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On the Homefront:

Lights! Camera! Fashion! The African American Museum is seeking energetic and enthusiastic children age 8 to 12 who are interested in having fun at the Museum's innovative summer camp. The African American Museum Camp is sponsored in part by Read for Texas and the Warrior Group. For information, call Bridgette Donaldson at 214-565-9026, ext. 314.

"A Thrill Ride for Your Mind" presented by the Plano Forum and Dr. Pepper/Seven Up Inc., is an event for anyone seeking a day of world-class speakers focused on increasing the cultural, economic and educational perspective of all participants—a day you and yours will not forget. Friday, May 10, 2002 at the Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano, Texas. For more information call 972-941-7200. Tickets must be purchased by May 1, 2002.

Collin County Community College District's art students will hold their spring sale from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 1-2 in the Atrium of the Spring Creek Campus, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway in Plano. The prices range from \$5 to several hundred dollars. For more information, call Lee Atkins at 972-881-5951.

Collin County Community College District's Dance and Choral programs will have a talent show at 7 p.m. May 3 in the John Anthony Theatre located on the Spring Creek Campus, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway in Plano. Talent show participants include students and staff members of CCCCD. Tickets will be available at the door. Proceeds from the event will benefit excellence in the arts. For more information, call 972-548-6508.

"WIN A COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP"—Texas comptroller Carolee Keeton Rylander encourages school children to draw a picture from the subject "What I Want to Be After College" to win a scholarship. The Texas Tomorrow Fund Poster Contest is open to all Texas students enrolled in elementary or middle/junior high school. For more information, go to the Texas Tomorrow Fund web site at www.texas-tomorrowfund.org. Winners will be announced in May.

Do You Help an Elder Spouse, Parent, or Relative? Do You Need Information, Assistance and Support? Come to this Free Education & Support Event, "Family Care: A Guide to Getting the Support You Deserve" sponsored by Area Agency on Aging of North Central Texas & Collin County Committee on Aging at McKinney Memorial Public Library, 101 E. Hunt Street, in downtown McKinney. Call 972-545-7323 between 12:30 - 5:00 p.m. to register to ensure adequate materials are available.

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(L to R) Wendy Phynes, Links Member; T.J. Johnson, Links Project Manager; Cheryl Jackson, Customer Relations Manager at Middlekauf Ford and Kevin Berhemeier, General Manager, Middlekauf Ford

Partnering as a means of empowering one another

By Susan Stewart

"Empowerment" and "partnering" are words of choice for members of LINKS, the Plano north metroplex chapter.

"With all of the organizations out here assisting people, we need to be about the business of partnering as a means of empowering one another," said T.J. Johnson, LINKS project chair.

To make her vision a reality, Johnson called local Plano car dealership Middlekauf Ford and asked to borrow several vehicles for the group's Christmas Caravan, a commu-

nity outreach program. She received a resounding yes from Customer Relations manager Cheryl Jackson.

Jackson, the only African-American in a position of authority at Middlekauf said she was elated to assist. Jackson's capacity as customer-relations manager allows her to make decisions such as the one enabling LINKS to use four cars.

Jackson said: "It was my decision to provide the vehicles for LINKS. I'd love for everyone to know that our dealer-

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General Election — PLANO Candidates

By Belinda G. Alexander

JIM MCGEE

Business Owner

Party Affiliation: Candidate notes this is a non-partisan office.

Address - 2401 Stone Creek Dr.,

Plano, Texas 75075

Daytime Phone: 972-424-5454

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972-964-0702

Office sought: Plano City Council

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Headquarters Address:

Box 864434 Zip Code 75086

Campaign Chair: Olin Jaye

Press Liaison: Berty Mahan

KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS/EXPER-

IENCE - have lived in Plano since

1988; Served on 'Keep Plano

Beautiful' (4 years); Planning &

Zoning (5 years); Twice appointed

chairman of P&Z; Business owner in

Plano since 1991; An office in East

Plano; A trained Mediator.

IF SUCCESSFUL, Three top priorities

for this elective office are 1) Maintain

level of services with a tighter budget.

2) Continue to aggressively prepare for

revitalization & Redevelopment. 3) Expand transit

/ Pedestrian areas around the new

DART Stations.

TO IMPROVE this office, the candidate

will focus on maintaining vs. improve

on predecessors level of leadership and

service. Will work to maintain the level of

service citizens expect without raising taxes

during a period when our income is decreasing.

ON PROBLEMS / PROGRESS of this public

office, "It is always hard to do more with less! As we mature as a

city, the maintenance, both preventative

and required will stretch the council to

balance service levels with income."

CITIZENS DESERVE Integrity, Dedication,

Honesty, Openness, Fairness and Quality Service.

CHARACTER, WORK ETHIC, EXPERTISE - Have been in business since 1969 - mostly as a business owner; Experience making budget decisions; Have served on a variety of boards and commissions, which has given me a broad exposure to the needs of the city and the region.

CAMPAIGN PROMISES/PLEDGES - I promise to be a fair, hard-working, honest representative of the people of Plano. My goal is always to do what is right for Plano

Above Campaign Phone: 214-668-3184

Campaign Chair: Chris Henry

KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS / EXPERIENCE - Over 32 years of living, working and volunteering in Plano.

Committed to making responsible fiscal decisions to maintain critical services. Support City Arts Hall.

Proven public record in business, family values and commitment to Plano citizens.

IF SUCCESSFUL, Three top priorities for this elective office are 1) Expand commercial tax base, 2) Uniting city views / vision, 3) Public safety / infrastructure.

TO IMPROVE this office, Work with Economic Development to retain and attract businesses large and small to Plano. Support Police, Fire departments, infrastructure needs and neighborhood revitalization.

ON PROBLEMS / PROGRESS of this public office, "All Council members should work for the goal of achieving what is best for all of Plano. Eliminate discord and work to increase/ maintain community tax base."

CITIZENS DESERVE Honest, open, ethical behavior, accessibility and accountability. Not to be committed to any special interest groups.

CHARACTER, WORK ETHIC, EXPERTISE - "I have a proven record of working and volunteering in Plano and Collin County. I am an ethical and honest wife, mother and grandmother who is open and keeps my word."

CAMPAIGN PROMISES / PLEDGES - "I will pledge to be fiscally responsible, to take a long-range look at our needs, and commit to insure the quality of life we now enjoy."

and it's wonderful citizens!

SALLY V. MAGNUSON

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Headquarters Address: SAME as

Address: SAME as

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General Election — GARLAND Candidates

By Belinda G. Alexander

HARRY J. HICKEY

Senior Accountant / Analyst

Party Affiliation: [non-partisan position]

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Garland, Texas 75043

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Campaign Phone / Campaign Fax:

972-226-6202

Campaign Chair / Press Liaison:

Harry Hickey

Office sought: Garland City Council

District 3

Headquarters Address:

Same as Above

KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS / EXPERIENCE - "I have dealt with community issues as President and former treasurer of the Crystal Lake HOA,

Board Member of the Garland Homeowners

Coalition and a member of the Coalition for a

Better South Garland."

