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**Pregnancy, childbirth kill 1 woman per minute**

WASHINGTON (IPS) — According to a new study released March 8, International Women's Day, by two key U.S. advocacy groups, for every minute that passes, one woman, mostly in Third World countries, dies in pregnancy or childbirth due to poor or inaccessible reproductive health care.

**Blood disorder sidelines Hakeem Olajuwon**

Houston Rocket star Hakeem Olajuwon has a blood problem in a vein the lower half of his left leg that will require medication that will keep him off the court for three to six months. The fear is that taking a blood thinner could result in a more serious internal injury if he had hard contact while on the court. It is unknown if this will mean the end of his career.

**U.S. Census reports more multiracial population**

New U.S. census figures show an increasingly multiracial population with some 6.8 million Americans claiming to be of more than one race. Experts from the Census Bureau said this probably means the United States is getting more ethnically diverse, but the 2000 census is the first time respondents have ever been allowed to check more than one box when it comes to the race question.

**Florida 14-Year-old sentenced to life in prison**

A Florida judge sentenced a 14-year-old boy on Friday to life in prison without parole for the murder two years ago of a 6-year-old girl, rejecting the defense's request for a retrial or a reduction in the verdict. The girl was killed while Tate rough-housed with her in his home, imitating wrestlers' moves he had seen on television.

## Medical City Dallas Hospital announces major expansion

Medical City Dallas Hospital held a celebration to announce a major expansion and renovation project that will include construction of an additional patient care tower to house the North Texas Hospital for Children at Medical City Dallas and a new medical office tower.

When completed, Medical City Dallas Hospital will grow to 670 licensed beds and double of the number of private rooms. The expansion plan will include a state-of-the-art conference center for educational and community purposes. The new Medical Office Building will increase on-campus physician office space to 700,000 square feet, and will include a separate parking garage. Medical City also is building a 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week childcare center that will open in August 2001.

"Medical City Dallas Hospital is committed to innovation and excellence in healthcare," said Britt Berrett, president and chief executive officer of Medical City. "The size and scope of this project underscores that commitment."

"With the expansion of North Texas Hospital for Children into a separate facility, we will increase the number of children in this area who can be cared for in a dedicated pediatric facility," Berrett said. "North Texas Hospital for Children already is an invaluable asset for this region because of the many world-class pediatric programs on the campus."

NTHC is a comprehensive pediatric hospital that serves as a regional referral center and houses both a neonatal and a pediatric intensive care unit. Neonatal and pediatric intensivists staff the hospital 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Patients from around the world come to NTHC to receive specialized treatment in the Dallas Craniofacial Center, one of the largest treatment centers in North America. Other programs with national and international reputations include pediatric hematology/oncology, stem cell and umbilical cord blood transplantation, neuro-

science, epilepsy and cardiovascular services.

A two-story addition adjacent to the existing Emergency

Department will greatly expand the Emergency and Surgery Departments and allow for a separate pediatric ER. In 2000, nearly 50,000 patients passed through the Medical City ER - a fourth of whom were pediatric patients.



A model of the hospital after expansion plans are complete. With the expansion, Medical City will grow to 670 licensed beds.

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The expansion will vastly increase the amount of space allotted for the major diagnostic

project. The design of the project evolved and grew thanks to their contributions.

"Medical City is already an important asset to this area. The expansion will enhance not only this hospital, but the entire med-

ical community of North Texas." Medical City has nationally ranked programs in areas such as cardiovascular services, cran-

iofacial services, the neurosciences, oncology and transplant services. The hospital has one of the most active heart transplant programs in the area. In 1999, the program was rated number one nationally for

patient survival by the Department of Health and Human Services. Medical City Dallas, located at 7777 Forest Lane at Central Expressway, is a medical center that includes Medical City Dallas Hospital and the North Texas Hospital for Children at Medical City Dallas as its centerpiece. The hospital has more than 2300 employees. Some 1370 physicians are on the medical staff, and more than 400 offices are on campus. Together with 50 other healthcare providers and support organizations, these elements form a total healthcare community.

The expansion project is among the largest in the history of the parent company, HCA - The Healthcare Company, the nation's leading provider of healthcare services. HCA is composed of locally managed facilities that include approximately 200 hospitals and 70 outpatient surgery centers in 24 states, England and Switzerland.

Jonathan Bailey Associates, an award-winning design and architectural firm with offices in Dallas and London, is designing the project.

### Key elements of Medical City expansion, renovation

The Master Facility Plan includes 304,957 building gross square feet of new construction and major renovation of 451,656 existing building gross square feet for a total of 756,613 square feet. Following is a list of the major elements of the expansion and renovation of Medical City Dallas Hospital and Medical City Dallas Ltd.:

- Construct a new seven-story tower primarily to house North Texas Hospital for Children at Medical City Dallas.
- Construct a new Medical Office Building and parking garage.
- Add a new state-of-the-art Conference Center that can be used for both hospital and community education activities.
- Construct a two-story wing adjacent to the Emergency Department and A Building to provide additional space for the Emergency Department and to consolidate Cardiopulmonary Services.
- Expand the existing ER to approximately 50 treatment rooms.
- Build a dedicated Pediatric ER with separate waiting area and treatment rooms.
- Create a "hospitality" floor with accommodations for patients' family members who live out of the area.
- Create separate entrances for adult inpatients, outpatients, and the North Texas Hospital for Children, improving patient access.
- Consolidate outpatient treatment areas onto an "outpatient boulevard" of Diagnostic Imaging, Day Surgery, Cardiopulmonary Services, Cardiac Rehab, GI Lab, and Transplant Clinic services.
- Double the number of private beds available.
- Increase the number of adult ORs and related services.
- Increase the number of Endoscopy/Bronchoscopy rooms.

## McKinney city officials pleased with census count

By Lisa Falkenberg  
Associated Press Writer

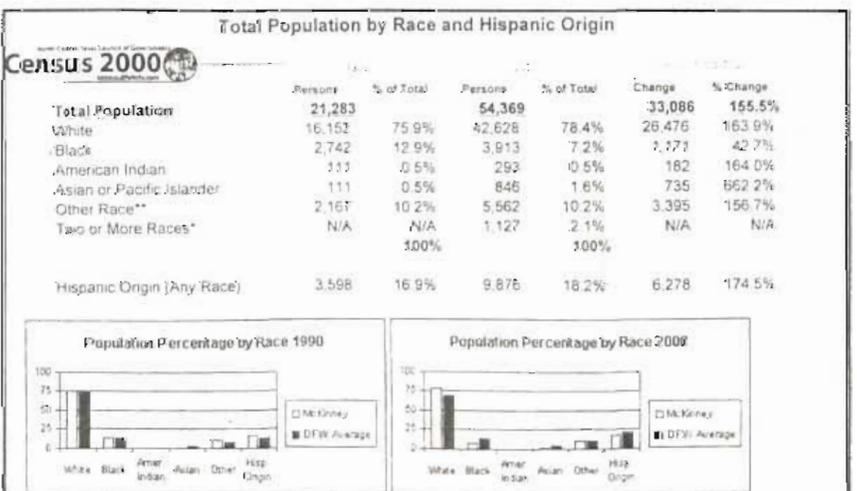
City officials are pleased with the population count for McKinney, which was officially released by the U.S. Census Bureau recently. The census figures show McKinney with a population of 54,369.

Director of Planning John Kessel said City staff had estimated a population of roughly 50,385. "Considering the tremendous growth that McKinney has experienced over the last ten years, our estimate wasn't that far off," he said. "We are all just pleased that McKinney residents were

counted and will be represented in the government process."

Among many uses, the census population numbers are used to re-draw state and federal congressional districts, as well local election districts.

Mr. Kessel said McKinney's growth is unique. "Despite the rapid growth, McKinney has managed to preserve the small-town flavor and retain such a high quality of life," he said. The census shows that McKinney added 33,086 people since 1990.



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Community Spotlight



(l to r) Dallas Councilman Leo Chaney, Real Men Cook chef Steven Wesley, event manager Terry Allen and African American Museum Director Harry Robinson. Real Men Cook for Charity presented the Museum with \$2,500 collected from the Father's Day cooking event.  
Photo courtesy Real Men Cook



Photo #5: Becky Nun receives well-deserved water after finishing the Dallas Symphony Run. Nun underwent gastric bypass surgery last year and lost more than 100 pounds.  
Photos by Stan R. Davis



Marie Kelly (left), mid-day host of 97.9 The Beat, is joined by R&B duo Koffee Brown during a recent performance.  
Photo by Lott's Photography



Dennis Mills jogs to the finish line of the 5K run during the Symphony Run. The run benefited the organization and its many performance and programs.



The singing quartet entertained crowds during the Medical City Hospital expansion announcement celebration.  
Photo by Lott's Photography



Miss Dallas Tori White (with crown) and County Commissioner John Wiley Price pose with prize winners at the Ebony Fashion Fair.  
Photo by Lott's Photography



Race participants pose with Jamba Juice characters. (front left) Diane McClung, Jenny Watson, Rachel May and Will Carper.



Standup comedian Sheryl Underwood performs her act at the improv.  
Photo by Lott's Photography



(l to r) Keenan Towns with Personal Bros, Inc., BET host Laz Alongo, actor Obba Babu Tunde and an HBO staff member were in attendance at the E!VO film festival held recently at CityPlace.  
Photo by Lott's Photography



Crystal Thornton, second from right, stands with Fashion Fair models after the show. Thornton is joined by Tori White.

## Doing your part to prevent school violence can mean safe study environment

Violence in our schools continues to be a major concern. Here are some suggestions for addressing this issue:

### Talk to Your Children

Keeping communication lines open with your children is critical and to stay involved in their schoolwork, friends and activities. Communicating with your child does not have to be a game of 20 questions. Instead, ask open-ended questions and use phrases such as "tell me more" and "what do you think?" Phrases like these show children that you are listening and that you want to hear more about their opinions, ideas and how they view the world. Start important discussions about violence, smoking, drugs, sex, drinking, death...even if the topics are difficult or embarrassing. Don't wait for your children to come to you.

### Set Clear Rules and Limits for Your Children

Children need clearly defined rules and limits set so they know what is expected of them and the consequences for not complying. When setting family rules and limits, be sure they understand the reason for the rules and be consistent in enforcing them.

Discipline is more effective if children have been involved in establishing the rules, and often, in deciding the consequences. Work together to set limits for behavior at home and at school. Remember to be fair

and flexible as your children grow older they become ready for expanded rights and changes in rules and limits. Parents also need to model appropriate and positive behaviors. When parents say one thing and do another, they lose credibility with their children. Show your children through your actions how to adhere to rules and regulations, be responsible, have empathy toward others, control anger and manage stress.

### Know the Warning Signs

Knowing what's normal behavior for your son or daughter can help you recognize even small changes in behavior and give you an early warning that something is troubling your child. Sudden changes from subtle to dramatic should alert parents to potential problems. These could include withdrawal from friends, decline in grades, abruptly quitting sports or clubs the child had previously enjoyed, sleep disruptions, eating problems, evasiveness, lying and chronic physical complaints, such as stomach ache or headaches. Know your child well and know the early warning signs.

### Don't Be Afraid to Parent; Know When to Intervene

Parents need to step in and intervene when children exhibit behavior or attitudes that could potentially harm them or others. It's okay to be concerned when you notice warning signs in a child, and it's even more appro-

appropriate to do something about those concerns. Concerned parents should seek a diagnosis from a doctor, school counselor or other mental health professional trained to assess young people. And, you don't have to deal with problems alone—the most effective interventions have parent, school and health professionals working together to provide ongoing monitoring and support.

