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## On the Homefront:

"Health Matters: Mind, Body and Soul", the 13th Dickie Foster Texas Black Women's Conference will be held Saturday March 16th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sponsored by The African American Museum and The Friends of the Texas Black Women's History Archives, this event will include workshops by local women. Women who have made significant contributions in health matter will be awarded during the luncheon. Keynote speakers will be award-winning, nationally known author Tonya Bolden, author of more than 30 books about African American life and history, and nationally acclaimed Rev. Martha J. Simmons, JD, a licensed and ordained minister with the United Church of Christ. The conference will be held at The Dallas Marriott Suites Hotel - Market Center at I-35 and the Motor Street exit. Registration on-site is \$35. For more information or to register, contact Yvette Blair at the African American Museum at 214.565.9026, ext. 307.

Join the Easter Eggstravaganza at Warren Sports Complex, Frisco, March 16, 9 a.m. - noon. Egg hunt starts at 10:30 a.m. sharp. Bring baskets and cameras. There will be crafts and games, and a look at Frisco fashion in the 1940s with bonnet and tie contests. Located at 11225 Rogers Road.

Plan to contribute to the 14th annual Taste of Plano, March 25, presented by the Plano Chamber of Commerce. To be held at Southfork Ranch, 3700 Hogge Road, from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. The event benefits the PISD Outstanding Students Scholarships Awards Program and highlights the products and services of over 40 of the area's finest restaurants. Donations of goods, services or cash welcome. Contact Judy Cordell at 469.752.8014, or email jcordell@pisd.edu. Or visit the website at [HYPERLINK "http://www.tasteofplano.com"](http://www.tasteofplano.com)

The Cooper Clinic, Preston Road, Dallas, is conducting a study of postmenopausal women called "DREW" (Dose Response to Exercise in Women). Participants sign up for six months and will be allocated exercise hours per week in a study to determine the effects of differing amounts of exercise on cardiovascular risk factor. This is conducted in your own time, the Cooper Clinic exercise facility being open 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. weekdays, and Saturday mornings. There is also the potential to be paid. Call 972.341.3228 for details.

'Dallas Blooms: Much Ado About Flowers' at Dallas Arboretum, through April 14. Activities for this festival will include the debut of an English Garden style thatched cottage, walking labyrinth, horticultural demonstrations, children's activities, entertainment and theatrical performances by The Shakespeare Festival of Dallas. Admission is \$6 adults, \$5 seniors, \$3 children, under 2 free. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. 8525 Garland Road, Dallas. Call 214.327.4901 for further information.

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## Don't Park There

By Senior Corporal Chris Gilliam  
Although some may disagree, something about the Feb. 15 police academy graduation for Class #270 was different. There was an electrical charge in the basement-level auditorium of Fair Park's Hall of State that has been absent in recent years. As I walked in the auditorium, the first thing I noticed was that the room was filled to capacity. I realize there have been standing-room only academy graduations before, but the attendance at this particular 2 p.m. gathering was only part of it. The crowd was on edge. It was as if they realized something big was about to happen. And I realize that a heightened level of nervous energy is commonplace at these type functions. But please believe me, there was something different.

I've taken photographs at many police academy graduations. The prevailing mood of graduating recruit classes has been one of "Let's get this over with so we can go to work." The prevailing mood of the families in attendance has been that of "How long is this going to take?" And the prevailing mood of the individuals on the rostrum has been that of "congratulations ... job well done ... good luck."

An overall sense of antici-

pation prevailed as Class #270 prepared for its graduation ceremony. They seemed primed and ready to do something special. I realize that statement could have been made regarding any number of recruit classes. Every graduating class seems more pumped and ready-to-go than



the one before it. But this one seemed extra special. And they were.

Recruit Class #270 started the Dallas Police Academy on July 6, 2001. Initially, the class numbered in the low 50's. The exact number was 52. Of those 52, 28.9% were Anglo, 38.4% were African American, 23.1% were Latino and 9.6% were Asian American. As for gender, Class #270 began with 42 males and 10 females. It was a diverse group to say the least. And that

was no accident. The 52 people that made up this particular recruit class were the result of a bold recruiting initiative that actually began approximately two years ago.

According to Personnel Lieutenant Stan Kay, Executive Assistant Director Jennifer Li approached him in November of 2000 and advised him to come up with a recruiting plan. "I came into the office the day after Thanksgiving and wrote up the plan. I was the only one in the building. I had already met with the other recruiters, and we had discussed some ideas," said Lieutenant Kay. The idea Lieutenant Kay and his recruiters settled on involved segmenting the United States into seven different recruiting zones. Each recruiting zone was assigned a deputy chief. The remainder of each team consisted of recruiters of various ranks such as sergeants, senior corporals and police officers. According to Lieutenant Kay, "Chief Bolton wanted everybody involved."

In January of 2000, Southeast Deputy Chief Kyle Royster led a recruiting team to Chicago, Illinois. Later that month, Youth & Family Support Division Deputy Chief Alfredo Saldana

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Dr. Garth Baker-Fletcher



## African American Philosophies of Religion

To delve into African American Philosophy on Religion means literally opening up a wide world of interpretations and influences. The social and environmental experiences of Black people offer many angles and origins from which their religious faith and belief may be examined. To follow is an interesting viewpoint of African American Religion which was recently outlined in a lecture at the University of North Texas (UNT).

Dr. Garth Baker-Fletcher, a specialist in African American religion and expert in the thought of Martin Luther King, Jr. presented an intriguing lecture. Dr. Baker-Fletcher shared his in-depth studies as part of a UNT Environment Philosophy Lecture Series. The outline included an exhaustive reference to publications and historical personalities of Blacks in America and how some have responded

to the physical, psychological and environmental violence of racism. Words like amelioration, prophetic pragmatism, and disillusioned determination may send some audiences running for cover — or covering their ears — however, the attendees remained quiet interested. Dr. Baker-Fletcher gave a compressed review of his theoretical studies and then opened the floor up to questions and discussion. This subject came alive for the culturally diverse audience as theory and historical reflection on African American Philosophy was brought to forefront.

Baker-Fletcher used his expertise in the thought of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as a backdrop for the discussion. He referred to the style and teachings of MLK as 'Radical Agapism.' For Christians, the word 'agape' means love. The idea of a 'radical love' best

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## Creating Your Fantasy Wedding

By Monica Thornton

Planning a wedding can be stress from start to finish, and picking the colors is just the beginning. Do you want traditional or contemporary, sleek and sexy dress or something that will appease your father, silk or dried flowers, or how about candles? And you don't even know where to have the wedding ceremony, in a church or a park, an outside reception or inside at the country club, and once you have it all planned, did you remember to send out invitations?

Who mentioned the choice of limousine or horse and buggy, and where will you go on honeymoon?

But before you think it is just too much to handle and give up on the idea of being able to turn your special day into a perfect day, Valerie Wordlaw, Owner of 'Fantasy Weddings' in Plano, knows just how to bring it all together and help you create your dream wedding.

Ms. Wordlaw, Wedding Designer, said she turned something she liked doing into a business when the company she worked for as an accountant moved from the Dallas area to Greenville, Carolina just over two years ago.

She said she started planning weddings years ago, beginning with her sisters' weddings. From there she planned weddings for other family members and church members, turning it into a paid hobby. "I'd bought so many wedding items like flower stands



and candle holders that I started renting the equipment out", said Ms. Wordlaw, "so when I was laid off I thought about doing this on a full time basis, and that's what I did, I turned a hobby into a full time company".

And her business, which turns two this month, is growing so rapidly that she is contemplating hiring a bookkeeper.

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Photos by Shauna Benoit



## Allen Wins Preseason tournament

Last weekend McKinney hosted a preseason baseball tournament where Allen took the victory. McKinney lost to Allen in the finals with a 5-2 score. In Allen's first game they beat Richardson Pearce 12-5. They then went on to play McKinney where they lost 6-4. Allen needed a win to stay in the tournament which they got with a 2-0 win over Wylie. This win allowed them to meet McKinney again in the playoffs and take home the win. Next up for Allen they will play in Mesquite Potet Tournament.

