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On the Homefront:

American Red Cross of North Texas is sponsoring its 1st annual fundraising event April 6, 2002 at 6:30pm-midnight at the McKinney Airport. Proceeds will ensure the much-needed local disaster services that are provided by the organization, while benefiting the thousands of individuals of Collin, Herst, Delta, and Hopkins counties. For tickets call 972-562-0601.

GET READY FOR THE PLANO CLEAN UP!!

Plano's annual citywide cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 6, 2002, 8:00am to 11:00 am. Following the clean-up volunteers are invited to attend a picnic in their honor at Bob Woodruff Park from 11:00 am to 1:00pm. Participants will enjoy lunch and a special performance by Eddie Coker. You may join this monumental effort by contacting Keep Plano Beautiful at 972-769-4130.

It was a big week for state Senator Florence Shapiro, who was not only named "Woman of the Year" by two organizations, but was also serenaded by real estate queen Ebby Halliday, complete with ukulele, who performed one of her original songs. Family and friends surrounded the senator Tuesday at Lakewood Country Club for the award from Les Femmes du Monde, which supports the Dallas Council on World Affairs and the Children's Medical Center of Dallas. The second honor was presented at a banquet Thursday at the Wyndham Arlington by the DFW Chapter of the Women's Transportation Seminar recognizing the senator for her leadership in passing sweeping transportation reform in the Texas Legislature.

Rock'n and Roll Mania: The first 93.3 FM The Bone's Rock Show will be from 10am to 6pm at Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway. The event will feature celebrity signing, collectibles, and memorabilia. For more information, call 214-526-7400.

Michele Tinsling, former New Yorker is running for a City Council seat in Murphy, Texas. Ms. Tinsling will be the first African American female to run for this office.

Texas Women's University will conduct its annual Spring Folk Dance at 5:30pm April 4 at the west lawn of the Student Center, Bell Avenue and Administration Drive in Denton.

Admission is free. The TWU International Folk Dance will give performances. The audience also will have the opportunity to learn and participate in a variety of folk dances.

The Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary in McKinney offers opportunities for indoor and outdoor, weekday and weekend exploration for nature lovers. The Museum is open 9am to 5pm Monday thru Saturday and 1pm-5pm Sundays. It features trails, a native plant garden, indoor exhibits, and daily nature talks. Admission to the Heard Museum is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 3-12 and seniors (60-plus), free for children under 3 and members.

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NAACP, Garland Notes Progress

The wheels of progress turn in response to the force applied. The ballot is the force that regulates the speed at which the wheels turn. If we want government to work for us and be responsive to our needs, we must apply the force of the ballots. That was the message sent out to the citizens on recently at a forum sponsored by the Garland NAACP. The NAACP has always been politically savvy about educating the public on registering and participating in the voting process and the Garland Chapter is no different.

The parties that attended were the City Council and the Mayoral candidates. Votes will determine who will be the players in helping to manage city government and the NAACP wanted to make sure citizens could make a conscious decision about their vote.

The panel consisted of NAACP President: Mr. B. J. Williams, Forum Organizer: Mr. Ricky McNeal, Community Activist: Mr. Dale Long, and the Moderator: Mr. Thurman Jones, Publisher of MON-The Gazette Newspaper.

It began with City Council candidates in District 3; Mr. Harry Hickey and Mr. Bill Cryer. Mr. Cryer expressed that he wanted to be the Vision for Garland and he has the know how to make things work. Mr. Hickey reciprocated, "I am the vision for Garland and I am a common

sense person who can make ethical and common sense decisions."

City Council Candidates District 6 was Ms. Jean McNeal and Ms. Sharon Stotts.

Ms. Stotts is seeking another term, she feels she has a good

relationship with the citizens in her district and is working to clean up the area. Ms. McNeal believes no candidate should run unopposed and has been working in the area trying to clean up the neighborhood.

City Council Candidates District 7 was Mike Rose and Mark Monroe. Mr. Monroe believes in getting thoughts and issues out, Garland needs to be more open about the things that are happening in the city. Monroe it will change the economic conditions in Garland.

City Council District 8 was Mr. Dean Pace, Mr. Jim Spence, and Mr. Randall D. Dunning. The only candidate that was able to attend was Mr. Dunning. Mr. Dunning is a Software Engineer for Nortel. Mr. Dunning believes he is well qualified to serve District 8. He chose Garland over

See NAACP Garland page 6



Three Panelists: (L to R) Ricky McNeal (Forum Organizer), B.J. Williams (NAACP President) and Dale Long (Community Activist)



(L to R) Ricky McNeal and B.J. Williams discussing a question

Determined to Reach That Goal



For most African Americans of her generation, a professional career was not given. Born and raised in a Detroit housing project, then as divorced mother supporting two children while putting herself through medical school, Dr. Barbara Ross-Lee has paid her dues. She went on to be the first African-American woman to head a medical college in the United States.

Today, as both a dean and vice president for health sciences and medical affairs at New York Institute of Technology, she has not forgotten her modest roots or the grit it took to get where she is now. Her personal professional interest in health care is focused on the health status of vulnerable populations, be they minorities, children or the elderly.

"A lot of what I have accomplished has to do with expanding the pipeline and getting more people in," she says. "Being involved in the development of health policy issues as they relate to those vulnerable populations and that not only includes education but also health service delivery and equity of access. So a lot of what I do and what I bring to bear is looking at the big picture and then ultimately being able to transfer it so it connected and not disconnected."

Since her appointment to

NYIT in February 2001, she has set a number of goals for herself. "Medical education is constructed on an archaic model that is no longer as useful in today's environment," she says. "It is my goal to establish a seamless continuum of education rather than all of the fragments that we have now; to be able to incorporate adult learning strategies as opposed to the old memorize-and-regurgitate methodology; and to train a physician who is just not technically skilled but who is also capable of being responsible and accountable for the health status of the person he or she treats."

As a girl growing up in inner-city Detroit, she was always drawn to the sciences, though she briefly toyed with the idea of a show business career as a dancer, much like the career that has brought her younger sister Diana Ross international super stardom. "Children, or at least children in my family, we were always in the choir, we were always performing at church, it was part of our traditions. But I was always interested in science, always liked reaching, so I feel now that I have the best of all worlds."

She started pre-med at Wayne State University in 1960. See Determined page 6

Garland invests in its performing arts



By Lakeesha Joe

Exactly one month after its groundbreaking ceremony for expansion, construction began on the expansion project for the Garland Performing Arts Center.