### Stay Involved in Your Child's School

Show your children you believe education is important and that you want them to do their best by being involved in their education. Get to know your child's teachers and help them get to know you and your child. Communicate with teachers throughout the school year, not just when problems arise. Stay informed of school events, class projects and homework assignments. Attend all parent orientation activities and parent-teacher conferences. Volunteer to assist with school functions and join your local PTA. Help your children seek a balance between schoolwork and outside activities.

Parents also need to support school rules and goals. Find out about the school's policies for discipline and procedures for handling emergencies such as fire, evacuations, severe weather, power outages, injuries and illness, or other dangers that students might face at school. Know the proce-

dures for contacting students during the day or for having adults visit the school. Know the route your student takes to and from school and through-out the school building. Staying involved in your child's school will help you feel more a part of your child's education.

### Join Your PTA or a Violence Prevention Coalition

All parents, students, school staff and community members need to be a part of creating safe school environments for our children. Many PTAs and other school-based groups are working to identify the problems and causes of school violence and possible solutions for violence prevention.

When people work together for a common cause, great things can happen. According to the National Crime Prevention Council, the crime rate can decrease by as much as 30 percent when a violence prevention initiative is a community-wide effort. Find out what violence prevention programs or community groups are already working together in your area. Contact those that interest you the most and ask how you can join or support their efforts.

### Help to Organize a Community Violence Prevention Forum

Parents, school officials and community members working together can be the most effective way to prevent violence in our schools. To help PTAs and

other community groups get started, the National PTA developed a community violence prevention kit for organizing a community forum and helping communities identify local problems, causes and solutions for making schools, neighborhoods and communities safe.

### Help Develop A School Violence Prevention and Response Plan

Schools with violence prevention plans and crisis management teams are more prepared to identify and avert potential problems and how to handle a crisis. The most effective violence prevention and response plans are developed in cooperation with school and health officials, parents, and community members. These plans include descriptions of school safety policies, early warning signs, intervention strategies, emergency response plans and post-crisis procedures. Last summer, the U.S. Department of Education and the Department of Justice developed the resource "Early Warning, Timely Response: A Guide to Safe Schools" to help adults reach out to troubled children quickly and effectively.

### Know How to Deal With the Media in a Crisis

While you may never have to lead a violence prevention coalition or be called upon to be the spokesperson for an organization in a crisis, you can help others by knowing how to work and deal with the media during

a crisis. Good public relations and media relations start with understanding how the media works and what to expect from organizations that issue press releases, hold press conferences, and distribute media kits. Learn the basics of public relations and advanced crisis management tips from these resources developed for PTAs.

### Work to Influence Lawmakers

Writing an editorial for the local newspaper, holding a petition drive, speaking before a school board meeting, or sending a letter to your legislator are effective ways to voice your opinion and gain support from decision makers for violence prevention programs in your community. The National PTA has historically advocated for legislation and resources parents need to assist them in raising their children, these include greater funding for public schools, gun safety, family friendly policies, staffing additional school counselors, before- and after-school programs, and community-wide violence prevention programs. When taking a position on an issue, do your homework and use facts to support your opinion or statements. Working with other concerned parents, teachers and community members, you can influence local, state and even federal decisions that affect the education, safety and well-being of children.

## Criminal Justice issues occupy spotlight of the 77th Session

Even before the first day of the current session of the Texas Legislature, now in its third month, matters involving crime and punishment were front and center.

In December, we had the prison escape of the group of inmates that later were dubbed the "Connally Seven." It became even more grim when late on December 24, - Christmas Eve nonetheless - the tragic news came from the Dallas area that Irving policeman Aubrey Hawkins had lost his life at the hands of this infamous pack.

So in the first days of the Session, with all of Texas' lawmakers in close proximity, daily reports of the deadly drama topped headlines and opened newscasts worldwide in these days of instant global access.

But there are other issues that never left the consciousness

of Texans as lawmakers converged on the Capitol city. And now, as the Connally Seven await their dates with justice, pertinent matters that affect the 20 million residents of the Lone Star State assume a higher profile.

In May of 2000, the United States Supreme Court sent a case back to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. The case involved a murder trial that took place in Northern Texas. In arguments, the prosecutor used an expert witness who testified that race was a factor that could be used to predict the future behavior of the defendant.

It must be said that such statements are an insult to the basic tenets of criminal justice in this society, which says that a person is innocent until proven guilty, and that all citizens have the right to a fair trial - one

that's free of racial prejudice.

It is for this reason that I filed Senate Bill 133. This bill would prohibit the use of race, or ethnicity of the defendant, as a predictor of future criminal behavior. The bill was passed - unanimously.

Many Texans were left with a bitter taste in their mouths at the end of the 76th Legislative Session two years ago. Why, you ask? It was because after three trials, three guilty verdicts and two death sentences - and the national publicity surrounding the brutal murder of James Byrd Jr. - the State of Texas was unable to pass a Hate Crimes Bill.

With Senate Bill 87, we have renewed hope this session. Two years ago, the bill failed to get out of committee in the Senate. Last month, we were successful in passing it out of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee.

In the House of Representatives, the companion bill was also approved in committee. The Senate Bill failed last term when opponents did not think the protection should be extended to cover sexual ori-

entation. Yet, 21 other states have provided for sexual orientation within their hate crimes laws.

This session, Senate Bill 87 also expands the protection to allow individuals who are aggrieved as a result of race, to file civil suits. This represents progress, but needless to say, passage of a Hate Crimes law in Texas represents an uphill battle.

Domestic violence remains a problem in Texas and I will continue to work to pass laws that address those individuals who attempt to turn the sanctity of the home into a battleground.

In 1995, I authored Senate Bill 130, which made it illegal to sell or transfer a firearm to a person subject to a protective order. Protective orders are many times used to provide a measure of safety to victims of domestic violence.

This session, Senate Bill 199 takes the protection provided by SB 130 a step further.

Senate Bill 199 would make it illegal for a person who is subject to a protective order to be in possession of a firearm. It only makes sense that a person who is the subject of a protective order should not be in possession of a firearm.

Statistics show that in 1997



State Senator Royce West

in Texas, of the 102 women murdered by their intimate partner, 72 of those victims were killed by use of a gun. To add to that, nearly half of all homicide victims either knew, or were related to their killers.

This bill was filed as part of a package that looks to address the issue of domestic violence.

This session, there is another issue of national consequence that I have chosen to personally navigate through the Legislative waters. It is that of racial profiling, the unsanctioned law enforcement practice of initiating actions against persons based not on that individual's behavior, but rather because of race, ethnicity or national origin.

To meet this challenge, over the opening weeks of the Legislature, I have brought together members of the law enforcement and Civil Rights communities. We have met and tirelessly blended our energies and agendas to forge a document that will protect the interests of both citizens and law enforcement.

Senate Bill 1074 was filed Monday, March 5, 2001 and hopefully, by the end of this session there will be agreement from the floor of the Senate, the floor of the House and in the Governor's Mansion that Texas does have a racial profiling problem that does need to be

addressed.

We were aided, by coincidence or not, when President Bush included racial profiling in his State of the Union Address and charged Congress with finding a solution.

Sure, there remain wrinkles to be smoothed out. But all agree that there is a problem and that it will require additional law enforcement awareness and training in the differences between legitimate law enforcement practices and what constitutes racial profiling.

Other Criminal Justice issues are gaining momentum this session.

A bill that I co-authored, Senate Bill 7, will look to vastly upgrade what the State of Texas does in the area of indigent defense.

Texas currently has a system where court-appointed lawyers are assigned to represent poor defendants. There are no statewide accountability standards and many times, defendants do not have the benefit of an experienced trial lawyer in handling their cases.

While there are more bills that I have personally filed on behalf of the citizens of Texas, these issues top the list in Criminal Justice for the 77th Legislative Session.

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## Shapiro doing duty in Texas Legislature

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The Texas Legislature is the state's lawmaking body. It enacts laws for the health, welfare, education, environment and economic and general well-being of its citizens. The Texas Legislature consists of two separate chambers, a 31-member senate and a 150-member house of representatives. Sessions are currently in progress and will continue until May 28.



Florence Shapiro

In accordance with the Texas Constitution, the legislature meets in regular sessions in Austin every two years. By statute, it convenes on the second Tuesday in January of every odd-numbered year. These biennial sessions cannot exceed 140 days.

In recent sessions, Senator Florence Shapiro from Plano proposed to establish permanent funding for the Texas School Safety Center, taking

aim at campus violence.

"The Texas School Safety Center has been doing a great job, but has been funded by a grant from the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office," says Shapiro. "In effect, we as state leaders, recognize the center's success and good things they do for Texas schoolchildren."

In 1998, police referred to the commission an average of one juvenile violent crime every 90 minutes, a homicide every four days, a sexual assault every 51/2 hours, an aggravated assault or attempted homicide every 21/2, a burglary every 66 minutes and drug referral every 47 minutes. All the statistics were according to the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission.

Nationwide, more than 250,000 students between the ages of 12 and 18 were victims of violent crimes ranging from sexual assault to robbery to aggravated assault in 1998,

according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

The Senate unanimously approved Shapiro's proclamation to make January 29, Texas School Safety Day.

In other legislative session news, Shapiro announced the "Statewide Mobility Package," a group of bills addressing transportation issues ranging from commercial truck safety to toll road construction to statewide transportation bonds.

In other legislative events, investigators seized records from the Austin and Plano offices of National Heritage Insurance Co., a subsidiary of Electronic Data Systems, which processed Medicaid claims under state contract.

Lt. Governor Bill Ratliff said that he did not think that the inquiry would hinder efforts this legislative session to simplify the Medicaid enrollment process.

"I can't imagine anybody that would resist doing something to help the children on Medicaid because of problems in the administration," said Ratliff.

## Teachers groups dig in, push for state-funded insurance

By Kelley Shanon  
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) - It's spring break this week at many Texas schools, but for teachers and their lobbyists, work at the state Capitol is moving into high gear.

All bills have been filed now in the Texas Legislature, and an issue emerging as a priority among lawmakers is state-funded health insurance for public school employees. Naturally, teachers and other school workers don't want to let their opportunity to slip away.

"It has received more interest from the legislators than it ever has," said Lonnie Hollingsworth, director of governmental relations for the Texas Classroom Teachers Association.

"When there's a will, they'll come up with the money to do it," said Hollingsworth, whose organization has 42,000 members.

Educators contend that providing state-paid affordable health insurance is one way to recruit and retain teachers. About 46,000 of the state's 250,000 teaching positions went unfilled this school year.

Some type of school employee insurance plan is likely to win legislative approval. It remains to be seen how extensive it will be.

Plans under consideration range from a fully funded state health plan that would cost \$3 billion a year to others that cost less or share expenses with local school districts.

Representatives of the TCTA, Texas Federation of Teachers, Texas State Teachers Association and Association of Professional Educators have been cooperating in an unusually close way and meeting jointly with individual lawmakers to drum up support.

"There's quite a bit of legislative interest in this and quite a bit of support," said Roxanne Evans, spokeswoman for the Texas Federation of Teachers. "We've been working very hard since the last session ended to push the learning curve along."

Her 36,000-member organization is taking advantage of many school districts' spring break and inviting its members to rally at the Capitol on Tuesday. Some 1,000 teachers are expected from districts as diverse as Houston, Amarillo,

Victoria and Goose Creek.

The teachers plan to display a chalkboard comparing the state health insurance available to Gov. Rick Perry and his family with that of a Dallas Independent School District teacher.

The governor's state plan costs \$237 per month, while the Dallas teacher's plan costs \$682 per month, Evans said.

