designers and department stores.

"We have worked real hard on this fashion show. There has never been anything in Dallas like this before," said Mr. Green. Celebrity models include Angelique Te'ge' from Channel 8 Metro, KRLD Entertainment Editor Peter Arnell and Channel 11 reporter Steve Pickett.

The expo will also feature live entertainment, drawings, performances by Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders and a seminar on collecting art. Tickets to the events are \$10 each and free for non-profit organizations.

Booths are still available. For more information call (214) 752-5588 or (972) 241-9600.



Our Greatest Challenge

2 Sam. 12:17, 2 Cor. 11:28



Ron Shaw

I have a goddaughter who plays on a volleyball team. She was about to face some tough competition playing the best team in the league, so she came to talk to me about her problem. As we talked, she told me she was afraid to play them because she didn't want to be the cause of her team losing. We began to talk about how to face tough challenges and she asked me what was the hardest thing I have ever had to face and deal with. As I thought about how to answer her, the Lord brought back to my memory the thing that has given me the toughest challenge in my life. In fact, I'm still dealing with it today just as many others did in the Bible.

In the text, David has overcome an older brother who despised him, a lion, a bear, a giant, a king who sought to kill him, armies who wanted to take him out and the list goes on. However, the one thing David

could not successfully deal with was himself. Because of his lust, he committed adultery and then murder. Consequently, his house was plagued with treason, murder, death and incest, all of which eventually was too much for him to bear. He spent his latter years mourning over the death and dysfunction of his children.

In another famous Bible character's life, Paul the great apostle, talks about his victories over people stoning him, his being shipwrecked and destitute. Yet he says all of those things he could handle, but the one thing that gave him a challenge was his care and worry for the churches he founded.

The devil is not your hindrance to success—you are! Your thoughts and actions will determine your success.

Since I have realized this, I try to spend most of my time developing myself and working on my attitude that I don't have much time to think about what

others do to me. The situations will come and go and so will the people. The one thing that is common in all of the situations and relationships I'm involved in is me. How I handle myself determines whether I win or lose. I've had some people say and do some pretty bad things to me and sometimes I allowed them to hurt me. However, since I now know what my greatest challenge is, I'm winning a lot more than I've lost.

That brings me back to my goddaughter's issue. She saw that her greatest problem was not the other team but rather her own fear. When finished talking about it, she realized that it didn't matter who the other team was. The only thing that mattered was how she handled herself. Even though the other team won the game, she was awarded the team's best player trophy. She learned how to handle herself whether her team won or lost and as a result, she still came out on top.



Plano youth shot to death in road rage incident

RICHARDSON - A composite sketch and a new description of the suspect vehicle was released by Richardson police Monday in what is being described as a "road rage" incident that left 18-year-old Jerome Blackshire of Plano fatally shot.

The fatality is the first for the year in the city of Richardson.

According to Lt. Michael Hauver of the Richardson police, a late model dark-brown Honda Civic hatchback, possibly with a gold pin stripe, is being sought in connection with the shooting that took place at about 2:15 a.m. Saturday.

"Now we have an iron-clad description of the vehicle," Hauver said. "And, we know it was occupied by four or five males."

Richardson police received a 911 call from James Otis Red, a Plano resident who reported Blackshire had been shot dead on Central Expressway just north of the Midpark Road exit.

Red had been driving his 1994 Ford pickup northbound on Central Expressway with three passengers, returning home from a club in Deep Ellum. Blackshire was sitting in the front passenger seat.

Hauver explained an altercation apparently began around

the Walnut Hill Road exit but Red reported to police that he did not know what had happened.

He described the occupants of the Honda Civic as young white males who were driving at high speeds, hanging out of the windows on both sides of the vehicle. Witnesses described one suspect as having no facial hair and spiked short blond hair.