IF SUCCESSFUL - Three top priorities in this elective office are 1) TX Highway 190, 2) Economic Development & Re-development, 3) Improving City Services.

TO IMPROVE, Fiscal conservatism, improve the quality of life in South Garland, and improve the economic development in South Garland.

PROBLEMS / PROGRESS - Have public forums for the public and town hall meetings in the district.

CITIZENS DESERVE, "They deserve someone that will listen to them and do what is right and what benefits the people of District 3.

CHARACTER, WORK ETHIC, EXPERTISE: Ten years of Accounting / Finance, four years of community activity in Garland, four

years of experience with commercial residential building company, four years of banking / finance, and two years of restaurant management.

CAMPAIGN PROMISES / PLEDGES: "A vote for me is a vote for a better South Garland!"

BILL CRYER - District 3

General Election — McKINNEY Candidates

By Belinda G. Alexander



FRANCISCO J. (HARVEY) OAXACA
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[non-partisan
position]
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75070
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Office sought: McKinney City
Council 'At Large'
Headquarters Address: SAME AS
ABOVE
Campaign Phone: 972-562-2419
Campaign Fax: 972-569-6171
Campaign Chair: Mona
Schroeder
Press Liaison: Mona Schroeder
KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS /
EXPERIENCE: "25 years of
experience in education (9 in
administration) give me a unique
skill set to work closely with the
existing council to help set a vision
for the city of McKinney. I have
already been involved on several
city Boards and Community activ-
ities that give me an insight to our
council."

IF SUCCESSFUL - Three top
priorities in this elective office are
1) Balance Tax base, 2) Managing
Rapid Growth, 3) Providing ade-
quate Infrastructure for all parts
of the city.

TO IMPROVE this office, "I
would bring accountability to the
council through the deliberate re-
ference to a code of ethics. I would
strive to be a voice for all the city
and seek specific input from all
sections of the city."

PROBLEMS / PROGRESS of
this public office, Must speak for
an enlarging city that has both
city-wide issues it must address as
well as specific issues. Relating to
only a specific quadrant of town.
Being a bridge for these two
would be the hardest thing to
accomplish.

CITIZENS DESERVE "A true
voice, a feeling that they are being
heard. Things happen with them
not to them!"

CHARACTER, WORK ETHIC,
EXPERTISE: "Being a school
(campus level) administrator is a
visible position in the communi-
ty—so the public scrutiny has
always been there. I do not work a
'9 to 5' job. We are expected to
stay until the job is done. I bring
this work ethic to public service."

CAMPAIGN PROMISES /
PLEDGES: "Being a Voice of
Principle!"



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Republican [non-
partisan position]
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McKinney Texas

75070
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0338 Office sought:
McKinney City Council District 4
Headquarters Address: SAME as
Above
Campaign Phone: 214-726-9540
Campaign Chair: Jennifer Gore
KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS /
EXPERIENCE: "It is extremely
important as we build out we pre-
serve McKinney's sense of com-
munity by keeping neighborhoods
intact. I am passionate, organized
and serious about McKinney."

IF SUCCESSFUL - Three top
priorities in this elective office are
1) Re-examine Neighborhood
Business, 2) Execute
Infrastructure, and 3) Increase
Commercial tax base.

TO IMPROVE this office, "I
would have an open door policy so
that information is freely available.
I would also utilize Stonebridge
Area Action Committee and
McKinney for Balanced growth as
avenues to ensure the citizens are
continually informed."

PROBLEMS / PROGRESS of
this public office, "I would relate
the problems / progress of this
public office to lack of informa-
tion flow in a timely manner. I
would encourage the televising of
City Council meetings."

CITIZENS DESERVE "All citi-
zens deserve the opportunity for
quality of life in our community to
the best of their ability. But to
accomplish this, citizens need
someone in this office who has
integrity they can trust innovators
they can look forward to, an insti-
tutional fortitude they can count on."

CHARACTER, WORK ETHIC,
EXPERTISE: "As a mother and
wife, hard work and trust are the
cornerstones of my existence. I've
worked very hard to keep my fami-
ly strong. If you give me a
chance—you will become like my
family and I will work hard for
you!"

CAMPAIGN PROMISES /
PLEDGES: "I promise that I will
be working hard on the issues
important to our community. It
would be my purpose to serve the
community, selflessly and
unselfishly. I pledge to you my
best and nothing short of it!"

PHILIP A. RYAN JR.
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position]
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McKinney, Texas 75071
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Office sought: McKinney City
Council 'At Large'
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Above
Campaign Phone: 972-562-4911
Campaign Fax: 972-562-2488
Campaign Chair: N/A
Press Liaison: Kristine Taniillo
KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS /
EXPERIENCE: "My experience
in Business and Law Enforcement
give me an excellent balance of
private sector and government.
The goal of my candidacy, is the
inclusion of all McKinney resi-
dents, not just the Good-ol'- Boys
and Friends."

IF SUCCESSFUL - Three top
priorities in this elective office are
1) Attraction of Business to stabi-
lize property taxes, 2) Ethical /
Disclosure ordinance for elected
city officials, 3) Less government
interference with personal prop-
erty and lives.

TO IMPROVE this office—1)
Inspire a 'business friendly' atti-
tude on the council. 2) Ensure
only reasonable and necessary
ordinances are passed. 3) Ensure
that no council member uses their
position or inside knowledge for
personal gain.

PROBLEMS / PROGRESS of
this public office, The current
problem with the current council
is unreasonable / unnecessary
ordinances / on some issues and
use of the office for personal
financial gain.

CITIZENS DESERVE 1)
Fairness, 2) Decisiveness, 3)
Dependability, 4) Initiative, 5)
Integrity, 6) Good Judgement, 7)
Justice, 8) Unselfishness.

CHARACTER, WORK ETHIC,
EXPERTISE: "I will use my con-
victions of ethical conduct and
fairness for all, to guide my deci-
sion making. Additionally, I
understand what hard work and
dedication mean, see a need, for-
mulate a plan, execute the plan."

CAMPAIGN PROMISES /
PLEDGES: 1) Tax stabilization
on property, 2) Less government
in personal lives and property, 3)
Ethical conduct and standards for
council members.

DID NOT RESPOND BY
PRESS TIME:
THAD HELSLEY - At Large
Incumbent
PETE HUFF - District 2
RICK FRANKLIN - District 2
CLAYTON MYHRE - District 2
BRIAN LOUGHMILLER -
District 4
STEVE BELL - District 4
Incumbent

Seven candidates seeking three Murphy city council seats

By permission of The Wylie News
4/17/2002
By Angela Funai



REBECCA GARBER

Rebecca Garber
has announced that
she will seek another
term on the Murphy
City Council. Garber
has served almost 3 years on city coun-
cil, where she was initially appointed to
take Chris Dennis' place, then was
elected for a 2-year term. She has been
a Murphy resident for nearly 14 years.

Garber holds a mechanical engi-
neering degree from Louisiana State
University. She worked for MCI for
13 years, then as a consultant for two
years, and currently works for TXU
Energy as a database administrator.
She is divorced with no children and
says, "I've got the time" to serve on the
council.