The City of Garland hosted a groundbreaking ceremony on March 1 for the expansion of the Garland Performing Arts Center.

"Over 100 people attended the groundbreaking ceremony," said Patty Granville, Director of Cultural Arts of the Garland Performing Arts Center. "That's quite a turnout for a groundbreaking ceremony."

The performing arts center, which opened its doors in June of 1982 and is located in Historic Downtown Garland currently, houses two theatres (a main theatre and a small theatre) and a lobby area that will receive a face-lift that includes several things. The expansion project will incorporate the construction of a separate banquet hall that will be connected to the existing theatre facility by a roofed structure at the door of the building for sheltering persons entering and leaving vehicles or a porte-cochere. The porte-cochere will serve patrons of both the banquet hall as well as the performing arts center. The expansion will also include the addition of dressing rooms, restroom facilities, another scene shop to the current building, two concession centers, and the expansion of

the existing lobby area. The expansion project will add 21,300 square feet to the performing arts center's current 30,000 square foot facility.

Seven days a week, the performing arts center is busy according to Granville. There are all types of concerts, etc. that are held at the center such as summer musicals, civic theatre, the Garland Symphony, the children's theatre, and several ethnic groups put on performances.

With so much happening at the performing arts center it seems as if an expansion of the facility is a much-needed project.

The performing art center's new 13,300 facility will include a 6,300 square foot banquet hall facility and a 4,800 square foot outdoor public plaza, which is apart of the expansion project, will provide a location for banquets and fundraisers for civic organizations, individuals, and commercial entities including the Garland Chamber of Commerce, local art organizations, GISD bands, drill teams, sports banquets, church organizations, etc. The new banquet hall will suitably provide seats for up to 500 people (seated at tables). The banquet hall will also feature a spacious lobby and a fully equipped catering kitchen for banquet service.

Expansion of the lobby (8,000 square foot) in the performing arts center will provide an expanded

area for receptions as well as a much needed lobby space for intermissions for simultaneous events in both theatres. The expanded lobby will offer additional women's restroom facilities and there will also be two concession centers for intermissions and dual box office areas to help assist patrons of both theatres.

The new dressing room facilities will be built adjacent to the small theatre, which currently has no dressing room space, to provide adequate backstage areas for performers when there are simultaneous productions in both theatres of the performing arts center. There will also be additional restroom facilities in the backstage area.

Recovering of the exterior surface of Garland's Performing Arts Center to match the outside finish of the new Banquet Hall facility is also apart of the expansion project.

"After the expansion project, it will look like we've built two new buildings because both exteriors will look alike," said Granville.

The performing arts center expansion is a \$6.2 million dollar project and is apart of the 2002 Capital Improvement program. The planned completion date for the expansion project is late spring of 2003.

Currently playing at the Garland Performing Arts Center is "Liberty: Siege of the Alamo".



North Garland wins Girl's Track Meet

On Thursday, Plano East hosted a girl's track meet at Plano's Williams Stadium. North Garland won the track meet with 175 points and Garland came in second with 118 points. N. Garland swept the three relay events; they were able to pick up double points for each win. They also had the top three finishers in the 100 hurdles. Allen's Lauver came in first in the 3200 with a time of 10:54.46 and in the 1600 with a time of 05:08.6. However, Allen was only able to get 74.5 points for a fifth place position. McLain from Plano East came in first in the long jump, 200, and the triple jump. Plano East came in third. The next girl's track meet will be held in Allen.



Photos by Shanna Bennett

Community Spotlight

Rome & Jewels: A Hip-Hop Opera



TITAS concludes its 2001-2002 Dance Season with the Dallas debut presentation of Rome & Jewels, a full-length hip-hop opera by Rennie Harris Puremovement on Friday and Saturday, April 12 & 13, 2002 at 8 p.m. at McFarlin Auditorium. This new work is said to promise to leave Dallas audiences clamoring for more from this powerful dance company.

Rome & Jewels, the troupe's latest full-length work, retells the tragic tales of West Side Story and Romeo & Juliet through the eyes of a hip-hop poet. It combines the original

Shakespearean text with hip-hop language and adding the aesthetics of contemporary hip-hop dance, the voice of the MC or rapper. Opposing dance styles—b-boy versus hip-hop—represents the two opposing factions. The score features original music, contemporary popular music and a "hip-hop orchestra" featuring four DJ's and two violinists.

Rennie Harris Puremovement, founded in 1992 in Philadelphia, is dedicated to preserving and disseminating hip-hop culture. The company's work en-

compasses the diverse and rich African-American traditions of the past, while simultaneously presenting the voice of a new generation through its ever-evolving interpretations of dance. The company is committed to providing audiences with a sincere view of the essence and spirit of hip-hop rather than the commercially exploited stereotypes portrayed by the media.

Tickets range from \$10-\$52 and are available at the TITAS Box Office, 3101 North Fitzhugh, Suite 301, Dallas, by phoning 214-528-5576 or faxing 214-528-0126.

Plano Groundbreaking Ceremony



Plano Housing Corporation a non-profit affordable housing developer along with Carl Franklin Homes in conjunction with the City of Plano's Community Development Week will celebrate Affordable Housing / Rehabilitation Day

with a groundbreaking at Parker Place Development, an 8-lot energy efficient community.

The groundbreaking will take place on Thursday, April 4, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. at the Southeast Corner of Parker Road and P Avenue.

Honored attendees include Mayor Jeran Ackers, City Council Members, United States Congressman Sam Johnson, Texas State Senator Florence Shapiro and Texas State Representative Jerry Madden. Robert Morris, executive vice president of the Home Builders Association, will be in attendance with representatives from Fannie Mae and HUD, Board of Directors for Plano Housing Corporation and other notable dignitaries.

In case of Rain the Groundbreaking will be held at the Plano Municipal building on K Avenue in the Council Chambers.

Inspiration

She Made a Difference

Dr. Sharon Henry began her medical career earlier than most physicians. She was twelve when she became a candy stripper at Mount Vernon Hospital in New York, where she grew up. Her first real care began with her grandmother, whose frequent trips to the doctor for hypertension culminated in a fatal stroke because the disease was inadequately treated. This event prompted Henry to pursue a career in medicine and, though she was discouraged at her school because she was black, she persisted, "I think if you have a goal, you do what you need to do to reach that goal".

Henry currently serves as vice president of medical operations for Bristol-Myers Squibb Company in Princeton, NJ and has dedicated her career to improving the quality of people's lives through medicine. She directs a 116-person research group committed to

finding new applications for drug treatments and providing medical education and professional support services.