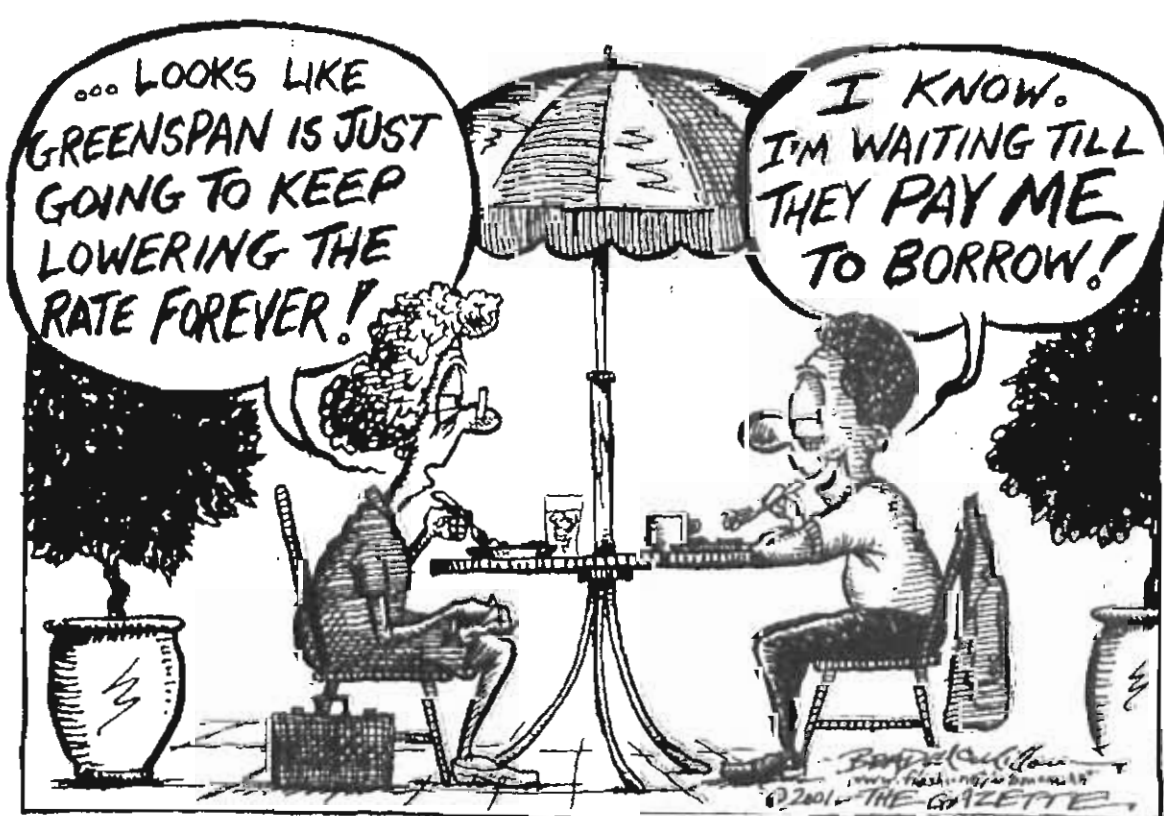
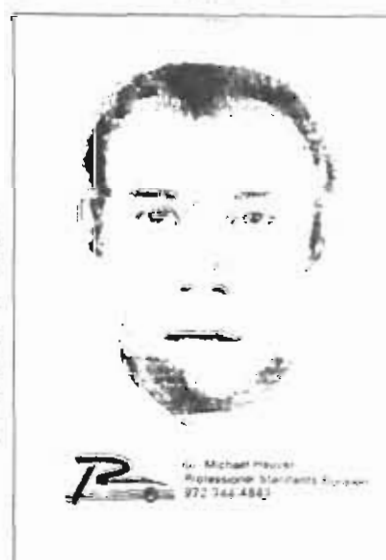
Hauver added. "Witnesses said they saw someone from inside stuck their hand out of the (rear driver's side) window holding a handgun. They fired four or five shots. Two of those shots hit the pickup truck."

Hauver said one shot hit the bumper and another went through the rear window, hitting Blackshire.

No suspects have been identified and no arrests have been made in the shooting.

Blackshire, a Plano East graduate, was attending Collin County Community College, where he was taking audio technician courses. He was transported to Medical City Dallas Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Police are hoping for a call that will help them find the killers. They fear the suspects who have done this once may do it again. Anyone with information about the vehicle or shooting is asked to contact Richardson police at 972.744.4800.



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Telecommunications and technology is big in Richardson

By Lakeesha Joe

One of the largest employment centers is located right here in Texas along both sides of North Central Expressway (U.S. 75) and the south side of President George Bush Highway (State Highway 190) in Richardson. It is shaped in the form of a "T" and extends five miles in length.

The employment center known as the Telecom Corridor is a geographic area that encompasses one of the highest concentrations of leading-edge telecommunications and technology-based companies in the world. The Telecom Corridor contains approximately 70,000 daytime workers and about 25,000,000 square feet of high tech workspace.

The North Texas Council of Governments projects that by the year 2010, the Telecom Corridor will add 40,000 more jobs and will be the second largest employment center in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex behind downtown Dallas.

The history of the Telecom Corridor extends as far back as the 1950's. During 1956, Texas Instruments made its corporate campus home at the intersection of U.S. 75 and LBJ Freeway. In 1957, Collins Radio, an electronics company, built its first of a multi-building campus on a 400-acre site near U.S. 75 and Arapaho Road. Both of companies attracted a key group of engineering talent that lead to several new technology-based enterprises.

The Telecom Corridor was named as such because of its variety of telecommunications and technology based companies. Some of the telecommunications companies located in the Telecom Corridor include MCI, Nortel, Fujitsu, Ericsson and Samsung, just to name a few of over 500 companies located there.

In 1992, the Richardson Chamber of Commerce formalized the

Telecom Corridor by registering it as an official trademark.

Facts and figures from the City of Richardson indicate that it is the 10th most populous city in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex with a population of 91,050, according to the most recent Census Reports. A tremendous amount of Richardson's growth occurred in 1960-1980 as Texas Instruments and other major area employers expanded. Richardson's population is expected to show marginal increases over the next two decades, ultimately topping out at no less than 100,000 residents.

The Telecom Corridor is responsible for a major part of Richardson's growth spurt. During the 1950's when the Corridor came into existence, there was overwhelming population and business growth in Richardson. Richardson's population and business growth still continues today.

The Richardson Economic Development Partnership (REDP) that was formed in 1984 is one of the longest running public-private economic development partnerships in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex and one of the most successful examples of government and business cooperation in the state. The REDP is responsible for assisting several companies that were considering Richardson as a new location.

Some of the companies that REDP have provided assistance to for relocation or expansion are MCI, Nortel, Fujitsu and Ericsson. The City of Richardson has played a vital role in the development of the Telecom Corridor with its excellent planning, services and leadership.

The descriptive line used in all the marketing material related to the Telecom is "Linking the World to the 21st Century."

