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### On the Homefront:

The City of Plano Parks and Recreation Department has contracted with Planet Kidz, a youth entertainment program, to provide activities at Carpenter Park (6701 Coit Rd.) and Oak Point Recreation Center (6000 Jupiter Rd.) for youth grades 3 through 8. Planet Kidz happens on Saturday nights from 7-11:30 p.m. offering fun and excitement in a safe and secure environment. Admission is only \$8 per person. A Plano police officer will be on duty at each location for the safety of the youth. For more information, call the Carpenter Park Recreation Center at 972-208-8087 or the Oak Point Center at 972-941-7540.

Planet Kidz is sponsoring a basketball/dodge ball tournament and a gladiator jousting competition on January 5th at Oak Point Recreation Center (6000 Jupiter Rd.) and Carpenter Park Recreation Center (6701 Coit Rd.) in Plano. For more information, call 972-208-8087 or 972-941-7540.

The Plano Metropolitan Ballet (PMB) will bring to life "Alice In Wonderland" on the stage of Plano East High School on January 11th and 12th. Tickets for "Alice In Wonderland" are \$9.00 and can be purchased from Gotta Dance at 121 Spring Creek Pkwy in Plano or by calling 972-517-5799. Performance times are Friday, January 11th at 7 p.m., and Saturday, January 12th at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Group rates are available.

Quad C Theatre at Collin County Community College is seeking five male actors and two female actors for its production of Side Man. The open call audition will be held from 7-10 p.m. January 15th at John Anthony Theatre on Jupiter Rd., which is located between Spring Creek Pkwy and Parker Rd. in Plano. Please prepare a one-minute monologue from any contemporary drama in the style of the play. For more information, contact Brad Baker at 972-851-5679 or email him at bbaker@ccc.edu.

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## UTD's new Sickle Cell Center draws top researchers

By ANTHONY JONES

Following the October announcement that a new bone marrow transplant may lead to a cure of some forms of sickle cell disease, five of the world's top experts on the blood disorder will discuss progress in combating the disease at a free public symposium Jan. 10 at The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD).

The event will also serve as the official opening of UTD's new Center for Sickle Cell Disease Research, which coincided with the arrival this fall of Dr. Steven Goodman, the center's director, from the University of South Alabama. Goodman headed the USA Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center and is also the new head of the Department of Molecular and Cell Biology at UTD.

"Rarely does a group of researchers of this caliber involved in basic and clinical sickle cell research come together in a single location, and we are honored to serve as host for

the disease. In addition, we want to raise the visibility of the new sickle cell research effort at UTD and, frankly, garner support for that research."

The symposium will be from 12:30 to 5 p.m. Thursday Jan. 10 in the McDermott Library Auditorium, Room



2.410, on the UTD campus in Richardson. From 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., a "research roundtable" will be held, where the sickle cell experts will answer questions from members of the audience, followed by a one-hour reception for all of those in attendance.

In addition to Goodman, the following researchers will participate in the UTD symposium:

Dr. Kwaku Ohene-Frempong, director of the Sickle Cell Center at the University of Pennsylvania Health Science Center.

Dr. Betty Pace, director of pediatric programs for the Sickle Cell Center at the University of South Alabama.

Dr. Robert Heibel, vice chair of the Department of Medicine at the University of Minnesota.

Dr. George Buchanan, director of the Sickle Cell Program at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

According to UTD President Dr. Franklyn Jenifer, the quality of symposium participants "speaks volumes about the esteem in which Dr. Goodman is held in the sickle cell research community."

"This is precisely the position in which UTD wants to be - serving the community by working with the very best minds in this field as part of a worldwide effort to cure this deadly disease," Jenifer said.

UTD teamed with The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas and applied for funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), which, if granted, would make the institutions' joint research effort the first NIH-funded sickle cell center in Texas and one of only 10 in the United States. A decision from NIH on the funding application is expected sometime this spring.

Goodman brought to UTD a number of NIH-funded research projects from the University of South Alabama. In addition, support for the Center for Sickle Cell Disease Research is anticipated from other sources, including investigator-initiated research grants and funding from state agencies.

Sickle Cell is a genetic disease that affects the production of hemoglobin in red blood cells. The disease causes the red blood cell to change its shape and it becomes sickle-shaped or crescent moon-shaped. The affected blood becomes hard, sticky and shaped like sickles.

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## A Field Trip Down the Path of Communication

By Brandy Jones

Webster defines communication as an exchange of ideas through speech, writing, or signal; a lesson learned by Cub Scouts of Pack 481 Den 10, including young scouts from Plano, Richardson, and Murphy.

The Miller Elementary first graders listened anxiously as representatives from MON-The Gazette educated them on the editorial and marketing aspects of the paper. They learned about advertising and why it is impor-

tant to newspapers, how writers receive and obtain the information they write about, and most importantly, how newspapers are an integral part of the communication mix.



Cutlines: Edwin Jones, Edwin Jones, Jr.; Austin and Mark Elkins; Cole and Kathy Brewer; Alexander and Tom Eagle; Chase and Jim Korns; Mark and Tucker Jones; Michael Caesar and Anthony Jones (Gazette Reps).

## Fred Moses, Runs for District 66 House of Representatives Position

Fred Moses, successful businessman and community leader, today filed to run for the District 66 House of Representatives, 77th Legislature, position.

"District 66 needs a Representative who is visible and in touch with the needs of the community," said Fred. Moses, President and CEO of Telecom Electric Supply Company. "I want to be the community's voice and work with the new House Republican Leadership to get things done for District 66."

I'm looking forward to addressing and representing the issues that are important to the voters in our district."

Fred Moses' platform will include: abolishing the public school finance system commonly referred to as "Robin Hood", fighting for no state income taxes, as well as representing: pro-family, pro-business and pro-life issues.

About Fred Moses:

Fred Moses is President and CEO of Plano-based Telecom Electric Supply, Inc. (TES), a company he founded

in 1985. Mr. Moses has been a very active

member of the Plano community and has been involved with numerous professional, civic and philanthropic organizations. For example, Mr. Moses is:

- Past Commissioner of the General Services Commission for the State of Texas
- Past Chairman of the Plano Economic Development Board
- Founder and Sponsor of Minority Enterprise Development Week
- Chairman of the Annual

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Businessman Fred Moses

## Technology: The Force to Explore

BY BRANDY JONES

"We believe in people. We believe people desire to be responsible and productive citizens...We believe technology is a force to be explored and channeled by people in a productive and responsible manner for the benefit of all mankind...Therefore, we believe all people should be provided with the educational opportunity to learn the skills necessary to perform meaningful work and thereby pursue their goals as responsible citizens contributing to the welfare and success of their family, community, state, nation and world."

Predicted to be "the most sophisticated technical-vocational institute in the country", James Connally Technical Institute, now Texas State Technical College (TSTC), was formed in 1965 by the Legislature to meet the ever-evolving work force needs of Texas business and

industry. The imminent need for a special institute for technicians had been a pressing issue for state leaders, and the soon-to-be abandoned James Connally Air Force Base in Waco was



the ideal location for the top quality technical institute.

TSTC is a state funded coeducational two-year institution of higher learning offering associate of applied science degrees and certificates of completion in technology fields. TSTC has an outstanding record in graduating Texans from diverse cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds in technical programs critical

to the economic development of Texas. This institution is the only state-supported technical college system in Texas, with the Waco campus offering more than 40 technical programs, and producing over 30,000 graduates in its 37-year history. TSTC is also ranked #4 among all public, private and proprietary two-year colleges in the nation and #1 in Texas graduating students in engineering, technology-related fields.

Texas is reaping the rewards of the seed planted by state leaders more than 35 years ago. TSTC, with its statewide role and mission, is efficiently and quickly reshaping the face of Texas to meet the high-tech challenges of today's global economy. TSTC's high graduation rate, established relationship with business and industry, and state-of-the-art laboratories are providing: productive and responsible graduates for employers across Texas and beyond.