"I wanted to see the town grow
and help with the infrastructure,"
Garber said as her reason for pursuing
the city council position. "I wanted to
see us stay ahead and be able to put a
5-year plan into action."

Garber has been a volunteer
Murphy firefighter since 1990, and a
paramedic since 1993.

During her recovery from a seri-
ous car accident, a divorce, and the
death of her grandmother all in three
months' time, she said that people
from the emergency crews and city hall
were there for her in her time of need.
"I understand pumps, and I under-
stand engines, so I can help out the fire
department, even if I can't drag a
hose."

"I want to see that the city keeps
up with the growth so that we don't get
behind the ball," she stated. "The main
reason I'm involved is because I want
to give back to the city for what they've
done for me."



BRUCE TOPLETZ

Murphy resi-
dent, Bruce Topletz,
has announced his
candidacy for City
Council. Topletz
works as an attorney in Murphy, and
holds an Assistant Vice President posi-

tion at Dallas Area Rapid Transit.
Topletz, a lifelong resident of North
Texas, has lived in Murphy for a year
with his wife, Cristina Chial, and their
four daughters.

The Topletz family is active in
their synagogue, and he was layleader
for the American community in the
former Canal Zone, where he served
both as a military and civilian lawyer as
the Chief of the Civil Law Division and
the Treaty Implementation Division
for almost 20 years in Panama. Topletz
was involved in the U.S. Army Reserve
as an armor and JAG Officer a total of
28 years, and retired as a Lieutenant
Colonel in 2000.

"My focus is on the Quality of
Life for all Murphy citizens," Topletz
explained. "We want planned sound
development and growth consistent
with the values of all Murphy resi-
dents, the reasons we all chose to live
in this city. I am very committed to
preserving our environmental integri-
ty, developing residential and retail
communities that will serve the needs
of the people of Murphy, and, most of
all, retaining the values that are
embodied in our motto, Murphy, The
Best in Country Living."

"I support initiatives to upgrade
our transportation network, including
improving our roads consistent with
the desires of our citizens, maintaining
our air and water quality, and critical-
ly, ensuring the safety of families and
children," he stated. "My philosophy is
that a City Council serves as the eyes,
ears, and heart of the citizens of the
city it represents and I want to con-
tribute what I have learned through my
professional and personal experience
to all of the people of Murphy."



MICHELE TINLING

Former New York-
er, Michele Tinling,
has decided to run
for Murphy City
Council. The Tinling
family moved to Murphy a year and
three months ago when her husband's
job was relocated here.

Tinling works in community rela-
tions and served as a certified preven-
tion and intervention drug counselor
in New York. She was involved with
the board of education for 17 years

and continues to serve as a child advo-
cate. Tinling is married with five kids,
one of whom is grown.

"Everyone assumes that you're
from New York, and you like the glitz
and glitter," she said. "I love Murphy,
and I love Texas." Tinling has contin-
ued her work as a child advocate, stat-
ing, "I've done a lot for the community
and school. I like to have kids do things
that they'd never dream of doing."

"I could see so much potential in
Murphy, and in the development; I just
want to be part of it," she continued. "We
need more representation throughout
Murphy. Diversity is good."

"One of the things Murphy does
need - we need businesses. You've got
to have some revenue, and that comes
from business," such as a family
restaurant or recreation center, she
suggested.



JAMES TOBIAS

James Tobias, a
Murphy City Council
member for two
years, has announced
that he will run for a
second term. "I live
in the community,
and I'd like to have a hand in guiding it
in the direction I think it should go,"
Tobias stated.

"My upbringing is why I like
Murphy," said Tobias, who hails from
Mississippi. "Murphy just appealed to
me." He is married with four sons,
ranging in age from 10 to 28. The
Tobias family has lived in Murphy
since 1997, having come from Wash-
ington, D. C., where he worked at the
White House doing electrical mainte-
nance for the military. Tobias is now
retired from the armed forces and was
an engineer for World Com until laid
off recently.

Tobias expressed that he feels it is
important for council members to re-
present their constituents. "I voted for
[the new Plano ISD school complex],
because the parents want their kids to
go to school closer to home. When I
vote, it's not always my vote that you
hear, but I hope it's what the citizens of
Murphy want," he said. "I just love
being a part of that."

"If you talk to me long enough,
I'll try to sell you a house in Murphy,
and I'm not even a real estate agent!"
he said. "I'm proud of Murphy."

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Clean Up My House

By James Breedlove

The sexual abuse cover-up that has rocked the American Catholic Church found its way to the door of Pope John Paul II. It was recently alleged that a trusted ally of the Pope sexually abused boys at an elite Catholic Seminary. The victims contend that the Vatican refused to pursue or even acknowledge the complaints. This scenario sounds very familiar.

One gets the distinct impression that the church leaders are treating sexual abuse as a hot potato to be quickly passed to the next diocese in the chain. It appeared that since the scandal had been elevated to the Vatican, all the U.S. cardinals had to do was minimize the problem and find a scapegoat.

A vigorous public relations campaign was turned on to implicate the media, homosexuals, liberals, and a socially permissive society as the cause of the ongoing scandal.

It is difficult to determine which is more sickening: the mounting reports of sexual depravity by Catholic priests, or the corruption of the cardinals and bishops who covered up for these abusers and made it easy for them to keep finding fresh victims.

How can pedophilia perpetrated by clergy be considered different than that of lay persons? Most states now have laws that demand tracking pedophiles and placing their names into data bases for identification to any community they attempt to live in.

Yet the church leadership has gone to great lengths to hide their "moral monsters"; not in

some isolated dungeon but by shuffling them around to continue preying on unsuspecting youth conveniently available in the church.

This blight on the church was addressed in no uncertain terms by the National Council of Catholic Bishops in 1995. They specifically described the various kinds of sexual abuse being perpetrated against children and its detrimental effects. They also recognized that a significant number of sexual abuse victims are girls under the age of 12. They emphasized the need to hold abusers accountable and offered practical methods for dealing with the victims and the abusers.

The bishops explained that in order for healing and forgiveness the abuser must first recognize the harm done. The community, including the family, needs to call the abuser to accountability. They concluded that the church could not afford to continue ignoring the problem.

The bishops had enough information to verify that some priests were using their esteemed office to prey on young people, and yet the church did not act with any sense of urgency to the crisis. The inadequate actions by church officials permitted children throughout the country to remain at risk to the predatory priests.

Yet with all of this information available on the nature and extent of the sexual abuse the cardinals met with the Pope while continuing to make self-serving statements that revealed to the public it was more important to protect the abusive priests and the ingrained system

rather than fix the onerous problem. One thing is clear. As church officials try to buy time figuring out how to deal with criminal priests and the powers that harbored them, that time, doesn't come cheap.

The cost to the church is great. Even reputations of the good have been battered. The cost in money is in the hundreds of millions of dollars; dollars desperately needed to assist the poor and needy. This harm is every bit as bad as that forced on the young boys that were abused.

Legal officials have cautiously begun to deal with these scandals. But it will be difficult if the senior leaders do not address the issues openly and honestly.