One of her main goals is to educate minorities about the importance of complying with doctor's orders and the value of making changes for healthier lifestyles. "Health Pitch" is one of the programs sponsored by her group. It provides blood pressure screenings plus education in minority communities. Henry also won the first Women's Leadership Award, sponsored by Health Watch, a national non-profit health information and promotion corporation, whose sole mission is to improve the health and longevity of African-Americans and other minority populations through education and disease control.

Married and the mother of two children, Henry is also concerned with instilling professional interests in her daughters

and other young children. In line with this goal, she works with the Jack and Jill organization, whose main thrust is to instill a sense of the value of education among children, while closely involving the parents in the process. Activities such as special trips and meetings with various career professionals are included in this program.

Sometime ago, the newspaper headline in a Princeton Packet profile sums up the contributions of Sharon Henry—"Devotion to minorities' health makes a WINNER of Dr.

Henry." She's not the only one who wins; when healthcare is improved, everybody becomes a winner.



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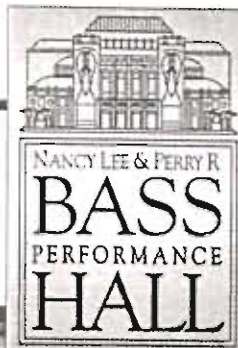
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SUCCESS and Surviving the Game

This week we look at SUCCESS and Surviving the Game (of Life). These principles apply not only to personal but also to business life.

Self Knowledge Is the Key to Success

Knowing yourself is perhaps the most important information you can have in any aspect of life. No skill, product knowledge or personality trait has as much potential for influencing your personal success as having a clear and honest understanding of yourself.

With the desire to emerge victorious and successful in this highly competitive environment, many people are searching for the secret formula of success in life. One thing to keep in mind is that it's not what has happened in the past, it's what you do now that matters!

What's one key difference between someone whom you consider to be very successful and someone who's average or mediocre? Believe it or not, the difference is not skill, intelligence, talent, age, or luck. This is because each one of us has the same untapped potential that'll allow us to achieve incredible success. So the question is "Why don't we achieve the same results?"

One primary reason is we don't have the same "attitude." Your attitude defines your altitude. While it'll take time for you to make your goals and dreams come true, if you adopt the attitude that you were born to achieve greatness and believe you have the powers to change the circumstances of your life, then the battle is already half

won.

Success Ideas

- 1) Winning attitude is the key to success. Winners don't do different things. They do things differently.
- 2) Look for new responsibilities and challenge yourself. Look for new opportunities and don't be afraid to take chances. Look into the future and expand your horizons. Challenge your mind and imagination.
- 3) Ponder over these thoughts:
 - Water depth decides height of lotus.
 - Mental zeal decides one's progress.
 - It is zeal that crowns you with success.
 - The strong in will do not complain.
- 4) Decide who you are, swim with the stream, create a vision, keep on keeping on, take the high road even if it is the hard road, weather the seasons of change, build your dream team, step out of your comfort zone, commit to your vision. You can make it happen." - Daniel Goleman.
- 5) A high level of skill, without personal ethics, cannot make you a true professional. To become a true professional, one needs an inherent sense of values which must no doubt, be backed with skills.
- 6) Everyone can make a difference.
- 7) The Five Ds for quality of work: Dedication, Devotion, Discipline, Dissemination and Determination.
- 8) The Three Cs
Your Conscience is your

guide. It will always give you the right direction when you need it in your hour of chaos and confusion.

Your Character is your God, the much clearer you keep it, the more happy you are.

Confidence: It is only God's grace that will grant you the confidence, if you do good to everyone, if you serve everyone, and if you love and praise the Glory of God.

- 9) Work hard and try to do your best. Try to excel at every thing you do
- 10) Be proactive; take the initiative and responsibility to make things happen.
- 11) Put first things first - Manage yourself. Organize and execute priorities.
- 12) Put aside short-term self-interests, and work together for a greater good. Change, as Mao said, begins with ourselves. One should become a die-hard optimist.
- 13) Motivating the team should be a leader's first priority. To do this, he is required to be patiently impatient. The leader has to continue to evolve on a day-to-day basis.
- 14) Divide your goals into small chunks to manage time effectively. Time is life: Make the most of it.
- 15) Make the most of your time- your overall objective is to get your work done on time and to do it well.
- 16) I don't think life's always straight upwards. You go, and then you have some bumps. But the important thing to remember is how to overcome the bumps and then figure how to go up again.

Research has revealed that the most critical characteristics for success include:

Knowing What To Do - the ability to identify crucial issues, to see, understand and plan for future consequences of decisions and actions.

Knowing How To Do It - the ability to see what needs to be done, who needs to do it and how it can best be accomplished.

Planning and Organizing - the ability to identify the short and long range needs and implications of a situation, to set goals which are realistic and to develop plans of action which will attain these goals in an effective and efficient manner.

Getting Things Done - the ability to focus ones energy on tasks and follow them through to completion while dealing with all the related stresses and strains, without losing direction.

Working Through Others - the ability to work with others in a positive, cooperative and supportive manner, seeing and appreciating their value and uniqueness.

Downtown Re-Development Director Hired

The McKinney Downtown Business Re-Development Board welcomed new program director Melinda Haggerty Lingle this week. She was selected for the position in February following a lengthy hiring process that included candidates from across the nation.

Lingle brings diverse experience to the McKinney program and offers a distinctive blend of formal training and practical experience. She has worked as a Main Street director with three communities over the past seven years, which included: Altus, Okla., New Cordell, Okla., and Salina, Kan. In 1999, New Cordell received national media attention as winner of the Great American Main Street Award.

Along with Main Street experience, Lingle has worked in a variety of fields that enable her to better serve the downtown business community. In addition to owning and operat-

ing a small retail toy and candy store in downtown Altus, she has worked in retail sales at Target, The Limited, and Dillard's. Since college, she has worked as an announcer with several top-rated radio stations and as an award winning television producer with one of Oklahoma's largest cable companies.

A Texas native, Lingle grew up in Collin County and returns to the area after a 20-year absence. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Communications at Cameron University, Lawton, Okla. and was a graduate student at the University of Oklahoma. In 2000, Lingle graduated from National Main Street Center's Certification Institute in Downtown Management. Under the auspices of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, this program has produced approximately 100 graduates in the past 10 years due to its stringent admission standards and testing.