If health insurance is provided in a small or rural district, its cost can skyrocket if one person from the pool of insured is diagnosed with a catastrophic illness, Evans said.

Unlike state employees, public school workers do not get state-paid health insurance. State requires districts to offer comparable coverage to that of state employees, but doesn't specify that it must be at a comparable cost.

On Monday, the Senate Education Committee is hearing a proposed plan by Sen. Elliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso, that would cost \$3 billion a year and fully fund school employee health insurance with a combination of state and local money. Senate Democrats have united behind his proposal.

Shapleigh says funding

would come from a variety of sources, including \$1.18 billion from local taxes. A referendum would be held in every school district to decide on local participation.

The plan calls for \$350 million to be taken out of the Permanent School Fund, which would require a state constitutional amendment vote.

The most comprehensive proposal, the so-called "Cadillac" of the plans and the one favored by the educator groups, was put forth by Republican Sen. John Carona and Democratic Rep. Harryette Ehrhardt, both from Dallas. It would provide fully state-funded insurance, costing an estimated \$3 billion per year.

Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, has a proposal that would require voters to approve a school property tax increase to fund school employee health insurance.

Senate Finance Chairman Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, and House Appropriations Chairman Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, are proposing tapping into the \$22 billion Permanent School Fund to generate an additional \$700 million over two years for health benefits.

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## Peace on Guard

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Ron Shaw

A few months ago I heard of a child who woke up screaming most nights. I spoke with the parents, asking questions that pointed me to the heart of the matter. At issue was the child's peace. It had been disturbed by the actions and lifestyle of the parents. After I finished talking with them, they asked a question that so many are asking these days. They wanted to know if one could ever be at peace in this world.

One of the most serious issues of our day is peace. We are bombarded with assaults to disrupt our peace. Everyone has become accustomed to living in an uptight state. We hear it expressed in a variety of ways: road rage, stress, hypertension, dysfunction, depression, anxiety attack; all are symptoms of a lack of peace. Our impatience feeds this condition.

Why is peace so important? Simply put, peace gives us security. It assures us that although there may be trouble brewing, everything's will be all right.

I was once informed that the phrase "that got my goat" was derived from the horse racing business. Since racehorses are nervous animals, goats would many times be put in with horses the night before a big race. The presence of the goat, a very sedate animal,

would calm the racehorse. If an opponent wanted to sabotage his competition, he would sneak in and steal the goat. Thus the day of the race the horse would be uptight, thus increasing his chances of losing the race.

Life is very similar. Very few people find it easy to relax without the use of artificial assistance, like alcohol or drugs. The absence of peace can take years off your life and alter your physical appearance. The best beauty treatments are internal not external.

Therefore, I encourage you to relax. Our text says that peace will guard your heart and mind as you live in Christ Jesus. It says that this kind of peace is beyond the mind's ability to understand. How can a person relax when everything around them seems to be in chaos? It's possible! Jesus says that he left us the gift of peace. Not the artificial peace the world offers, but rather his kind of peace that protects our hearts from being fearful.

In the Bible, there are several times when peace is mentioned in conjunction with storms. One of the tenets of creative thinking is to surround your self with things that bring you peace. In Jesus' life we know he spent a lot of time by the sea. The sea is very calming. I love driving, especially through scenic places. It brings me peace and helps me

think and create. Often while driving, I'll pull over and take notes. Some of my greatest thoughts and ideas have come that way. Why? Because of the peace that guards my heart and mind.

To increase your peace you must first make some choices. You must choose to limit your worries. Most of what we worry about never happens. Philippians 4:6 says don't worry about anything but pray about everything.

Second, you must have a prayer life, not a prayer list. A prayer life is where the lines of communication are constantly open with God. You're always online with Him. You never hang up. It becomes a lifestyle where you don't have to have an appointment with Him because you are always together. That's having a prayer life. You'll never have the peace of God just making a list of things you need to ask Him for.

Last, always give thanks. Being grateful is very important to having the peace of God prevail in your life. Thanksgiving expresses an attitude of humility. We experience God's peace when we realize and accept that most of the things in life are beyond our control. Therefore, we must rest and be confident in His protection. These three things will produce His peace, which will stand guard over your emotions and thinking. His Peace should always be on guard!

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## Internet access growing faster, easier for Texans



Dave Lopez

It took 38 years for radio to reach 50 million American homes; 12 years for television. The Web took only four — and with it have come unprecedented entertainment, educational and economic opportunities.

Today, with the help of a new generation of communications technologies, what used to be the "World Wide Wait" is quickly becoming a new, wide-open window to the world. High-speed Internet access is the wave of the future, and companies are hurrying to upgrade and extend their networks worldwide.

But as we speed into this Information Age, we must make sure Texas rural communities don't get left behind.

Until now, low population density and expansive geographic distances have made it difficult to provide some types of services to some areas. And if technology is to meet the needs of an economically diverse state like ours, then a "one-size-fits-all" approach simply may not work.

The good news is we don't have to depend upon a single option. Initial research conducted by a special committee of the Texas House suggests that a broad variety of technological capabilities is available out in the marketplace — today.

In addition to existing telephone lines — which can readily accommodate most e-transactions — a new breed of satellite and wireless systems are eliminating the geographic constraints of land-based networks. These advanced communications technologies are delivering swift, affordable alternatives to traditional telephone and cable Internet connections.

Texans deserve high-speed Internet access through the technology that best meets their individual needs. Luckily, with so many options available, it's clear that technology is becoming one of rural America's best allies. Southwestern Bell is proud to be working with Texas policymakers to ensure technology is converted into new services accessible by all Texans.

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# RISD graduates honored as Top College Seniors

By Brandy Jones  
Gazette Editorial Assistant

USA TODAY is spotlighting some of the best and brightest undergraduates found on campuses across the U.S. Marshawn Evans, a Richardson High School graduate and now senior at Texas Christian University, and Kristin Johnson, a graduate of Berkner High School and current Rice University senior, were selected as honorees by the newspaper.



Kristin Johnson

Evans is among 20 college seniors named to USA TODAY's "All-USA College Academic First Team" and has received a trophy and a \$2,500 cash award. Johnson received an honorable mention award.

Winners were selected by an independent panel of judges who determined the group representative of all outstanding undergraduates. Seeking to find students who not only excel scholastically, the panel also carefully considered leadership roles on and off campus. The key element given most weight was the student's description of an outstanding original academic or intellectual endeavor.

Evans, a political science major who is minoring in criminal justice, founded America Children Achieving Now! five years ago while still in high school. This program seeks to prevent youth crime through leadership development and is comprised of five major components: self esteem, positive attitude, six Ds (desire, drive, determination, dedication, diligence and discipline), goal-setting, and decision-making. Evans attributes her success to her parents and her fifth grade teacher, Larry Eger at Jess Harben Elementary School. Her parents' credo was, "Once you've reached success, you need to give it back." Ironically, Evans was not a

scholar until she reached the fifth grade. Her mother recalls her being very talkative and not very focused. Mr. Eger opened Marshawn's eyes. Evans was appointed by President George W. Bush to the Governor's State Juvenile Justice Advisory Board and National Youth Network and she has helped pre-

pare prosecutor's cases for a District of Columbia superior court. Her honors entail being named a 2000 Truman Scholar for public service, and one of Glamour magazine's Top Ten College Women. She was TCU's 2000 Homecoming Queen, Miss Fort Worth 2000, and was second runner-up to Miss Texas. After graduation, she

and then will go to law school and to pursue international civil rights law.



Marshawn Evans

plans to go to fulfill her dream of being a juvenile judge.

Johnson, an English and religious studies major, interned in Washington, D.C. with the Joint Center of Political Economic Studies. She participated in corporate fundraising where she spearheaded a venture to increase individual donations. Most influential in her life is her mother, Kathy Johnson, a pharmaceutical sales representative who put her career on hold to raise her children through high school.

She has served as an investigator for Rice's Honor Council, a group investigating allegations of academic fraud. She also participates in the Rice counseling program, serves as a senior interviewer with the Rice office of admissions, poetry editor of University Blue, which is the campus literary magazine and is planning activities for college. She will be working with a New York investment banking firm in a three-year program



John Dudley

# Top ten ways to get your IRA in shape for a healthy retirement

Regular exercise and a proper diet can be the foundation for a healthy body. Similarly, tax-advantaged saving in an Individual Retirement Account can be the foundation for healthy finances in retirement. To make sure your IRA is as fit as possible, regular maintenance and good habits are required. Here are a few guidelines.

**1. Give your IRA the proper diet.** Advisors recommend regular, consistent, and maximum contributions to an IRA, even when they are not tax-deductible. Whether tax deductible or not, contributions to an IRA grow tax-deferred, meaning that no taxes are due on the earnings until money is withdrawn. This deceptively simple factor-tax-deferred growth can have a dramatic impact on your retirement savings over time.

**2. Exercise all available tax options.** Having made the point about the power of tax deferral, it is still important that, whenever possible, IRA contributions be used as a tax deduction. Because there is confusion over the laws, people often incorrectly assume that they are not eligible for a tax deduction when they are.

**3. Know the rules.** Each person under 70 1/2 may contribute up to \$2,000 per year (even married couples where one spouse doesn't work outside the home).

**4. Disciplined record keeping.** When non-deductible contributions are withdrawn from an IRA, they are tax free. For this reason, it is important to keep track of them. In a separate file, maintain a list of contributions. If you wait too long to compile this information, you're bound to make mistakes and end up paying more taxes than necessary.

**5. Invest wisely.** Once you have made your IRA contribution, you must make decisions

about how this money will be most effectively employed. Seek the counsel of a professional Financial Advisor to assist you with the management of IRA assets.

**6. Regular checkups.** Personal, economic, and market conditions change over time so it is important to monitor these factors, since they may suggest adjustments or modifications to your investment selections. A self-directed IRA allows you to use virtually any investment vehicle and make appropriate changes as needed.

**7. Resist bad habits.** You've spent a lifetime building a retirement nest egg in your tax-advantaged retirement plan. Don't consider this money a windfall to be spent on a new car or boat you've always wanted. Tax-deferred retirement dollars cannot be replaced. If you change jobs or take an early retirement, it is critical that you resist the temptation to take receipt of the money in your retirement account. Rolling the sum into an IRA rollover account is almost always the wisest alternative. You'll be glad you did when retirement comes because a disciplined "hand-off" policy during the accumulation years, can make a substantial difference in your lifestyle during retirement.

**8. Learn about rollovers before you effect one.** New rollover rules for retirement distributions are fairly straightforward, but it is important to understand them completely; a wrong move could cost you a sizable portion of your savings. Talk with your Financial Advisor and tax advisor well in advance of your retirement distribution.

**9. Consolidate your IRAs.** Many people have several IRA accounts at a number of different financial institutions. While most are in this situation completely by accident, some do it intentionally because they mis-

takenly believe it will provide diversification. Since most IRA accounts incur fees and other expenses, having several different IRA accounts will only result in defeating the long-term goal of accumulating assets. And while diversification is an important element of good money management, it is not necessary to have a number of different accounts to accomplish it. One, self-directed IRA account can handle several years of contributions and several types of investments.

**10. Plan the withdrawals.** Deciding when to begin withdrawing from your IRA and who to name as the beneficiary are important in your overall estate plan. Many times an IRA is your largest asset. If your IRA is sizable, potentially subjecting you to a future 15% tax on large withdrawals, or your heirs to additional estate taxes, is it better to start withdrawing now or let the funds grow tax-deferred? Who should be your beneficiary-your spouse, a child or grandchild, or your trust? The optimal solution must be based on your particular situation and should be discussed in depth with your tax and estate planning professionals.