Hopes were raised that answers were forthcoming when the cardinals were summoned to Rome. But the faithful who were waiting for justice and enlightenment must accept the fact that the meeting itself was politically more important than viable solutions.

The pope told the cardinals things they already knew; that pedophilia is not only a crime but also an appalling sin in the eyes of God. He offered only ambiguous advice as to the remedy.

When the opportunity presented itself to clear the air and make an unequivocal statement the Pope fell short of the mark. It would have been good for the entire Catholic Community if just one of the victims were in the audience to witness and the holy father delivered this simple order to the cardinals, "GO HOME AND CLEAN MY HOUSE."

Comments or opinions may be sent to the writer at: jaydubub@swbell.net

Cinco de Mayo



defeated in 50 years, and it invaded Mexico with the finest modern equipment and with a newly reconstituted Foreign Legion. The French were not afraid of anyone, especially since the United States was embroiled in its own Civil War.

The French Army left the port of Vera Cruz to attack Mexico City to the west, as the French assumed that the Mexicans would give up should their capital fall to the enemy like European countries traditionally did.

Under the command of Texas-born General Zaragoza, (and the cavalry under the command of Colonel Porfirio Diaz, later to be Mexico's president and dictator), the Mexicans waited. Brightly dressed French Dragoons led the enemy columns. The Mexican Army was less stylish.

General Zaragoza ordered Colonel Diaz to take his cavalry, the best in the world, out to the French flanks. In response, the French did a most stupid thing; they sent their cavalry off to chase Diaz and his men, who proceeded to butcher them. The remaining French infantrymen charged the Mexican defenders through sloppy mud from a thunderstorm and through hundreds of head of stampeding cattle stirred up by Indians armed only with machetes.

When the battle was over, many French were killed or

wounded and their cavalry was being chased by Diaz' superb horsemen miles away. The Mexicans had won a great victory that kept Napoleon III from supplying the confederate rebels for another year, allowing the United States to build the greatest army the world had ever seen. This grand army smashed the Confederates at Gettysburg just 14 months after the battle of Puebla, essentially ending the Civil War.

Union forces were then rushed to the Texas/Mexican border under General Phil Sheridan, who made sure that the Mexicans got all the weapons and ammunition they needed to expel the French. American soldiers were discharged with their uniforms and rifles if they promised to join the Mexican Army to fight the French. The American Legion of Honor marched in the Victory Parade in Mexico City.

It might be a historical stretch to credit the survival of the United States to those brave 4,000 Mexicans who faced an army twice as large in 1862. But who knows?

In gratitude, thousands of Mexicans crossed the border after Pearl Harbor to join the U.S. Armed Forces. As recently as the Persian Gulf War, Mexicans flooded American consulates with phone calls, trying to join up and fight another war for America.

That's why Cinco de Mayo is such a party — a party that celebrates freedom and liberty. VIVA! EL CINCO DE MAYO!!

Murphy from Page 2



MIKE ASHBY

Incumbent Murphy City Councilman, Mike Ashby, is seeking another term. Ashby has served for six years on the council and has been a Murphy resident since 1990. He works as a chiropractor in north Garland, where his office has been located for 15 years. Ashby is married with a son, 15, and daughter, 11.

"I've always been interested in service-type professions," Ashby said. "This is another step forward in doing service to the community." Ashby completed his undergraduate work at Tyler Junior College and the University of Texas at Tyler, and later graduated salutatorian from Texas Chiropractic College. He is an adult leader to Boy Scout Troop 100, past proctor for the Texas Board of Chiropractic examiners, designated

doctor for dispute resolution for Texas Worker's Compensation Commission, and a member of First Baptist Church of Plano.

I want to continue overseeing the growth we're experiencing and being involved in the planning and development of the city," he stated further. "My focus is on developing new city facilities, continued infrastructure updating and additions to meet growth demands, central business development, and responding to citizen concerns as they occur."

He added that one of the most important duties for a council member is "being a good steward of the money — the taxes — that come in" to the city.



DAVE FOREHAND

Murphy resident, Dave Forehand, has announced that he will run for one of three open city council positions.

Forehand has lived in Murphy just over a year and serves on the city's Economic Development Committee.

The Forehand family moved from Orlando, FL, where he worked at Walt Disney World. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in ornamental horticulture from Auburn University and is currently the director of gardens for the Dallas Arboretum. Forehand is married with 3 children, ages 11 and 7-year-old twins.

"I'm interested in really good quality development in the city," explained Forehand. "The people of Murphy don't like to settle for just the average looking development."

As a member of the Murphy EDC, Forehand stated, "I'm pretty proactive. I do have a lot of experience in the public realm." He summed up his motivation for running by saying, "My concern is that we develop nicely and the city looks great."

DAVID TRUDEAU



David Trudeau, a former police officer turned attorney, is seeking to fill one of three open slots on the Murphy City Council. Trudeau worked in law enforcement for approximately 12 years in Massachusetts and the Air Force Reserves until a car accident injury made him rethink his career path. He holds an undergraduate degree in Business Management and went to law school to obtain a Juris Doctorate degree. Trudeau worked in the U.S. Department of Labor as an

investigator in New York City. He now works for the U.S. Office of Special Council, which handles whistleblower cases for employees.

Having moved from Massachusetts three years ago, Trudeau, his wife and three children, have lived in Murphy 1 1/2 years. They are members of Hunter's Glen Baptist Church in Plano, and he's involved in a Bible study at First Baptist Church - Murphy.

Trudeau ran unsuccessfully for City of Murphy mayor against incumbent, Roy Bente, last year and said, "A lot of issues that were alive then are alive now." He currently serves the city as chairman of the Economic

Development Committee. "I really think that the town has not really been up to speed in getting a comprehensive plan and economic development in place to build it," he suggested.

"I think it's time for people who have a different perspective on how things should run," he said, adding that the public should have greater input in council decisions, such as moving items from the floor closer to the beginning of the twice-monthly meetings rather than after the agenda items. "I don't think it should be a closed system anymore," he summarized.