## Video, in hopes to relieve racial profiling

AUSTIN, TX (AP) — At a Brownwood City Council meeting last month, officials did what a new Texas law requires of the state's cities and counties: adopt a policy for their law enforcement agencies banning racial profiling.

The law passed this year requires the state's 1,500-plus law enforcement agencies to install and use video recording equipment in patrol cars, document all stops, create a complaint process, educate the public and file reports with the state.

The law was effective Sept. 1, but law enforcement agencies have until Tuesday to adopt racial profiling policies. Another 28 laws go into

effect Jan. 1, including a graduated driver's license program, a streamlined children's Medicaid program, and a service that allows consumers to block telemarketers.

Banning racial profiling "is a noble goal and it is worthwhile and I can't imagine that anybody would approve of racial profiling in police work," said Bert Massey II, mayor of the city of 20,000 located about 65 miles south-east of Abilene.

"But the other side of the coin is if the state, as a matter of policy, wants to impose this worthwhile goal, let the state pay for it," he said.

Actually, the Department of Public Safety has been

charged with splitting up \$18.5 million in state funds among the nearly 2,000 agencies covered under the law. Says sponsor Sen. Royce West: "There's not going to be enough money to go around."

West, who has said it would cost \$35 million to install the required recording equipment and computer software, train officers, and collect and maintain data, said banning racial profiling should be a local, state and federal effort. And the agencies benefit from the recording equipment because it provides evidence in cases where suspects accuse law officers of wrongdoing, said West, D-Dallas.

So far, 553 applications seeking funding have been received, said DPS spokesman Tom Vinger. The law gives priority to small municipalities and agencies with patrol duties, he said.

Also beginning Tuesday, the state will begin issuing intermediate licenses for 16- and 17-year-old drivers. Before, a 16-year-old was granted an unrestricted license with just seven hours' experience behind the wheel.

Under the graduated pro-

gram, teens will continue with a permit for six months, during which time they are asked to complete at least 50 hours of adult supervised driving, including at least 10 hours at night.

Also, teen-agers will not be allowed to drive between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. unless accompanied by an experienced, licensed driver who is at least 21. No more than one passenger under age 21 will be able to ride with a teen-age driver for six months, except for siblings who have received written parental permission.

Exceptions would include driving to and from work, school-related activities or a medical emergency.

In 1998, the most recent year for which data is available from the U.S. Department of Transportation, 407 Texas teens were killed in auto wrecks. Another 40,000 were injured.

Teen-agers account for about 938,000, or 7 percent, of the state's total 13.4 million licensed drivers. Yet they are responsible for about 20 percent of all Texas auto accidents, according to state statistics.

"This is a trend that we've seen nationwide, and we've seen that the graduated

driver's license program has worked. It has had a significant impact in saving lives," said Anne O'Ryan, spokeswoman for AAA Texas.

The organization helped push the bill through the Legislature and is helping DPS educate parents and teen drivers with free brochures.

Tuesday will be "a great day for the children of Texas," said Sen. Judith Zaffirini, a Laredo Democrat who pushed through contentious legislation that makes it easier for poor and disabled children to sign up for Medicaid.

Zaffirini said the law will not only knock down longstanding hurdles, but will save the state \$10 billion over the next 20 years by decreasing the number of costly emergency room visits by uninsured children, among other improvements.

"Truly, this is an investment that will preclude unnecessary higher health care costs later," Zaffirini said.

Another new law allows Texans to block telemarketing calls by placing their name, address and telephone number on a statewide database maintained by the Texas Public Utility Commission. The so-called no-call service will cost \$2.25 for three

years.

Louis Mastria, spokesman for the Direct Marketing Association, said telemarketers sold goods and services worth \$612 billion nationally in 1999 — about \$38.7 billion to Texans.

About 382,000 Texans are employed as telemarketers, Mastria said.

"This is a real powerhouse of the economy that's unfortunately gotten a bad rap, and nobody wants to talk about it," Mastria said.

The first no-call list will be available to telemarketers April 1. They will have 60 days from the date a number appears on the list to remove it from their database.

Consumers may file a complaint with the PUC against a telemarketer who continues calling, and the state may fine the company \$1,000 per violation.

"The last thing anyone needs after a long day of work is to come home to a ringing phone caused by unsolicited telemarketing phone calls," said Rep. Roberto Gutierrez, a Democrat from McAllen who cosponsored the bill with Rep. Burt Solomons, R-Carrollton. "Consumers will now have an option in keeping their phone lines closed to those pesky telemarketers."



## Protein Molecules May Enable Two-Way Signaling Between Cells

Two neuroscientists from UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, Dr. Mark Henkemeyer, assistant professor in UT Southwestern's Center for Development Biology, and his associate Chad Cowan, a doctoral candidate in the UT Southwestern Graduate School of Biomechanics Sciences, collaborated with cancer investigators in New York and Australia to determine the structures of protein molecules that bind together to initiate two-way signaling between human cells.

Now, a team from the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, in collaboration with Henkemeyer, has derived a three-dimensional picture of the molecules that mediate this novel cell-to-cell communication system. The molecules are called Eph and Ephrin proteins.

"The genome DNA sequencing project tells us what amino acid sequence of the proteins are, but it doesn't give us

the structure or shape that the proteins take after they have folded up as they're activated to do their jobs," Henkemeyer said. "Now we can visualize at atomic-level resolution how these important molecules interact to initiate bi-directional signaling between cells."

"The cancer investigators are interested in Ephs and Ephrins because these same proteins also play similar communication roles in many other moving, remodeling cells, including vascular endothelial cells and, potentially, migrating metastatic cancer cells. These bi-directional messages or signals appear to help control how cells move and interact as the nervous system and other organs develop in the embryo or perhaps as cancer cells move throughout the body."

To describe the structure of the Eph and Ephrin interactions, the researchers first purified both molecules in their interactive form and then grew crystals of the proteins, Henkemeyer said.

Then they subjected the crystals to X-ray diffraction analysis to determine their shape. The analysis of the results yielded a picture of how specific domains of the proteins can interact to then send reciprocal messages into their resident cells.

"If further research confirms that metastatic cancer cells also move throughout the body by using the same biotechnical pathways, then it may be possible to use these three-dimensional structures to formulate compounds to inhibit, interrupt or otherwise alter the Eph-Ephrin signals and, thereby, effect new cancer therapies," said Henkemeyer. "The groundwork has already been laid in that direction."

For neuronal cells, Henkemeyer said, the goal would likely be to stimulate or inhibit the Eph-Ephrin pathways and perhaps accelerate nerve regrowth and regeneration as therapies for brain or spinal cord injuries.

## No more hanging up on telemarketers

Some of our most aggravating calls come from telemarketing companies. Imagine sitting at dinner when the phone rings and the person on the other end has a "but" for every word you say. So, you end up hanging up the phone, your only release to the call.

Well, no more starting January 1, 2002, The Texas Public Utility Commission (PUC) will bar companies from soliciting who submit their names to a statewide do-not-call list. Registration to the list begins at the first of the year, however telemarketing companies have a grace period until June. After this period if a telemarketer continues to call and will not

remove your name from their list you can report that company to PUC. The state can fine the company \$1,000 per violation if it breaks the law. Call the Attorney General's consumer hotline at 1-800-621-0508 to request a complaint form.

"I don't believe anything in telecommunications has produced as many calls as the do-not-call list," said Theresa Gage, a PUC spokesperson. "People are really excited about putting their names and numbers on this."

State legislators passed the bill to start the registry last spring. Texas is among at least 24 states trying to curb telemarketing calls with do-not-call lists.

Telemarketing is a \$668 billion industry. The Web site of a company that tracks the industry estimates that there are several hundred call centers operating in the United States. A single computer auto-dialing numbers can make roughly a half-million calls in about 12 hours.