The purpose of the MDBR is to ensure continued growth of the downtown commercial district through organization, economic development, promotion, and historic preservation. Immediate priorities include applying for designation as an urban Main Street community through the Texas Main Street Program, part of the Texas Historical Commission and the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Main Street Center. Lingle will be attending the National Main Street Center's annual conference, the National Town Meeting on Main Street, which will be held in Fort Worth next month.

The MDBR office is temporarily located at 116 N. Tennessee with the McKinney Community Development Corporation. The City of McKinney is currently remodeling the former library for additional city office space. This will be home to the permanent MDBR office in late 2002.

DID YOU KNOW? No Voting past 2007

We are quickly approaching the 21st Century and we were wondering, and when I say we, I mean others of us out there who wonder if everyone else out there knows what the significance of the year 2007 is to Black America? Did you know that our right to VOTE will expire in the year 2007? Seriously! The Voters Rights Act signed in 1965 by Lyndon B. Johnson was just an ACT. It was not made a law. In 1982, Ronald Reagan amended the Voters Rights Act for another 25 years. Which means that in the year 2007 we could lose the Right to vote! Does anyone realize that African Americans are the only group of people who require PERMISSION under the United States Constitution to vote! In the year 2007, Congress will once again convene to decide

whether or not Blacks should retain the rights to vote (crazy but true). In order for this to be passed, 38 states will have to approve an extension.



We must contact our Congress persons, Senators Alderpersons, etc., to put a stop to this! As bona fide Citizens of the United States, we cannot "drop the ball" on this one! We have come too far to let government make us take such a huge step backward.

So please, let us push forward to continue to build the momentum towards gaining equality. Please pass this onto others, as we are sure that many more individuals are not aware of this. I urge all of you that are able, to contact those in government that have your vote and make them aware of our combined concern for this issue. One voice! ... One Vote! You cannot complain, if you do not participate ... local, state, & national.

This is ludicrous! Not only should the extension be approved, but also the ACT must be made a law. Our right to vote should no longer be up for discussion, review and/or evaluation.

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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 carving a world of opportunity for those seeking to provide quality services. Should you desire to expand your quest for economic parity outside the southern region or just want to know what is going on up north...

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Jump Start '02

A Visionary's Formula of His Success

By Brandy Jones
In November of 1996 an idea was given birth by two visionaries, Derek Rackard and Sean Taylor, on their way home from Florida A&M's homecoming celebration.



"We were tired of having to go back to work and working for someone else," said Taylor. So they decided to collaborate innovative business and fashion strategies to create a line of clothing for men and women who desired something different and something that represented their true essence.

They figured if Tommy Hilfiger could have a successful clothing line and business, so could they. So on January 7, 1997, the dream became an incorporated reality; NKosis Fashions was born.

"When I was in (college) everyone was into changing their names to African names," said Taylor. "A friend gave me a list of names and I picked Nkosi just in case I decided I wanted to change my name."

Nevertheless, Taylor decided not to change his name but to instead use it otherwise.

Nkosi is the South African word for ruler or "one who is a master in his or her given field or activity." An "s" was added to make the word plural for all who wear and intend to wear the line. The "NK" symbol was created to complement the eloquence of NKosis Fashions and its motto; the image of success.

Taylor was born in Kingston, Jamaica and moved to New York when he was 7 years old. After seven months in New York, his family moved to Miami, Fla. where he remained until 1998. After graduating from Florida A&M University in

ages 18 to 34 to wear to work on Fridays and make a statement.

"Anyone who wears the clothing will be someone who wanted to take charge of their destiny and believe in the meaning," said Taylor.

Since its inception, NKosis Fashions has birthed many themes like NKosis classic, Mood Swings, NK Sport and many more to come.

Taylor and Rackard plan to have a couple of outlets and to get their line into major stores all over the United States and overseas. Their line is currently sold over the Internet and also in stores.

Right now the team is crafting an exotic line like Versace's where the clothing will be made for one person in keeping with their effort to be unique in everything they do.

Taylor credits God, his wife and his family as the sources of his strength when he gets discouraged.

"There are plenty of times when I feel that things aren't moving fast enough," said Taylor. "I'll pray and God will show me signs just when things start to look bleak. I have great people behind me and it's always good to have the Lord on your side."

Taylor enjoys giving back to the community and teaching youth that they too can work for themselves and be successful. He always leaves them with a piece of worthy advice:

"The key thing is to know that success doesn't have a formula, it changes like the weather. Find your niche. You're going to run into obstacles, but just persevere. Create your own method to the madness to be successful."

Clothing can be purchased at www.nkosis.com.

Remembering Oprah's Spirit

Oprah Winfrey's public speaking career began in 1957, when she was less than 4 years old, touring the churches of Nashville, amazing congregations by reciting the sermons of James Weldon Johnson. While other children sang, Oprah talked. And she's still talking, but to much larger audiences.

Born in Kosciusko, Mississippi, on January 29, 1954, Oprah Winfrey was reared by her grandmother on a farm where she began her broadcasting career by reading to read aloud and perform recitations at the age of three. Taught to read by her grandmother, Oprah became a voracious reader—a habit she retains to this day.

Talking" while continuing to serve as anchor and news reporter.

In January 1984, Oprah came to Chicago to host WLS-TV's "AM Chicago," a faltering local talk show. In less than a

tion and won its praise in 1985 with her poignant portrayal of Sofia in Steven Spielberg's adaptation of Alice Walker's masterpiece, "The Color Purple." Winfrey's performance earned her nominations for an Academy Award and Golden Globe Award in the category of Best Supporting Actress. Critics again lauded her performance in her second role, as Mrs. Thomas in "Native Son," a movie adaptation of Richard Wright's 1940 classic novel.

Her love of acting and her desire to bring quality entertainment projects into production are what prompted Oprah to form her own production company, HARPO Productions, Inc., in 1986. Today, HARPO is well on its way to becoming a formidable force in film and television production. "The Women of Brewster Place," an adaptation from the Gloria Naylor novel, was its first co-production and will be followed by productions of "Kaffir Boy," Mark Mathabane's autobiography of growing up under apartheid in South Africa, and "Beloved," Toni Morrison's Pulitzer 1988 novel.

In October 1988, television history was made when HARPO Productions, Inc. announced it had assumed ownership and all production responsibilities for "The Oprah Winfrey Show" from Capitol Cities/ABC, making Oprah Winfrey the first woman in history to own and produce her own talk show.

A seeker of truth in herself and in others, Oprah's empathy, honesty and love of people have made her one of the most beloved women in America; a close friend who visits over 20 million homes a day; a teacher who educates a rapt audience about subjects as varied as her own sexual abuse, divorce, children's issues and countless other important subjects. Now Oprah is on her way to becoming the first black woman to be a billionaire.



year, Oprah turned "AM Chicago" into the hottest show in town. The format was soon expanded to one hour, and in September 1985, it was renamed "The Oprah Winfrey Show."