What Every Investor Should Know About Market Corrections



John Dudley

There is no way around it...markets are cyclical!

While historically the stock market has spent more time being bullish than bearish, which is why stocks have been a good investment over the years, the market does retrench more than the average investor would like. The traditional definition of a bear market is a 20% or greater decline in stock prices as measured by the Dow Jones Industrial Average. A full-fledged bear market can persist for many months or, in rare cases, years.

There are also corrections that are sharp, but brief, lasting only a day or two—such as the Dow's 500-point drop in October 1987—or a matter of weeks. Sometimes a short, dramatic decline serves as a prelude to a lengthier downturn. The 1929 crash and subsequent three-year bear market, which saw the Dow lose almost 90% of its value, illustrates this latter possibility.

Since 1950, the average drop in bear markets has been 24%, while the average length has been eight months. The worst bear market in both magnitude and duration since 1950 was a 21-month period in 1973-74 when the Dow fell 48% from its high. More recently the Dow retreated roughly 10% from its high over a seven-month period in 1994 and in March-April 1997.

Government and securities-industry officials are constantly learning from their experiences with previous corrections. Regulations established in the wake of the 1929-1932 bear market have helped prevent another decline of similar magnitude and duration. For example, margin requirements were raised from 10% to 50% to prevent investors from becoming excessively leveraged, as they were in the months leading up to the 1929 crash.

More refinements were introduced after the 1987 correction, including our current system of circuit breakers. In

theory, these circuit breakers would stretch out a decline over several days rather than allow it to gain momentum continuously. The additional time should help curb panic selling.

Although the securities industry is committed to doing everything in its power to protect investors, it cannot prevent market corrections. It is essential for investors to take responsibility for their own success and to arm themselves with as much knowledge as possible about the risks and potential rewards of investing.

In the 1930s, the Cowles Commission was formed to guide investors through the aftermath of the 1929 crash. It came up with five essential rules for successful investing, which are still applicable today.

Invest for the long term. While the stock market can be risky over the short term, it is important to realize that risk decreases as your investment time horizon lengthens. A good rule of thumb is that stock and bond investments should be funded with money you won't need for at least five years.

Some investors hope to improve their returns by selling a portion of their holdings in anticipation of a correction. This is called "market timing." Timing the market is something even professional investors find difficult to do well with any consistency and is not recommended for the average investor. Aside from the very real difficulty of identifying the end of one market phase and the beginning of a new one, the basic emotions of greed and fear work strongly against those who attempt market timing, constantly tempting them to overstay their positions in a bull market and to remain on the sidelines for too long in a bear market.

The penalty for being out of the market can be substantial. Researchers at the University of Michigan studied the bull market that ran from August 1982 to August 1987. Their findings showed that buy-and-hold investors in the market as a whole would have earned an annualized return of 26.3%. On the other hand, anyone who was out of the

market for the 40 best days of those five years would have earned just 4.3%—less than passbook savings accounts were paying at the time.

Invest systematically. One way to avoid the timing dilemma is to use a simple strategy called dollar-cost averaging—the practice of investing a fixed amount of money in a particular investment at regular intervals. Because the amount invested remains constant, the investor buys more shares when the price is low and fewer shares when the price is high. This means that the average cost per share is always lower than the average market value of the investment over the same period.

Dollar-cost averaging cannot eliminate the risks of investing or guarantee a profit. The success of the program depends on making regular purchases through advancing and declining market periods and on selling when your investment is worth more than the average price you paid. But dollar-cost averaging does offer a disciplined method of investing in the securities markets and an improved chance of selling at a profit.

Diversify investments. When people think about investing their money, they probably envision themselves comparing the merits of various individual securities or mutual funds. But before they get to that step, there is an even more basic decision to make—and that is asset allocation. Asset allocation is just the percentage of investment funds that an investor decides to allocate to each of the four primary classes: stocks, fixed income, cash equivalents, and tangibles/real estate.

The decision is an important one. A study in the Financial Analysts' Journal determined that how an investor allocates money among the asset classes had a far greater long-term effect on returns than the individual securities selected. Of course, asset allocation/investment timing cannot eliminate the risk of fluctuating prices and uncertain returns.

Buy quality. Periodically, investors become enamored with initial public offerings

(IPOs). For those who know how to play them and understand the risks, IPOs can offer outstanding opportunities. By definition, however, IPOs involve companies whose stocks are untested in public trading. The average investor should therefore approach this arena with extreme caution and commit no more than a small percentage of investment capital to it.

At the other end of the spectrum are the many companies with a history of consistent sales and earnings growth. Although nothing is guaranteed in the investment markets, investors can be reasonably sure that such companies will not drop off the investment map during a correction. Rather, a correction presents them with the opportunity to acquire more shares of seasoned, financially sound companies at reasonable prices.

Get professional advice. Each investor brings a different outlook and level of sophistication to the markets. However, most investors can benefit from some degree of professional input. Whether this takes the form of research on individual securities, advice on asset allocation, or entrusting money to mutual funds and asset managers to benefit from professional portfolio management, investment professionals stand ready to help investors achieve their financial goals.

Particularly during corrections, it helps to have a coherent investment strategy worked out in advance and to be able to keep that strategy clearly in mind as events unfold. A qualified investment professional can play a key role both in helping the investor develop a plan and especially in helping the investor stick to it when the going gets tough.