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## Sharing and Caring Throughout the Year Self-Renewal

Here we are again, just past the brink of another holiday season for thanks, giving, sharing, caring and anticipation of a hope-filled new year. Many questions of self worth and desires of spirit become common thought as many of us go throughout these days. 'Tis the season to be jolly', however, many times the season itself brings to surface the feelings of loss, loneliness and lack of accomplishment. It is in this time of our lives, more than most other seasons, that many of us feel the need to interact and experience that important human emotion of belonging and being of benefit and value to other human beings. It is the nature of hope and faith, heartache and fear all jumbled together in on great mass of emotions.

During this Holiday Season, more positive acts are performed just for the sake of others in need. Thanksgiving day becomes a miracle within itself as food suddenly appears out of nowhere in the neighborhoods, streets, shelters and homes that

tact or influence on our personal homes, family and friends, it is easy to forget. Many of these people are on our streets, in our neighborhoods and communities. A sad fact is that in effort to give to those with needs far away, we overlook those in our neighborhood and communities who can also desperately use our help. We often fail to realize that today, we as humans are more connected than ever, whether we care to admit it or not. It is important to the survival of this world that we are able to rely on each other for the value and diversity of the human experience.



are generally lost and forgotten the other 364 or so days a year. At Christmastime, more money is spent on gifts, community volunteer programs experience explosions of 'dogooders' and 'Angels' of sudden generosity appear out of nowhere to descend upon those who have often been left behind and forgotten throughout the rest of the days of hardship leading up to this Glorious time of rejoice! This 'bitter-sweet' spirit of kindness and caring shows its face of hope for a few intense weeks, then it falls out of sight for another year. How many of us partake in this perpetration of providing a good meal to some unfortunate soul displaced on the streets of life as we relish an instant good feeling to our spirit of giving or guilt. In these times of growing international unrest and hard times in the homeland, we yearn to know the comfort and reassurance that our personal little world will always be a safe distance from the disparity and sadness of the streets.

Let us not get so engrossed in the idea of giving at Christmastime, that we forget there are people with important needs throughout the year. The population of this world grows drastically with each new day; however, the people of this world grow further apart in spirit and out of touch with the calls and common causes of humanity. The Caring, Giving and Sharing spirit of Christmas should live throughout the year.

There are many opportunities to help make life better for those in need. Many people everywhere need a hand up and a heart reaching out. It is easy to look at those who are trapped in poverty and tragedy as long as the television screen, newspaper or magazines keep them in the distant corners of our minds and view. It is also sad and most easy to forget about those unfortunate souls when the pictures are out of our sights. As long as these souls are seen as far away and in another world with little con-

implication was that of social lines. The will try to make you feel worthless, while those who care for you will help to expose invaluable worth.

Social lines extend from the home, through the neighborhood, out of the community and around the world. Holidays such as Christmas make this line more visible via media and public organizations. It is movement across these boundaries that during the holidays can lift up those in need so that all may see. This is that time when the outpouring of public support comes from all around. The acts of kindness are over-

whelmingly received by the needy; however, it appears that the light grows dim too soon. The light of understanding, caring and sharing fades to black, as the Holiday fanfare plays down and out of sight. This is when the dark and gloomy times of depression and desperation return to those who briefly experienced relief from a world they thought had forgotten them. All too soon we in this world tend to forget once the Christmas and

New Year season has passed. Most of us don't know what it means to experience true hunger. The thought of not having a warm, safe and secure place to call home is a distant imagination to the majority of our family, friends, neighbors, church members and coworkers. We all are guilty of complaining about our personal desires, wants and what we think we need. Even in financially challenging times, we find ways to lavish our children with toys, clothes, entertainment and general possessions. Our children will be more aware of how truly blessed we are if they are given opportunity to share with those in need. It is easy to forget about hard times when we are not faced with that picture everyday. Seek out the single parent who needs both tangible and emotional support as assurance that light in life's tunnels does not always mean oncoming trains of trials. Spend time in organizations, which mentor children, young women and young men. Try to understand what it must mean to be elderly and separated from a world in which you once played a valuable position. Most of those lost on the streets once had somewhere to call home, just as you do today. Remember the physically and mentally challenged citizens of this ethically and spiritually challenged world. Sometimes it means the world just to share how you really care.

Give of yourself to someone else in need. Share the promise of a wealth of self-worth with someone everyday! Give the tangible but don't forget the most valuable. Living is worth the effort of continued sharing and constant caring. Enjoy a renewed year.

What if you gave someone a gift, and they neglected to thank you for it—would you be likely to give them another? Life is the same way. In order to attract more of the blessings that life has to offer, you must truly appreciate what you already have.

—Ralph Marston

## Dallasite's cash gift benefits Psychiatric Programs

Dianne T. Cash has donated \$100,000 for psychiatric treatment and research programs at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. Ms. Cash recognizes a need to strengthen programs that combat mental illness.

The gift will be used in part to help fund the computerization of a statewide psychiatric research program based at UT Southwestern that has enabled development and implementation of medication guidelines for

treating schizophrenia, bipolar disorders and major depression.

The goal of the Texas Medication Algorithm Project (TMAP), which involves the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation and four other Texas medical schools, is the computerization of these guidelines to make them easily accessible to physicians throughout the state.

Ms. Cash believes that psychiatry is a field that is often over-

looked for research money. "This is unfortunate, since millions of individuals suffer from mental illness and often don't even know where to go for help," she said. "Under Dr. Kenneth Altshuler's directorship, I am certain that this program will help people receive better designed treatment programs and medications more effectively."

Ms. Cash has been involved in the Junior League of Dallas and Crystal Charity Ball.

## Energy deregulation, lower utility

Texas must meet a provision in the 1999 electric-deregulation law, which required an additional 2,000 megawatts of renewable energy capacity by 2009.

Companies competing for customers under deregulation are required to buy a certain amount of electricity from renewable resources, such as solar or wind power.

The increased supply would give Texas enough renewable energy to power about 650,000 homes.

The provision also will make it easier for customers to buy the less-polluting electricity.

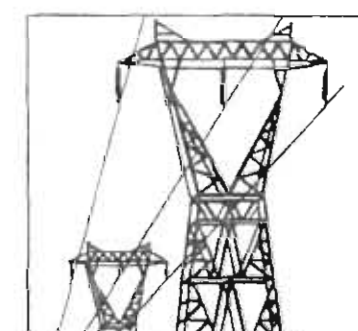
The reason this is important is power plants are the largest industrial sources of many of the pollutants that are clouding our skies," said Tom Smith, Texas director of watchdog organization Public

Citizen.

Texas is emerging as a national leader in the wind power market. More wind energy is expected to be installed in Texas this year than has ever been installed in one year in the entire United States, said Tom Gray, deputy executive director of the American Wind Energy Association.

Customers who sign up won't actually get cleaner electricity. Instead, the companies will buy power on behalf of their customers and feed it into the electric grid, where it will mix with energy from natural gas and nuclear plants.

Wind power is also getting a boost from lower production costs, which have fallen from 38 cents a kilowatt-hour 20 years ago to 3 cents to 5 cents a kilowatt hour with



today's turbine units, industry officials say.

"Wind energy right now is competitive," said TXU spokesman Rand LaVonn. "The price to purchase energy from wind turbines is in the range of what we are paying for other forms of energy."

TXU has renewable energy contracts with companies such as AEP to provide enough power to supply 80,000 homes. For more information go to: Public Utility Commission at <http://www.puc.state.tx.us>.

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## You & Your Money

### Daily IRS Tax Tips Available on the Web for the 2002 Filing Season

The Internal Revenue Service will again offer a daily series of Tax Tips for the 2002 filing season beginning January 2, 2002.

IRS Tax Tips will offer concise, useful information on topics affecting millions of taxpayers. These easy-to-read tips will cover a wide range of topics, from child credits and higher education benefits to Individual Retirement Accounts and Social Security issues. Sample topics include:

- What's new for 2002.
- Common errors to avoid when preparing your taxes.
- Free tax help from the IRS.
- When Social Security benefits are taxable.
- What to do if you can't pay your taxes.