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## Children's Health Alert

### Children's Nosebleeds - Rarely a Cause for Alarm

By Dr. John Hellerstedt

Nosebleeds are common in children. They can be scary but they're rarely dangerous. If your child gets a nosebleed, stay calm, and help your child sit quietly. Gently pinch the end of the nose shut for ten minutes and, afterwards, try to keep the child as inactive as possible.

A common cause of nosebleeds is very dry air at home caused by central air conditioning and heating. It's a good idea to humidify your child's room with a vaporizer if the nosebleed persists.

It is important to call your doctor or go to the emergency room if:

1. Your child gets a nosebleed as the result of a blow to the head or a fall
2. You are unable to stop the nosebleed.
3. Nosebleeds are frequent or they last longer than fifteen minutes
4. The nosebleed causes your child to have difficulty breathing
5. The nosebleeds start or occur more frequently just after your child has begun taking a new medicine.
6. There is a foreign object stuck in your child's nose.

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John Hellerstedt, MD, FAAP is the Medical Director of the Children's Health Insurance Program.



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## Conference gives women several approaches to healthcare

By Monica Thornton  
Gazette Corresponding Writer

The 2nd Annual "Speaking of Women's Health" conference recently held at the Fairmont Hotel in Dallas was designed to educate women in making informed decisions about personal health care.

Keynote speakers this year included skin cancer expert Dr. Susan H. Weinkle; UT Southwestern's nationally renowned obstetrician/gynecologist, Dr. Barry Schwarz; and holistic healing specialist Dr. Deborah Kern.

Between breakout sessions and keynote speakers, women were invited to browse the diverse selection of information booths. Screenings for bone density, skin condi-

Speaking to over 1,100 women, Dr. Weinkle provided information on skin care, including skin cancer prevention and slowing the aging process of the skin. Dr. Weinkle says the most sun damage is done to the skin before the age of 18, but it is never too late to start using sun protection lotions. Those that have had six severe sunburns in their lifetime have a 50 percent more chance of developing melanoma. Covering the aging signs and process of the skin, Dr. Weinkle stressed the importance of preventative measures, such as limiting sun exposure, choosing products that are right for your skin type, exercising and getting adequate sleep.

Dr. Kern energized and empowered women in the afternoon with her mind/body connection talks. Dr. Kern began her medical practice in a very traditional approach, like measuring body fat, counting fat grams and teaching aerobics. Over the years, she learned a more holistic approach to health, encompassing the mind/body connection. She has undertaken nursing studies, headed the weight management division of a hospital, and stud-

ied herbal medicine with the women of Costa Rica. She has been a personal trainer and competitive race walker, yoga practitioner and spa director.

Dr. Kern now helps patients connect their minds and bodies by discovering the patterns in their lives that disconnect the body and mind. She gives people tools to reconnect and use this power to enhance every aspect of their lives. Dr. Kern said that she feels American women are good at being brave in accomplishing their tasks, but they are forgetting the GRACE - Grounded, Relaxed, Aware, Compassionate, Energized.

With our hectic schedules, Dr. Kern said we can be so busy we don't even feel.

"We have to process as much information in a day as our ancestors a hundred years ago had to process in one year," she says.

She said it is her dream to help people be happy, healthy and well.

encouraged each woman to look at their lives to see what is preventing them from nurturing themselves emotionally, spiritually and mentally. "We are a whole, if one part falls apart, the threads all disconnect," she said.

Simplifying our lives is a necessary and major component of keeping the GRACE in our lives. She said we have to find a way to simplify our lives of life's supreme complications. In her counseling sessions, Dr. Kern bypasses analytical counsel, and deals instead with allowing the patient's body to speak. She said often what the patient is feeling has nothing to do with the current situation.



(from top) Dr. Susan Weinkle of L.W. Blake Medical Center, Vice Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at UT Southwestern; Dr. Barry Schwarz and Holistic healer, Dr. Deborah Kern shared their expertise with women at the health conference.

## Minority owned airline to provide service to 44 cities

By Lakeesha Joe  
Gazette Corresponding Writer

The Congressional Black Caucus recently endorsed a new minority-owned airline, DC Air in a letter to President Bush.

"This is a significant step for the African-American community, and one we want the President to endorse," said Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson, Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus.

DC Air is a recently launched regional airline operating out of Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, serving 44 markets in the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic Southeast and Midwest sections of the domestic air travel market. DC Air is the first newly formed carrier to gain significant presence at Washington

Reagan Airport in more than a decade and the second minority owned air carrier in history.

The new airline was created out of the proposed merger of United Airlines and US Airways. The airline is owned and chaired by Robert L. Johnson, chairman and CEO of BET Holdings II, Inc., the leading African-American owned and operated media and entertainment company in the United States. Johnson originally announced his plans to create DC Air last May.

"I'm pleased and gratified that the members of the Congressional Black Caucus have endorsed this merger, acknowledging the need for a minority owned entrant in the airline industry," said Johnson. "This decision marks an important step in providing the flying public with a new, quality airline

dedicated to outstanding service."

In January of this year, DC Air's chairman announced that American Airlines would purchase a 49 percent ownership stake in the air carrier. Under the terms of an agreement, American will enter into an exclusive ownership and marketing position with DC Air.

"I am extremely excited about the new partnership between DC Air and American Airlines," said Johnson. "American Airlines is one of the premier air carriers in the industry. The tremendous frequent flyer program, marketing and operating assets of American Airlines will help to make DC Air a very successful new competitive carrier providing service to the 44 communities that we plan to serve."

Other terms included in the DC Air, American Airlines partnership include:

\* American to pay approximately \$82 million in cash to DC Air;

\* DC to operate 114 daily departures out of Washington Reagan Airport with 37 aircraft serving three million passengers annually;

\* American to provide 11 Fokker F-100 aircraft in a "wet lease" arrangement, meaning that American's personnel will fly, service and maintain the fleet marketed as DC Air Aircraft;

\* DC Air to become part of American's "AAdvantage Miles" frequent flyer program, offering access to its worldwide network.

## 7-Eleven stores to offer fully automated financial services

DALLAS and ENGLEWOOD, Colo., - 7-Eleven, Inc., the world's largest convenience store chain, and Western Union Financial Services, Inc. and Integrated Payment Systems, Inc, both subsidiaries of First Data Corp., today announced that they have signed seven-year, exclusive agreements to provide Western Union Money Transfer and Money Order services through 7-Eleven stores nationwide as part of the convenience store retailers V.com(tm) strategy.

V.com is 7-Eleven, Inc.'s web-enabled, integrated financial services kiosk that merges the capabilities of an ATM with the benefits of the Internet. During the initial stage of introduction, V.com will provide

financial services beyond those of a conventional ATM, including money orders, money transfers and check cashing. In the future, 7-Eleven anticipates that customers will be able to have touch-screen access, to services such as bill payment, deposit capability, event ticketing, travel directions and road maps. V.Com has been designed to allow customers online shopping and fulfillment options using 7-Eleven's daily distribution infrastructure.

"The strength of Western Union's brand and service offerings combined with 7-Eleven's V.com strategy will provide a revolutionary way for customers to conveniently access financial services around the clock," said Jim Keyes, 7-Eleven president

and CEO. "These agreements expand our long-standing relationship with Western Union and provide additional services to our customers who currently purchase over \$4 billion worth of money orders each year."

Under the agreements, 7-Eleven will begin offering Western Union Money

Transfer services through its V.com units and continue to sell Western Union(r) so, Money Order services. Additional, Western Union will rollout their ATM-based money transfer service to automated teller machines in 7-Eleven stores across the country.

"These agreements create value for both of our companies, but more significantly, they create value for our mutual cus-

tomers who need a reliable and fast means of transferring money anytime of day or night," said Ric Duques, chairman and CEO of First Data Corp. "7-Eleven gives our money transfer customers another national presence that virtually everyone knows, typically 24 hours a day, seven days a week and in a friendly, comfortable environment. 7-Eleven has been a great distribution channel for our money orders and will be an outstanding money transfer agent for our customers."

"7-Eleven anticipates announcing more V.com strategic alliances this year as we work with premier companies to provide additional services through V.com," added Keyes.

## Philip Morris program presents grant to North Texas Food Bank

DALLAS - Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX), Tanya Lombard of Philip Morris and Cliff Amos of Miller Brewing Company present a \$50,000 grant from the Philip Morris Companies to the North Texas Food Bank (NTFB), at the site of NTFB's future kitchen facility. This year, NTFB's Community Kitchen program will train 60 homeless people for jobs in the food service industry, while pro-



(l to r): Cliff Amos (Community Relations Manager, Miller Brewing Company, Fort Worth), Jan Prain (Executive Director, North Texas Food Bank), Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX), Ray Hemmig (North Texas Food Bank Board Chairman) and Tanya Lombard (Director of Government Affairs, Philip Morris Management Corp.) Photo by Gerald Grimes (Grimes Photography, Dallas)

viding more than 1,700 meals per week to homeless shelters, food pantries and after-school programs for low-income children. This Philip Morris grant will fund the purchase of new refrigeration and packing equipment for the new kitchen. NTFB is one of 16 community organizations nationwide that has received a Philip Morris Community Kitchens grant this year. The Philip Morris Companies include Miller Brewing Company, Kraft Foods and Philip Morris U.S.A.

### DEPRESSED AGAIN?

The Department of Psychiatry at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center of Dallas is conducting research sponsored by the National Institute of Mental Health on cognitive therapy for depression. Treatment is free. The symptoms of depression include:

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- Feeling tired or having low energy
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# Communities, families becoming racially, culturally diverse

Recently, my seven-year-old grandson call and asked if I could come to his school the next day. We discussed it and finally I told him I would be there. When I entered the classroom, he pulled out a chair and put it beside him for me to sit. A little girl in front of him turned around and we exchanged greetings. She then informed me that she and my grandson were alike. They both had an African-American grandmother and a

Caucasian grandmother. I told her that they were very special people because the came from two different cultures.



The multicolored squares on the MANY doll from two represent people from around the world including Ethiopians, like the one above.

The business of cultures is a growing cake mix, and it is

refreshing to hear and see children openly talking about it. There are a lot of

diversity movements centered on awareness, exchange and education. A Dallas businessman created a doll named "MANY: Doll of the Universe," a peace pilgrim for the people of the world. MANY is not one doll, but several dolls, of all the colors of the people of the universe. I think MANY is the beginning of a cultural movement starting in Texas, only to spread worldwide. And with census results reporting the growing number of minorities, her timing is politically correct. There is a special section in MANY's message that reads: "It's time to make that change. YOU are the people who can do it. My message is a simple one. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." The doll is uniquely designed with squares all over body representing equality among races, and sown together and double stitched for unity and strength. MANY can

bridge many crossroads.

Neighborhoods are definitely changing, and our children now just have friends, totally ignoring the color chart.

Dallas now encompasses 110 world religions and at a snapshot the universal message, or golden rule; of those religions is the same, just worded differently. For example, Jainism has a following of about 10 million people worldwide. Their presence here in Dallas has tripled in the last decade. Their golden rule is, "In happiness designer unveiled the doll during a ceremony in the Flag and suffering, in joying in the Room at Dallas City Hall. regard all creatures

as we regard our own self." One of their strict customs is that you choose a job that does not harm people or animals. Taoism's golden rule is, "Regard your neighbor's gain as your own gain; and regard your neighbor's loss as your own loss." Buddhists make up more than 310 million people worldwide, with a Dallas population of about 50,000. Their golden rule is "Hurt not others with that which pains yourself."



Rev. Fred Conwright, MANY's designer unveiled the doll during a ceremony in the Flag Room at Dallas City Hall.