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Car-Seat Law Went into Effect Labor Day Weekend

Dallas—Many children's lives will be riding safer because of a new law requiring children under four years of age to be properly restrained in a car seat. The new law took effect Labor Day weekend and also increased fines for non-compliance.

In the Dallas area, motor vehicle collisions are the number one cause of injury and death to children. Last year, 200 children were hospitalized at Children's Medical Center of Dallas as a result of car wrecks, and 60 died at Dallas-area hospitals. Because the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area is commuter-oriented, Children's is strongly committed to helping parents travel safely with their children and offers tips on properly restraining them.

In a recent series of car seat safety checkups, Children's technicians found that 98 percent of the 1,500 seats checked were improperly installed, leaving children at risk of injury or death in case of a collision or severe braking incident. Parents were astonished to learn their children were not safely protected.

According to Kim Davies, trauma program manager at Children's, parents often make one or more of three common mistakes with car seats:

- * Parents turn their children's seats forward too early. Seats should not be turned forward facing until children are at least one year of age and weigh at least 20 pounds. Most of the new car seats are crash-tested to accommodate infants rear-facing to as much as 35 pounds.

- * Parents install the seats too loosely into the vehicle. They should be secured so tightly that they don't budge when tugged at the bottom.

- * Parents buckle their children too loosely in the car seat. Here's a good rule of thumb: the strap should be tight enough that you can fit just one finger between the child's collarbone and the harness strap.

"No family should have to experience the preventable death or injury of a child," said Davies. "It's important for parents to learn how to properly restrain their children."

Children's Medical Center of Dallas is one of Child magazine's 2001 Top 10 Pediatric Hospitals in America. The Joint Commission also recognizes the hospital for excellence on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. Information about Children's Medical Center of Dallas can be found on the Internet at <http://www.childrens.com>.

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Looking back at Marcus Garvey PART 1

By Russell D. Shockley

Marcus Garvey was born in the quiet little town of St. Ann's Bay, on the northern coast of Jamaica, on August 17, 1887. The Garvey family was a large one, with Marcus being the youngest of eleven children. (Only Marcus and his sister Indiana lived to maturity; the others died at young ages.)

While neither parent had very much of a formal education, Garvey's father was very well respected locally, admired for his reading skills and his private library. Marcus would also develop a similar fondness for books and learning.

Around the turn of the century, English class traditions, modified by racial considerations, were determining factors in Jamaican society. There was no legal discrimination; however, a type of caste system did flourish based upon lightness and darkness of color.

It was into this environment that Marcus Garvey was born. From it he would hold much distrust for anyone but blacks with the darkest of skin.

At age 14, family financial difficulties forced him to leave school and seek gainful employment.

Working for a maternal uncle in Kingston, Garvey was able to save enough money to bring his mother to live with him. (The hurricane of 1903 that swept through Jamaica completely destroyed the Garvey farm crop.)

However, his mother never really got used to city life and considered Kingston to be her "forced existence away from home." Mrs. Garvey died shortly after her move to Kingston.

The streets of Kingston offered much to interest a kid from a quiet country town. Fascinated by the noise and busy clatter, Garvey resolved to learn the art of self-expression.

Garvey's first attempts at public speaking went very badly, but he persisted. To lend

assistance, he spent a considerable amount of his time on Sunday's visiting the various churches throughout Kingston, listening to various preachers.

He practiced speaking passages aloud from a school reader, while utilizing various hand-gestures before the mirror in his bedroom. Garvey became more and more proficient and by the time he was 26, had also become a master printer and foreman of one of Jamaica's largest companies.

On January 14, 1907, an earthquake and fire devastated Kingston. Wages were low and a scarcity of goods caused prices to increase. The printer's union, one of the oldest and most powerful on the island, voted to strike for higher wages.

The impending strike and walkout of his men took Garvey by surprise. Nevertheless, Garvey joined them and was elected to lead the strike.

Leading the strike effort, Garvey worked energetically at establishing public meetings for the workers. This was in spite of promises of "personal" salary increases from company ownership.

The strike was eventually broken. However, while the majority of the striking printers returned to work, Garvey found himself "blacklisted." For the rest of his life, Garvey would remain skeptical about any type of understanding between labor forces and his movement.

Garvey found work with Jamaica's Government Printing Office and over the next several years, he would go through a series of experiences that were supposed to help mold him. The strike experience had convinced him that now, more than ever, "organized action" was needed to improve the lot of the black worker.

Leaving Jamaica's Government Printing Office, Garvey edited a periodical, Garvey's Watchman, in 1910. It proved to be unsuccessful. He next established a political organization called "The

National Club," and edited its publication, Our Own, also unsuccessful.

In 1912, Garvey journeyed to London to learn what he could about the condition of African-Americans in other parts of the British Empire. He became associated with half black, half Egyptian author, Duse Mohammed Ali. Duse Mohammed was greatly interested in Africa and published a monthly magazine, The Africa Times and Orient Review.

Garvey's contacts with this African scholar stimulated a

keen interest in Africa, its culture and its administration under colonial rule. The young Jamaican learned a great deal about his ancestral homeland, absorbing much of African nationalism so characteristic of his later activities. In London, Garvey met other young blacks-students from Africa and the West Indies, African nationalists, sailors and dock workers- and from them he picked up information about conditions throughout the world. He read avidly on the subject of Africa in the libraries of the city and may even have spent a few months in an English college.