Approximately 75 tips will be

available, with at least one for each business day until the April 15 tax deadline. The Tax Tips will be available on the IRS Web site at <http://www.irs.gov>, in the news section.

Facing a lot of different tax questions this year? IRS experts have pulled together an overview of common tax issues in one convenient place—Publication 17, "Your Federal Income Tax." This updated publication, available on the IRS Web, contains a vast array of helpful information in one guide.

From stock sales to student loans, people can get many of their questions answered in this 280-page publication. A sampling of the items covered in 38 chapters:

- Need help deciphering the mysteries of the Roth IRA? Try

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## Capitol Watch

### Small Business Agenda Stalls as Congress Adjourns

Democratic members of the House Small Business Committee were disappointed with progress made on issues facing small business as Congress ended.

"After consulting with small businesses earlier this year, I knew their agenda was extensive—better access to capital, tax relief, affordable healthcare, fairness in federal contracting—and the events of September 11 along with the recession only made that agenda longer and the need to address it more critical," said Congresswoman Nydia M. Velazquez (D-NY).

One would think that the events of September 11 would have encouraged rapid relief for small businesses. "It became clear that we had to move quickly to help our nation's entrepreneurs. But that didn't happen. Legislative initiatives aimed at assisting America's small business owners were stalled," said Velazquez.

There are many small business issues that remain unresolved as Congress adjourns. First, to address the inequities

that exist in federal contracting, Congresswoman Velazquez introduced federal contracting reform legislation. This legislation is still awaiting Committee action.

Access to affordable, quality healthcare is among one of the top priorities for business owners but little progress has been made to address the needs of small businesses.

"We need to come back in January and continue to push hard so that the needs of small businesses are met. They are the engine of this economy, and if they are in a weakened state, what does that mean for our nation's economic future," questioned Velazquez.

Also on Congresswoman Velazquez's agenda was protection for small business interests in the prescription drug card debate. She and other members sent a letter to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator Thomas Scully, urging him to conduct outreach to small businesses prior to publishing a proposed rule that would outline

the new CMS Medicare prescription drug card plan.

"This plan was developed by the Bush Administration behind closed doors with big businesses. Small community pharmacists are going to lose out in this proposal," said Velazquez. The letter asked Mr. Scully to abide by certain laws which require an agency to provide small businesses with a meaningful opportunity to participate in the development of rules that will affect them.

Also opposed to the discount card are the very groups charged with delivering these medicines to senior citizens. In July, the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) and the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) filed a lawsuit intended to block the plan. The two groups, representing nearly all retail pharmacies in the U.S., believed that the Administration officials ignored regulations and designed the plan without any input from key groups that would be impacted by it.

## Wellness

### Be Wary of the Dangers of Carbon Monoxide during the Winter Months

BY BRANDY JONES

As you try to keep warm indoors, be mindful of the risks of carbon monoxide poisoning. The dangers often go undetected.

Invisible, odorless and tasteless, carbon monoxide (CO) is a highly poisonous gas produced by burning fuel such as gasoline, natural gas, kerosene, charcoal or wood. Inside a home, CO can come from a gas-fueled furnace, water heater, clothes dryer, space heater, range or kerosene heater, fireplace or wood stove. At low concentrations, CO causes fatigue in healthy people and chest pain for those with heart disease. At higher concentrations, CO inhalation causes impaired vision and coordination, headaches, dizziness, confusion, nausea and death.

Without good ventilation during use of fuel-burning appliances, carbon monoxide levels rise and, when inhaled, replace oxygen in the bloodstream. The more CO in the air and the longer a person is exposed, the greater the risk of illness or death.

"With any combustion source, there is a risk," said Kay Soper, Texas Department of

Health (TDH) indoor air quality specialist.

Dangerous CO problems arise when home appliances are poorly maintained or used incorrectly. Non-vented gas and kerosene appliances have the greatest potential to produce dangerous levels of CO in the home, according to Soper.

In addition to these, smoldering or poorly vented fireplaces, slow burning fuels such as charcoal and vehicle exhausts, also are potentially hazardous. New homes, or newly remodeled homes, have higher risks for carbon monoxide hazard because often they are sealed tighter than older homes.

One key to safety, Soper said, is to examine the color of a flame. A hot blue flame produces less carbon monoxide and more heat than a flickering yellow flame. A yellow flame in the furnace or stove burner is a signal to have the equipment re-adjusted to get more air to it. Not only will the stove or furnace be safer, but it also should be less costly to operate.

Soper said people with gas appliances should invest in a carbon monoxide detector. Widely

available, CO detectors can warn people if carbon monoxide levels in their surroundings become dangerously high.

TDH also offers these helpful hints to CO safety:

- Be sure all appliances are installed and used according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Have the heating system inspected annually.
- Have ventilation systems, including chimneys and vents, checked every year.
- Don't burn charcoal inside a house, garage, vehicle, or tent—even in a fireplace.
- Don't use an un-vented gas or kerosene heater in enclosed spaces, especially sleeping areas.
- Never leave an automobile running in a closed garage or in a garage attached to the house even with the garage door open.
- Don't leave the rear window or tailgate of a vehicle open while driving. Carbon monoxide from the exhaust can be pulled inside the car, van or camper.

Anyone who suspects symptoms of CO poisoning should open doors and windows, turn off gas appliances and go outside. In cases of severe CO poisoning, call the 9-1-1 emergency services.

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## Vincent L. Berkley, Jr.: The Man Behind Burger King Corporation's Diversity Initiatives

By Brandy Jones

Family man, community leader, and businessman are a just a few synonyms that describe Vincent L. Berkley, Jr. if his name were listed in a thesaurus; one would find descriptions beginning with the word successful. If his name were in the dictionary, one would find the inscription: See Burger King Corporation for more information on his long list of accomplishments and contributions.

Vincent L. Berkley is the senior vice president, Worldwide Diversity Resources for Burger King Corporation. His responsibilities include the development of diversity strategies and initiatives that impact the company globally in the areas of human capital, franchising, supplier, and community relations. When Berkley describes diversity as it relates to business he says, "You have to look at diversity as a necessary element versus being a social requirement. It's not just the 'right thing' to do, it is necessary in order to meet business objectives. Burger King Corporation recognizes the importance of diversity and its impact on the bottom line."

"My job is to ensure that mainstream strategies capitalize on the business potential of a diverse America," he added. Over thirty percent of BKC's (Burger King Corporation) customer base is non-white being mostly Hispanic and African-American. Berkley said, "We have to be sure that BKC's selling strategies are inclusive of all potential customers. We must buy and interact with people who mirror our customers. We must keep the price in the market place competitive by doing business with a diverse supplier base. Diverse representation with the minority community enhances BKC's image with the people who do business with us. Diversity can be very profitable in addition to being the right thing to do."

Berkley's background is primarily in the area of operations. Prior to joining BKC, Berkley worked at PepsiCo for 13 years and during that time he was Division Vice President for PepsiCo/Pizza Hut Division. He was responsible for total financial and operational issues for 450 company-owned Pizza Hut restaurants. Previously, he served as Vice President for EEO/Minority Affairs for PepsiCo where Berkley's responsibilities involved corporate diversity, minority business enterprise, minority franchising and minority community relations. Other PepsiCo duties included serving as a Division Vice President, Regional Vice President, and Regional Manager.

Berkley, an only child, was raised by a single parent who provided him with the foundation he stands on today. "Early on, success in my community was defined as getting out of high school, entering the military, and getting married," he said. He began as a computer technician in the military where he learned valuable logical and technical skills, which he has relied upon throughout his career. He admits that he didn't really understand the theory of "live connection" until his experience in the military where he learned about leadership and responsibility for others. The skills he developed in the service are the same ones he uses today: leadership, a respect for people, and common sense. Berkley did not remain in computer technology leaving the field to become a restaurant manager.