Are you culturally diverse? I relate cultural awareness as the greatest movement in our times. In this movement toward greatest understand all of us can take an active role in making a difference. Here are a few tips:

1. Meet your neighbors. This simple act will serve as a bridge toward kindness.
2. Join a co-worker of another culture for lunch
3. Learn about the cultures and traditions of others in your lives
4. Attend celebrations of other cultures. You will always learn something new. If you read about an event in this column, go and browse.

Just think, if we practice some of these cultural awareness tips, we can heighten understanding between individuals, communities and the world.

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## Author's Tin Man already has heart

By Brandy Jones  
Gazette Editorial Assistant

Best-selling author and motivational speaker, William July, help his readers recognize themselves or loved ones as "Tin Men". In his latest book, UNDERSTANDING THE TIN MAN: Why So Many Men Avoid Intimacy, July explains the Tin Man as a man who cannot become close to anyone for fear of losing power in the relationship.

"Boys conditioned to become emotionally closed off, all too often end up like the Tin Man in The Wizard of Oz-hollow on the inside, and unable to cultivate honest, loving, mutually satisfying relationships," says July. July borrowed the Tin Man from The Wizard of Oz and explains, "Men have thoughts, feelings, [and] emotions, but for a lot of men it's hidden behind a steel exterior. The bad thing is it's self-destructive." July's latest book is geared to reach all men—all "Tin Men"—exploring why men of all races fear intimacy, what the warning signs are, and how they can break free from their "Tin Man" lifestyles. But like the character in The Wizard of Oz, a

Tin Man will find the heart he had all along if he only knows where to look.

July is a lifelong resident of Houston. His educational pursuits include a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Texas Southern University and a diploma from the High School for Performing Arts where he studied media arts, film-making, creative writing and photography. July has held a variety of jobs including police officer, political aide, teacher and a candidate for public office; before fulfilling his true dreams of photography and writing.

In 1996, July wrote and independently published his first book, Brothers, Lust and Love, which claimed spots on Blackboard, American Booksellers, and Emerge best-

selling lists. The book later made the list again in 1998



William July II

when Doubleday published an expanded version. Since then, July's work has appeared in Essence, Heart and Soul, Upscale, and Black Elegance. His regular column in Our Texas Magazine won him a Griot Award the same year.

Aside from writing, he speaks to audiences across the country on topics for men, including self-renewal, relationships and motivation.

July is married to Jamey Lacy, a writer and lecturer specializing in women's issues. He is pursuing a master's degree in theology and counseling. Future plans include another book, due next year and a radio/TV show.

## TCU football enters new era under Gary Patterson

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - In a way, the opening of spring football drills at TCU was a lot like last year. There was coach Gary Patterson, intense, dashing here and there to deliver a barrage of comments and criticisms.

But there's a big difference. Last year, Patterson was defensive coordinator for the Horned Frogs. This year, he's the head coach, succeeding Dennis Franchione, who left to take over the Alabama football program.

"Well, it is a little different from being a (defensive) coordinator," Patterson said of Saturday, his first day on the field as the man in charge at TCU. "I'm still getting used to the idea of standing back and looking at the whole picture rather than focusing on one par-

ticular group. But we're all learning."

He said he will get less active as the coaching staff learns the routine and how he wants it done.

"Then I'll be able to step back and be less active in terms of every little detail," he said.

"Our first priority in the spring will be to develop the chemistry we need between the players and the coaching staff. The second thing we'll work on is making sure we're developing into a very physical football team. After that, we'll concentrate on becoming fundamentally sound and seeing to it that everyone knows what he's supposed to do and how to do it," Patterson said.

"This is something we'll work hard at, because we have a lot of new faces on the team and

on the coaching staff. That's why we're not going to have a spring game. I'm figuring it will probably take all 15 workouts to accomplish what we want to do."

TCU must find replacements for 12 starters off last year's 10-2 team, including all-America running back LaDainian Tomlinson, who watched the Horned Frogs' opening spring drill from the sidelines.

"It was a little strange, seeing him over there on the sideline," junior quarterback Casey Printers said, "but we all gotta go sometime."

Patterson will emphasize defense, he said.

"It still goes back to the same old thing: If they can't score, they can't beat you," Patterson said.

## One year later, "Million Moms" to rally again

SEATTLE, (PRNewswire) - As the nation mourns further loss of life after last week's school shooting in San Diego, local organizers of the Million Mom March vow to continue their quest for common sense gun legislation, and announced they will hold their second Mother's Day Weekend rally at Seattle Center on Saturday, May 12, from 10:00-3:00.

Washington's First Lady, Mona Lee Locke, will serve as Honorary Chair of the rally to help bring awareness of the need to protect children against gun violence. "Ten children die each day in the U.S. from guns," reports Mrs. Locke.

"Many of these incidents never reach national headlines, but they are nonetheless tragic. We must continue to push for common sense gun laws until this terrible trend is reversed."

A major focus of the Seattle event will be the "ASK" campaign (Asking Saves Kids), which encourages parents to ask whether there are guns in the homes where their children play. Parents are frequently shocked by the statistics: 40 percent of U.S. households with children have guns, and 43 percent of those guns are not locked away. The goal is to add the gun question to the safety mantras already second nature to many families, from "Look both ways before crossing the street," to "Friends don't let friends drive drunk."

At the May 12 event, parents will hear from educators, physicians and violence prevention experts how to keep their kids safe. Marilyn Canfield, president of the Seattle/King

County Chapter of Million Mom March, said the group is particularly pleased that Mrs. Locke, "Washington's First Mom," will help bring this issue to the forefront.

Last year's Mother's Day events brought together over 750,000 people on the National Mall in



Participants outside Tarrant County Convention Center for the Million Mom March rally held in Fort Worth last year.

Washington, D.C. and in 73 other cities, including Seattle. Those efforts marked a turning point in America's infatuation with guns. Since that time, the Moms have actively supported common sense gun legislation and helped make this a mainstream issue at the state and local level.

The 2001 event in Seattle will be mirrored by similar rallies all across America. The Million Moms will converge on state capitols and major cities, demanding state and local legislators work towards sensible gun laws, including licensing and registration, closing the "gun show loophole," enacting gun safety standards, and limiting handgun purchases to one a month.

"Last Mother's Day, the Million Mom March was born, but our work has just begun. In

the past year, America has seen more school shootings, more guns in schools, more workplace carnage and more gun violence on our streets," said Mary Leigh Blek, National President of the Million Mom March. "We believe the way to change attitudes and laws is to do it at the grassroots level. A march on Washington calls attention to an issue, but real change begins at home, in our cities and states."

Plans for the May 12-13 weekend include state capitol rallies from Honolulu to Boston, events in towns and cities, and major rallies in Seattle, Los Angeles and New York City. Moms and others will host bell ringing in memory of those lost to gun trauma, speakers, kids' art, entertainers, picnics and legislative letter-writing. On Monday, May 14, Moms will meet with local lawmakers to discuss proposals to fight the scourge of interstate gun trafficking, repeal concealed carry laws, mandate trigger locks on handguns and require gun show background checks.

"The Million Mom March has grown into a grassroots movement, with over 240 chapters across the country," said Seattle/King County's Canfield. "It provides a voice for the once silent majority of Americans who don't want our children to grow up in fear of having their lives cut short by gun violence."

"This will be a celebration, a remembrance and a call to action. If you marched last year, do it again," she added. "If you didn't, join us this year. We need to cry out in one loud voice that we love our children more than the gun lobby loves its guns."

## Survivor honored for outstanding community efforts

By Brandy Jones  
Gazette Editorial Assistant

Omicron Mu Omega Dallas Alumnae Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. honored its Cynthia Robinson with the 2001 Image Award at the 15th Image Award Scholarship Luncheon.

Robinson was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1989 and became active in breast cancer awareness the following year. "When I was diagnosed with breast cancer, I had lots of questions and no answers; therefore, I want to be available for others," says Robinson. She has been volunteering with the Bridge Breast Center, which helps uninsured and underinsured people diagnosed with breast disease receive treatment, since its inception in 1992. Robinson is immediate past president of the board of directors and currently serves as the nomination chairperson. She also has been a

member of the American Cancer Society Black American Community Connection and the Speakers Bureau since 1990. Through these organizations she speaks at churches, various organizations and in homes on breast cancer awareness and breast disease.

Robinson has received additional awards for her community efforts including the Nursing Excellence Award from Baylor University Medical Center, Clarice Tinsley Hometown Hero Recognition and Special Recognition Award for Community Service from DFW Hospital Council.

Robinson received a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Northeast Louisiana University in Monroe, La. and an MBA from Amber University in Dallas. She has been employed at Baylor Hospital for 15 years and is currently a transplant coordinator and supervisor. Cynthia is

a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and Munger Avenue Baptist Church.

The theme of this year's luncheon was "Share Our Vision...Commit to the Community," and included Bertice Berry as keynote speaker.

The Image Award is presented to individuals who have made significant contributions to the community. It is hoped that this recognition will inspire recipients to continue in their quests with renewed dedication and enthusiasm, as well as inspiring others.



Image award winner Cynthia Robinson. Photo by Brandy Jones

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## FRISCO Chamber of Commerce

**Tuesday, March 20**  
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Meeting will be held at the Chamber Office, 6843 Main St. in the Chamber Board Room.

**Thursday, March 22**  
8:00 a.m. - Get on Track at 8 Networking Session  
Come network with area businesses at the Chamber office, 6843 Main St.

**Thursday, March 29**  
8:00 a.m. - Get on Track at 8 Networking Session  
Come network with area businesses at the Chamber office, 6843 Main St.

1:00 P.M. - Newcomer Stuffing  
The event will be held at the chamber office. For more information call 972-335-0995.



**Friday, March 16**  
7:30 a.m. - Business Interchange  
Everyone is invited to the interchange at the Chamber Building.

No RSVP is required.

**Monday, March 19**  
7:00 p.m. - Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting  
The commission will meet at 1520 Avenue K. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Wednesday, March 21**  
7:30 a.m. - Board of Director's Meeting  
The meeting will be held at the chamber office. Everyone is invited.

11:30 a.m. - Women's Division Luncheon  
The luncheon will be held at the Gleneagles Country Club. To register call 972-424-7547.

**Friday, March 23**  
7:30 a.m. - Business Interchange  
Everyone is invited to the interchange at the Chamber building. No RSVP is required.

**Monday, March 26**  
7:00 p.m. - City Council Meeting  
The meeting will be held in council chambers at 1520 Avenue K.

**Friday, March 23**  
7:30 a.m. - Business Interchange  
Everyone is invited to the interchange at the Chamber building. No RSVP is required.

5:30 p.m. - 2001 Citizen of the Year Celebration and Doubletree Hotel Progressive Cocktail Reception  
The reception will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Doubletree Hotel in Plano.



**Monday, March 19-Saturday, March 24**  
Collin County Junior Livestock Show  
Collin County Youth Park & Museum located on CR166. For more information call 972-424-1460 x 4793 or 972-548-4793.

**Tuesday, March 20**  
7:30:00 a.m. - Good Morning McKinney

The meeting will be held at Bob Jones Ford - 950 S. Central Expwy. (conference room upstairs). Sponsored by iLead Consulting & Training.

11:30:00 a.m. - Ribbon Cutting  
Join us for a ribbon cutting for DR Horton Custom Homes at 3213 Vermont Avenue. From 75, west on Eldorado; left on Ridge Rd; take the first right (Pine Ridge); then the first right again (Vermont). Models are on the right. Refreshments will be

served.

**Wednesday, March 21**  
11:30 a.m. - Ribbon Cutting  
Join us for a ribbon cutting for Trinity Engineering, 2035 Central Circle #124. Refreshments will be served.