Garvey also became interested in the position of African-Americans in the United States and it was in London that he came across a copy of Booker T. Washington's autobiography Up from Slavery. This book had a profound effect upon him as he later testified: "I read Up from Slavery by Booker T. Washington and then my doom-if I may call it-of being a race leader dawned upon me...I asked: 'Where is the black

man's Government? Where is his King and kingdom? Where is his President, his country, and his ambassador, his army, his navy, his men of big affairs?' I could not find them, and then I declared, 'I will help to make them, and then I declared, I will help make them.'"

In 1914, Garvey hastened home to Jamaica, his head spinning with big plans for a program of race redemption. Garvey was "determined that the black man would not continue to be kicked about by all

the other races and nations of the world."

On August 1, 1914, he established the organization, which was henceforth to occupy all his time and energy until his death. The imposing title of the new organization, the Universal Negro Improvement

and Conservation Association and African Communities League, implied its stated interest in "drawing peoples of the race together." Its manifesto, drawn with great care, warned of "the universal disunity existing among the Negro or African race" and called upon "all people of Negro or African parentage" to join in a great crusade to rehabilitate the race. Garvey itemized the ambitious general objects of the association:

To establish a Universal Confraternity among race; promote the spirit of race pride and love; to reclaim the

fallen of the race; to administer to an assist the needy; to assist in civilizing the backward tribes of Africa; to strengthen the imperialism of independent African States; to establish commissions or agencies in the principal countries of the world for the protection of all Negroes, irrespective of nationality; to promote a conscientious Christian worship among the native tribes of Africa; to establish Universities, Colleges, and Secondary Schools for the further education and culture of the boys and girls of the race; to conduct world-wide commercial and industrial intercourse.

These general objects were modified slightly in later versions of U.N.I.A. manifesto. The word "race" was dropped from the second and third objects; instead of promoting "Christian" worship among African tribes, the later version spoke only of "spiritual" worship; and the word "imperialism" was abandoned with reference to the independence of African states. In addition, a revision spoke of the need "to establish a central nation for the race."

The preamble to the constitution of the new organization contained a strong plea for universal brotherhood, but it indicated that the achievement of this goal must come through the concerted action of the black people of the world. The Universal Negro Improvement Association was described as "a social, friendly, humanitarian, charitable, educational, institutional, constructive and expansive society." Its organizers pledged themselves "to work for the general uplift of the Negro peoples of the world" and "to do all in their power to conserve the rights of their noble race and to

respect the rights of all mankind." The motto of the association was: "One God! One Aim! One Destiny!" "Let justice be done to all mankind!"

In addition to its general program, the U.N.I.A. had a definite plan of action for African-American betterment.

In the spring of 1915, Garvey decided that it would be necessary to call upon the African-Americans in the United States. Previously he had written to the founder of Tuskegee Institute, Booker T. Washington, and had received an invitation from Washington to visit the school. Accordingly, on April 12, 1915, he asked for Washington's assistance, as he would "be coming there a stranger to the people." The Sage of Tuskegee, who undoubtedly received countless such requests from unknown hopefuls representing obscure organizations, responded politely, but he refrained from committing himself to any definite promise of support other than the courteous offer to make Garvey's stay "as pleasant and profitable as we can."

It might even have been possible to organize branches of the Universal Negro Improvement Association under the leadership of American Negroes before returning to Jamaica to establish a trade school. But before Garvey could complete his travel plans late in 1915, Booker T. Washington was dead and with him died Garvey's strongest hope for a sympathetic reception in America.

On March 13, 1916, the stocky Jamaican arrived in Harlem to see how African-Americans would receive his program of race improvement.



Frederick Douglass

Wellness

Do-It-Yourself tooth bleaching kits may cause problems without supervision

Southwestern News Dallas-People who want to brighten their smiles are opting for over-the-counter bleaching kits instead of visiting their dentist's office. While generally safe, these products have the potential to cause an infection or nerve damage, say UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas oral surgeons.

Dr. David McFadden, associate professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery, suggests consulting a dentist so pre-existing conditions can be diagnosed and treated before starting any type of bleaching regimen.

"If a person has deep cavities, the bleach could have an unimpeded route to the blood vessels, nerves and bone that are found at the root of the tooth," McFadden said. "It can potentially cause a bad toothache or precipitate an infection."

People with active periodontal disease may also notice soft-tissue shrinkage.

"This is not gum recession, but many patients perceive this as a negative side effect. In actuality, bleaching provides short-term

improvement," McFadden said. "The effervescent action of the bleach helps keep the teeth cleaner."

The color of one's teeth is determined by genetics. Dentin, a hard, yellow substance that surrounds the pulp, shows through the enamel so most teeth appear slightly yellowish. Other factors that affect tooth color are aging, tetracycline medications, over-fluoridated water and chromogenic agents found in coffee, tea and carbonated drinks.

"Many over-the-counter bleaching agents are weak and will not create a drastic change in tooth color," McFadden said. "And since the bleaching trays are not custom-fitted to your teeth, the uneven distribution of bleach may cause spotting."

Overusing bleach to attain perfectly white teeth could also cause tooth damage, McFadden said.

"Using too much bleach can cause extreme tooth sensitivity. The pain related to overuse usually causes people to stop bleaching before it does any significant harm," McFadden said. "But it's possible that they could damage the nerve

enough require root-canal therapy."