## Plano Cricket Club adds to the sport's history

By ANTHONY JONES

It's no secret that countless sports are woven into the fabric of everyday life in Plano.

But cricket is fast becoming one of the most popular games in town where according to one official, its long tradition has created a bond between races that can be seen and appreciated from the highest level arena to the school level games.

Cricket, a sport that has roots in the United States as early as the 1700s in Westover, Va., is a team sport for two teams of eleven players each — a formal game of cricket can last anything from an afternoon to several days.

According to Ed Voss, athletic superintendent for the Plano Parks and Recreation Department, the City of Plano

facilitates the Plano Cricket Club's matches at Russell Creek Park as part of the North Texas Cricket Association. Cricket grounds are provided each weekend and Area S-T is provided on Saturdays and Area I is provided on Sundays.

"Plano is also host to the America's Under 15 Championship Tournament," Voss said, explaining the tournament will

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# Lifestyle Concerns

Lifestyle Concerns. This is a mouthful. This week we look at Lifestyle Concerns. There are so many factors that we must attribute to the ways we live. As you read below, reflect on how you can improve your current processes to become a more effective being.

Go to this website and take the Lifestyle Analysis test. It will help you target your body systems most in need of nutritional supplementation. <http://www.naturessunshine.com/ProductArea/la/index.asp>

## The Paradox of Our Time

Why do you think the processes in the world are faster yet, not as thorough; we have more but are not as happy; we have more but are not as productive ... Moral values and the founding principle, God, of our country have been put aside because they get in the way of progress. They remind us of our shortcomings and of what is right. We don't like this. We see the goal and knocking others down or stumbling over others to get there is the way in our society.

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings, but shorter tempers; wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints; we spend more, but have less; we buy more, but enjoy it less.

We have bigger houses and smaller families; more conveniences, but less time; we have more degrees, but less sense; more knowledge, but less judgment; more experts, but more problems; more medicine, but less wellness.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry too quickly, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values.

We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life; we've added years to life, but not life to years.

We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet the new neighbor. We've conquered outer space, but not inner space; we've done larger things, but not better things.

We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul; we've split the atom, but not our prejudice; we write more, but learn less; we plan more, but accomplish less.

We've learned to rush, but not to wait; we have higher incomes, but lower morals; we have more food, but less appreciation; we build more computers to hold more information to produce more copies than ever, but have less communication; we've become long on quantity, but short on quality.

These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion; tall men, and short character; steep profits, and shallow relationships. These are the times of world peace (?), but domestic warfare; more leisure, but less fun; more kinds of food, but less nutrition. These are days of two incomes, but more divorce; of fancier houses, but broken homes.

These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throw away morality, one-night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill.

It is a time when there is much in the show window and nothing in the stockroom; a time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can choose either to make a difference, or to just hit delete...

## Controlling Stress Before It Controls You

Some people accept stress as part of their lifestyle. This is not healthy. Let's control it before it takes over your life.

Screaming kids, spousal misunderstandings, blaring alarm clocks, approaching deadlines, unexpected interruptions, creativity blocks, endless emails or phone messages to return, bad news, bills to be paid, traffic jams, health problems, computer crashes, household chores, impending taxes, demanding bosses ... stress, stress and more stress. But did you ever stop to think about what leads to stress?

The path to stress is easy to see by observing the natural characteristics of human beings as they select, process and respond to experiences. If we could slow down our thought-reaction process, we could see the individual characteristics of humanness as they play out. For example, here's an example to illustrate how stress happens and how it affects you:

You notice that your husband (or wife, mate or child) hasn't come home yet, even though he said he'd be home an hour ago (your point of focus).

You decide that something must be terribly wrong. Perhaps you imagine that he's been in a horrible car accident or, even worse, a victim of car-jacking (the meaning you make about why he is late).

After all, the news is filled with all the bad things that can happen to unsuspecting people (the evidence to support your conclusion).

Because of the meaning you have made about why he is late, an emotional response is triggered and you feel anxious, worried or even panicky. Your body chemistry has changed, producing all the classic symptoms of stress: Your muscles tense, your head begins to ache, nausea attacks your stomach, your pulse quickens, etc. (your biochemical response).

The tension has affected your state of mind as you become negative and pessimistic, expecting the worst (your state of mind).

Now because your emotional reaction is fear, your level of personal effectiveness is, in turn, diminished. You no longer think with a level head, perhaps even feeling out of control. You become easily distracted from activities, struggling to focus your thoughts or actions in a constructive way (diminished personal effectiveness).

Simple functions seem difficult or burdensome, often turning into messes, like the carton of milk you just spilled on the floor. Frustrated, you scream at the kids to shut up and clean up the mess (the outcome as a result of your stressed-out state).

Of course, the scenario offered above is a negative response to stimuli. It could have gone an entirely different way if the woman had decided that her husband's lateness had simply meant something else, perhaps that he got caught in traffic or decided to stop for a few groceries.

This illustration can be applied to any situation you experience - get-

ting cut off in traffic, having your work critiqued, being assigned more work than you think you can handle, having a disagreement, etc. Your emotional and physical response and your personal effectiveness depend on the meaning you give to the experience.

So before you get all stress-out over the situation, take a moment to stop and think about whether your interpretation of the situation is accurate. A great question to check your interpretation is, "How can I know for sure?"

The question applied to the above scenario would be, "How can I know for sure that he has been in an accident?" The obvious answer is, you can't know for sure. So why let yourself get stressed-out over.

## Eight More Ways to Reduce Stress and Improve Your Health

Our world and lifestyles are speeding up daily. We want ways to fix things faster, ways to eat easier, etc...All of this spells S-T-R-E-S-S. After reading the list, you'll probably agree that these steps are really easy and practical to follow but we must be willing to slow down for half a second to partake.

Our health and well-being is determined to a large extent by the care you give your body, mind and spirit. It's your responsibility to treat your body in ways that nourish and enhance it - wholesome nutrition, movement and exercise, pampering, clean, fresh air, a variety of environments, exposure to nature, etc. You feed your mind by focusing on thoughts that feel good and are uplifting. You nurture your spirit by taking care of yourself and following your heart. These can pay big dividends to your well-being and joy of life, because when you feel sick, weary, drained, burned-out and unhealthy, the quality of your relationships, productivity, attitude and motivation suffers.

Here are 8 ways to take charge of your health and well-being:

1. Nurture yourself with kindness and love instead of abusing your body with excessive amounts of food, alcohol, drugs or overwork.
2. Rest when you are tired instead of pushing to exhaustion.
3. Eat nourishing and wholesome food instead of bingeing on junk food.
4. Get fresh air as often as possible instead of spending inordinate amounts of time in stagnant, artificial environments.
5. Breathe deeply and fully instead of shallowly and weakly.
6. Seek activities that bring pleasure and enjoyment instead of activities that are boring, tedious or exhausting.
7. Take frequent breaks to exercise and move your body instead of spending long hours glued to the desk or computer.
8. Seek an optimistic attitude toward life instead of a pessimistic attitude.

Lifestyle Choices also involve choosing the people who we will spend our lives with. Life comes with a variety of people although we may not directly choose to spend time with the world, in general, we must indirectly live with these people. Take a look at the Rainbow below. Does this awaken any feelings within?

## The Rainbow Connection

Once upon a time the colors of the world started to quarrel. All claimed that they were the best. The most important. The most useful. The favorite.

GREEN said: "Clearly I am the most important. I am the sign of life and of hope. I was chosen for grass, trees and leaves. Without me, all animals would die. Look over the countryside and you will see that I am in the majority."