Berkley received his B.S. in Human Resources

Management from Friends University in Kansas. Thirty years later, he is in the same line of work as head of Diversity for Burger King Corporation.

Berkley is involved in numerous community activities,

including serving as National Chairman of the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America. His affiliation with the association began with his position with the Pizza Hut Corporation. "The Sickle Cell program was identified by Pizza Hut for support, and since I was in a diversity position, I was selected by Pizza Hut Corporation to serve on this board. I developed a passion for the organization and I have

been a part of the group for over 10 years," he said. Berkley is currently completing a three-year term as chairman of the Board heading 64 affiliate chapters.

He is also a member of the



Orange Bowl Committee, which consists of 300 community leaders and volunteers. Primarily, the volunteers assist with the annual Orange Bowl football game, but is involved in year round festivals that include basketball tournaments, sailing regattas, and fishing tournaments. Berkley chairs the Volunteer Committee and serves on the Strategic Planning, Finance, and Parade

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## The legacy of George Washington Carver

By Brandy Jones

From inauspicious and dramatic beginnings, George Washington Carver became one of the nation's greatest educators and agricultural researchers.

Though the exact year is unknown, he was born in about 1864 on the Moses Carver plantation in Diamond Grove, Mo. His father died in an accident shortly before his birth, and when he was still an infant, slave raiders kidnapped Carver and his mother. The baby was returned to the plantation, but his mother was never heard from again.

As Carver grew up, he also grew to be a student of life and a scholar, despite the illness and frailty of his early childhood. Because he was not strong enough to work in the fields, he helped with household chores and gardening resulting in the development of a keen interest in plants at an early age. He gathered and cared for a wide variety of flora from the land near his home and became known as the "plant doctor," helping neighbors and friends with ailing plants. He learned to read, write and spell at home because there were no schools for African-Americans in Diamond Grove. From age 10, his thirst

for knowledge and desire for formal education led him to several communities in Missouri and Kansas and finally, in 1890, to Indianola, Iowa, where he enrolled at Simpson College to study piano and painting.

He excelled in art and music, but art instructor Etta Budd, whose father was head of the Iowa State College

1891, he became the first African-American to enroll at Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, which is known today as Iowa State University.

Through quiet determination and perseverance, Carver soon became involved in all facets of campus life. He was a leader in the YMCA, a leader on the debate team and worked in the dining rooms and as a trainer for the athletic teams. Carver was captain, the highest student rank, of the campus military regiment. His poetry was published in the student newspaper and two of his paintings were exhibited at the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago.

Carver's interests in music and art remained strong, but it was his excellence in botany and horticulture that prompted professors Joseph Budd and Louis Pammel to encourage him to stay on as a graduate student after he completed his bachelor's degree in 1894. Because of his proficiency in plant breeding, Carver was appointed to the faculty, becoming Iowa State's first African-American faculty member.

Over the next two years, as assistant botanist for the College Experiment Station, Carver quickly developed scientific



Department of Horticulture, recognized Carver's horticultural talents. She convinced him to pursue a more pragmatic career in scientific agriculture and, in

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## Are Peas in your Wallet? What's your new year success strategy?

Growing up on a farm, we saw peas, beans and peas and beans and more peas and beans. The first of the year was a time that we ate the legumes as our year's strategy for good luck and good fortunes. We'd have all sorts of dishes with varied ways of preparing peas or beans and even other foods that signified good luck. We'd put peas in our wallets too.

At the Pea Picker bookstore, Lillian Harper is contemplating the end of 2001 and making a resolution for the New Year.

"I'll eat four black-eyed peas," she says. "I don't like them, but I don't think I ate but two last year and it wasn't such a great year."

She laughs and quickly adds, "I probably shouldn't say I don't like them in this town."

Athens, the self-proclaimed Black-Eyed Pea Capital of the World, takes seriously the Southern tradition of eating peas on the first day of the New Year.

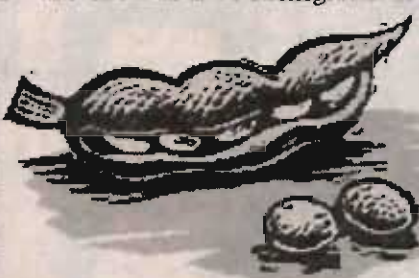
Many people don't know why the peas are thought to bring good luck, but they are superstitious enough to cook up a batch each Jan. 1.

"If anything bad happened you might wonder if it was because you didn't eat your peas," said Jewel Lambright, 83. She said she's heard the peas called "lifesavers" because during hard economic times, they were all some families had to eat.

The legend of eating the peas for good luck dates back to the

Civil War. One story suggests Northern troops destroyed crops, leaving only black-eyed peas which were called cowpeas and grown as livestock feed. But the Southerners considered it lucky to have any food at all.

Sylvia Grider, an anthropologist at Texas A&M University, said the tradition is as homegrown as



apple pie.

"I have not heard of black-eyed peas for good luck on New Year's in any other country," she's quoted as saying on the Texas Department of Agriculture's Web site. "It seems to be a characteristically American calendar custom."

In Athens, the black-eyed pea was a source of fortune for several decades, as area growers sold the crop to several local canneries until the late 1970s. The Home Folks brand of black-eyed peas became one of the town's largest businesses, marketing specially labeled Good Luck Peas each holiday season.

While the canneries since have closed, the East Texas town continues to hold its annual Black-Eyed Pea Fall Harvest Festival started 30 years ago by Frank Dorsey, owner

of the Home Folks cannery.

The festival includes contests for the best "reci-pea," fastest sheller, most pea-eating and black-eyed pea queen.

The culinary concoctions have tested the versatility of the legume. Peas have been used in cheesecakes, wine, Jell-O, pizza and enchiladas.

This year's winning recipe was created by 17-year-old Schuyler Bateman, who used cream cheese, peanut butter, chocolate sauce and the requisite peas in her pea-nut butter pie.

"It's my favorite dessert so I just experimented with it a lot," said Bateman, a three-time winner who also has blended peas into cheesecake and German chocolate cake. "It still tastes like peanut butter but it's better with the peas because it makes it richer and thicker."

But most folks stick to traditional black-eyed pea recipes each New Year's Day.

At Hog Heaven restaurant, owner Sandy Gregg said she's sold "a ton" of ham bones, a favored ingredient to spice up a simmering pot of peas, which can take all day to cook.

Gregg said she is so faithful about the tradition that while traveling one Jan. 1, her family visited three restaurants in search of the lucky legumes.

"You have to have them," agreed retired newspaper owner Dick Dwelle. "Just in case."

### Sickle Cell

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which clog blood flow and break apart.

When sickle-shaped cells block small blood vessels, less blood can reach that part of the body. Tissue that does not receive a normal blood flow eventually becomes damaged. This is what causes the complications of sickle cell disease. There is currently no universal cure for sickle cell disease.

Sickle cell pain episodes occur when there is a lack oxygen supply to a specific part of the body. Stress, dehydration, extreme cold temperatures, high altitudes, and infections can work to increase the production of sickle cells.

While in Alabama, Goodman determined spectrin contributed to the slow dissociation of the irreversibly sickled

core skeleton.

In 1999, researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas found that the steroid dexamethasone benefits children with sickle cell disease who experience mild to moderately severe acute chest syndrome akin to pneumonia.

According to Dr. Buchanan, one of the guest speakers at the UTD symposium, there are two major complications of sickle cell disease:

"One is pain crises - where the obstruction of the blood vessels results in pain," Buchanan said. "The other is acute chest syndrome, where the lungs are the target organ; the blood vessels of the lungs become blocked and fill up with very rigid, sickle-shaped cells. It's very similar to pneumonia. The blood cells literally get stuck in the lungs, and this

leads to poor oxygen exchange."

Buchanan is a professor of pediatrics at UT Southwestern and director of the Center for Blood Disorders at Children's Medical Center of Dallas.