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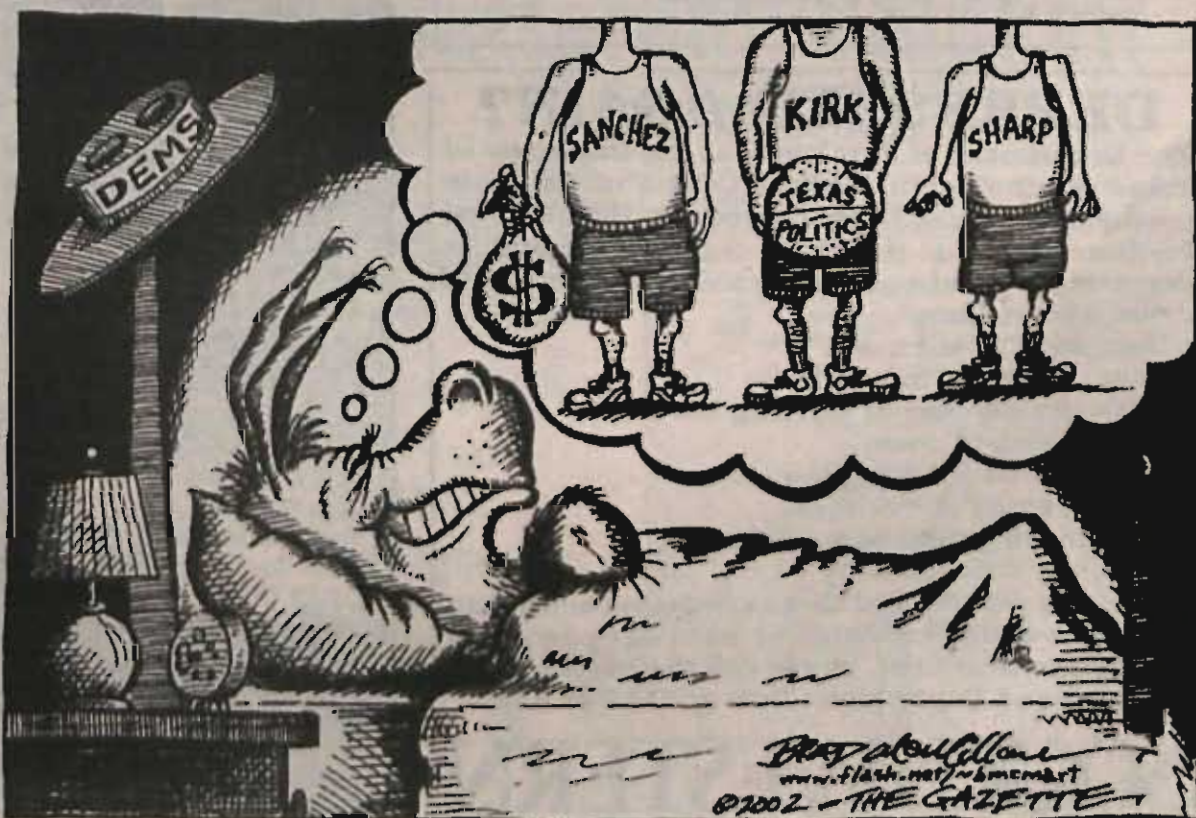
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Is the sky clearest on the day it is most blue?

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

On The Move

Rosario Marin United States Treasurer



Eric, with Down's Syndrome, Ms. Marin's commitment to people with disabilities has earned her numerous awards including the distinguished Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Prize at the United Nations in June 1995, the highest international recognition. Ms. Marin was only the second recipient to receive this honor.

In addition, Ms. Marin most recently was honored by being the only publicly elected official to receive the Excellence in Public Service Award at the 2000 Latino Perspectives Conference in Sacramento. She also was one of two elected officials to be featured on the "20 Up and Coming Latinos" in the Los Angeles Business Journal, February 2000 issue.

Ms. Marin is a graduate of California State University in Los Angeles and also a graduate of Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government Programs for Senior Executives in State and Local Government.

Ms. Marin and her husband Alex have three children, Eric, Carmen and Alex.

Like many Hispanics in government Rosario Marin is a pioneer. Born in Mexico City, she moved to California with her family at age 14. For seven years, she juggled jobs and night classes to earn a college degree, vowing to be prepared when opportunity came knocking. She never imagined that the President of the United States would someday be at that door. But he was, and today M. Marin is the new U. S. Treasures, the first Mexican-born immigrant to hold this office.

"I was deeply moved by the honor that President Bush bestowed through me to all immigrants," she said. "In my appointment, an immigrant has been given the trust of the nation to produce and to protect the money of the most powerful country in the world."

Secretary Paul O'Neill swore in Rosario Marin, of Huntington Park, California, as the 41st Treasurer of the United States on August 16, 2001. Ms. Marin is the first Mexican born U.S. Treasurer to hold this office. She is also the highest Latino to serve in President George W. Bush's Administration. Before taking this office, Ms. Marin served as mayor and councilwoman of Huntington Park, a city of 85,000 residents, with a population that is 99 percent Hispanic. She was first elected to the city council in 1994 and was overwhelmingly re-elected in 1999. Concurrently with serving the citizens of Huntington Park, Ms. Marin worked for AT&T as Public Relations Manager for the Hispanic Market in the Southern California Region.

Previously she served as Deputy Director of the Governor's Office of Community Relations, in Los Angeles, as part of the administration of former Governor Pete Wilson. Prior to this, she served as Assistant Deputy Director of the California State Department of Social Services. In addition, Ms. Marin served as the Chair of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities and previously was Chief of Legislative Affairs for the Department of Developmental Services.

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The Oaxaca Family

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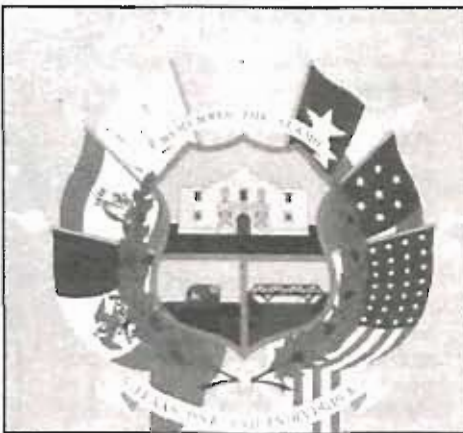
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What do Mexicans celebrate on Cinco de Mayo?

Having inherited troubled finances, a bankrupt treasury and army after the War of the Reform, Mexican President Benito Juárez declared a two-year moratorium on the payment of Mexico's foreign debt. The outcry in Europe was anguished. On Oct. 31, 1861, the representatives of Queen Isabella II of Spain, Queen Victoria of Great Britain, and Emperor Napoleon III of France, signed the Convention of London by which the three nations agreed on a joint occupation of the port of Veracruz to collect their claims. The purpose was to occupy the customhouse and apply all customs receipts to the debt. The Convention text stated that their intention was not to impair the right of the Mexican nation to choose and freely constitute the form of its own government.

England and Spain were sincere, however a month after the Spanish and British withdrawal, France brought 4,500 troops and began marching inland on its war of

occupation. Their objective was to occupy Mexico City. Gen. LaTrille, commanding the French troops, was informed that the French would



be welcomed with open arms in Puebla, and that the local clergy would shower them with magnolia blooms and would offer a special Te Deum in their honor.

President Juárez assigned the defense of Puebla to Gen. Ignacio Zaragoza. Encountering expected

opposition on May 5, 1862, LaTrille attacked recklessly and within two hours the French had expended half of their ammunition. The decisive action of the day was carried out by young Brigadier Gen. Porfirio Díaz who later that afternoon repelled a determined assault on Zaragoza's right flank. The invaders, witnesses of more glorious days in Crimea, retreated to lick their wounds in Orizaba.

The French, after one year of preparation, attacked Puebla again and made their way to Mexico City. Maximilian of Habsburg was named Emperor of Mexico attending the invitation of the conservative "Club de Notables" led by Miguel Gutiérrez Estrada and Father Francisco Javier Miranda. Although in intention Maximilian was not a monster and acted in ways that the conservatives and clergy criticized, he signed the October decree in 1865 by which the death penalty was made mandatory for all captured Juaristas still bearing arms and was to be carried out without

appeal within 24 hours of capture.