BLUE interrupted: "You only think about the earth, but consider the sky and the sea. It is the water that is the basis of life and drawn up by the clouds from the deep sea. The sky gives space and peace and serenity. Without my peace, you would all be nothing."

YELLOW chuckled: "You are all so serious. I bring laughter, gaiety, and warmth into the world. The sun is yellow, the moon is yellow, the stars are yellow. Every time you look at a sunflower, the whole world starts to smile. Without me there would be no fun."

ORANGE started next to blow her trumpet: "I am the color of health and strength. I may be scarce, but I am precious for I serve the needs of human life. I carry the most important vitamins. Think of carrots, pumpkins, oranges, mangoes, and pawpaws. I don't hang around all the time, but when I fill the sky at sunrise or sunset, my beauty is so striking that no one gives another thought to any of you."

RED could stand it no longer he shouted out: "I am the ruler of all of you. I am blood - life's blood! I am the color of danger and of bravery. I am willing to fight for a cause. I bring fire into the blood. Without me, the earth would be as empty as the moon. I am the color of passion and of love, the red rose, the poinsettia and the poppy."

PURPLE rose up to his full height: He was very tall and spoke with great pomp: "I am the color of royalty and power. Kings, chiefs, and bishops have always chosen me for I am the sign of authority and wisdom. People do not question me! They listen and obey!"

Finally INDIGO spoke, much more quietly than all the others, but with just as much determination: "Think of me. I am the color of silence. You hardly notice me, but without me you all become superficial. I represent thought and reflection, twilight and deep water. You need me for balance and contrast, for prayer and inner peace."

And so the colors went on boasting, each convinced of his or her own superiority. Their quarreling became louder and louder. Suddenly there was a startling flash of bright lightening thunder rolled and boomed. Rain started to pour down relentlessly. The colors crouched down in fear, drawing close to one another for comfort.

In the midst of the clamor, RAIN began to speak: "You foolish colors, fighting amongst yourselves, each trying to dominate the rest. Don't you know that you were each made for a special purpose, unique and different? Join hands with one another and come to me." Doing as they were told, the colors united and joined hands.

The RAIN continued: "From now on, when it rains, each of you will stretch across the sky in a great bow of color as a reminder that you can all live in peace. The Rainbow is a sign of hope for tomorrow."

And so, whenever a good rain washes the world, and a Rainbow appears in the sky, let us remember to appreciate one another. In my search for the Rainbows end, I found, not GOLD, but you my friend.

## A SURVIVAL KIT FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

### Items Needed:

- Toothpick
- Rubber Band
- Band Aid
- Pencil
- Eraser
- Chewing Gum
- Mint
- Candy Kiss
- Tea Bag

## Your Recipe to Good, Healthy Lifestyle Choices

- 1) TOOTHPICK - to remind you to pick out the good qualities in others.
- 2) RUBBER BAND - to remind you

## Inspiration

## 'CME' Worshippers—'Strangers or Angels?...

By Belinda G. Alexander

Christian Churches are now preparing for one of their biggest annual celebrations of faith. The new spring season brings with it—evidence of new life in the surrounding environment and renewed spiritual life with hope-filled encouragement. In tradition—drama ministries everywhere are dusting of those special resurrection story scripts and children began to recite those hopefully 'unforgettable' lines of speeches. All of this energy and resurgence of activity is critical in staging and portraying the chronology leading up to one special day.

Easter Sunday, celebration of the last days, death and especially the 'Resurrection' of Jesus—is one of the most important re-enacted historical events for the Christian Church. Another event almost as recognizable is the attendance overflow at churches on that Sunday. For most congregations, if you don't arrive early, prepare to sit in alternate sanctuary seating or you might even have to stand. Worshippers in those seats may remember the African American tradition of referencing this as 'CME' service and that the 'E' in CME stands for Easter! Yes, CME not only means Christian Methodist Episcopal—it also means CHRISTMAS, MOTHER'S Day and EASTER! For anyone who is not familiar with this use of the acronym CME—it refers to the special number of church visitors that seem to overwhelmingly choose

those three Holidays to attend worship services.

Attendance is one of the outstanding common denominators of the 'CME' Sunday services. To active members—Just the mention of 'CME' indicates that many of these worshippers do not regularly attend this church service. Many pastors say they would rather turn

to be flexible, things might not always go the way you want, but it will work out.

- 3) BAND AID - to remind you to heal hurt feelings, yours or someone else's.
- 4) PENCIL - to remind you to list your blessings everyday.
- 5) ERASER - to remind you that everyone makes mistakes, and it's OK.
- 6) CHEWING GUM - to remind you to stick with it and you can accomplish anything.
- 7) MINT - to remind you that you are worth a mint.
- 8) CANDY KISS - to remind you that everyone needs a kiss or a hug everyday.
- 9) TEA BAG - to remind you to relax daily and reflect on all the positive things in your life.

This week we look at Lifestyle Concerns. Sometimes we make wrong decisions that deter us from reaching the goals we desire. Below, I've listed eight steps that will help you to step back and gain some control in situations that seem unmanageable.

1. Take a step back and look at all aspects of your life. Remember that life is 10% the stuff of life and 90% how we choose to look at it. Make decisions and take control of as many areas as you can, no matter how small.
2. Realizing that you can't control other people's behavior, you can control how you react to them, and in some cases, how much time is spent with them. Give children a sense of self-worth by allowing them to make some choices in their daily life. This helps build confidence.
3. Break big problems into smaller pieces. Work on these smaller pieces one at a time. Pray for God's guidance, wisdom and will for your life. God listens. (Proverbs 3:5-6)
4. Don't isolate yourself. Challenge yourself to find the support you need.
5. Don't become too attached to certain patterns or routines.
6. Be open to new possibilities and new ways of doing things.



benefit from a renewed soul filled with hope and a spirit fed high. It is very important for the seasoned Christian family and Pastoral leadership to reinforce the commitment by providing support and encouragement for new members. The 'CME' celebration is re-enacted over and over during these times each year. From the small country church, the rural tabernacle to the megamembership houses of worship tradition of Easter Sunday—the scene has been rehearsed and replayed decades of centuries since that very first 'soul saving Sunday.' That great eventful renewal of life was the first resurrection but the tradition was designed to be carried on and shared with those who happened by on a 'CME' Sunday—or perhaps a lost soul just

wondered what was going on inside and wandered in. The decision of a congregation to make those 'uncommon' visitors welcome may be that 'soul' determining factor on the individual choice of a high road to Heaven or the low road to a Hell of hopelessness. The manner in which regular attending church members react to the 'CME' worshipper can be just as important to the soul saving invitation as the sermon on Christ's invitation to sinners still lost in the everyday world. When we are true to the Christian Faith and choose wisely those welcoming words to visitors—the resulting relationship may be that once in a lifetime choice of the 'high

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## Is the sky clearest on the day it is most blue?

While you ponder that thought we would like to announce that Minority Opportunity News, Inc. formerly a Dallas based renaissance community tabloid, founded in 1991, has relocated to Plano, Texas and changed our name to MON-The Gazette. In addition to moving our offices to Plano our editorial coverage has also shifted to encompass Dallas's Northern Corridor. The Northern Corridor is clearly the fastest growing region in Texas, if not in America. MON-The Gazette believes that the engine to continue this growth is the airport expansion in McKinney, which is the largest and most visible of many area opportunities. As always, and true to tradition, MON-The Gazette will be there, serving a world of opportunity for those seeking to provide quality services. Should you dare to expand your quest for economic parity outside the southern region or just want to know what is going on up north...

"Think of MON-The Gazette as your paper of opportunity!"

MON-The Gazette formerly Minority Opportunity News, was founded July 1991 by Jim Bochum and Thurman R. Jones







## Plano Wakes Downtown

By Monica Thornton

Bringing life back to downtown Plano has been 11 years in the making, taking it from a humble area with a few shops, a bakery, businesses and a handful of residents, to a European style town, with the development of Eastside Village, a 15 thousand square foot complex of apartments built around a courtyard, sitting above prime commercial and retail property.