There are other, albeit more costly, options for people with severely discolored teeth. Porcelain veneers-thin, semi-translucent porcelain shells that are permanently bonded to teeth-can provide an aesthetic improvement. For laser bleaching, a dentist applies a bleaching agent to the teeth, and then uses an argon laser to activate it.

A less expensive route to whiter teeth is a custom-made bleaching tray from your dentist, an option that costs about \$300. Although results vary from person to person, this process generally lightens teeth two to three shades and lasts up to three years.

But the simplest solution to maintaining your pearly whites is also the most overlooked: brushing your teeth after every meal.

"Food and beverages can stain the plaque and make teeth appear yellow," McFadden said. "If people would just brush their teeth more often, it would reduce the amount of plaque that accumulates."



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How We Can Keep the “Security” in Social Security

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The White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) had predicted a \$122 billion non-Social Security surplus in April. OMB now estimates only a \$1 billion surplus. However, without a last minute accounting trick their projection

I support the tax rebates, but that tax relief is minuscule compared to the breaks for the very wealthy that have yet to take effect. Any spending from Social Security this year is minor compared to the future threats posed from the exploding cost of the tax cut over the next ten years. This will undermine our ability to strengthen

In short, we have a responsibility to our children and grandchildren to act responsibly today. That way, Social Security will always there for the future generations who will depend them.

Each year City of Plano employees voluntarily donate school items for students in the Plano Independent School District. This year's annual School Supply Drive collected more than 100 backpacks and

raised \$3,381 to help students start the school year off right. The money will be used to subsidize returning and new families who cannot afford supplies and other school items throughout the year. The fresh new

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Arts & Entertainment

Rosie going to court over tapes

MIAMI (AP) — Three former bodyguards sued television talk show host Rosie O'Donnell, saying she recorded their conversations without their knowledge in her Star Island mansion.

Steven Rubino, Chris Delia and Ted Van Rijn said they were fired when they confronted O'Donnell about the monitoring of the room they used as an office. They filed a lawsuit Thursday in Miami-Dade Circuit Court.



Florida law prohibits audio recording of people without their consent. But the law may apply differently to homes, where it is common to monitor nurseries and nannies, said Michael Fischl, a law professor at the University of Miami specializing in labor and employment law.

It is usually "the right of the king of the castle to know what is going on in his own house," Fischl said.

O'Donnell's publicist, Jennifer Glasek, said the TV star "denies any wrongdoing, and she's looking forward to vigorously denying this claim in court."

She said that O'Donnell gave the bodyguards an affidavit stating she did not know they were being monitored and Kroll Associates Inc., a security company, was responsible for installing the device.

The guards are also suing the security company.

McCartney honors Poetry Month

LONDON (AP) — Sir Paul McCartney will read from his poetry next month as part of National Poetry Day celebrations.

The former Beatle will treat audiences to new material at the 21st Poetry Olympics on Oct. 4, organizer Michael Horovitz said Sunday.

McCartney will be joined by Frieda Hughes, the daughter of the late poet laureate Ted Hughes and Sylvia Plath.

Last year, McCartney published "Blackbird Singing," an anthology of 48 poems and song lyrics covering his time with the Beatles and his solo career. The poems span McCartney's life, from early memories of Liverpool to the 1980 murder of John Lennon, to the loss of his wife Linda to breast cancer in 1998.



McCartney has already given readings in Liverpool, New York and Britain's Hay-on-Wye literary festival.

The Poetry Olympics began in 1980, and has since grown in popularity. Also appearing at this year's event, to be held at the Queen's Theater, will be Patience Agbabi, Inge Elsa Laird, Fran Landesman, Lemn Sissay and Tom Pickard.

Smiley hosts youth workshops

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston teen-agers took aim at issues and developed solutions during a national Youth to Leaders conference hosted by former Black Entertainment Television talk show host Tavis Smiley.



Smiley takes the conference, now in its third year, to cities nationwide to encourage teen-agers to become advocates for issues that they care about.

More than 150 students took part in the daylong workshop Saturday, where they developed their

own Web sites, learned about the political process and discussed issues such as school violence, peer pressure, alcohol and drugs.

U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Houston, said she insisted that Smiley bring his program to Houston.

"It is important for them to know that they are not leaders of tomorrow, but they are leaders of today," Jackson Lee said.

After a day of group discussions and a teen town hall, the students presented skits based on the issues they discussed.

"These aren't ideas that die in this room," Smiley told the teen-agers. "We want to help make these creative ideas come to life."

Smiley said he hopes to empower, enlighten and encourage America's future leaders.

"This is the first generation of young people assuming positions of leadership and authority without having lived through the civil rights struggle," Smiley said. "We hope that here Malcolm meets Martin at age 13. And Ida B. Wells meets Harriet Tubman at age 15."

Michael Jackson Going Strong

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Jackson's 30-year career as solo artist has encompassed everything from the truly brilliant to the utterly bizarre. The same could be said about his star-studded anniversary concert — a surreal, yet undeniably captivating evening.

Friday's concert — the first of two shows at Madison Square Garden — marked Jackson's first performance on U.S. soil in more than a decade, during which time he's seen his once-dominant presence on the American music scene decline.

But if there was any doubt about Jackson's star power, it was erased as a capacity crowd — some of whom had paid up to \$2,500 per ticket — waited anxiously for a glimpse of the King of Pop. Though the night's lineup included the likes of Brince Spears, Destiny's Child, Ray Charles and Liza Minnelli, it was Jackson who created the most frenzy, even before uttering a single note.