Seen nationally since September 8, 1986, "The Oprah Winfrey Show" has enjoyed even more success, attaining the rank of number one talk show in national syndication in less than a year. In June 1987, in its first year of eligibility, "The Oprah Winfrey Show" received three Daytime Emmy Awards in the categories of Outstanding Host, Outstanding Talk/Service Program and Outstanding Direction. In June 1988, "The Oprah Winfrey Show" received its second consecutive Daytime Emmy Award as Outstanding Talk/Service Program. Also in 1988 Oprah was the recipient of the International Radio and Television Society's "Broadcaster of the Year" Award. She is the youngest person ever to receive the honor in IRTS's 25-year history.

Before America fell in love with Oprah the talk show host, she captured the nation's atten-

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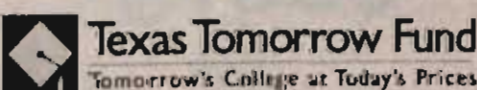
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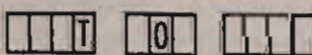
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Billie Meador

Last-Minute Tax Tips And Ideas for Next Year

It's almost here again: Tax Day. Of course, if you're particularly industrious, or you knew you were going to get a refund, then you might have filed your taxes weeks ago. But if you're like a lot of people, then you'll drop your return in the mailbox on April 15. Between now and then, is there anything you can do to brighten your 2001 tax picture?

There are a couple of things you might consider. You can still add to your traditional IRA, if you haven't already "maxed out" on it. If you're eligible to make tax-deductible contributions, then you can lower your tax bill. Or, if you're self-employed, you still have time to put tax-deductible dollars in your SEP-IRA. And, since SEP-IRA contribution limits are considerably higher than those of your traditional IRA, you may have room to put in a sizable amount of money.

What else can you do to help yourself? For one thing, review your tax return one final time. Make sure you've taken all the deductions that you're legally allowed. Take advantage of all "carryforwards" capital losses

from 2000 that exceeded the \$3,000 write-off limit and that can now be applied against ordinary income. Finally, go over your calculations to ensure that you've avoided any mistakes.

Beyond these 11th-hour moves, start thinking about those areas that you can improve on for 2002. For example, if you incurred a lot of taxes from your investments in 2001, examine where all the income was coming from. Were you selling a lot of stocks? If so, which ones?

Keep in mind that if you sell a stock within 12 months of buying it, you'll have to pay capital gains taxes at your ordinary income tax rate, which may be 27 percent, 30 percent, 35 percent or 38.6 percent. But if you hold the stock for 12 months before selling it, then you'll only have to pay a capital gains rate of 20 percent. And if you bought the stock after Jan. 2, 2001, and you hold it for the five succeeding years, you will only have to pay an 18 percent capital gains tax when you sell, assuming you're in at least the 27 percent bracket.

Apart from holding stocks for at least a year, you can also

look for tax-deferred investments. Put in as much as you can to your traditional IRA and your 401(k). After that, consider investing in an annuity, which offers tax deferral and high contribution limits.

Deferring taxes can obviously work in your favor. When you purchase a Roth IRA, your earnings grow totally tax free, provided you meet certain conditions. And if you're in one of the upper tax brackets, you may benefit from investing in municipal bonds. The interest on these bonds is exempt from federal income taxes; if you live in the state or municipality where the bond is issued, the interest may also be exempt from state and local taxes. (However, the alternative minimum tax may apply.)

Contact your tax adviser to discuss these issues and to help you find other ways to lower your taxes. But don't wait too long the earlier you put your "tax-smart" strategies to work, the better off you'll be next April 15.

Billie Meador is an Investment Representative for Edward Jones. She can be reached at 972-208-5688 or toll free 888-758-0950.

Bush Selects African American For Civil Rights Post

By James W. Breedlove

President Bush, without the usual fanfare associated with high level appointments, quietly selected Gerald A. Reynolds, a 38 year old black Kansas City lawyer to be head of the Office of Civil Rights in the Department of Education.

Mr. Reynolds, prior to joining Kansas City Power and Light in 1998 as senior regulatory counsel, served as president of the Center for New Black Leadership and as a legal analyst for the Center for Equal Opportunity, a Washington group that is a vocal critic of affirmative action in college admissions.

Conservatives and liberals had begun lobbying for and against the confirmation of Reynolds. The Administration has certainly done a disservice to Mr. Reynolds and the public by not permitting an honest assessment of his record and an opportunity to hear from the nominee in Senate hearings. The fact that Mr. Reynolds has written and spoken extensively about his opposition to affirmative action and preference policies caused civil rights groups and advocates for women to line up against the nomination. The assumption is Mr. Bush made the recess appointment to avoid possible defeat due to the mounting opposition.

One quote attributed to Reynolds is a focus point for the opposition. "Abolishing racial preferences and set-asides will return us to affirmative action as it was first proposed in the late 1960s - aggressive and affirmative outreach to increase the par-

icipation of minorities in education settings and the workplaces. Racial preferences and set-asides, which amount to nothing more than quotas, are exacerbating racial tension in America and discouraging rather than promoting the achievement of minorities ... Equality of opportunity is what black America demands, not the false achievement of mandated equality of outcome."

As Assistant Secretary of Education, Mr. Reynolds will be charged with overseeing, monitoring, interpreting and enforcing civil rights laws affecting schools and universities. This includes Title IX which prohibits sex discrimination in federally funded educational programs.

Blacks should take an interest in this recess appointment because the overwhelming Black anti-Bush vote in the presidential election was due in part to the belief that Bush would decimate civil rights, civil liberties protections, and gut education and social programs. If the Senate does not confirm the appointment it terminates at the end of the year.

Notwithstanding Reynolds' equal opportunity philosophy the playing field has not been leveled. America is not and has not been a race neutral, color blind, equal opportunity society. In the real world whites still get the majority of preferences. Nepotism and favoritism is still the order of the day.

Even when blacks have experience, training, and qualifications, they face daunting hurdles that denies them something less than an even chance.

Within every category of socioeconomic deprivation, Blacks are represented 6-8 times their proportionate share of the general population. The fact that blacks are over represented on the welfare, poverty, homeless, unemployment, and crime roles is no accident and points to the non-level playing field in America's racist and non-color-blind society. The legacies of White Preference over the years has distributed nearly 100 percent of this nation's wealth into the hands of the majority society and relegated Black America to a dependent powerless status.