Eastside Village, at the corner of Avenue K and 15th, houses 234 apartments and enough retail space for tenants like Coffee Haus, a dry cleaners, a convenience store, and a medley of businesses. The City of Plano has leased a large meeting room in Eastside Village called Station Room, which overlooks the Downtown Plano DART Rail Station. Frank Turner, Executive Director for Development with The City of Plano, said the room has already been quite heavily used, and can function as a meeting room with set up available for wireless communications, a civic room or even be used for weddings.

Mr. Turner said the city is excited about the growth of the downtown area.

"The addition of the residential units downtown, in Eastside Village Phase I and Phase II at 14th Street and Avenue K, will bring about 700 residents which generates increased revenue from residents and their visitors", said Mr. Turner.

The second phase of Eastside Village is already under way, and has 25 thousand square feet of residential and retail/commercial space available, with approximately 220 residential units. Michael Kilmer, Leasing Agent with Lincoln Property at Eastside Village, said apartments in the second phase will be ready for move-in as early as this fall, and leasing will begin this summer. He said both phases have fitness centers and swimming pools

(built in the center courtyard), but have differing floor plans.

"This is a really good design, you should see how beautiful the courtyard looks at night", said Mr. Kilmer.

Mr. Kilmer deals with the residential leasing only, and said they have already leased 190 units in the first phase of Eastside. He said they have some people who have relocated from West Plano, and people of all age groups and even a few families who have moved in.

By the completion of Eastside Village, residents and visitors will have their town at their fingertips. They can enjoy morning coffee at the Coffee Haus (coming in the Spring), or the coffee house already downtown, peruse the eclectic range of stores, buy fresh fruits and vegetables from the Farmer's Market, drop off dry cleaning, and visit The Art Center, all without having to drive anywhere.

And on the commercial side of the property, Robert Shaw, president of Americus Partners, and his team have a few lease spaces remaining for retail use, which includes "flex space" that can be used for retail/office or residential purposes. There are two businesses in the process of moving in, and Americus Partners are seeking a casual restaurant for the development, as there will soon be plenty of DART passengers to cater to.

Mr. Turner said the two projects have a combined construction value in excess of \$30 million. He said this is a positive move for Plano, and he is optimistic that with the DART rail coming into Plano ahead of schedule in December, that more visitors will come to the city.

When DART trains pull into downtown this December ahead of schedule, it will represent Plano's first rail service to Plano since the Interurban closed in

1948. DART's arrival is spurring redevelopment of everyone along its tracks - from the Mockingbird Stations, to Richardson's Galatyn Park and downtown Plano. Plano is joining a transit-oriented lifestyle now part of a national phenomenon.

"There's a lot to visit in the downtown area, including Haggard Park and the Courtyard Theatre," said Mr. Turner. "There is strong stimulus for continued growth and development in the area."

Mr. Turner said these changes are a cumulative effort "with origins in so many places". He said the city has been gradually adding improvements to downtown since the 1980's and has continued changes over subsequent decades. Turner is now planning an expansion plan for Haggard Park to serve as a link between downtown, the Courtyard Theatre and the nearby residential area, including the Douglass area.

"Downtown has always been important to the City of Plano, and this is giving it a new importance", said Mr. Turner of the development.

The Courtyard Theater (former Cox School Gymnasium near Haggard Park) will open in April just in time for a Plano Repertory Theater performance. It is anticipated that the 325-seat facility will bring life into the 1938 building and its area, with 70 percent of the space already booked, said Jim Ware, the city's Performing Arts Manager. Funded by a Tax Increment Finance (TIF) district created in 1998, the building will house everything from quartets to the civic chorus, community band and local charities.

Eastside Village Leasing Center is at 1013 15th Place Plano, Texas USA 75074 For Leasing information call 972.943.3050

## What you don't know can kill you: Diseased Meat

By Monica Thornton

Just days after the grand opening of HEB's Central Market at Coit and George Bush Turnpike, food safety and worker safety group 'Home Justice Watch: Texas Eat Rights Project' made allegations of diseased meat being sold in newly opened Central Market in Plano.

Eat Rights Project (ERP) said they purchased meat from HEB chains in Austin, Texas and sent the meat to an independent laboratory for testing. According to ERP, 100% of the meat samples obtained directly from Central Market/HEB or their suppliers had evidence of fecal contamination and disease causing pathogens.

However, Kate Brown, Director of Public Affairs for HEB, said the group took random samples supposedly from HEB stores in the Austin area, and sent them to a laboratory in Tennessee for testing. But she said when her company (HEB) sent the test results to the Travis County Department of Health and to their own micro-biologists, the results showed the samples to be in line with current USDA Standards.

"We wanted to ensure there was no truth to the allegations, and there was not", said Ms. Brown, "the data from the laboratory did not show bacteria was present at such a level as they (Eat Rights Project) are saying".

Ms. Brown added that the company is aware of the dangers associated with meat, which is why HEB takes such a strong stance on teaching people to cook meat properly. She added that HEB is the only retailer in Texas to routinely test their ground beef before it goes into the stores, even though it is currently not required. And Ms. Brown said that there are retail sanitations on staff with HEB, and each Central Market Store

has a food safety expert on staff to ensure every shipment meets safety standards.

In line with HEB's analysis of the laboratory results, Ms. Brown added that she believes we are fortunate to have the USDA and the FDA to protect the consumers.

But that is who Megan Parke of Eat Rights Project is disgruntled with, not so much the stores themselves. She said while she is aware that HEB does implement safety standards, government food safety standards and enforcement of those standards have gone down in recent years. And it is for these reasons that Ms. Parke would like to see major meat purchasers join forces to get health and safety standards in the meat industry at a level above third world.

"There's no way to have 100 per cent pure sanitary conditions, but you can expect not to have disease causing pathogens on the meat," said Ms. Parke.

Ms. Parke said that Eat Rights Project gathered meat samples from Hill Country Fair (HEB brand), who purchase their meat from a number of sources including Tyson, who have recently joined with IBP to become a \$22 billion a year industry, with a lot to lose if the government does enforce strict safety standards.

The meat was then sent to an independent laboratory and the results they received did show salmonella and other bacteria, including fecal, to be on the meat. Although she agreed that cooking meat can kill bacteria, there is still a chance of not all the bacteria being killed, and particularly in the case of beef, some people don't cook the meat thoroughly.

But in an industry of mass production with fast moving workers and faster moving

machines, with heavy hooks swinging overhead, the insides of animals flying to the floor, intestines being ripped and feces mixing with fresh meat, dangerous working conditions are created for the workers, and contaminated food is created for the consumers, said Ms. Parke.

"Jack in The Box had an e-coli outbreak a few years ago, and as a result they went to the industry and demanded higher standards, but the government has been ineffective," Ms. Parke said, "but it does show that big groups can make a difference".

According to the Eat Rights Project, American slaughterhouses are one of the most dangerous places to work, with an under-reported injury and mortality rate, about seven times the private industry average. It is estimated that 40,000 to 150,000 meat packing workers and 48,000 to 240,000 poultry workers are injured, maimed or killed each year.

The Eat Rights Project is concerned for the safety of workers at slaughterhouses, and for the health of consumers, especially when a multi billion dollar industry is compromising health and safety. In 1999, Tyson's poor working conditions resulted in 7 workers being killed at 3 separate plants, earning Tyson a place on several "Worst Corporations of the Year" lists, and Tyson, while earning in the region of \$2.1 million in bonuses, has recently been in trouble with the Justice Department for conspiring to import and transport undocumented workers.

Ms. Parke said the Eat Rights Project wants to get wholesale and retail consumers to change how they do business with the meat producers, and will continue to test meats and interview slaughterhouse workers until the government makes drastic changes.