**Thursday, March 22**  
5:30 p.m. - Business After Hours  
Join us at the Courier-Gazette 4005 W. University Drive. Don't miss this networking opportunity!

**Saturday, March 24**  
6:30 p.m. - Wild Wacky Waiters  
This event will be held at Bill Bates Cowboy Ranch, and is presented by Volunteer McKinney Center. Organizations are invited to participate by sponsoring a table. For more information call 972-542-0679.

**Tuesday, March 27**  
5:00 p.m. - Ribbon Cutting  
Join us for a ribbon cutting for Century 21 Park One Realtors, 2411 W. Virginia Pkwy, Suite 1. Refreshments will be served.

**Wednesday, March 28**  
11:30 a.m. - Ribbon Cutting  
Join us for a ribbon cutting and refreshments at Media Global Networks, Inc., 1600 Redbug, Suite 401.

**Friday, March 30**  
Civil War Reenactment  
The event will be held at Collin County Youth Park, CR 166. Presented by Sons of Confederate Veterans. Daily presentations, demonstrations and competitions. For more information call 972-644-1688.



**Friday, March 16**  
11:15 a.m. - TBC 3rd Friday Technical Luncheon

The luncheon is sponsored by Thompson & Knight, LLP and is for technology professionals only. This is part of the "From Photos to Networks" Series. Speaker will be Scott Grout, President & CEO of Chorom Technologies, Inc., Omni Richardson Hotel (701 East Campbell Road). RSVP to patsy@telecomcorridor.com.

**Wednesday, March 21**  
7:30a.m. - EarlyNet  
EarlyNet is held at Castle at Canyon Creek (2700 Custer Parkway). No Reservations Required! Super networking table exchange!

**Thursday, March 22**  
5:00 p.m. - TBC Software Roundtable  
The meeting is sponsored by

Hitt, Gaines & Boisjoun, PE and for software professionals only. Roundtable topic is "Business Application Development - A Step Forward or Backward in Software Engineering." Panelists: William Hunt of Computer Associates, Barbara Erickson of Rational Software and Iyad Jabri of Intelijun.

Roundtable held at Holiday Inn Select - Richardson (1655 N. Central Expwy)

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**Tuesday, March 27**  
11:45 a.m. - RCC Small Business Roundtable

"The Secret of Controlling Your Business: The Right Kind of Documentation"

Speakers: Jill Weinberg, J.D., Attorney, Labor and Employment Law

Jean A. Burgard, President, COMMSOLV, Inc.

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**Wednesday, March 28**  
7:30 a.m. - EarlyNet  
No Reservations Required! Held at Castle at Canyon Creek (2700 Custer Parkway)

Topic: Excellence in Service  
Speakers: Ben Farmer, Dale Carnegie Training

## Too early to know if Russia pianist will be able to play again

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - Alexei Sultanov, the youngest pianist ever to win a gold prize at the prestigious Van Cliburn competition in Fort Worth, is recovering from several serious strokes he suffered after a head injury brought.

It's too early in Sultanov's recovery to know whether he will be able to play the piano again, Dr. Edward Kramer said Tuesday. Kramer is a close friend of Sultanov and his wife and has been involved in his treatment.

Sultanov, 31, remained in serious but stable condition Tuesday at the Osteopathic Medical Center of Texas in Fort Worth, Kramer said. He

has undergone two surgeries since a fall on Feb. 19, Kramer said. A week after the fall, Sultanov began to have difficulty speaking.

His left side is paralyzed. Occasionally he has spoken a few words in Russian to his wife as well as a few English words.

While lying in bed listening to music, his right hand does the fingering of the notes.

"He's made some remarkable gains in the time that he's had to deal with this," Kramer said.

Sultanov had a stomach virus and apparently became lightheaded after being nauseous, Kramer said. The pianist passed out and struck his fore-

head in the bathroom of his Fort Worth residence, he said.

At 19, Sultanov took first place at the 8th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition in 1989. In 1995, he won top prize at the 13th Frederic Chopin International Competition in Warsaw, Poland.

The pianist has medical insurance but not disability coverage for what likely will be a lengthy rehabilitative period.

A support fund has been set up. Contributions may be sent to Alexei Sultanov Benefit Fund, Landmark Bank, 6000 Harris Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76132.

## Bill promotes character education programs in schools

By Connie Mabin  
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) - Texas school children are not learning enough about good character at home so schools should be encouraged to teach good morals in the classroom, three lawmakers said Tuesday.

"I am absolutely convinced that if we don't begin to address the concept of core values to our young people, we as a state, as a country, are headed for a wreck," said Barry Telford, D-De Kalb.

The committee approved a bill that merged the three lawmakers' ideas. The bill will now

go to the House.

The legislation encourages school districts to integrate good character lessons about things such as honesty, integrity and good citizenship into all school activities and classes.

Walnut Hill Elementary School Principal Joann Hughes testified that her suburban Dallas district has been teaching character education since 1996 without any complaints from parents.

"Teachers and school administrators from districts that already have character education programs say it helps improve attendance and discipline and enhances students'

desires to give back to their communities.

"They stop in the halls and open doors for one another. They stop and pick up something dropped before lockers. They come to us wanting to collect pennies for different charities," said Trish Taylor, the character education counselor at Walnut Hill.

The students did not do that before character education was implemented, she said.

"I want kids to have gone through this program to be sitting up here in 20 years running our state, running our country," Taylor said.



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## Women's suffrage movement produced hard-fought victory

By Brandy Jones  
Gazette Editorial Assistant

This new approach included shedding traditional association of women's rights with the rights of blacks. The NAWSA never stopped using natural rights arguments for women's suffrage. However, white suffragists were indignant that black men were enfranchised before them and angry at the ease with which immigrant men were enfranchised. The NAWSA drifted away from insistence upon universal suffrage.

The NAWSA spent time and resources to develop this "Southern strategy," sending Catt and Anthony on speaking tours throughout the region, and holding its 1895 convention in Atlanta. At the insistence of their Southern hosts, the NAWSA asked its aging hero Frederick Douglass, an honored participant in women's rights conventions to stay away. By 1903, it was clear that this "Southern strategy" had failed. The region's politicians refused (in the words of one Mississippi politician) to "cower behind petticoats" and use lovely women "to maintain white supremacy, and found other means that did not involve the "destruction" of woman's traditional role.

Although white suffragists largely turned their backs on black women in the late 19th and early 20th centuries and excluded them from white suffrage organizations in the South, many actively supported the cause. Following the path of former slaves Sojourner Truth, Harriet Forten Purvis and Margaretta Forten who spoke at antebellum women's rights conventions, and Massachusetts reformers Caroline Remond Putman and Josephine St. Pierre Ruffin, black women persevered in advocating women's suffrage. Prominent African-American suffragists included Ida B. Wells-Barnett of Chicago, a leading crusader against lynching; Mary Church Terrell, educator and first president of the National Association of Colored Women (NACW); and Adella Hunt Logan, a Tuskegee University faculty member insisted that black women, victims of racism and sexism, needed the ballot even more than white women.

From the late 1890s to around 1910, described as "the doldrums" of the women's suffrage movement, the NAWSA rebuilt its membership and image.

Under Catt's leadership, the NAWSA successfully recruited large numbers of socially prominent and politically influential women and convinced middle- and upper-class women that women's suffrage would be a boon to their civic improvement efforts. They also reached out to the new generation of college-educated women, reminded them that their opportunities were owed to pioneers of the women's movement, and challenging them to take up the torch. The movement profited greatly from new ideas and energy of younger leaders such as Maud Wood Park and Inez Hayes Irwin who formed the College Equal Suffrage League, and Mary Hatcheson Page of Massachusetts and Emmet Stanton Blandi (the daughter of Elizabeth Cady Stanton) of New York. They introduced tactics borrowed from English suffragists, including open-air meetings and parades. Blandi organized the Equality League

of Self Supporting Women (1907), later called the Women's Political Union.

Many working-class women joined the movement, welcomed by middle-class leaders such as Harriot Stanton Blach (who objected the NAWSA's "society plan") who worked to unite women into the revitalized suffrage movement.

Around 1912, increased support for suffrage resulting from the Progressive movement and victories in the Western states invigorated suffragists throughout America. The return of Alice Paul from England, where she was inspired by energy and boldness of the "militant" British suffragists, was also a major factor in the new suffrage activism.

Paul and her followers had no patience with the slow state-by-state plodding that had consumed the NAWSA's energies since the 1890s, and demanded that the organization focus on the federal amendment. Though this infuriated a minority of Southern suffragists who were states rights activists and supported female enfranchisement by state action only, the NAWSA renewed its campaign for a federal amendment but not before it parted company with Paul and her followers.

The central issue in this new rift in the suffrage forces was Paul's advocacy of a strategy derived from the British suffragists to oppose the "party-in-power" until it adopted women's suffrage, a strategy that violated the NAWSA's long-standing policy of non-partisanship. Forming its own organization, soon known as the National Women's Party (NWP), Paul pursued a federal amendment to force President Wilson to support the federal

amendment. The tactics ranged from mobilizing women voters in Western states against Wilson's re-election in 1916 to publicly burning his wartime speeches in front of the White House in praise of democracy.

Catt was eager for the NAWSA to adopt the federal suffrage amendment. Her return to the NAWSA presidency in 1915 and the adoption of her "winning plan" harnessed the power of the massive, but sluggish, NAWSA and initiated the final, victorious suffrage drive. Catt insisted that further state work was vital, but made it clear that the federal amendment was still the ultimate goal. Her plan called for suffragist states that had not adopted women's suffrage to launch campaigns where a victory seemed possible. In states where defeat was likely, Catt insisted that suffragists avoid such an embarrassment to the cause and seek only partial suffrage as they thought best. She urged suffragists in states where women already voted to pressure their national representatives to support the federal amendment.

Meanwhile Catt and her lieutenants, Maud Wood Park and Helen Gardner, worked hard to convince President Wilson to support women's suffrage and lobbied to enlist congressional support. When the U.S. entered World War I, Catt put aside her own pacifism and urged suffragists to support the war effort, a policy that enhanced the patriotic image of her own movement with decision makers, including Wilson. A growing number of state victories and Wilson eventually led Congress to approve the 19th Amendment and to submit to the states in June 1919.

However, the final chapter was only beginning. Thirty-six states had to ratify the amendment before it would become

law. As the struggle over ratification began, Illinois and Wisconsin competed for the honor of the first to ratify, while Georgia and Alabama scrambled to be the first to pass a "rejection resolution." Most states took longer to act, and many battles were hard fought, with suffragists and anti-suffragists using all powers of persuasion at their command. By the summer of 1920, suffragists found that only one more state was needed, and no further leg-

islative sessions were scheduled before the 1920 election. Desperate, suffragists began pleading for special sessions. President Wilson was finally able to pressure the reluctant governor of Tennessee into calling such a session.

The women's suffrage ended in Nashville in 1920. Anti-suffragists and those from all over the nation descended upon the state in a bitter struggle over ideology and influence. On August 18, it appeared that

Tennessee ratified, yet, parliamentary tricks delayed official ratification. While anti-suffrage legislators fled the state to avoid a quorum, their associates held massive anti-suffrage rallies and otherwise attempted to convince legislators to oppose ratification. Finally, Tennessee reaffirmed its vote for ratification, and the 19th Amendment was officially added to the United States Constitution on August 26, 1920.



## Movie Reviews

### Film chronicles hero's exploits during battle of Stalingrad

Waged in 1942 and 1943, the Battle for Stalingrad was one of the defining moments of World War II and helped shape the political landscape for the rest of the 20th century. In the summer of 1942, the Nazis launched a massive invasion of Russia, America's ally during the war and the nation bearing the brunt of the fighting against the Germans. In an amazing feat of logistics and fighting skill, the Nazis crossed 1,000 miles to reach Stalingrad, a major industrial center.