Chest syndrome is the most common cause of death for sickle cell patients over age 5 in the United States. Sickle cell disease specialists have suggested that recurrent episodes of acute chest syndrome can cause permanent lung damage. Thus dexamethasone could diminish or prevent irreversible injury to patients' lungs. A 1994 study conducted by Buchanan found that another inflammation-blocking steroid - methylprednisolone - decreased the duration of severe pain episodes in adults and children with sickle cell disease, according to Buchanan.

### Moses

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Plano Martin Luther King Day Celebration

Mr. Moses has received numerous awards for his contributions including:

- 2001 - Community Partnership Award from the Collin County Community College Foundation Board

- 1998 - Akinkanju Corporate Support Award

from New Image Business Associates

- 1998 - Metroplex African American Making History Award from KRLD

- 1997 - Outstanding Texan Award from Texas Legislative Black Caucus

Mr. Moses is currently a member of the Dallas/Fort Worth Minority Business Development Council, Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce, Greater Dallas

Chamber of Commerce, Plano Chamber of Commerce (where he is a past Chairman of the Board), U.S. Chamber of Commerce and Texas Association of Business and Chambers of Commerce. Mr. Moses encourages the community to contact him with issues he can address as Representative of District 66. He can be reached at fred@tes.com or at (972) 422-0012.

### Carver

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tific skills in plant pathology and mycology, the branch of botany that deals with fungi. He published several articles on his work and gained national respect. In 1896, he completed his master's degree and was invited by Booker T. Washington to join the faculty of Alabama's Tuskegee Institute.

At Tuskegee, he gained an international reputation in research, teaching and outreach. Carver taught his students that nature is the greatest teacher and that by understanding the forces in nature, one can understand the dynamics of agriculture. He instilled in them the attitude of gentleness and taught that education should be "made common" and used for betterment of the people in the community. Carver's work resulted in the creation of 325 products from peanuts, more than 100 products from sweet potatoes and hundreds more from a dozen other plants native to the South.

These products contributed to rural economic improvement by offering alternative crops to cotton that were beneficial for the farmers and for the land. During this time, Carver also carried the Iowa State extension concept to the South and created "movable schools," bringing practical agricultural knowledge to farmers, thereby promoting health, sound nutrition and self-sufficiency. Dennis Keeney, director of the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture at Iowa State University, writes in the Leopold Letter newsletter about Carver's contributions:

Carver worked on improving soils, growing crops with low inputs, and using species that fixed nitrogen (hence, the work on the cowpea and the peanut). Carver wrote in *The Need of Scientific Agriculture in the South*:

"The virgin fertility of our soils and the vast amount of unskilled labor have been more of a curse than a blessing to agri-

culture. This exhaustive system for cultivation, the destruction of forest, the rapid and almost constant decomposition of organic matter, have made our agricultural problem one requiring more brains than of the North, East or West."

Carver died January 5, 1943 and received many honors in his lifetime and well after, including a 1938 feature film, *Life of George Washington Carver*; the George Washington Carver Museum, dedicated at Tuskegee Institute in 1941; the Roosevelt Medal for Outstanding Contribution to Southern Agriculture in 1942; a national monument in Diamond Grove, Mo.; commemorative postage stamps in 1947 and 1998; and a fifty-cent coin in 1951. He was elected to the Hall of Fame for Great Americans in 1977 and inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame in 1990. In 1994, Iowa State awarded him the degree, Doctor of Humane Letters.



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### Berkley

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Committees.

Another role close to his heart is his involvement in the Welfare to Work program; a national initiative that President Clinton put into place in 1996. Burger King Corporation is one of the founding companies. "Welfare is no longer a life-long right. We focus on helping those on welfare re-enter the workforce and the mainstream. Welfare to Work assists with childcare, transportation, and life skills training. We focus on providing those assets necessary to re-enter the workforce," said

Berkley. "Closely associated with the Welfare to Work program is a program known as BizLink. BizLink is an initiative of Welfare to Work whose goal is, in partnership with the Department of Labor, to move hard to place recipients off welfare." Berkeley assisted in establishing BizLink in Miami, Florida.

Berkeley's accomplishments and memberships extend far greater than the confines of this article. He is an Executive Committee member of the Board of Directors of the Florida Zoological Society. He is also a member of the Executive Leadership Council, 100 Black Men of South

Florida, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, and is a recent inductee in the Greater Miami Chapter of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, a professional organization started in 1905. One notable past member of this organization is Martin Luther King, Jr.

In his spare time, Berkeley enjoys boating and any place warm with sand and sea. However, his greatest passion is his family. Berkeley is married with a daughter and a son. "My kids are my life. I am a devout family man. Although my daughter has graduated and started a career and my son is in college, I am still very active in their lives."

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## "17th Annual Stellar Gospel Music Awards"



Shirley Caesar

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them will be gospel music legend Pastor Shirley Caesar and Michelle Williams of the Grammy-award winning group Destiny's Child performing their tradition meets contemporary rendition of the old Negro Spiritual "Still Away Jesus," a selection from Shirley Caesar's current CD, HYMNS. Michelle Williams will join her trio, Destiny's Child, and perform a medley of spiritual songs from their triple platinum SURVIVOR CD.

Some of the best in gospel music are scheduled to perform, including nine time Stellar Award nominee Kurt Carr and the Kurt Carr

Singers, CeCe Winans, The Commissioned Reunion featuring Fred Hammond, Kirk Franklin, Richard Smallwood, Dottie Peoples, Lee Williams and the Spiritual QC's. The James Cleveland Award will be presented to Albertina Walker. Stellar Award presenters include Gospel Diva Vicki Winans, Gospel duo Mary Mary, Soul Food and CSI actor Gary Bourdan, R&B crooner Montell Jordan, producer Jermaine Dupri and many more.

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and faith as we honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.," says Executive Producer Don Jackson and Producer Barbara Wilson.



Kirk Franklin

The "17th Annual Stellar Gospel Music Awards" show is also directed by Chuck Vinson for Central City Productions. Founded in 1970 by Don Jackson, Chicago-based Central City Productions is a distributor of original programming to television and cable networks.

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This month, The Magnolia Theatre opened in the West End Historical District. It



Yolanda Adams

features gourmet concessions, the finest in foreign and independent films, Dolby Digital technology, full service bar and stadium seating.

## Singer turned preacher, Al Green

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When Green—who says he received a calling to minister in 1973—preached his first sermon in the church he bought in Whitehaven in 1976, people came out of curiosity.

"They weren't loyal. They weren't committed," Green said Sunday. "You have to work and work and work to weed out the ones who were not interested in

God."

Those who stayed at the church through the years still love Green's Grammy-winning voice. But they find even more comfort in Green the servant.

"He wears out Bibles like he does shoes," said Beverly White, who coordinated the celebration.

Today, he finds it ironic that while his rhythm and blues songs like "Let's Stay Together" and "Tired of Being Alone" were hits, his received his first

he recorded, "The Lord Will Make a Way," in 1981.

Green has won eight more Grammys over the years, seven for gospel performances and one for pop.



Al Green

## Come see me, Pacific giant octopus

I live at the The Dallas World Aquarium and Zoological Garden now but I was once nestled between the northwestern states of Washington and Alaska, British Columbia, the westernmost province of Canada. A line of mountains to the west of this coastline extends through Vancouver Island and north to the Queen Charlotte Islands, sheltering the water route known as the Inside Passage from the open Pacific Ocean. This coastal section has cool summers and mild winters with heavy rainfall. Living in the cold 520 F waters of this exhibit is the Pacific giant octopus (Octopus dofleini), an animal whose name often elicits fear and treachery. Although their size can be impressive, these gentle giants are harmless and shy.

There are more than 150 species of octopus in the world, but only the Pacific octopus can truly be called a giant.