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# NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL CHILDREN CELEBRATE 100th ANNIVERSARY OF COCA-COLA BOTTLING COMPANY OF NORTH TEXAS WITH PARTY AND TOUR



Dallas, Texas (February 8, 2002) - The Coca-Cola Bottling Company of North Texas is celebrating a very special anniversary this year as a member of the Dallas community for 100 years. In honor of this milestone, fifth-grade students and educators from Martha Turner Reilly Elementary School, a Dallas Independent School District facility, recently joined in the community celebration by enjoying a birthday party and plant tour at the Buckner Coca-Cola Bottling Plant on Moberly Lane. Representatives from Coca-Cola treated the young students to an exciting and educational tour of the plant, followed by a 100th anniversary party complete with birthday cake and party favors.

The students were also

invited to experience the history of Coca-Cola by viewing original company memorabilia that is part of the Heritage Display visiting Dallas for one month from the Coca-Cola Company's headquarters in Atlanta. During the educational session, the fifth-graders learned how the local bottling company began utilizing the special Coca-Cola formula. The students also toured the plant, and saw how beverages were bottled and prepared for distribution. Understanding the evolution of this local business brought education closer to home for all the children that had the opportunity to participate in the tour.

Jan Jones, Martha Turner Reilly Elementary School principal, said that "the plant tour was a high-interest, educational experience for our students. They were focused on learning about the history, manufacturing and marketing of a product they know and enjoy, and the information was shared in terminology they understood. Plus, they got to enjoy themselves! Learning should always be fun!"

The fifth-graders enjoyed a rare opportunity to learn about a Dallas landmark, and were excited to join in celebrating its 100th anniversary. Coca-Cola Bottling Company of North Texas Division Vice President

and General Manager Rick Gillis supports sharing the plant tour with children and said, "Experiences like this make education come to life for kids, and they can certainly apply what they are learning in the classroom to the work that we do in our plants every day. This gives children the opportunity to realize that what they are learning right now will be useful and meaningful to them throughout their lives."

The Coca-Cola Bottling Company of North Texas remains committed to keeping education close to home for the benefit of youth and the community, recognizing that our young people are the future of North Texas.



## LOCAL LINCOLN DEALERS PREPARE FOR HISTORIC ROLLOUT

Introduction of All-New Aviator SUV Marks Ambitious Year for Lincoln Models

Plano, TX (March 6, 2002) - Plano Dealer David McDavid, Jr. is rearranging his dealership facilities to accommodate the anticipated demand for one of the most aggressive new model introductions in Lincoln's 82-year history. In the next nine months Lincoln will rollout the all-new 2003 Aviator sport utility vehicle, the 2003 Town Car, the 2003 Navigator and the 2003 Lincoln LS.

"I can't recall this many new cars coming in a short period of time like this before," said David McDavid, Jr., president of David McDavid Lincoln Mercury and vice president of operations for David McDavid Auto Group. "I'm having to rethink how we can rearrange our showroom to accommodate the new models, which together show Lincoln's commitment to providing luxury automobiles combining classic heritage with innovative design and styling."

Lincoln is celebrating the introduction of its first mid-size sport utility vehicle, the 2003 Lincoln Aviator, which was unveiled recently at the Los Angeles Auto Show. The Aviator boasts a 113.7-inch wheelbase and comfortable seating for up to seven adults. Designed to be easier on the environment, the Aviator's four-valve V-8 engine with an advanced dual overhead cam is also an Ultra-Low Emissions Vehicle. The Aviator will be built in Hazelwood, Missouri, just outside St. Louis.

"The next nine months are going to be very exciting," McDavid said. "Our cars are forward-looking with design, comfort and safety features that draw on the classic contributions of the Continental and other great Lincoln automobiles."

With the introduction of the 2003 Navigator, Lincoln builds on a Navigator tradition that began when Henry Ford converted a 1922 Lincoln into a camper for road trips with Thomas Edison, Harvey Firestone and naturalist John Burroughs. The latest version includes a refined interior, updated Personal Safety System (and a strengthened four-wheel drive that can advance the vehicle even if three wheels are on ice).

The company's bold product year actually began last November when the new 2003 Lincoln Town Car was ceremoniously unveiled at Henry Ford's Fairlane Estate in Michigan. Since its debut in 1981, the Town Car has become a bedrock model for Lincoln, inspiring intense customer loyalty, with 65% insisting

they would not even consider buying another vehicle. The latest member of the Town Car family includes an improved frame, steering, brakes, front suspension and dual-stage front airbags. The exterior design has matured into something more formal while trunk stowage has grown.

As for the 2003 Lincoln LS, details are currently under wraps but consumers should keep an eye out for the release later this year.

Lincoln has plans to keep up the pace of modern designs and future innovation, a point made clear with the unveiling of the Lincoln Continental concept car at the Los Angeles Auto Show. The result of two years of research, design and development, the Continental concept car was created as the gold standard in American automotive luxury. The Continental concept car will serve as inspiration for future Lincoln products, which may take design cues directly from the concept. Such preferred cues may be the Continental's optimized interior space, advanced technologies and stylized presentation; consumers can look forward to seeing the offspring of these concepts in approximately 2005.

McDavid said it is exciting news that Mr. Ford and Mr. Kelley have refocused the Company's resources on the core business - the Lincoln Town Car and its customers.

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## Don't Park

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led a recruiting team to "the Valley", El Paso, Texas and Las Cruces, New Mexico. By February of 2000, CAPERS Deputy Chief Zack Belton was leading a team to Louisiana and Central Deputy Chief Daniel Garcia had his team in Puerto Rico. Later that month, Internal Affairs Deputy Chief Brigitte Gassaway led a recruiting initiative to Alabama. In March of 2000, Narcotics Deputy Chief John Martinez led the recruiting initiative to San Antonio, Texas. And in April of 2000, Northwest Deputy Chief June Kim-Edwards led her recruiting team to a couple of California sites, Los Angeles and San Diego. All the aforementioned teams continued their recruiting trips through April of 2000. Although the initiative came to an end, the benefits continue to pour into the Personnel Division. Lieutenant Kay said, "We're still receiving benefits. Applicants are now coming in on their own from all across the country." The fruit of last year's recruiting initiative were quite evident at 270's graduation ceremony.

During its academy matriculation, Class #270 lost some members. But, the class gained a couple through reassignments along the way. By the time recruit class #270 walked across the Hall of State stage, they were being described as one of the most diverse academy classes in recent history. The class finished with 44 apprentice police officers. Of the 44 graduates, 34 were male and 10 were female. Of the 44 graduates that made up Class #270, 29.5% were Anglo, 41% were African American, 20.5% were Latino and 9% were Asian American.

The family members of Class #270 brought something special to the graduation ceremony as well. If the members of Class 270 were pumped and ready to serve, their respective families were close to exploding. As mentioned earlier, the auditorium was packed to capacity. And this crowd seemed to hang on every word that came from the rostrum. They were as excited as the police employees. I saw family members jockeying for prime photo positions with professional photographers from local television stations. And in some instances, the family mem-

bers won.

The final "difference-maker" was the graduation speaker. It was none other than the distinguished pastor of Saint Luke United Methodist Church, Dr. Zan Holmes. Dr. Holmes spoke to the gathering on a topic entitled "Don't Park There." He used the simple phrase repeatedly during his time at the podium. And he used it effectively. Dr. Holmes urged everyone in attendance to use the phrase as a catalyst following our successes as well as our failures. Following our failures, Dr. Holmes urged, "Don't Park There." And following our successes, he urged, "Don't Park There." Dr. Holmes urged the Department as well as its officers to be dissatisfied with the now. He openly hoped the Dallas Police Department would always harbor "...a healthy sense of discontent" and never be satisfied in its quest for improvement.

It was a graduation message befitting a recruit class that has its best days before it. And it was an appropriate message for a Department always striving for excellence.