While the Nazi and Russian armies hurl rank after rank of soldiers at each other and the world fearfully awaits the outcome of the battle of Stalingrad, the celebrated Russian sniper, Vassili Zaitsev (Jude Law) quietly stalks his enemies, one man at a time. His fame, however, soon thrusts him into a duel with the Nazi's best sharpshooter, Major Koing (Ed Harris), and the two find them-

selves waging an intense personal war while the most momentous battle of the age rages around them.

Unassuming and self-con-

scious, Vassili is just an ordinary man who performs his duty with extraordinary skill. Realizing his propaganda value, Danilov (Joseph Fiennes), a Soviet political officer, builds this simple soldier from the Urals into a much-needed national hero. After a string of defeats by the Nazis, the Soviet Union is on the verge of collapse, and the

loss of Stalingrad to the invaders could ensure final victory for the Nazis in Europe. Khrushchev (Bob Hoskins) himself has been sent by Stalin to oversee the city's defense. Vassili's fierce example, as documented by Danilov, boosts the defenders' will to go on fighting despite overwhelming odds. Danilov, however, soon becomes jealous of the man he created when, in the midst of war, they both fall in love with Tania (Rachel Weisz), one of the many courageous women soldiers fighting alongside the men.

The Germans send for Major Koing to track down Vassili and kill the man who has become famous in the German as well as Russian ranks. With exquisite patience and skill, each man stalks the other, fighting his war in solitude while countless men are dying all around them in the rubble of Stalingrad.



(left to right) Jude Law as Vassili and Bob Hoskins as Khrushchev, star in "Enemy at the Gates," based on the story of real-life hero Vassili Zaitsev.



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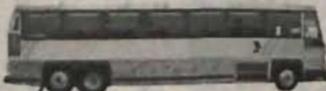


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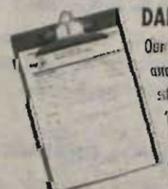
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### On-going

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Black Cinematheque Dallas will celebrate International Women's Month with screenings of 17 films throughout March at the South Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 S. Fitzhugh St., Dallas. Tickets are available by calling 214-939-2787, Black Images Book Bazaar 214-943-0142 and Alternative Video 214-823-6030.

### March 15

Arts & Letters Live will continue with a Distinguished Writer program with Sherman Alexie, author of "The Toughest Indian in the World," at the Dallas Museum of Art at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 214-922-1219.

### March 15-17

Artwork created by teens on probation will be exhibited at the Bathhouse Cultural Center. The pieces will be exhibited Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. For more information call Jessica Racine-White at 214-520-9988.

### March 15-18

The 14th Annual Dallas Video Festival will be held at the Kalita Humphreys Theater, McKinney Avenue Contemporary, Meyerson Symphony Center's Horchow Auditorium and the Dallas Museum of Art's Horchow Auditorium. Tickets are available at the door or by calling 1-800-494-TIXS. For more information call 214-428-8700 or visit [www.videofest.org](http://www.videofest.org).

### March 15-24

Fort Worth Theatre, Inc., Orchestra Hall, 4401 Trail Lake Dr., will present "Isn't It Romantic," by Wendy Wasserstein, in 8:00 p.m. performances. For tickets and information call 817-921-5300.

### March 15-25

The Science Place's TI Founders IMAX Theater will present "Super Speedway" daily at 2:00 p.m. The show explores the making of an Indy car. For more information or tickets call 214-428-5555 or visit [www.scienceplace.org](http://www.scienceplace.org).

### March 15-24

The Dallas Divas! Will return for their 5th anniversary concert at the Irving Arts Center's Carpenter Performance Hall, at 8:00 p.m. Dallas Divas! features ten leading ladies of musical theater in a tribute to Lerner and Loewe. For more information call 972-252-2728.

### March 16-17

Griot Productions with TBAAL will present the drama/comedy "Black Folks Don't Need No Shrinks!" at Clarence Muse Café Theatre, Black Academy of Arts and Letters, 650 S. Griffin St., Dallas, 8:00 p.m. nightly and 3:00 p.m. matinee. For more information and tickets call 214-743-2440.

### March 16-30

The International Museum of Cultures, 7500 W. Camp Wisdom Rd., Dallas, will hold the exhibition of "The People of the Tiger: The Yi of China." Members of the Dallas Chinese Philharmonic Association will perform at 2:00 p.m. For more information call 972-708-7537.

### March 20

Quad C Theatre at Collin County Community College is holding an open audition for various ages from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Audition will be held at The ARTS gallery (Room A175), Jupiter Road, Plano. For more information call Shannon Kearns at 972-881-5679 or visit [www.quadctheatre.org](http://www.quadctheatre.org).

### March 20-24

Lou Rawls will appear in concert at the Bass Performance Hall at 8:00 p.m. The performance will benefit the Renaissance Cultural Center. For more information call 817-922-9999. For tickets call 817-335-9000.

### March 20-24

"A Mother's Prayer," by Avery O. Williams, will be presented at TBAAL, Naomi Bruton Theatre, 650 S. Griffin St., Dallas. The performance stars Raven-Symone and LaShun Pace. For more information or tickets call 214-743-2440.

### March 22-24

The Dallas Opera will hold Chorus Auditions for the 2001-2002 season, for talented new singers in Dallas/Ft. Worth. Each individual auditioning must perform three arias from memory in their original languages. For more information, or for reservations call Carol Schultz at 214-443-1086.

The Dallas Theater Center presents "Twelfth Night," by William Shakespeare at the Arts District Theater, 2401 Flora St., Dallas. For information or tickets call 214-522-8499 or visit [www.dallas-theatercenter.org](http://www.dallas-theatercenter.org).

### March 15-29

"Threshold," an art exhibit by Janet Mao Tsou will be displayed at the Plano Municipal Center, 1520 Avenue K. The exhibit is part of a program offered by the City of Plano to display works from local and regional artist. For more information call Sabrina Shuford at 972-941-5201.

### March 15-April 1

The African American Museum, Fair Park, Dallas, will exhibit "New Orleans Mardi Gras Indians: Contextual Portraits from an Insiders View," offering a 30-year history of the Black Mardi Gras. For more information call 214-565-9026.

### March 15-April 8

Plano Repertory Theatre will open its 25th season with "Much Ado About Nothing," by William Shakespeare and directed by Mark Fleischer. For more information and tickets call 972-422-7460.

### March 15-April 29

A photographic exhibit of the Million Man March - Five Years Later will be on display at the Black Academy of Arts and Letters. The exhibit is donated by the James E. Kemp Gallery. Guest curators for the exhibit are Phillip Collins and Emanuel Gillespie.

### March 15-May 6

The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth presents the exhibit "Ultrabaroque: Aspects of Post-Latin American Art" at the Modern's Cultural District location. For more information call 817-738-9215 or visit [www.mamfw.org](http://www.mamfw.org).

### March 16-17

Richardson Children's Theatre will hold the Lone Star League Workshop for ages 8-15. For information or registration call 972-690-5029.

### March 28

Arts & Letters Live's "Literary Café" will continue at Club Dada, 2720 Elm St., Deep Ellum, Dallas at 8:00 p.m. The event will feature works read and written by creative writing students from area colleges. For more information call 214-922-1220.

### March 30-April 1

Jubilee Theatre, 506 Main St., Ft. Worth, will present "A Lovesong for Miss Lydia," by Don Evans. For tickets or information call 817-338-4411.

### March 30-April 15

Dallas Children's Theatre will present "The Great Gilly Hopkins," from the children's book by Katherine Paterson. The play will run at The Crescent Theater, 2215 Cedar Springs, Dallas. The show is for children 12 years of age and older. For more information or tickets call 214-978-0110.

### March 30-April 29

The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth will hold a special fundraising part in conjunction with Spring Gallery Night. The "Absolut Art Gras!" party will be held from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. at the Museum's downtown annex, The Modern at Sundance Square. For more information call Carri Ann Wantuchowicz at 817-738-9215.

### March 31

TBAAL will present a film fest with "Tuesday Morning Ride" and "Kiss It Up to God" by Dianne Houston and Caran Hartsfield, respectively, at 12:00 p.m. For information or tickets call 214-743-2440, perform at 2:00 p.m. For more information call 972-708-7537.

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### March 23-24

The JCPenney SuperPops Series continues with Burt Bacharach in concert at the Meyerson Symphony Center. For more information call 214-871-4055.

### March 23-April 8

N.M. Productions Theatre Company will present "Anne of Avonlea," the sequel to "Anne of Green Gables" at The Corner Theatre in the DeSoto Town Center. For tickets and information call 972-680-4466 or metro 817-784-6671.

### March 24

The Plano Symphony Orchestra will hold its Stars of Tomorrow Young Artist Contest at the Fellowship Bible Church North, 850 Lexington Drive, Plano, at 8:15 p.m. This concert will feature the four Grand Prize Winners of the 17th annual Collin County Young Artist Competition. They will each perform their winning concerto with the Plano Symphony Orchestra. For more information call 972-473-7262.

The Dallas Symphony Orchestra League will host the 9th annual Friedlander Competition from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Horchow Hall at the Meyerson Symphony Center. The program promotes the musical talents of young African-American and Hispanic string players. For more information call 214-871-4000.

### March 27

As part of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra's Lincoln Distinguished Artist Series, conductor Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos' program will feature classical guitarist Pepe Romero and pianist Leonel Morales. Also performing will be the National Orchestra of Spain. For information or tickets call 214-692-0203.

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### March 30-April 1

Richardson Children's Theatre will present "Into the Woods," by Stephen Sondheim, at the University of Texas at Dallas Theatre. The performance is suitable for all audiences. For more information or tickets call 972-690-5029 or visit [www.rcttheatre.com](http://www.rcttheatre.com).

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## Night Vibes

By Ché Hill



One patron described it as "the best ticket in town". After attending myself I would agree. Recently the event, "Jazz" at the Sammons Center delivered a nice evening complete with dinner and live Jazz performances by the Arlington Jones Trio featuring Hope Jones, and the John Adams Quartet.

The Arlington Jones Trio featured Arlington "Ollie" Jones II on piano, Jerome Allen on bass, Jason "J.T." Thomas on drums, and Hope Jones, Arlington's wife, with vocals. The trio performed some classic tunes such as "Route 66" and music from their upcoming CD *The Author and the Source*. The CD will consist of all instrumental Jazz, and include guest artists Marchel Ivery and Thom

Braxton. Allen has played with Kirk Franklin, and James Thomas with Lucky Peterson.

Jones has been playing the piano since he age eight, and has played with such renowned Jazz artists as Kirk Whalum, David "Fathead" Newman, Najee and Roy Hargrove.

Jones' motivation for the CD stems from his strong relationship with God and showing appreciation for the gift of music that he has been blessed with. "I felt it was my obligation to get the music out that God has given me," says Jones.

The John Adams Quartet is made up of John Adams on Bass, Wayne DeLano on

Saxophone, Pavel Wlosok on piano and Ed Soph on drums.

John Adams is an accomplished acoustic and electric bassist, and one of the most versatile in demand Jazz and studio musicians. He is the current music director for the Crescent Court Hotel, and he heads three different groups, performing locally and touring regionally.

John has toured with Jazz great Woody Herman, and has backed artists such as Mel Torme, Rosemary Clooney and Randy Brecker. His CD's include the 1996 release *Jump Shot*, *Fly By Night* released in 1999, and his newest recording *With You In Mind*.

The entire show made for a great evening. This one deserves five snaps.