Even if the pervasive racism in this country were to disappear there would be nothing to stop the majority powerbrokers from making economic and political decisions based on favoritism and nepotism. Since whites dominate the rosters of political officials, CEOs, union officers, plant managers and contracting officers it is foolhardy to believe they will make roster selections purely on a "best qualification" basis.

But even if Mr. Reynolds is eventually confirmed he is about to get a solid lesson in where political power actually resides. Currently he is apparently confusing titles and the trappings of

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(L to R): David Willis, Chimiqua Collins, Edward Pickney and Angela Croker. These young people were recognized for their work ethic and overall attitude.

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North Texas Job Corps Center is an American Promise Commitment Maker and a partner in national community building events, including Groundhog Job Shadow Day, National Youth Service Day and Make a Difference Day.

In a letter from Mr. Jose M. de Olivares, Regional Director, Dallas Region Office of Youth Services and Job Corps, to Mr. Ken Burks, Superintendent of Celina Independent School District. "Job Corps is the premier training program for young

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John Dudley

Tax-Deferred Annuities and Your Retirement

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Variable annuities have been increasingly popular over the past two years because of the drop in interest rates for CDs and money-market funds. But in addition to attractive returns, variable annuities include features such as:

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- Systematic withdrawals. In retirement, you can automatically withdraw income-monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually. The amount can be increased or decreased, depending on your needs. Taxes are paid on income withdrawn-not on what is earned. If the growth in the annuity is greater than the income distributed to you, the excess continues to grow tax-deferred.

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first six or seven years of the program.

Invest in Your Future

If you're thinking ahead and have money set aside for retirement, consider investing in a variable annuity. It can deliver a combination of growth, safety, and tax control that you can't find anywhere else.

For more information on a particular variable annuity-including investment results, fees, and a prospectus-talk with your financial consultant.1

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NAACP Garland

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all cities and he wanted to live in Garland because he can make a difference. Mr. Dunning would like to see open government. He believes citizens should be aware of what is going on in Garland. He believes in open mike in the council meetings.

The Mayoral Candidates are Mr. Michael Holder and Mr. Bob Day. Both have served on the City Council and both stressed their experience in City government and public service.

Ms. Ethel Carter, an audience member, asked the candidates what they would do to ensure racial equality in housing and employment. Mr. Day said, "We must work diligently to make sure there are housing opportunities." He felt the city's first-time homebuyers program was very helpful. Mr. Holder said he felt the city was doing a good job through the Housing and Neighborhood Services Department. He

explained that the housing voucher program requires clients to complete the City's Family Self-Sufficiency Program. This gives the client incentive to get off public assistance.

Mr. Williams asked whether residents should support the original plan for a fully enclosed

most citizens realize Garland is suffering from a lack of sales tax revenue, which a mall would provide. The fact that Dillard's and Foley's department stores are signed should be reassuring. Mr. Day agreed that the city has limited leverage in this matter. "He who pays for it, builds what he wants, he said. "They're going to build whatever they think will succeed." Mr. Day said he would support a mall that will meet the needs of tax revenue and a decent place to shop.

Both candidates approve of a City Manager-Council form of government rather than opting for a strong mayor system.

One of the major concerns with the panel and the audience was code enforcement.

Mrs. Annie Dixon stated minimum standards for housing was too low and they need to be changed. Mr. Goldie Lock stated laws are passed but not carried out.



Garland Candidates for Mayor (L-R) Bob Day and Michael Holden

regional mall at 190 George Bush Freeway and State Highway 78 or developers' new plan for an open mall. Mr. Holden said, "He was concerned about our past experiences with the City Council". "We lost Town East Mall, and Lost LBJ Freeway. Mr. Holden said

Determined

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just at the beginning of the civil rights movement, but by her third year realized there were realities to face. Being black and female she could never compete successfully for admission to medical school. Medicine was not an option for most minorities. It didn't start to open up until the late sixties.

The other option, of course, was to go to one of the historical black medical colleges but that required money. She was black, female and poor. There was no Negro College Fund and there was no federal funding to support medical training at the time.

Her hopes of a medical career were also thwarted by a kind of sexism that was common before the women's rights movement emerged. At Wayne State, the pre-med advisor was a female. She did not believe that women should be physicians and one

needed to have her signature to take human anatomy as a pre-med major. She refused to sign the permission slip, "It's not a requirement for medical school but certainly one of those desirable courses," Dr. Ross-Lee recalls. "She wouldn't sign it for women and she was the pre-med advisor." The irony of the situation still resonates today.

So it's been interesting to see how society has changed. In her junior year she changed her major to chemistry and biology. (She also got married that year and so it took her an extra year to graduate, and when she did, she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in chemistry and biology.) She realized that there is very little she could do with a bachelor's degree in science. She did, however, get a job at a hospital in a suburb of Detroit. She was hired as a biochemist at what turned out to be an osteopathic hospital; working in their laboratory troubleshooting newly installed mechanized chem-

istry machinery.

She eventually left the laboratory and went into a federal program, the National Teacher Corps, where one could earn a master's degree and teach at the same time. She did that for a couple of years and found that she loved teaching.

Dr. Ross-Lee has achieved many firsts, has an impressive list of credentials and a resume full of positions she has held in the medical profession. Highlights include being the first osteopathic physician to participate in the Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellowship and being a captain in the U.S. Naval Reserve Medical Corps. She also has received a number of awards and an honorary Doctorate of Science degree.

Dr. Ross-Lee is married to Dr. Edmond Beverly, a superintendent of schools in Michigan. She has three sons and two daughters.

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"McKids Tell All!" is a program where several children from Old Settler's Recreation Centers share their thoughts about sports, eating healthy and looking good.

"The City of McKinney strives to provide excellent recreation facilities and activities for children of all ages," Video Producer Ana Adams said. "We thought this would be a fun way to for residents to learn about having a healthy lifestyle."

"McKids Tell All!" airs Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 and 10 pm through the month of April.