Unusually large specimens have been documented between 100 and 600 pounds, but they normally are between ten and sixty pounds. They have been known to reach sizes of twenty-eight feet from arm tip to arm tip, with an average arm span of fifteen feet.

Each arm has two rows of alternating suckers. Octopus can inflict a painful venomous bite to immobilize prey. Clams and crabs are their primary sources of food. A digestive juice injected into the shell makes it easier to strip the food from the shell. Females, after laying eggs in late April or early May, use their tentacles to clean and turn the eggs. After the eggs hatch, the female disappears to die. Octopuses rely on their ability to camouflage for protection. They are able to change patterns instantly by using colored pigment contained in cells called chromatophores. These vivid displays are believed to also com-

municate emotion. This cunning animal produces an ink screen that confuses and dells the predator's sense of smell. The exhibit also features other invertebrates native to British Columbia such as sea cucumbers, sea anemones, sea stars and tubeworms. Call, 214-720-2224, for more information.



## Folk-Rock Icon to Perform Hits From '60s and '70s



Art Garfunkel

Conductor Richard Kaufman, welcomes legendary vocalist Art Garfunkel for a weekend of performances. The Audi Pops Series concerts will be held January 11-13, 2002, at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center.

Although it has been more than 30 years since "Bridge Over Troubled Water" was released, Garfunkel's voice and music remain among the most instantly recognizable in pop music today. Known for his collaborative works with Paul Simon, Garfunkel is half of the duo responsible for a number of timeless hits that represent 1960's and '70's music. The hits, which are as popular today as they were when they were released, include "The Sound of Silence," "Scarborough

Fair," "Mrs. Robinson," "Homeward Bound," "Morning Has Broken," "I Am a Rock" and "Cecelia."

Together, Simon & Garfunkel performed and recorded from 1963 to 1970, won five GRAMMY awards and were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Since then, Garfunkel has continued to perform and record as a solo artist, putting out more than a dozen albums featuring

both his solo works and classics from his years with Simon.

Tickets may be purchased from the Dallas Symphony box office or by logging on to [www.dallasymphony.com](http://www.dallasymphony.com). The box office hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information, call (214) 692-0203. The Dallas Symphony box office is located on the lower level of the Meyerson Symphony Center.

## Ali! Ali! Ali! The Movie

The best thing about Ali was the musical accompaniment. There are riveting pulsating fight sequences—too—that spark the spirit. Another great part of the movie was the intimate glimpses into Ali's personal life, primarily sexually. The absolute best thing about the movie Ali is the picturesque and passionate scenes of Zaire, Africa.

Ask five people about the movie and you'll get five different answers which assures that Ali is a must see. Ali gets you alive. The thrill of victory—the agony of defeat—the lust the infelicity—the love—it's all there.

Ali takes the viewer on an

intense, romp of ten years of American history: Beginning in 1963, when Cassius Clay was twenty-two and ending in 1975, after the TKO then invincible George Forman with the rope—a dope. This period also covers the assignment of Ali's friend and confidante, Malcolm X and the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Mohammed Ali is stripped of his title for refusing military induction although he is able to regain his title and becomes a self-promoter. He is married and courts several different women.

The movie, Ali: Lord of the Ring, is entertaining and informative and will draw on

your knowledge of American during 1964 and 1975 including the Vietnam War. It's a must see for everyone above 30 with a brain.



## Natatorium Opens

The Don Rodenbaugh Natatorium will open to the public on Saturday, Jan. 5, 2002 beginning at 10 a.m. The doors will open with the official ribbon cutting ceremony followed by an open house until 2 p.m. During

the open house, individuals can view the facility, climb the 24 ft. rock wall, sign-up for membership, and register for prize drawings. Information will be available about the facility, rock climbing wall, Party Mania and water and

land fitness classes. There will be giveaways for adults and children. From 2 to 6 p.m., the leisure pool and lap lanes will be open for free swimming and new members can begin using the upstairs fitness center. Contact the City of Allen for more information at (972) 727-0140.

## Pavorotti, American Airlines Center

On Saturday, February 9, the world-famous Luciano Pavarotti will perform at the American Airlines Center. With his many appearances, not only on the greatest international opera and concert stages, but also on television, in movies, and in arena concerts, Luciano Pavarotti's impact on the world of music has been enormous, broadening the horizons of classical music and bringing untold numbers of new fans to his art. His thrilling tenor voice and unique personality have touched countless audiences throughout the world, and he has become the personification of opera on television and recordings in our time.

This week, the American Airlines Center is offering a special bonus when you purchase tickets online. The first 25 people to purchase a pair of \$130 tickets to "Pavarotti in Concert" will receive a complimentary Pavarotti CD, video, or concert t-shirt.



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## Around The Town

### Ongoing

The Women's Museum: An Institute for the Future announces its winter blockbuster exhibit *Alma Thomas: Phantasmagoria*, Major Paintings. The works of the legendary abstract artist, will be on display until March 2002. The catalog, *Alma Thomas: Phantasmagoria*, major Paintings of the 1970's will be available in the museum store. For more information, call 214-915-0861 or visit [www.thewomensmuseum.org](http://www.thewomensmuseum.org).

The Women's Museum will provide free computer training in the Ronya Kozmetsky Institute For the Future, the museum's 20-workstation computer lab. The classes will provide free job-training skills for adult women who are unemployed and for those already employed but wishing to move up to more professional levels. Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings and Sunday afternoons and students can attend one or any number of classes. For more information, contact Wendlyn Alter, Institute Director at 214-915-0868 or [techdirector@thewomensmuseum.org](mailto:techdirector@thewomensmuseum.org).

The City of Plano Parks and Recreation Department has contracted with Planet Kidz, a youth entertainment program, to provide activities at Carpenter Park (6701 Coit Rd.) and Oak Point Recreation Center (6000 Jupiter Rd.) for youth grades 3 through 8. Planet Kidz happens on Saturday nights from 7-11:30 p.m. offering fun and excitement in a safe and secure environment. Admission is only \$8 per person. A Plano police officer

will be on duty at each location for the safety of the youth. For more information, call the Carpenter Park Recreation Center at 972-208-8087 or the Oak Point Center at 972-941-7540.

### January 3

Senior Citizens of Greater Dallas is pleased to announce Senior Link, Dallas' first support group dedicated to older adults looking for a job. The group meets twice a month, 10-11:30 a.m. at Senior Citizens of Greater Dallas, 1215 Skiles Street, Dallas. The next meeting is January 3 and will feature a speaker addressing the topic "The Upside and Downside of Changing Careers." RSVP is required for this free support group. Please contact Renae Redwine or Judy Burk at 214-823-5700. Senior Citizens of Greater Dallas is pleased to announce Senior Link, Dallas' first support group dedicated to older adults looking for a job. The group meets twice a month, 10-11:30 a.m. at Senior Citizens of Greater Dallas, 1215 Skiles Street, Dallas. The next meeting is January 3 and will feature a speaker addressing the topic "The Upside and Downside of Changing Careers." RSVP is required for this free support group. Please contact Renae Redwine or Judy Burk at 214-823-5700.

### January 4

SOTM, Inc. (Supporting Others Through Mentoring) is a non-profit organization catering to the needs of the community intellectually, emotionally, spiritually and physically. SOTM is hosting an open house for the

purpose of getting acquainted with the community January 4th at 7:30 p.m. at 423 W. Wheatland Rd. Suite 101 in Duncanville. For more information, call 972-709-1180.

### January 4-5

The Big Band Alumni Orchestra, conducted by big band veteran Fred Radke, performs a tribute to Glenn Miller and Harry James January 4-5, 2002. Guest vocalists Gina Funes and Beryl Davis, both accomplished big band performers, will accompany the orchestra in their tribute to the music of the 1930's and 40's. The Audi Pops Series concerts are held at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center located at 2301 Flora Street, suite 300 in Dallas. Ticket prices for these performances range from \$19.00 to \$90.00. Tickets may be purchased from the Dallas Symphony box office or by logging on to [www.dallasymphony.com](http://www.dallasymphony.com). For more information, call 214-692-0203.