## What's Happening in the Hood

Ebony Mate is throwing a March Singles Jazz Mixer on Friday, March 23, from 7:00 p.m. to midnight. The location is Avanti's Café in downtown Dallas. The event features a live

band and a wonderful evening of Jazz in a relaxing atmosphere. Call 214-965-0055 for more info.

Erykah Badu will be in concert Sunday, March 18, at the

Bronco Bowl with special guests, Musiq Soulchild, Talib Kweli, and Hi-Tek. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. For more information call 888-597-7827, or visit [Dallasblack.com](http://Dallasblack.com).

## Eyeing the Arts

National renowned artist Albert Fennell will be in Dallas to unveil his new line of figurines, the Sophisticated Lady Collection. The Las Vegas visual

artist is hoping that his followers will respond to them as well as they have responded to his artwork over the years.

Fennell will be in Dallas during the week of March 23, to conduct a workshop for students at Booker T. Washington Art Magnet School. He will also be exhibiting his work and figurines during a reception March 24-25, at Stephanie's Gallery in Deep Ellum. The show of both the figurines and his newly released serigraphs is a benefit for the Salvation Army's Boys and Girls Club.

Anyone donating money to the organization will receive a discount on their purchase during the show. Some of the youth from the program will be on hand to help customers and to wrap packages.

As an added bonus, Philadelphia recording artist, Miles Jaye will be at the event playing the violin and signing his new CD, "Romantic Storm".

Fennell sees this as a weekend of merging art and culture for a worthy cause. Part of his mission as an artist is to promote and inspire creativity in others.

He knows that children can

easily be influenced because his talent as an artist became apparent when he was only five years old, when he started drawing his favorite cartoon characters. As a sixth grader at Oceanview Elementary, his landscape picture was selected in a district wide competition and exhibited in the San Diego Museum of Art. He has continually distinguished himself in many different capacities, such as art director, designer, and fine artist. His talent has led to opportunities in the fields of advertising, illustration, art consultant and environmental graphics. Some of



artist has created this amazing line to match the grace and sophistication of the modern woman.

The line includes five figurines titled, "Sun Goddess", "Heart & Soul" and "October Rain". They all stand about 10 inches and sit on a brown base. All the pieces are signed limited editions.

Some of the figurines look like they have jumped from the pages of Fennell's print work.

He is known for drawing graceful women in regal long elegant dresses. These figurines are a new venture for Fennell and he



Fennell's well-known collectors include Susan Taylor, Wesley Snipes, Meshac Taylor, Warren Moon and Anita Baker.

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## Around The Town

### On-going

A Parenting Class will be offered at Highland Oaks Counseling Center, Room 200, 10805 Kingsley Rd., Dallas, each Monday, March 19-May 7, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. For information or registration call Barbara Palmer at 214-342-6095. Around the Town

Clean South Dallas is accepting entries for its Poster and Essay Contest for students in the South Dallas area school, grades 2-12. Winners will receive savings bonds. For complete contest guidelines call 214-421-1662.

Young Audiences of Greater Dallas will host a series of fundraising events in their "Everything Under the Sun" series during March. Activities include a Roman Holiday celebration, Independence Day celebration and much more. For more information call Karen Courtman at 214-520-0023.

Miracle on Wheels is making available power wheelchairs to non-ambulatory senior citizens usually at no out-of-pocket expense if they qualify. For more information call 1-800-749-8778 or visit [www.durablemedical.com](http://www.durablemedical.com).

The Volunteer Center of Dallas County is accepting nominations for the 21st annual Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Awards. All nominees will be recognized and winners announced at an awards celebration held April 23 at the Hyatt Regency Dallas. For information or a nomination form call Phyllis Carr at 214-826-6767 ext. 238 or visit [www.nonprofits.org/Awards](http://www.nonprofits.org/Awards).

### March 15

Southern University Alumni-Dallas Chapter is holding its annual bus trip and college visit to Southern University's three campuses in Louisiana March 15-17. Seats are available by calling 972-480-JAGS for more information.

God's Miracle Deliverance Temple, 316 S. Ninth Street, Garland, is holding its annual Family Church Annual Fest March 15-17 at 7:30 p.m. night-

ly. For more information call 972-272-6640.

Southern Dallas Development Corporation will hold its annual gala at the Infomart, Stemmons Frwy., Dallas. Keynote speaker will be Victoria Lowe, president and CEO of Alert Staffing. For information or tickets call Karen Cross at 214-428-7332, ext. 20.

### March 17

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.-N. Dallas Suburban Alumnae Chapter is sponsoring a Community Garage Sale at Hamilton Park United Methodist Church, 11881 Schroeder Road, Dallas from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Rental slots are available by calling Joyce at 972-231-8538 or Erika at 214-343-4660.

Drop-off registration for spring recreation classes for Plano residents will begin Mar. 17 and continue through Mar. 21. The forms will be accepted at Oak Point Center and Carpenter Park Recreation Center from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information call 972-941-7250.

The Video Association of Dallas will present The Ernie Kovacs Award to "King of the Hill" co-creator and executive producer Mike Judge at the 14th annual Dallas Video Festival March 14-17 at the Kalita Humphreys Theater of the Dallas Theater Center. For information or tickets call 214-428-8700.

Daughters of Abraham Inc. will host a Spring & Summer Explosion Dinner & Fashion Show at the Apparel Mart, 2300 Stemmons Freeway, Dallas from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. Proceeds will benefit mentor recruitment. For information and tickets call Latonya Spencer at 972-709-6549.

Hoop Hunter Basketball and WNBA player Keshia Henderson will host a Girls Basketball Clinic for 6th-12th graders wanting to improve their all-around skills. For more information call 817-491-9602 or 972-219-7932 or visit [www.hoophunter.com](http://www.hoophunter.com).

### March 19

The Plano Aquatic Center will be expanding the noon lap swim time by 30 minutes. New adult lap hours will be from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. For more information call 972-964-4232.

### March 21

The Greater Dallas Asian American Chamber of Commerce will hold its 2001 Installation Luncheon at the Fairmont Hotel, Regency Ballroom, 1717 N. Akard Street, Dallas, at 12:00 p.m. Keynote speaker will be TI President and CEO Thomas Engibous. For tickets or information call 972-241-8250.

UT Southwestern is holding a Mini Medical School on Genetics, March 21 & 28 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The sessions are open to the public. To register and for more information call Connie Rich at 214-648-0236.

Clean South Dallas/Fair Park Community will hold their monthly meeting at the Empowerment Center, 2809 Birmingham Street, Dallas at 4:30 p.m. For more information call 214-421-1662.

### March 22

Lewisville Public Library, 1197 W. Main Street, is holding a gardening seminar featuring master gardener Joe Ann Stahel in the library's community Meeting Room at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information call Erik Wilkinson at 972-219-3779.

### March 24

LaFuente is sponsoring a Job Fair Expo in the Tower Building at Fair Park, Dallas from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information call Lourdes Caballero at 214-977-7052 or visit [www.lafuente.com](http://www.lafuente.com).

State Senator Royce West and Mayor Ron Kirk will host the AT&T SuperBone Domino Tournament at Southwest Center Mall, 3662 W. Camp Wisdom Rd., Dallas from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. For information and registration call 214-467-0123.

Child Advocates of Tarrant County will hold a Volunteer Orientation session at 10:00 a.m. at their offices on 1020 Macon Street, Ft. Worth. For more information call 817-877-KIDA or visit [www.speakup-forachild.org](http://www.speakup-forachild.org).

The Emerging Woman Ministries is sponsoring an English Tea for the residents at Esther's House. The tea will be held at the Biblical Arts Center, 7500 Park Lane, Dallas at 6:00 p.m. The event is open to the public. For information or tickets call 214-376-2182.

The 3rd annual Dallas Mavericks Dance Clinic will be held at Reunion Arena, 777 Sports St., Dallas, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The clinic is for children ages six and up. For registration information call The Dallas Power House of Dance at 972-960-2484 or visit [www.dallasmavericks.com](http://www.dallasmavericks.com).

Holy Cross Catholic Church, 4910 Bonnie View Road at Ledbetter Drive will host its annual fundraiser from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. This year's proceeds of the Jumbo Gumbo Benefit Dinner will help build the fund to reopen a school at the parish. For more information call 214-724-6718.

### March 26

Girls, Inc. will hold the "She Knows Where She's Going" luncheon at the Wyndham Anatole Hotel, Chantilly Ballroom, 2201 Stemmons Frwy., Dallas, at 12:00 p.m. Three women will receive the awards at the luncheon. For tickets or information call Theresa Strange-Johnston at 214-654-4536.

### March 27

Cedar Valley College continues its Book Review series with a review of "In a Sunburned Country," by Bill Bryson. Executive Secretary Dolores Heigle will review the book at 12:30 p.m. in Room B-119. The review is free and open to the public.

The American Heart

Association Dallas Division will hold a Minority Health Conference at the Center for Community Cooperation, 2900 Live Oak, Dallas, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information call 214-748-7212.

### March 28

The National Association of Black Telecommunications Professionals will hold their 10th annual convention at the Marriott Quorum Hotel, 14901 Dallas Parkway, Addison, March 28-Apr. 1. For more information call Jolanda Stewart at 214-744-1428.

### March 31

The City of McKinney Housing Services Division is hosting a half-day seminar for potential homeowners. The Consumer Credit Counseling Service will present material from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Dulaney Room of the McKinney Public Library, 220 N. Kentucky. To register call the Housing Services Division at 972-547-7519.

### April 3

Urban Job Expo will hold a Diversity Job Fair for general and professional employment at The Bronco Bowl Entertainment Center, 2601 Forth Worth Ave., Dallas, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information call 972-570-8016.

### April 6

Mothers Against Teen Violence will hold its First Friday Forum at The Center for Community Cooperation, 2900 Live Oak, Dallas at 12:00 p.m. This month's theme is "Rehabilitation: Fact or Fiction?" For more information call 214-565-0422.

### April 7

Grace Christian Fellowship, 7200 Military Parkway, Dallas, will hold its Women's Conference 2001, Apr. 6-8. For more information or registration call 214-824-4773 or 214-213-4111.

The City of Plano will hold its Keep Plano Beautiful for the

Great American Cleanup activities throughout the city. A volunteer picnic will be held at Bob Woodruff Park following the morning activities. For more information call 972-964-4130.

### April 18

Diversity Speakers will hold a Human Resources Diversity Conference at CityPlace Conference Center. The conference will offer a full day of professional training on recruiting, retaining and promoting diverse workforces. For more information call 972-864-5516 or visit [www.diversityspeakers.com](http://www.diversityspeakers.com).

### April 19

Senior Citizens of Greater Dallas will offer a Women's Financial Management Seminar at the Center for Community Cooperation, 2900 Live Oak, Dallas, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Women age 45 and older are invited to attend an afternoon lunch with financial columnist Scott Burns. For information or reservations call 214-823-5700.

### April 21

The Plano Community Forum will hold its Annual Retreat. The retreat will focus on issues of the organization and membership. For more information call Althea Gibson of the Forum at 972-260-4208.

The Dallas Public Library is celebrating 100 years of service with a Centennial Fest at J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young Street, Dallas. The Fest will last Apr. 21-22 with all day activities. The event is open to the public. For more information call 214-670-1400 or visit [www.dallaslibrary.org](http://www.dallaslibrary.org).

### April 25-28

Major Money Entertainment will hold its Impact Super Summit XV Weekend in Dallas at the Black Academy of Arts and Letters. The weekend will also include the 2nd annual Appreciation Gala from 3:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., Apr. 26. For more information call Terry McGill at 972-675-5242.

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