After Napoleon made the decision to withdraw his troops in early 1867, Maximilian was left in an impossible position. He thought of abdicating his throne but his sense of Hapsburg dignity, and the hope that his wife's pleas to Napoleon, Pope Pius IX, and even Queen Victoria would bring military support again, convinced him not to abdicate. Maximilian took command of the Mexican Imperial Army but quickly found himself surrounded by republican troops. Although plans had been laid for his escape, he surrendered to General Mariano Escobedo on May 15, 1867.

The emperor would be tried and the state would request the death penalty. In spite of a rain of pleas for clemency from European Monarchs, New World Presidents and delegations of tearful supplicating women, Juárez remained adamant. On the morning of June 19, 1867, after having received the last sacrament, Maximilian was led to The Cerro de las Campanas, in

Queretaro and executed along with Miramon and Mejía, two conservative Mexican officers. As tragic as this event might appear, 50,000 Mexicans had lost their lives fighting the French.

Many historians say that after the failure of this attempt to tamper with Mexico's sovereignty, Mexican nationalism and self-esteem began to grow perceptibly for the first time in history.

You've Got Mail : Voting Rights Myth Over the Internet

By Fred McBride

I'm sure many of you have been bombarded with email about African Americans losing the right to vote in 2007. The purpose of this article is to put that very misleading rumor in a proper context for discussion and advocacy, and focus people's attention on the specifics of what really must be defended in 2007 to expand African American political empowerment. But first we must separate truth from fiction and reveal the actual meaning of the Voting Rights Act. After reading this article please circulate it throughout cyberspace; the same fashion that the rumor was so vehemently delivered. Once we have complete understanding of this very important issue we can move the discussion to other very practical matters concerning African Americans and voting: redistricting and the census, majority-minority districts, increasing African American registration and voter turnout, voter education, alternative election systems, and felony voting rights.

Will African Americans lose their right to vote in 2007?

NO! The Voting Rights Act of 1965 along with its amendments and extensions ensures fair voting practices for all eligible citizens. Literacy tests, educational achievement and/or knowledge, constitutional interpretation tests, etc. cannot be used to determine someone's right to vote. Numerous methods were used prior to 1965 to deny African Americans the right to vote. This Act places the US government as "watchdog" over states and localities to protect voting rights of citizens. No one can be denied the right to vote because of race or ethnicity.

What are Sections 2 and 5 of

the Voting Rights Act?

Section 2 basically states that no one can be denied the right to vote based on race, color, or previous condition of servitude. This is a constitutional principle not limited to any time-frame and enforceable nationwide. Section 5 contains the temporary provision which is probably at the heart of the rumor. Section 5 applies to Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, and parts of Alaska, Arizona, Hawaii, Idaho, and North Carolina. These areas [called covered jurisdictions] must submit any voting changes to the US Attorney General [the Department of Justice]. These changes can include but are not limited to: changes in the location of a polling place, changing an elected position to an appointive one, changing the existing voting system, etc. The Department of Justice determines if the change dilutes or weakens the voting strength of minority voters. If so, the Department of Justice can refuse to "preclear" the change.

Why does Section 5 require extensions?

Section 5 is a temporary provision. Certain temporary provisions were placed in the Act as a political compromise to ensure the Act would pass Congress. In 1982, the Act was amended and Section 5 was extended through 2007. By this date Congress must decide what to do about Section 5.

If Congress eliminates Section 5 does that mean African Americans will lose the right to vote?

NO! If Section 5 is not extended that means covered jurisdictions will not have to submit voting changes to the Department of

Justice. However, they cannot violate Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act as well as the Constitution and relevant Amendments.

If Section 5 is eliminated can some areas use tactical measures to weaken the voting strength of minorities?

YES! But that has been an ongoing issue since the act was passed over 30 years ago. Rather than literacy tests and poll taxes, some areas challenge majority-black districts, change elected positions to appointive ones, transform district elections to at-large elections, etc. These measures have proven to weaken the voting strength of minorities and are the main cause for litigation. Remember, Section 5 mostly applies to southern states. There are many other states not under Section 5 mandates. If Section 5 is not extended it can become a serious issue for African Americans in the struggle for fair voting rights, but it will not result in the loss of voting rights.

What can be done to keep Section 5 active and alive?

Know your representative and his/her stance on voting rights issues. Feel free to call, write, email, etc. your representatives in Congress and stress your concerns over extensions to the Voting Rights Act. Stay abreast of voting rights issues in your community. The battle over redistricting will begin soon after the 2000 Census. Get involved! If you feel that a change in voting practices or procedures in your community will weaken the voting strength of minorities contact The Department of Justice, voting rights organizations, civil rights groups, and attorneys to discuss the issues. Many of these organizations

are nonprofit and provide free litigation services.

What can we focus on now to expand African American political empowerment?

There are many issues which affect African Americans and voting rights. It is vitally important that we participate in the 2000 Census. The census is relevant for enforcing compliance with the Voting Rights Act, and employment, housing, lending, and anti-discrimination laws require accurate census information. Related to the census is the issue of redistricting which involves states redrawing their congressional district lines based on the number of members they send to the US House of Representatives. The manner in which a district is redrawn can determine if minority candidates can win elections in those districts. Alternative election systems like cumulative voting, limited voting, and choice voting have helped minority candidates get elected in a number of areas in the United States. Many of these systems have been the result of voting rights lawsuits where at-large voting systems weakened the voting strength of minorities. Restoring the voting rights of ex-felons is especially important given that presently over 13% of African American males [ex-felons] are prohibited from voting. States have made it extremely difficult for ex-felons to regain their voting rights. Of course other issues like voter registration, voter education, and turnout are vitally important to African American political empowerment.

Fred McBride is the Southern Regional Director for the Center for Voting and Democracy.

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Mayoral Candidates from Page 1

There has been talk about building overpasses in Plano, which has sparked protest. The overpass topic has resurfaced during the Mayor's race. Mr. Akers said that he wants to keep overpasses on the city's thoroughfare plan.

Ms. Evans has been a staunch opponent of the overpass plan. She would like to see the overpass plan removed from the city's master plan.

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KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS / EXPERIENCE candidate wants to serve all of Plano. Will bring small business experience as owner of a local company and big business experience as attorney for Fortune 500 and Global companies; to work for all of Plano in conservative business principles for problems. Was candidate for Plano City Council Place 2 in Fall 2001. **IF SUCCESSFUL**, Three top priorities for this elective office are 1) Police and Fire Departments, 2) Streets and Mobility, 3) Balancing Budget without Tax increase.

TO IMPROVE this office - goal is to be responsive to all of Plano; make all decisions based on conservative business principles, not politics, personalities or personal agendas.

PROBLEMS / PROGRESS of this public office - Plano City Council has done a good job of planning for growth. As city is reaching residential build-out; need to ensure the planning keeps pace with need of mature community.

CITIZENS DESERVE a leader who will listen to their concerns and respond honestly and quickly; pledge to be a good listener and straight talker.