## Philosophies

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described the non-violent practices of MLK. Dr. Baker-Fletcher spoke to the sternness and often stubborn style of King as he grew in strength and following by civil rights seekers and sympathizers. He said, "King never swayed from his radical agapism stand—even after a terrible beating episode in 1963! King still refused to give up the fight even after his house was bombed. The movement—continued Dr. Fletcher-Baker, echoed MLK's words, We must love our enemies! "Such was the determination of King and the nonviolent freedom fighters.

The works of Dr. Cornel West was compared to Dr. King's. The speaker described the views of West as 'Prophetic Pragmatism.' "The writings of Cornel West reflects a synopsis and synthetic view of life and oppression," said Fletcher-Baker. He noted that the African American Religious Philosopher's role typically addresses many efforts of social and civil interest. Example of this is the occurrence of toxic waste dumps in the Brown and Black communities. The raised voices of African American Religious Philosophers call for accountability of the violators and government.

A question came from the audience as to the relative adaptation of MLK to the mindset and style of Ghandi. In reply, Dr. Baker-Fletcher said, "King's actions were carried out in a manner of 'civil disobedience' aimed at forcing the oppressors to see the error of their ways. He

attracted Christians, Jews and even non-believers to a stand of solidarity. This power worked best where there was more violence or racism, as in the incidents with racist sheriff Bull Conner and the 'fire cannon' hosing of protesters." These pictures were brought into the homes of white America via television. Reactions of shock, shame, sympathy and guilt fueled the fight for equal rights.

In addition, Dr. Baker-Fletcher discussed the terms like W.E. Dubois' reference to 'Human Pragmatism and a correlation of hybrid vs. integration. Evidence of America's 'hybridity' could be found by just glancing around the lecture room. There was a diverse mixture of attendees with visible links in lineage to Africa, Asia, Europe and many points in between that led to the USA. Dr. Baker-Fletcher posed the thought — "No African American can be truly solely African due to being in the American experience for so long." The path from then to now has crossed with numerous groups of different race, religion and social interaction.

The religious beliefs of Malcolm X were outlined and compared to MLK. Dr. Baker-Fletcher said, Malcolm did not necessarily oppose Dr. King—he did recognize that they could accomplish more on different stands. "Malcolm X felt like the Islamic faith was the only religion in which the color line appeared to be erased," he said. History shows that the religious beliefs of Malcolm X and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. supported the basis and values of

their followers. The deaths of Malcolm X and MLK lead to a downfall of organized leadership in faith based activism for Blacks. Attempts to carry on the fight by a more radical new group [the Black Panthers] grew in resistance but lacked overall support.

The discussion also touched on Rev. Jesse Jackson who is a major religious and social activist today. His public stands on the rights and equal opportunity of dignity and prosperity by for all people reflects the concerns identified by a working 'poor majority.' The world can gain valuable knowledge from the American religious and social history and America can also learn from the world. The social and environmental experiences of Black people offer a wealth of many angles and origins from which religious faith and belief may be examined. Dr. Garth Baker-Fletcher is the author of several books that offer elements of study and discussion to help one with ethical perspectives. He encourages individual engagement or getting one's hands "dirty with life" while experiencing what he calls the 'Journey moral-scape.'

Dr. Garth Kasimu Baker-Fletcher is a Harvard graduate and Professor of Ethics who has authored the following titles: Somebodyness: Themes of Dignity in the Writings of Martin Luther King, Jr. (1991), Xodus: An African American Male Journey (1995), My Sister, My Brother: Womanist and Xodus God-Talk (1997) and Dirty Hands: Christian Ethics in a World of Moral Ambiguity (2000).

## Wedding

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er this summer. She said since the inception of the company she has done approximately 60 weddings, and from January through September of this year she will have done at least 15 weddings.

Ms. Wordlaw does the whole wedding herself, from helping the bride-to-be pick the colors and wedding dress to catering the reception. Using her own candles holders, flower stands, hurricane lamps and more, she and the bride sit down together and come to an agreement on how everything should be decorated.

"I give the prospective brides some books to go through to help them pick their

wedding dresses, the flowers and other decorations," said Ms. Wordlaw, "I ask them to be specific about what they want, but sometimes they really don't know, and that's when I can go further to help bring it together".

She said bringing everything together comes naturally to her as she has an eye for the finished product. But she said although she may offer suggestions, she never offers an opinion unless one is solicited, and even then she said you have to be very sensitive in your answer, because you have to remember that the final choice is the bride's.

"Even if I don't personally like the colors and I know they will be hard to work with, it is up to me to make it look as pretty as I can", said Ms. Wordlaw,

adding that "the biggest challenge is bringing it all to life".

Before starting the business, Ms. Wordlaw said she shopped the competition, finding out rates and services provided. She said she found that most companies didn't do everything, but she knew that her company would. Once she started getting figures together, she then started finding contacts with whom she could interface. She said she has an array of business contacts, including stationers and shops that rent bridal dresses.

"I'm a member of Discount Bridal Dresses, so I have the brides find the dress they want and we can get it for them at a discount, sometimes as much as 60 per cent", Ms. Wordlaw said.

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## CME Worshippers

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road.' The resulting relationship may be the start of a new lifelong relationship with the Joy of Christ for a renewed believer.

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Letter of Intent from Prospective Proposers must be filed by **March 21, 2002, 4:00 p.m., Central Time.** All proposals will be due by **April 8, 2002, 4:00 p.m., Central Time.** The sole point for inquiries and additional information concerning the RFP will be:



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| 8. JAY AND SILENT BOB STRIKE BACK | 8. RAT RACE                       |
| 9. O. J.                          |                                   |
| 10. CINDERELLA II                 | 10. HEARTS IN ATLANTIS            |

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| 2. SHREK                     | 2. THE ONE                      |
| 3. ATLANTIS: THE LOST EMPIRE | 3. THE LAST CASTLE              |
| 4. EXIT WOUNDS               | 4. THE FAST AND THE FURIOUS     |
| 5. THE PRINCESS DIARIES      | 5. CINDERELLA II                |
| 6. NFL SUPERBOWL XXXVI       | 6. AMERICAN PIE 2               |
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| 9. CATS & DOGS               | 9. DIRTY DANCING                |
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## On Stage at NextStage at Grand Prairie:

**Dancin' with Gershwin**  
Saturday,  
March 23, 2002

**Scooby-Doo in Stage Fright**  
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**SMU in Ballet/SF Dancin' With Gershwin**  
March 23, 2002

**Enrique Iglesias Live in Concert**  
April 4, 2002

**Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story**  
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## Ford 2002 ZTW Wagon

"Smart design and spirited driving" were the guiding forces behind the development of the Focus. Targeted to be the volume leader in Ford sales worldwide, the Focus is a highly evolved compact car with "New Edge" styling, a roomy interior and excellent road manners.

Ford offers the Focus in four body styles: a three-door ZX3 hatchback, a new five-door ZX5 hatchback, a sedan and a wagon. The sedan can be ordered in one of three trim levels, starting with the base LX model and going up to the mid-level SE and highline ZTS trim. Wagons are available in SE or new-for-2002 ZTW trim.

For safety, the Focus utilizes standard driver and passenger airbags, seatbelt pre-tensioners and load-limiting retractors, and optional side airbags. A three-point safety belt for the center rear

seat is standard, as are child safety seat anchor points and automatic locking retractor rear outboard seatbelts. NHTSA crash test scores are very good for a small car.