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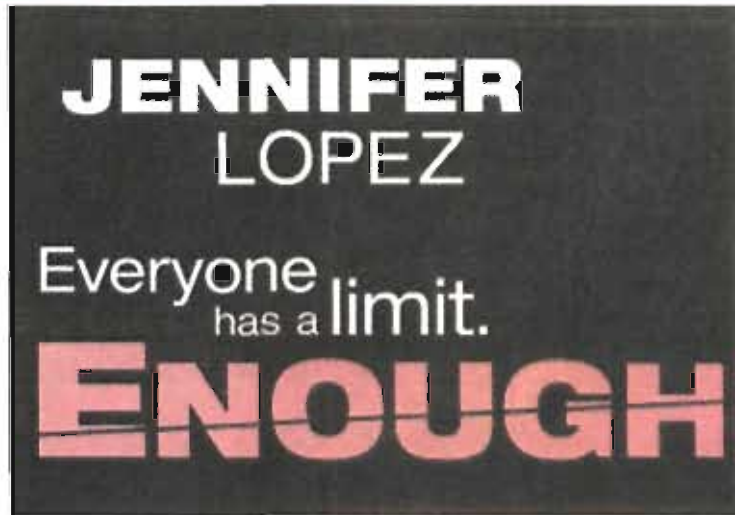
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| 8. DRAGON BALL Z: MAJIN BUU - DEFIANCE | 8. AMERICAN PIE 2 |
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| 10. CATS & DOGS | 10. JAY AND SILENT BOB STRIKE BACK |

These are the rental New Releases hitting the streets on Tuesday, April 9, 2002. Titles also available for rent on DVD are indicated with *

SPY GAME*	SHIRI (subtitled)
SERENDIPITY*	JUVENILE: UNCOVERED
MULHOLLAND DRIVE*	THE SKULLS II*
AS SHE WISHES: RED SHOE DIARIES 19*	NO MAN'S LAND (subtitled)*
HIGH HEELS AND LOW LIVES*	HAMMERLOCK



Enough

Working class waitress Slim (Jennifer Lopez) finds her life transformed when she marries wealthy contractor Mitch (Billy Campbell). She settles into an idyllic suburban life and seems to have everything she wants: loving husband, beautiful home, and Gracie, an adorable 5-year-old daughter.

Her dream is shattered when she discovers her husband is anything but perfect. His abusive behavior forces her to go on the run, eluding an increasingly obsessive Mitch and his lethal henchmen. When, despite Slim's efforts to make a new life, Mitch finds her and threatens her again, she puts Gracie in safe keeping, toughens herself mentally and physically and sets out to prove to Mitch she's had Enough.

SHE WANTED TO HAVE THEIR LIVES THEY TRIED TO TAKE HERS



New Best Friend

It's January, the start of a new semester at exclusive Colby University nestled in the Carolina countryside. Near the campus, four young women prepare themselves for the final semester of their senior year. In her dingy apartment over the "He's Not Here Tavern," where she lives with her mother, ALICIA GLAZER (Mia Kirshner) organizes her school supplies. She is plain as well as poor.

On the other side of town, in an exclusive row house, three beautiful and privileged young coeds start their day: sensuous HADLEY WESTON (Meredith Monroe), luxuriates in a bubble bath with a margarita in hand; her junk-food loving bulemic roommate JULIANNE MCINTYRE (Rachel True) wolfs down a huge bowl of cereal and immediately runs into the bathroom to throw it up; and oversexed SYDNEY CONNORS (Dominique Swain) slowly wakes up next to her boyfriend, JOSH (Oliver Hudson), and some poor townie who is shocked to discover how she spent the night.

Classes begin and Alicia is paired with Hadley to work on the all-important sociology class senior thesis project titled, "Lead, Follow or Get Out of the Way." At first rejected, Alicia is finally accepted into Hadley's clique where she is introduced to a world of privilege and dangerous thrills. But her attempts to become one of them ultimately land her in the hospital.

As the local sheriff, ARTIE BONNER (Taye Diggs), tries to determine the chain of events that led to Alicia's collapse, his investigation casts a shadow of responsibility over the untouchable, affluent young women.

new best friend

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Saturday, April 13, 2002 - 8:00 pm
To be held in the Van Cliburn Recital Hall
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presented by Texas Wesleyan University
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KRYSTIAN ZIMMERMAN, piano
presented by Cliburn Concerts
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TIM CONWAY & HARVEY KORMAN
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presented by Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra
Thursday, April 18, 2002 - 8:00 pm
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Sunday, April 21, 2002 - 2:00 pm
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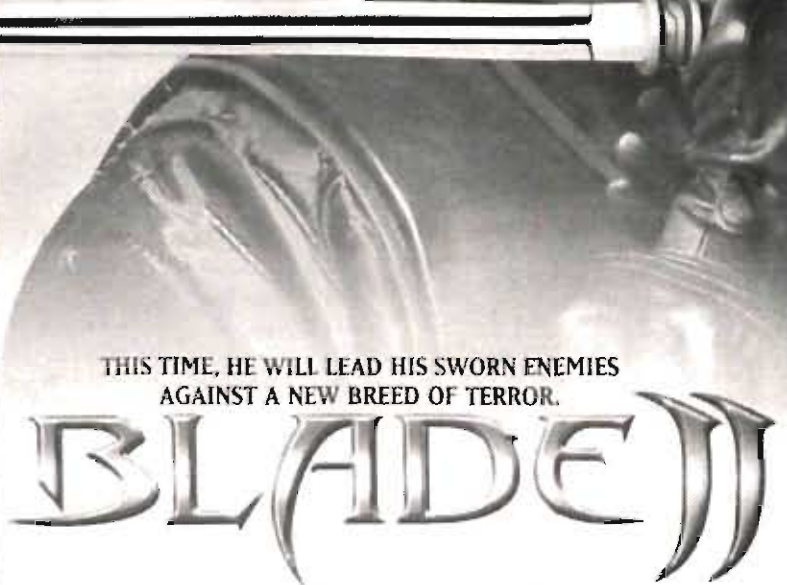
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power with real power. There are a number of uninfluential black and white presidential appointees who appear on television and at press conferences expounding on high government policy, but make no real decisions. Remember former HUD Secretary Sam Pierce?
High stakes decisions on

racial policy will be made at the top levels of the Bush Administration. Mr. Reynolds will be just one of the voice puppets that will be used to validate notions of appropriate race policy needed by the white majority to perpetuate the racially disproportionate status quo. The Administration needs black faces who can take orders, follow directions, and stick to the White House political script.

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The recent "No Child Left Behind Act" that was signed into law on January 8, 2002 by President George W. Bush, allows local education agencies greater flexibility in partnering with other educational entities such as Job Corps. This Law was called, "the most significant accomplishment by the federal government for American education in our nation's history," and received overwhelming bipartisan support from Congressional Leaders, the Department of Education and Labor, Governor Rick Perry and the Texas Commissioner of Education.