CHARACTER, WORK ETHIC, EXPERTISE - owner of a local business and attorney who has represented Fortune 500 companies in multi-million dollar cases; Experienced to be an effective voice for all citizens.

CAMPAIGN PROMISES / PLEDGES - 1) "No New Taxes" - I will balance the budget without raising property tax rates. 2) I will listen to all sides before making a decision. 3) I will make decisions based on conservative business and family values.



KEN LAMBERT
Real Estate Developer
On Party Affiliation - [this is a non-partisan

office]
Address - 1909 Midcrest Dr., Plano, Texas 75075
Daytime Phone: 972-422-7006
Evenings/Weekends: 972-516-3935
Office sought: City Council Place 8
Headquarters Address: Home
Campaign Phone: Home
Campaign Fax: 972-578-9547
Campaign Chair: Self
Press Liaison: Self

KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS / EXPERIENCE - former city Engineer and City Manager of Plano; former PISD School Board Member; Resident of Plano for over 3 years; INCUMBENT Council Member.

IF SUCCESSFUL Three top priorities for Lambert for this elective office are 1) Public Safety, 2) Code Enforcement, 3) Parks and Public Works.

TO IMPROVE this office- Continue to be open and encourage more participation by citizens.

Candidate is seeking Re-election "to continue during the transition to a 'mature' city."

PROBLEMS / PROGRESS of this public office - Must balance needed services against cost to taxpayers and citizens.

CITIZENS DESERVE open, honest and ethical Government.

CHARACTER, WORK ETHIC, EXPERTISE - Open to all sides of issues and will listen before making decisions.

CAMPAIGN PROMISES / PLEDGES - Continue to be fiscally conservative; Continue quality service at a reasonable price; Focus on Code Enforcement in older neighborhood.

DICK BODE

Retired
Party Affiliation: [non-partisan office]
Address - 2032 Switzerland, Plano, Texas 75025
Daytime Phone: 972-517-5695
Office sought: Plano City Council Place 8
Headquarters Address: HOME

KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS / EXPERIENCE: In 10 years on council - participated in every facet of city government with heavy emphasis on finance, transportation, regional, state and national representative in many areas including libraries and cultural activities. A retired CPA with experience in insurance pensions and benefits.

PREVIOUS experience includes 10 years on Council (1990 - 2000); Candidate for Plano Mayor 2000.

IF SUCCESSFUL, Three top priorities for this elective office are 1) Sustainable budget without a tax increase in 2002-2004, 3) Improved traffic and road conditions with help of the police department and public works.

TO IMPROVE this office - Reaffirm the council's duties as policy development rather than management of the day to day operations. Earlier involvement in the budget process of the city.

PROBLEMS / PROGRESS of this public office - Taking the entire Council in it's entirety. Plano has had an outstanding record of improvement in the quality of life as it's addressed the growth of the past 20 years.

CITIZENS DESERVE Attentive response to the citizen's concerns and voting on issues with both conscience consideration of the citizen's desires.

CHARACTER, WORK ETHIC, EXPERTISE - "The citizens can evaluate my character, work ethic, personal ethics and expertise in my 10 years on council. I am proud of my record!"

CAMPAIGN PROMISES / PLEDGES - Attentive response to the citizen's concerns and voting on issues with both conscience consideration of the citizen's desires. "I never make specific promises which may be difficult to keep when only one member of an eight man Council."

SCOTT JOHNSON - Place 2, District 2
Did not respond by press time.

Garland Candidates from Page 1

Phone: 972-272-1067
Office sought: Garland City Council District 8
Headquarters Address: SAME
Campaign Phone: 972-272-1067

KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS / EXPERIENCE: Experience as construction laborer, business owner, security guard, community volunteer, Marines Corps and retired as a Captain after 35 years in fire dept. "I have a knowledge of most every service the city supplies to the people of Garland."

IF SUCCESSFUL - Three top priorities in this elective office are 1) Garbage Collecting and Recycling efficiency, 2) Better home construction with Piers in foundations, 3) Better, smarter, safer road and transportation facilities including neighborhoods, railroad crossings and DART issues.

TO IMPROVE this office, need better treatment of homeowners; be more energetic in setting right that which is wrong instead of just complaining.

PROBLEMS / PROGRESS of this public office, Political meeting time is very limiting. Garbage collection and recycling is very inefficient. Various City planning issues. "Garland seems to have gone wild spending tax money on promoting getting factories and business to move here!"

CITIZENS DESERVE Better treatment.

CHARACTER, WORK ETHIC, EXPERTISE: Recently widowed after 56 year marriage to Betty Jo; Lived in Garland 54 years; Father of seven children; Experience as construction laborer, business owner, security guard, community volunteer, Marines Corps and retired as a Captain after 35 years in fire dept.

CAMPAIGN PROMISES / PLEDGES: "I have a knowledge of most every service the city supplies to the people of Garland. Will work to move city council forward."

General Election - GARLAND

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From previous column Candidates

RANDALL D. DUNNING
Software Developer
Party Affiliation: [non-partisan position]
Address - 257 Bellwood Dr., Garland, Texas 75040
Phone: Daytime 972-333-5744
Evenings/Weekends 972-495-9654
Campaign Phone: 972-495-9654



Campaign Fax: 972-530-9395
Campaign Chair: Karen Dunning
Press Liaison: Randall Dunning or Karen Dunning
Office sought: Garland City Council District 8
Headquarters Address: Same as Home

KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS / EXPERIENCE: "As a Senior Software Engineer, I have 22 years experience working with difficult people, on complex problems, with impossible schedules and very little budget. The same

can be said for my community service and political volunteer work over the years. Election Judge in Garland Precinct 2110.

IF SUCCESSFUL - Three top priorities in this elective office are 1) 190 Corridor and Garland Town Center Development, 2) Relief from unreasonable ordinances, 3) Facilitate emergency personnel and services.

TO IMPROVE, Help the people in my district connect with city government and with each other. Participation in the political process is essential for those who wish to remain free and pass the blessing of liberty to their children.

PROBLEMS / PROGRESS - Council members need more of a problem solving approach to issues. Thinking seems to be entrenched in the 'this is the way we have been doing things and therefore we should keep on doing them.' Also, we need fresh ways to increase public fees.

CITIZENS DESERVE, A chance to be heard and know they have been accurately represented by their Council-member.

CHARACTER, WORK ETHIC, EXPERTISE: I relate well to people of all walks of life, all races and all cultures. I respect people and am faithful to duty as a result of a world-view which recognizes standards higher than human opinion.

CAMPAIGN PROMISES / PLEDGES: To be accessible and listen to their concerns; To be working at a local and state level toward exempting senior citizens and widows from property tax when their homes are paid off.

JIM SPENCE - District 8

Mr. Spence was elected to the City Council in District 8 in 1994 and 1996. He won the mayor's race in 1998 and was re-elected in 2000. He stepped down as mayor this month to run for his old council seat again. "I believe with eight years experience and knowing how government functions, that I will bring something to the table that will allow me to help keep Garland moving forward," he said. Mr. Spence said he has worked to build relationships at the local, regional,

state and federal levels.