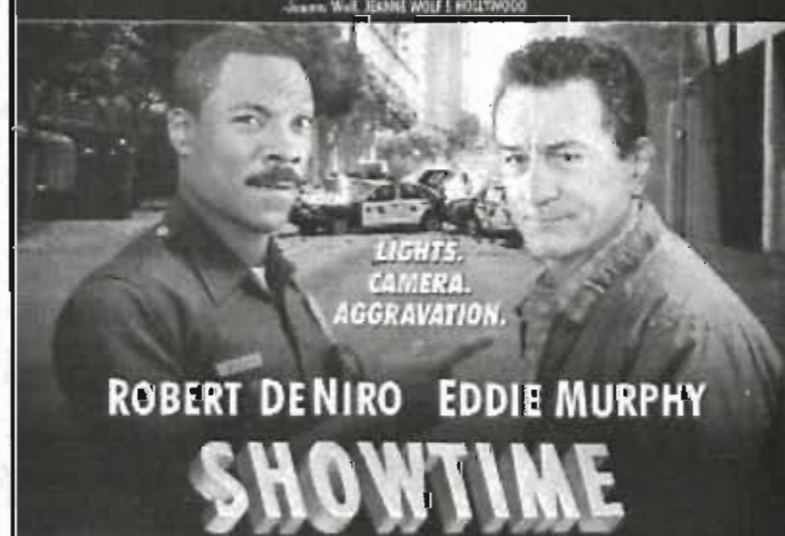
The base drivetrain for LX models is a 2.0-liter 110-horsepower four-cylinder engine mated to a five-speed manual transmission driving the front wheels. This same drivetrain is standard in SE sedans, but ZTS sedans, along with wagons and hatchbacks, get a more powerful 130-horsepower 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine as standard equipment. A four-speed automatic is optional. Both engines provide adequate power, though the higher-output motor is the clear choice for enthusiasts.

Still not enough? Then maybe you should consider the SVT Focus. Based on the ZX3, this hot hatch puts out 170 horsepower and is equipped with an exclusive six-speed manual transmission. The SVT Focus also comes with 17-inch wheels, oversized four-wheel disc brakes and a tuned suspension keep it glued to the road. Special equipment that comes standard on the SVT Focus includes a power seat height adjuster, side airbags, heated outside mirrors, fatter front seat side bolsters for improved lateral support, rear head restraints in all positions, titanium-faced electro-luminescent gauges with 160-mph speedo and added oil temp and pressure gauges.

Regardless of trim, the Focus offers a smooth ride quality and above-average handling ability. The four-wheel fully independent suspension allows for noticeable body roll while cornering, but the Focus stays planted and inspires confidence. The steering system is surprisingly quick, fluid and responsive, always providing plenty of feedback from the road surface.

Ford is serious about retaining its share of the worldwide subcompact market. The Focus reflects not only the company's dedication to this goal, but also its ability to make solid, practical transportation for the 21st century.

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Get the professional help you need. These are just a few of the many tax-saving tactics that may help you reduce your taxes significantly. Before taking any action that would have tax consequences, talk with your tax professional as well as your financial advisor.

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## Cricket Continued from previous column

assesses a 'user's fee' to the Plano Cricket Club for scheduled use of the cricket grounds in the amount of \$3 per resident and \$6 per non-resident participant during each sports season," he said.

In England, St. John's Wood has a special significance in the sport of cricket. It is the home to the world's famous and prestigious cricket ground: Lord's. Many people consider this ground to be the home of English cricket, Thadasina explained.

In 1987 the club celebrated their bicentenary and marked this by re-developing the Mound Stand and erecting the Bicentenary Gates. The occasion was marked by a match between MCC and a Rest of the World XI, a fixture that was later repeated in memory of Princess Diana.

The origins of cricket are obscure, and there are several theories on how it started. One is that shepherds used to play it - one would stand in front of the wicket gate to the sheepfold, and another would bowl a stone or something at him, and he would have to hit it with his crook, which was known as a cricce.

Other theories are that it derives from a game called club-ball, or a game played in churchyards.

The first reference to cricket being played is thought to be in 1300, between Prince Edward

and his friend Piers Gaveston and the first recorded match took place at Coxheath in Kent in 1646. The first match between counties on 29th June 1709, when Surrey played Kent at Dartford Brent.

Roger Fenton took the earliest known cricket photographs in 1857, at the Artillery Ground, when the Royal Artillery played Hunsdonbury.

As well as shepherds' crooks, early bats were clubs and sticks. These gave way to long, thin bats, which looked a bit like straightened-out hockey sticks, because the ball was bowled under-arm, and the batters swung their bats like clubs!!

By the 18th century, the bat had developed into a longer, heavier, curved version of the one we know now, carved out of a single piece of wood.

Today's bat was invented around 1853, with the blade made of willow, and a cane handle, which is layered with strips of rubber, tied with twine, and covered with rubber to make a grip. The 'V' shaped extension of the handle into the blade is the splice. The early balls were stones and other missiles. They are now made of cork, and covered with hand-stitched leather quarters dyed red.

The wicket - the stumps are the three posts. Originally there were two, and at one point, four. The size has varied too - in the 17th century, were up to two

meters wide. The balls are the two bits of wood on the top, and if they fall off, it's all over.

Brief history of American Cricket:

- 1709-1712 William Byrd of Westover, Virginia played cricket at his plantation beside the James River.
- 1754 - Benjamin Franklin brought back from England a copy of the 1744 laws of Cricket.
- 1834 - At Haverford College, Pennsylvania, English gardener, William Carvill, introduced cricket to the students.
- 1844 - Canada played the United States in a first class match.
- 1849 - Abraham Lincoln was a spectator when Chicago played Milwaukee.
- 1859 - US XXII played Parr's men in October at Hoboken, New Jersey.
- 1900 - International Cricket Conference was formed and restricted cricket competition to the British Commonwealth (The USA was excluded from international cricket competition).
- 1961 - Formation of the United States Cricket Association.
- 1964 - The C.C. Morris Cricket Library at Haverford College, Haverford Pennsylvania, birth of the only cricket Library in the United States.

## Cricket

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be held from Aug. 4-14 at Russell Creek Park. "This is an international tournament with national teams expected from the United States, Argentina, Bermuda, Canada, Bahamas, Belize, Cayman Islands, Chile, Cuba and Panama."

Although the game play and rules are very different, the basic concept of cricket is similar to that of baseball, according to Plano Cricket Association President Nivi Thadasina.

"Teams bat in successive innings and attempt to score runs, while the opposing team fields and attempts to bring an end to the batting team's innings," Thadasina said. "After each team has batted an equal number of innings (either one or two, depending on conditions chosen before the game), the team with the most runs wins."

In cricket-speak, the plural word "innings" is used for both the plural and the singular ("inning" is a term used only in

baseball).

According to Thadasina, cricket teaches teamwork, leadership skills, organizational skills, discipline, math, history, geography and ethics.

"Cricket through its long tradition has created a bond between races that can be seen and appreciated from the highest level arena to the school level games," Thadasina said. "The United States has a long heritage of cricket. The first international game between two countries, I believe, was played here in United States between us and Canada (1844)."

As a result of the explosion of immigrants from various cricket-playing nations in the past 30 years, cricket has once again gained momentum in cities, including Plano, across the United States.

Although it varies from season to season teams in the Plano Cricket Club play teams from other cities within Texas during most seasons, according to Thadasina. That includes teams Houston and Austin. Country wide,

Plano teams also encounter teams from California, New York, and Oklahoma, as well as other cities.

"Recently, one of our PCA member club played games in Canada," Thadasina said. "In the past, we have toured the Caribbean, and also invited Indian cricket team[s to Plano]."

Voss explained that soon after the facilities at Russell Creek Park were installed in the summer of 2000, "the response has been overwhelming."

"Now, sanctioned cricket matches are being played in addition to the recreational use of the areas," Voss added. "The cricket areas are shared with soccer fields and their programmed use is a very efficient use of the park land in meeting the recreational desires of Plano's diverse community."

Cricket is a primary sport in the summer sports season (May-June-July) and a secondary sport in the City's spring (February-March-April) and fall (September-October-November) sports seasons, according to Voss. "The City

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## Wedding

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And she even does catering for those that don't want to hire their own caterers. She said that although hotels and country clubs use their own caterers, she still works alongside them to make sure the correct menu is being served, that there are sufficient servings, and the everything is catered for exactly as planned.