### January 5

The SPCA of Texas has inaugurated an innovative and dynamic program designed to help those who are grieving the loss of a beloved companion animal. Called the Pet Grief Counseling Program, it is administered by Diane Pomerance, Ph.D., certified Grief Recovery Specialist and SPCA volunteer. Free and open to the public, the program meets at 1 p.m. on the first Saturday of every month at the SPCA's Dealey Animal Care Center located at 362 S. Industrial Blvd.

in Dallas. For more information, call 1-888-ANIMALS extension 143.

The Dallas Mavericks will be playing the San Antonio Spurs at American Airlines Center at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 214-665-4200.

The Dallas Metroplex Wiley College Alumni will hold its monthly meeting January 5th at 11:30 a.m. at Tommie Allen Recreation Center located on 7071 Bonnie View Rd. in Dallas. For more information, please call E.P. Shaw at 972-524-6116.

Planet Kidz is sponsoring a basketball/dodge ball tournament and a gladiator jousting competition on January 5th at Oak Point Recreation Center (6000 Jupiter Rd.) and Carpenter Park Recreation Center (6701 Coit Rd.) in Plano. For more information, call 972-208-8087 or 972-941-7540.

### January 8

The Women's Museum presents "New Year, New Beginnings: A conversation with Lynda Wooding" at 7 p.m. She will give a special talk and share her tips on using the New Year for new beginnings in our professional and personal lives. For more information, call 214-915-0890.

The Dallas Mavericks will be playing the Denver Nuggets at the American Airlines Center at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 214-665-4200.

### January 9

Dallas Symphony Orchestra

Resident Organist Mary Preston will be featured in a live web chat on [www.DSOKids.com](http://www.DSOKids.com) that will celebrate the addition of two new features to be educational website. The new features include a streaming video organ demonstration and a still photo organ tour. The chat with Preston is scheduled for January 9, 2002, from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. The streaming video and still photos will be available at 8 a.m. on the day of the chat. For more information, call 214-871-4061 or visit [www.DallasSymphony.com](http://www.DallasSymphony.com).

### January 10

The Dallas Mavericks will be playing the New York Knicks at the American Airlines Center at 8 p.m. For more information, call 214-665-4200.

### January 11

The Women's Council of Dallas County, Church Women United in Dallas, and the League of Women's Voters will present a community education program, "Hostile Hallways: peer Abuse Among the Young" from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at King of Glory Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 6411 LBJ Freeway in Dallas. For more information, contact Fran McElvaney at 972-233-6146.

### January 11-12

The Plano Metropolitan Ballet (PMB) will bring to life "Alice In Wonderland" on the stage at the Plano East High School on January 11th and 12th. Tickets for "Alice In Wonderland" are \$9.00 and can be purchased

from Gotta Dance at 121 Spring Creek Pkwy in Plano or by calling 972-517-5799. Performance times are Friday, January 11th at 7 p.m., and Saturday, January 12th at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Group rates are available.

### January 14

The Dallas Network of Career Women will host their monthly luncheon January 14th at City Club on the 69th floor of the Bank of America building in Dallas. The speaker for the hour will be Peggy Collins. You must make reservations on or before noon on January 11th by calling 214-855-1509. For more information, log on to [www.dallascareerwomen.org](http://www.dallascareerwomen.org).

### January 15

Quad C Theatre at Collin County Community College is seeking five male actors and two female actors for its production of *Side Man*. The open call audition will be held from 7-10 p.m. January 15th at John Anthony Theatre on Jupiter Rd., which is located between Spring Creek Pkwy and Parker Rd. in Plano. Please prepare a one-minute monologue from any contemporary drama in the style of the play. For more information, contact Brad Baker at 972-881-5679 or email him at [bbaker@cccd.edu](mailto:bbaker@cccd.edu).

### January 20

10th Annual MLK Celebration at the McKinney High School Auditorium. Free to the public. For more information contact Maurice Malvern Sr. at 972-354-2521, x7405.

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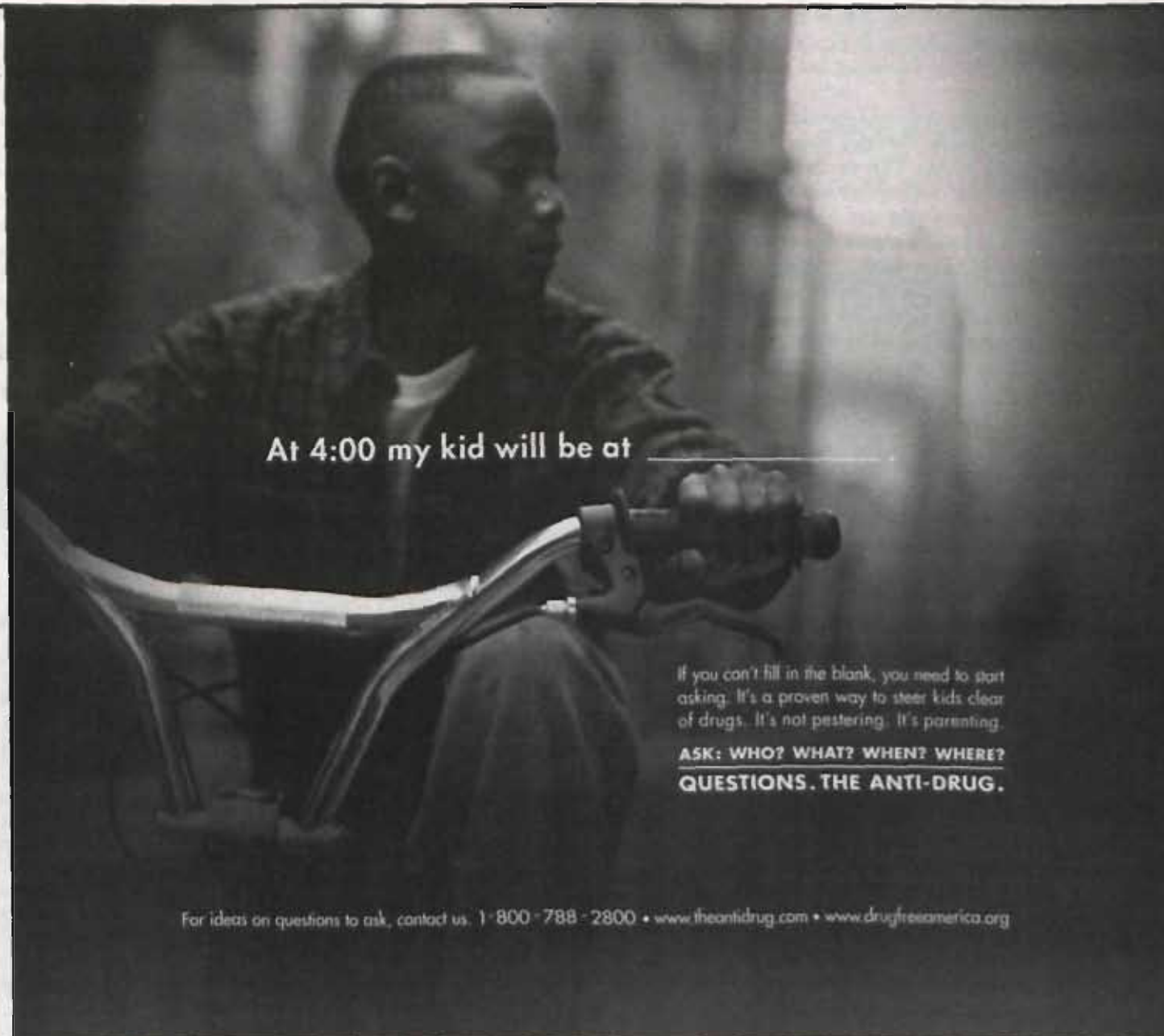
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