When Jackson made his way to his seat, dressed in a white, glittery jacket with his favorite accessory — Elizabeth Taylor — on his arm, he drew crazed screams and applause so intense it drowned out Samuel Jackson as he introduced the night's first performance.

The concert kicked off with two of R&B's brightest young stars, Usher and Mya, singing Jackson's "Wanna Be Startin' Somethin'" in an extravagant, jungle-themed dance number. Though Usher has modeled himself as Jackson's heir apparent, he lacked Jackson's spark, while Mya's lightweight voice could barely be heard over the music. It wasn't until Whitney Houston burst on stage toward the end, her voice soaring above theirs, that the song began to echo the original vitality in which Jackson sang it. By the time Houston finished, the crowd was dazzled, giving what would be one of several standing ovations of the night.

But from that high, the concert crashed to a low as Marlon Brando took to the stage, his large frame resting on a couch. Though the crowd cheered at just the sight of the Oscar-winning actor, they soon became bewildered as Brando sent the next few minutes mumbling about child poverty, abuse and disease.

"I saw kids in the last stages of starvation, and it was something you didn't want to see," he said.

It was also something the audience didn't want to hear, as boos began to drown Brando out until he said Jackson was donating money to create a children's hospital in Florida. His exit drew another standing ovation.

It was moments like these — plus extended delays — that would plague the three-hour-plus concert until Jackson took the stage. For every truly entertaining moment — Marc Anthony beautifully crooning "She's Out of My Life," or Destiny's Child paying homage to Jackson with their fedora hats and white gloves during "Boomerang" — there were truly cringe-inducing moments that made you want to close your eyes until they were over.

One was Minnelli's rendition of Jackson's "You Are Not Alone." Although it may be one of Jackson's more schmaltzy songs, the R. Kelly-penned tune was never meant to endure this kind of treatment, as a frail-looking Minnelli warbled the No. 1 hit cabaret style, with a gospel choir behind her.

Other stars' talents were clearly misused. Al Jarreau was reduced to playing the Tin Man during recreation of scene from "The Wiz," Jackson's only movie role; the performance from Ray Charles and jazz singer Cassandra Wilson seemed out of place and out of sync, given the pop nature of the show.

Then there were the videotaped tributes to Jackson, which lauded him as the "greatest," the "most sensitive,"

the "most successful" ad naseum.

But those moments were temporarily forgotten once Jackson appeared on the stage. Though the sight of him was at times jarring — his pale, surgically altered face seems incapable of showing much expression anymore — his presence was formidable.

First performing together with his brothers for the first time since their 1984 "Victory" tour, he dazzled the audience with each shimmy or yelp. The highlight was the group's performance of "I'll Be There," which showcased Jackson's soulful interpretation of the classic. Even a cameo appearance by 'N Sync during "Dancing Machine" couldn't upstage the electricity of just the brothers performing together.

Then it was time for Jackson to shine, alone. Anyone expecting Jackson to reinvent himself artistically would be disappointed, however: The only new material from Jackson came as he performed his new single, "You Rock My World," the first release from his upcoming album, "Invincible."

For his old hits, he trotted out familiar dance steps, some of which were over two decades old, performing songs like "Beat It" and "The Way You Make Me Feel," almost identically to the way he had on video years ago.

At times, it seemed as if even Jackson was tired of them, performing them without the full-effort given in the past. Still, as dated as those moves may have seemed, they were still enough to generate chills of excitement. A special highlight was

"Billie Jean" — for which Jackson dusted off his white trademark glove — which showcased Jackson's freestyling, pulsating footwork.

At 43 years of age and with more than three decades in the spotlight, Jackson's act may have gotten a bit familiar, but never stale, with enough dazzle to get the most jaded Jackson critics out of their seats. After Jackson's Friday performance, another comeback doesn't seem out of reach.

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On Going

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

September 12th

Young ladies, ages 12-16, will enjoy this six-hour etiquette class. Teens will learn how to project beauty and leave a lasting impression. This class will cover proper introductions, table manners, body language, grooming, communication and correspondence, and much more. This class will meet on Wednesday's from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Alumni Hall Fitness Center in Frisco, 9700 Wade Blvd., September 12th, 19th and 26th. For more information please call 972-377-1752 or visit www.ci.frisco.tx.us.

The Plano Public Library System's (PPLS) Library Alive! Fall program series includes an informal lecture about the art of yoga. The program titled, "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Yoga," focuses on the origins of yoga, and how this popular form of exercise can promote

wellness. The program will be held on Wednesday, September 12 in the Parr Library at 12 p.m. and on Tuesday, September 18 in the Davis Library at 7:30 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch and to come dressed casually if planning to participate in a voluntary yoga stretch at the end of each session. For additional information about this program and other library events, call the PPLS general information line at 972-964-4200.

September 13th

The Dallas Symphony Orchestra opens the 2001-02 Texas Instruments Classical Series with concerts September 13-16, 2001 at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center. Ticket prices range from \$12 to \$100 and may be purchased from the Dallas Symphony box office or by logging on to www.dallasymphony.com. If you need more information, call 214-692-0203.

You are invited to the Grand Opening of Advanced Chiropractic Neurology Center Advanced Neurodiagnostics September 13th from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 1304 Village Creek Dr., Ste. 300 in Plano. For more information, call 972-937-6800.