Throughout the year, Job Corp students continually lend their time and talents to local community service projects, whether on an ongoing basis or for an afternoon, as a solo venture or in partnership with community faith based organizations. Students from North Texas Job Corps Center contribute greatly to the community by bagging holiday dinners for the elderly, provide printing services to First Baptist Church, and print door hangers for community meetings. Paint offices for the Collin County Senior Citizen Center and assist with landscaping the Crepe Myrtle Trails. Job Corps students put their training into practice and provide much needed services to their community all year long.

One of the highlights for the year was the quarterly Community Relation Council Luncheon held at the Eldorado Country Club.

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R U T.U.F.F. ENUFF? 2002

You are cordially invited to attend R U T.U.F.F. ENUFF? 2002, An Evening of Teen Empowerment, Friday, April 5 beginning at 7pm and concluding at 7am, Saturday, April 6. Teens United For the Future, is reaching out to provide awareness and education of the obstacles that endanger the future of our teenagers in Collin County, while embracing the efforts of those in the community that support teen programs. The evening is focused on a forum of support that identifies and provides positive

alternatives and support for teens.



R U T.U.F.F. ENUFF? is an evening of social, educational and recreational enhancement for teens ages 13 - 18 and sponsored by the Plano Housing Authority

and the McKinney Housing Authority. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Sheron Patterson, Senior Pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church and founder of the "Love Clinic".

We hope you can join us for this inaugural event designed to give our teens encouragement to make new friends, embrace education and build their self-esteem.

For more information, call Karen Johnson, 972-424-6301 or email bgc3@gte.net bmcdonald@bgccc.org.

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Around The Town

- ON GOING**
- Plano City Council Meeting- 2nd & 4th Monday of each month- 7pm- Municipal Building 1520 Avenue K.
 - Plano School Board Meeting- 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month- 7pm- First Floor Board Room, Plano ISD Administration Building, 2700 W. 15th Street
 - Frisco City Council Meeting- 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month- 6:30pm- Municipal Complex, 8950 McKinney Road.
 - Frisco School Board Meeting- 2nd Tuesday of each month- 7:30pm- Lecture Hall of Frisco High School.
 - Garland City Council Meeting- 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month- City Hall Building, 200 N. Fifth Street- 7pm.
 - Alzheimer's Support Group meets the fourth Thursday of each month at the Victoria Gardens Assisted Living Facility in Allen on Jupiter Road between Bethany and Main. Call 972-941-7335 for more information.
 - Breast Cancer Support Group meets 7PM - 8:30PM THE THIRD Monday of every month at the

- Senior Health Center of Plano. Anyone who has breast cancer, is undergoing treatment, needs to share their feelings and anxieties, or is a breast cancer survivor is invited. For more information call 972-519-1588.
- APRIL 6, 2002**
Great American Cleanup at Bob Woodruff Park from 8am-1pm. Join Plano's largest citywide cleanup and help keep Plano beautiful by removing litter from local parks, creeks, and neighborhoods. For more information contact Mary-Margaret McDonald at 972-769-4216.
- Verdi's Requiem- Join us for a magnificent close to the season at Plano Symphony Orchestra, in collaboration with the Plano Civic Chorus and four outstanding soloists presents Verdi's monumental work at Custer Road United Methodist Church- 8:15pm. Call 972-473-7262 for more information.
- Senior Games- Plano Senior Center, call Plano Park and Recreation department at 972-941-7250 for more information.
- 16th Annual Doll Show- Plano Center - presented by Metroplex Doll club from 10am-4pm. Admission \$4 for adults, \$2 for chil-

- dren under 12. Contact Fred Tucker 972-2634577 for more information.
- Women of Virtue: Attention Women, put your creativity to work, become apart of a Sister Circle. Help assist in Community Service Projects, teach women computer applications, help assist in putting Health Fairs together, participate in organizing seminars at the Jaycee Park Center-admission is free. For more information call NicKia 972-293-3962.
- IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY, Inc is celebrating 65 years of service to the Dallas community. The sorority will hold its annual Business Month Celebration with a Business Symposium and Reception - 9am-1pm at the Cedar Crest Golf Course. Admission is \$35.00 for more information call 972-224-0023.
- One Church One Child is a non-profit adoption recruitment organization whose mission is to find permanent homes for children in foster care, especially African American children. Please support this event by Walking for "ADOPTION". Proceeds from this event will benefit families and children. For more information call 817-923-

- 4411. The walk will take place at Kiest Park. 8am-12pm.
- Thirteen Young Female Teens will be presented in True Love Waits Ring Ceremony- These teenagers are taking a stand against Teen Pregnancy, STD's, High School Dropouts, and HIV/AIDS virus, by believing that true love waits. The event will take place at the Hanging Gardens, 1443 S. Main, Duncanville, Texas 75224. For more information call 972-298-7935.
- ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY is hosting its second Community Family Fair at St. Phillips's School and Community Center. This event will prove to be both informative and fun for all families. There will be various health, education, and government agencies on hand. Admission is free. For more information call 214-941-3683.
- Crawford Enterprises, Inc. presents the DFW Gospel Announcers Guild Workshop Mass Choir in Concert, Saturday April 6, 2002 at 8pm at True Faith Church, 4750 Veterans Drive Dallas, Texas 75224. For ticket information call 214-376-4423.

- April 7, 2002**
SMU School of Engineering Networking Event - held at Center 2000 E. Spring
Creek Parkway, 6pm-9pm. This event is one in a series of networking events for current and prospective graduate students, alumni, faculty, and corporate professionals. For more information call Rie Watts 214-768-1403.
- Aglow International-Plano Richardson Chapter is held at the Plano Center, 2000 E. Spring Creek from 7pm-10pm. A network of caring (men are welcome also) interdenominational outreach is designed to reach women and let them know that God's truth is relevant and meaningful today. For more information call Deborah Wheeler 972-422-2632.
- AMERICAN AIRLINES CENTER**
April 1
Stars vs. Blue Jacket 7:30pm
April 3
Stars vs. Blue Jacket 7:00pm
April 4
Mavericks vs. Clippers 7:30pm
April 5
Stars vs. Avalanche 6:00pm

- April 5**
Runoff election early voting in Collin County
- April 6**
Parties' county conventions
- April 9**
Runoff election (7am to 7pm)
- April 11-12**
Canvass of runoff primary returns
- April 29**
New terms begin for county chairmen and precinct chairmen
- June 7-8**
Republican State Convention in Dallas
- June 13-15**
Democratic State convention in El Paso
- Oct. 21-Nov. 1**
General Election early voting
Nov. 5
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