Ms. Wordlaw transports all her own equipment to the site of the wedding ceremony, and on to the reception. She said a big challenge is when the wedding and ceremony are in the same room, as you have to ask all the guests to leave the room after the ceremony and quickly turn it into the perfect reception setting.

And Ms. Wordlaw is able to

cope with surprises. A wedding she planned for the beginning of this month was to have been held outdoors, but the weather was so bad that at the last minute they had to change plans.

"We had to change the bar into a chapel, and then move the guests out so we could get the reception room together," said Ms. Wordlaw.

She said the wedding party was panicking, not only because of the change in plans, but because the bride didn't know the honeymoon was out of the country and she didn't have her passport with her. So not only did she plan and prepare the wedding, but she also played comforter to the bride on the day. But she said it is all worth it when she saw the finished effect

of hurricane lamps and rose petals on the tables, surrounded by about 200 candles.

"The most satisfying part of what I do is making people happy," Ms. Wordlaw said, "I get so many emails thanking me, it is so satisfying."

She said she knew her business would be big, but said it's not as big as she wants it to be.

"I would really like to be more visible and have everything on display, especially a window display," said Ms. Wordlaw, "that's my dream".

Valerie Wordlaw, Wedding Designer and Owner of Fantasy Weddings, can be reached by telephone at 972-398-2744, or by fax at 972-398-6829, or visit her website at [www.fantasy-weds.com](http://www.fantasy-weds.com).

## Around The Town

### On-going

Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary in McKinney presents Nature Stories with use of puppets and music, every Saturday through June 29 at 11 a.m. All ages welcome. Nature stories are free with regular museum admission: \$5 adults, \$3 children 3-12. Call 972.562.5566 for more information, or [www.heard-museum.org](http://www.heard-museum.org). The museum is located at One Nature Place, McKinney.

Planet Kidz provides youth activities at Carpenter Park and Oak Point recreation centers for children in third through eighth grades. Saturday nights, 7 to 11:30 p.m. Plano police officers provide security. \$8.00 admission fee. Call The Carpenter Center, 6701 Coit Road, at 972.208.8087; The Oak Point Center, 6000 Jupiter Road at 972.941.7540.

Applicants are being sought for 2003-04 Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships, which provide up to \$25,000 for tuition and expenses for study abroad. Applicants cannot be related to a Rotarian, must be a U.S. citizen, must have completed 2 years of college and speak the language of the country of study. Call Dr. George S. Kadera, Rotary District Scholarships chairman at 972.562.3219.

The McKinney Civic Chorus is seeking vocalists ages 16 and older. No audition is required for participation. Rehearsals are 7-9 p.m., Mondays at Hillcrest Christian Church, 509 S. Graves St. Membership dues and performance attire are required. For more information, call Bobbe Thompson at 972.562.2360.

Jazz in the Atrium with the Marchel Ivery Quartet every Thursday at noon, through March 20, at the Dallas Museum of Art. Admission is free. Call 214.922.1200 for more information.

Feld Entertainment commemorates 21 years of on-ice Disney classics that have come to the metropolis, February 15 - March 31 with a lavish exhibition of Disney On Ice props, costumes and more. Located on the 3rd level of The Shops at West End Marketplace, Dallas. Call 214.351.9806 for more information.

Alma Thomas: Phantasmagoria, Major Paintings. Organized by the Michael Rosenfeld Gallery, NY, this exhibit is a retrospective of this abstract artist. At the Women's Museum, Fair Park. Open every day but Monday, through March 27, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Call 214.915.0861 for further information.

"Mommy and Me Monday" at

the Dallas Arboretum, 8525 Garland Road, Dallas. Activities include a petting zoo, gardening crafts, storytimes and horse drawn wagon rides. \$6 adults, \$5 seniors, \$3 children, under 2 free. Call 214.327.4901.

### March 1-17

Blues in the Night - Kalita Humphreys Theatre at Dallas Theater Center. Music born of hard times and high hopes. 214.522.8499.

### March 1-31

European Master Exhibit at the Dallas Museum of Art. Works by Monet, Renoir, Rembrandt, and others. From the Foundation for the Arts. 214.922.1200.

### March 7-16

Out of The Loop Festival, presented by WaterTower Theatre, Addison Conference & Theatre Centre, Addison. Call 972.450.6232 for details.

### March 16

Run For Cover 5K Run/Walk at Towne Lake Park, McKinney. Check in begins at 8:15a.m. Registration is \$20. Event time: 9a.m. - 11a.m. The race will begin near McKinney High School on Graves Street and end at Towne Lake Park. Sign up at [www.mcfbc.org](http://www.mcfbc.org), or to volunteer call 972.547.7029.

Lou Vargo, presented by

McKinney Square Meal. 213 E. Louisiana St., 4:30p.m. - 6:30p.m. \$5 door fee. For more information call 972.548.6900.

### March 16-May 5

Meet the Artists: Edleeca Thompson & Jo Jones, at the South Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 S. Fitzhugh Avenue, Dallas. Every day but Sunday and Monday. In celebration of National Women's History Month, The South Dallas Cultural Center proudly presents the art of two very accomplished African American women. Call 214.939.ARTS for more information.

### March 18

"Song in a Strange Land" choral and orchestra concert celebrating Negro spirituals, 7p.m., Meyerson Symphony Orchestra at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony, Arts District, Dallas. 7p.m. Call 214.743.2440 for more details.

CCCCD offers Cisco network trainings, using Cisco Network Designer software. Registration deadline is March 14. For more information call 972.377.1715.

"Battle Of The Bats" Invitational (USSSA) MBBA Baseball Tournament at Mouzon, North Park Community Fields. Contact City of McKinney Athletics Department and

Hotline: 972.547.7485/972.547.9452 or [www.sportstanding.com](http://www.sportstanding.com)

Collin County Early Childhood PTA Meeting at Faith Episcopal Church, 110 S. Alma, Allen. Guest speaker Jeff Sandene, CFP, will discuss Investment Strategies for Funding Your Child's Education. Starts at 9:15 a.m. Call 972.398.2172 for further information.

Beka Books Sale - A home school curriculum and text book sale from 10am-12pm and 2pm-4pm. Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway. Admission is Free. For more information contact Mickey Pierce at 877-223-5226

### March 19

InPerson Author Lecture Series with Joe Lansdale, the "champion MOJO storyteller" and author of The Bottoms. Richardson Civic Center. Call 972.744.4353 for details.

### March 22

Kelly Durbin and Friends offer an evening of jazz at Jonsson Performance Hall at UTD. Call 972.883.2787 for more information.

### March 22-23

Little Off The Square Theatre presents "Saving Grace." Tickets \$10, doors open at 7:30p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. Limited seating. Reservations recommended. 406 N. Tennessee

Street (at Lamar). For more information or reservations call 972.562.LOST (5678).

Country at Heart Craft Show - Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway. Traditional, Country, Victoria & Southwestern decor for your home, Clothing, Toys, Dolls, Florals, Candles, Furniture and more. Free hand crafted quilt drawing. Friday 12 noon-7pm; Saturday 10am-6pm; Sunday 11am-5pm. Admission is \$5 adults, \$4 seniors, Free under 12 years. For more information call 903.786.2523.

### March 23

Young Writer's Workshop: Writer to Writer. Free. 11am. Jonsson Central Library, Dallas. 214.922.1220.

Eggs Over Easy Egg Hunt at Harrington Park, 401 W. 16th Street, Plano. 10 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Pre-registration is required. \$3. Call 972.941.7250.

### Dallas Mavericks

American Airlines Center, 214.747.6287

March 19 - L.A. Lakers

### Dallas Stars

American Airlines Center, 972.467.8277

March 20 - St. Louis Blues

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