September 14th

You are invited to the Plano Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Membership Luncheon featuring Jim Sundberg, former Texas Ranger catcher and 3-time American League All-Star. The luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the Harvey Hotel located at 1600 N. Central Expressway. Members and non-members are invited. Please call 972-422-9884 for more details.

Do you have a friend or loved one whose life has been touched by alcohol, drugs, or HIV/AIDS? If so, support Welcome House, Inc. 35th Year Founder's Day fundraiser on October 13, 2001. Welcome House, Inc. helps people in crisis develop self-sufficiency, become employable

and learn life support skills. They are asking you to co-sponsor through a tax-deductible donation, by purchasing an advertisement and/or by sponsoring a table of 10. Please consider making a donation to Welcome House, Inc. by September 14th. For more information, call 214-376-3545 or 214-421-3948.

HONK!, a hilarious new spin on Hans Christian Anderson's timeless fairy tale, is coming to El Centro College Theater, 801 N. Main St., on September 14th - October 14th. We all know the plot-duck born ugly, duck mistreated, duck goes missing, duck really not a duck at all, and returns for a happy ending. HONK!, while based on a familiar tale, is given a snappy, even sassy, make-over. For more information, call 214-978-0110.

September 15th

The Plano Community Forum cordially invites you to attend the 19th Annual Awards Banquet themed "Twenty Years of Making a difference" September 15, 2001. The event will feature Rochelle Brown, Executive Producer of Insights-FOX 4, live entertainment, a silent auction, dinner and awards, and a special raffle for a new Jaguar. For more information please call Evelyn or Carrie at 972-260-4208.

Representatives from the Texas Electric Choice Program will make a presentation on electric deregulation to members of the Royal Art & Cheer Charity Club. The presentation will be held at St. John Missionary Baptist Church, 2600 S. Marsalis Avenue in Dallas. For more information, call 817-451-9273

Syndicated gossip columnist Flo Anthony will host the health fashion and entertainment expo at the Richardson Civic Center located at 411 W. Arapahoe Rd., September 15, 2001 from 11 a.m.-8:30 p.m. The expo will feature a fashion and hair show, seminars,

live entertainment, drawings, performances by Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders and vendors. Tickets to the events are \$10 per person and free for non-profit organizations. For more information, call 214-752-5588 or 972-241-9600.

Richland College and Texas Astronomical Society present Planetarium shows. For more information, call 972-238-6013.

September 16th

Dallas Theater Center's InPerspective series returns for the 2001-02 Season, broadening the scope of each production through discussions with world-renowned scholars. InPerspective is free, open to the general public and is held following the first Sunday matinee after opening night of each production. The first InPerspective of the 2001-02 will feature Ibsen scholar Joan Templeton on Sunday, September 16th following the 2 p.m. matinee of Hedda Gabler at the Kalita Humphreys Theater. For more information, call 214-522-8499.

September 18th

The Frisco Senior Adult Center (FSAC), located at 7775 Camellia Drive, is hosting blood pressure and blood checks beginning at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 972-355-5515.

Representatives from the Texas Electric Choice Program will make a presentation on electric deregulation to parents, teachers and school administrators during the PTA meeting at Dunbar High School at 6 p.m. Dunbar High School is located at 5700 Ramey Avenue in Fort Worth. For more information, call 817-451-9273.

September 19th

Prevention and treatment of diabetes, obesity and heart disease-and their epidemic proportion in the United States-will be the focus of medical experts from the UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas during the Southwestern

Medical Foundation Public Forum on Wednesday, September 19th.

The free public forum, "An American Epidemic: Diabetes, Obesity and Heart Disease," begins at 7 p.m. in the Tom and Lula Gooch Auditorium on the UT Southwestern South Campus, 5323 Harry Hines Blvd. Free parking will be available. For more information, call 214-35-6143.

The Women's Division meets every third Wednesday of each month for lunch at Gleneagles Country Club. Networking begins at 11:30 a.m. If you are interested in meeting other dynamic women and men doing business in and around Plano, please attend. Everyone is welcome, but reservations are required. For more information, call 972-424-7547.

September 20th

Music Director Andrew Litton leads the Dallas Symphony Orchestra in a weekend of Mozart and Strauss as the Texas Instruments Classical Series continues. Pianist Stephen Hough performs in the concerts September 20-23, 2001, at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center. Tickets may be purchased from the Dallas Symphony box office or by logging on to www.dallasymphony.com. Box office hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information, call 214-692-0203.

September 21st

Mark your calendars for the Community Credit Union Plano Balloon Festival, scheduled September 21-23. This three-day event begins at 4 p.m. on Friday, September 21st at Collin County Community College Spring Creek Campus and at Oak Point Park on Spring Creek Parkway. The balloons are scheduled to launch on Friday at 6 p.m., Saturday at 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m. (weather permitting). For more information, call 972-424-7547.

September 22nd

On September 22nd, the Plano Symphony orchestra will be presenting, "Bright Lights! Broadway! Pops Concert! For more information, call 972-473-7262.

September 26th

Methodist Hospitals of Dallas has added another advanced imaging system to its radiology capabilities at both Methodist Medical Center and Charlton Methodist Hospital. The mobile Positron Emission Tomography (PET) system is an early detection diagnostic imaging and staging procedure for cancer, heart disease and neurological disorders. PET scans at both hospitals will be fully operational by September 26th and physicians wishing to refer patients for a PET scan can call 214-947-0888 or log on to www.mhd.com.

September 27th

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

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

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