As president of the board of the Texas Municipal Power Agency, he said he would bring valuable knowledge of electric deregulation to the District 8 council seat.

He has also served on the North Texas Commission and the Regional Transportation Council, and was a founding member of the Garland Economic Development Partnership.

[Source: Dallas Morning News - 4/25/02]

DID NOT RESPOND BY PRESS TIME

SHARON STOTTS - District 6
DID NOT RESPOND BY PRESS TIME

JEAN McNEAL - District 6
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MIKE ROSE - District 7
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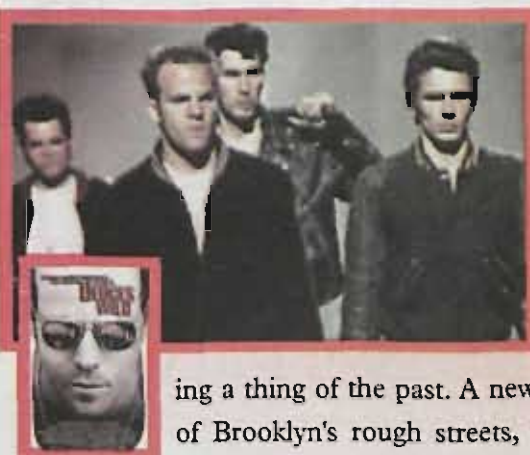
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Collin County Community College District's THE ARTS gallery

Collin County Community College District's THE ARTS gallery will feature "Color, Light & Concept" May 1 through May 31 in the Learning Resource Center (LRC) Galleria at the Spring Creek Campus, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway in Plano. An artist reception will be from 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, May 14.

This portfolio painting display will showcase the work of artists Carole



Carlin, Louise Dittich, Anahid Eskandari, Travis Groff, Sarah Latz, Jan Perry, Jin-Young Park and Karen Sedita.

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Frisco City Council Meeting- 1st & 3rd Tuesday; 6:30pm Municipal Complex, 8950 McKinney Road.

Allen City Council Meeting- 1st & 3rd Thursday; 7:00pm with work sessions beginning at 6pm; City Council Chambers, City Hall One Allen Civic Plaza.

McKinney City Council Meeting- 1st & 3rd Tuesday; 6:30pm; City Council Chamber, City Hall, 223 N. Tennessee.

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Dallas Network of Career Women, monthly luncheon- 2nd Tuesday of each month at 11:30am. Call for location at 214-855-1509. Members \$20 Non-Members \$22.00.

Kirkland Productions is currently offering a 10 percent discount on all entertainment fees to Plano Chamber of Commerce members and their

friends for shows booked before June 1, 2002. They offer a wide variety of entertainment. Information on performers can be found at www.kirklandproductions.com. Now is the time to ensure the success of any event by calling 214-264-4651 or emailing at gina@kirklandproductions.com

MAY 1

Wednesday at 1:30 pm, The Collin County Committee on aging will host a celebration honoring the 25th anniversary of its home delivered meal program. The celebration will take place at the CCA office at 600 North Tennessee Street in McKinney. Board members, elected officials and others will be in attendance.

Beginning May 1, 2002. If your vehicle is registered in Harris, Collin, Denton, Dallas or Tarrant counties, it must pass an enhanced emissions inspection test in conjunction with your annual vehicle safety inspection. For more information, please pick up a brochure or visit an inspection station in your neighborhood.

Collin County Community College District's art students will hold their spring sale from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 1-2 in the Atrium of the Spring Creek Campus, 2800 E. Spring Creek Pkwy in Plano. The prices range from \$5 to several hundred dollars. For more

information, call Lee Atkins at 972-881-5951.

MAY 2-JULY 28

"Game Face: What Does a Female Athlete Look Like?" will be on view at the Women's Museum, 3800 Parry Avenue, in Dallas. This unique photographic exhibit celebrates the impact of sports in the lives of girls and women and captures the female athletic experience in its truest form. It features works by some of America's best photojournalists and fine-art photographers. For more information, call 214-915-0860.

MAY 3

CBI (Community Board Institute), will host its twenty-sixth annual conference on Friday, May 3, at the Aaron Family Jewish Community Center, 7900 Northaven Road. The conference will include more than twenty sessions designed for nonprofit board members. Multiple one-hour sessions will begin at 8:30am. Participant will choose to attend three morning sessions. Registration is \$30 before April 19 and \$50 thereafter with box lunches. For more information, contact Mary Beth Harrington 214-826-6767 x243.

Collin County Community College District's Dance and Choral programs

will have a talent show at 7 p.m. in the John Anthony Theatre located on the Spring Creek Campus, 2800 E. Spring Creek Pkwy. in Plano. Talent show participants include students and staff members of CCCCD. Tickets will be available at the door. Proceeds from the event will benefit excellence in the arts. For more information, call 972-548-6508.

MAY 3-12

The "Miracle Worker," the true story of Annie Sullivan's quest to educate Helen Keller, is coming to Lakeside Community Theatre. Performances are in the old city library building next to the police station, 5151 N. Colony Blvd. in the Colony. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children and senior citizens. For more information call 972-941-7811.

MAY 7-14

Do You Help an Older Spouse, Parent, or Relative? Do You Need Information, Assistance and Support? Come to this Free Education & Support Event, "Family Caregiver: Getting the Support You Deserve" sponsored by Area Agency on Aging of North Central Texas & Collin County Committee on Aging at McKinney Memorial Public Library, 101 E. Hunt Street, in downtown McKinney. Call

to register so that adequate materials can be available 972-547-7323 from 12:30 - 5:00pm.

MAY 11

Club Generation is having their "Evening of Success, Achievement & Awards Banquet" at the Plano Center at 8 p.m. The cost per person is \$25 and everyone is asked to RSVP by May 3. Send reservations to Francis Griffin Brown at 4120 Kirkwall St., Plano, Texas 75093.

MAY 12-MAY 18

Over 20 cultural institutions in the Dallas area are celebrating National Museum Month with a promotion to encourage visits to art, science, historical, and botanical museums during the month of May. The Culture Card program coincides with the annual meeting of the American Association of Museums, which will bring more than 5,000 museum professionals from the United States and beyond to Dallas, for what is heralded as the largest cultural meeting in the world. For more information, call 214-943-1099.

MAY 14

The Dallas Network of Career Women will host their monthly luncheon and Paul Drayton will be

speaking on the topic of "Winning at the Games of Life." The luncheon will be held at City Club on the 69th floor of the Bank of America building in Dallas and will begin at 11:30 a.m. Make your reservations before noon May 10. For reservations, call 214-855-1509 or email at lunch@dallas-careerwomen.org. For more information, visit www.dallas-careerwomen.org.

Friendship-West Singles Ministry is having an all singles worship service at 7 p.m. at 616 W. Kiest Blvd. in Dallas. For more information, email the singles ministry at fwbsingles@aol.com or call 214-371-0964X335.

AMERICAN AIRLINES CENTER EVENTS

MAY 2

NHL Playoffs Conference Semi Finals Begin

MAY 4

Desperados vs. LA Avengers 7:30 pm

NBA Playoffs Conference Semi Finals Begin

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