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On the Homefront:

Lights! Camera! Fashion! The African American Museum is seeking energetic and enthusiastic children age's eight 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 is 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.

The Collin County Commissioners' Court will conduct an early public observance of Memorial Day May 13 with two events beginning at 8:45 a.m. at the Collin County Courthouse in McKinney.

The first event will take place in the central jury room and State District Judge Nathan White will speak on the importance of Memorial Day and additional events will follow suit.

Then County Judge Ron Harris will read a Memorial proclamation and unveil and dedicate a framed replica of the Bill of Rights, donated by the Sons of the American Revolution, Plano chapter.

The Texas Conservatory for Young Artists, a nonprofit arts organization, has announced a call for applications for its 13th season of piano recitals and master classes June 16-23 at Collin County Community College's John Anthony Theater.

All applicants must be piano students in grades six-12 who are playing advanced repertoire. To apply and seek additional information, mail name, address, phone number, grade, teacher's name, and a list of advanced compositions prepared for performance in master classes to 4428 Boston Drive, Plano, TX 75093, no later than May 15.

For more information, call 972-985-0392 or visit www.tcyo.org.

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Blackonomics If You Can't Beat 'Em, Buy 'Em

By: James
Clingman



Since the mid-1980's, that has been the mantra of big corporations. We witnessed the buyout of many companies by the giants of industry and saw when even the threat of a buyout would cause the wealth of people like T. Boone Pickens and Ross Perot to increase exponentially. We saw the same thing with Rupert Murdoch, Carl Icahn, and others who made a killing not only by buying out their competitors, but by purchasing other business plums that instantly made them billionaires. During that period in the eighties you may also remember the infamous comments of Revlon executive, Irving Bottner, who stated that Black owned hair care companies would soon be bought by majority companies. (Eerie, isn't it?)

Nearly twenty years later as we look back at all of those companies, all of those millionaires turned billionaires, and all of those tens of thousands of laid off employees, the trend for future takeovers is quite evident. An analysis and understanding of this trend are vital to the survival of Black owned business in this country.

I'm sure you have heard the saying, "Draw your enemies close to you." You have also heard the tried and true saying, "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em." These two maxims are the drumbeat of the so-called new economy, except the latter saying has been changed; instead of joining them, the trend is now to



buy them. Although this particular scenario has taken place across the color line, we are concerned about the obvious trend by larger companies to gobble-up major Black owned businesses.

A friend once told me that a skeptic is someone who reads the handwriting on the wall and thinks it's a forgery. That adage expresses our current economic situation, in which Black compa-

nies are being bought and sold like never before. While I understand the practicality of starting and building a business to the point at which it becomes so attractive that others want to buy it, my ambivalence about these deals is disconcerting. On one hand, it has to be difficult to turn down hundreds of millions of dollars — something I will never relate to — but are those millions worth the lost of viable Black owned businesses?

A better question is: Are Black businesses being bought by white companies because they are so good or because those Black businesses are capturing too much of what many are now calling the "urban market" and the "emerging market"? Are white companies pulling their enemies closer or are they

coming to the realization that they cannot beat these Black businesses so they had better buy them?

Back in the 1970's and 1980's the very mention of a Black owned business being bought by a white owned company or any other company would be met with anger and resistance. But soon the handwriting on the wall became clearer and clearer, with the purchase of Johnson Products and

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THE VOTERS HAVE SPOKEN

Belinda G. Alexander

Now that the May 4 General Elections are over, voters have officially spoken and 'officials' are reveling or relenting on the outcome. After a long hard run and to those many candidates who literally walked their neighborhoods during this campaign. The voters did speak.

PLANO

Former City Council member Pat Evans was chosen over incumbent Jeran Akers. The campaign took on an interesting turn as accusations of less than desirable practices were thrown in the ring. Ms. Evans said Mr. Akers bought up Web site addressed that she might have used to campaign. Both Mayoral candidates accused each other of spreading untruths.

59-year-old lawyer, Ms. Evans had served 3 1/2 years on the city council before joining the race for mayor. 55-year-old Mr. Akers had hoped to win a second term but conceded the race after 75 percent of the votes were in.

The former mayor congratulated Ms. Evans on running an excellent grass-roots campaign. Ms. Evans was noticeably surprised as her energized supporters revved up to celebrate sweet victory. The candi-



pat Evans

dates had vied for the voter's attention by delving into touchy issues of taxes, finance, leadership, and a failed bond proposal that would have financed an arts facility.

The elections took a more 'civil' tone for the Place 8 council seat. 62-year-old Ken Lambert won over 70-

year-old Dick Bode. Mr. Lambert is a real estate developer, experienced Plano city engineer, city manager, and council member. Mr. Bode is a retired CPA with previous council experience.

Place 4 council went to longtime community volunteer, 60-

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TWC Offers Hot Tips on Summer Jobs for Employers and Teens

As summer approaches, Texas' employers will hire thousands of teen-age workers for a wide variety of part- ad full-time positions. The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) works to ensure that employers, workers and parents alike are aware of the state and federal laws, and safety regulations affecting child labor issues.

"It's in everyone's best interest to know as much as possible about the laws and safety regulations that govern young workers," TWC Chair Diane Rath said. "Teens comprise a valuable workforce resource for Texas' employers, especially during the summer months."

Federal and Texas child labor laws ensure that children are not employed in an occupation or manner that is detrimental to their safety, health or well-being. "Child" is defined as any individual less than 18 years of age. Youths age 16 and 17 may perform any job not declared hazardous by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), for unlimited hours. Youths age 14 and 15 may work outside school hours in various non-manufacturing, non-mining, non-hazardous jobs under the following conditions: no more than 3 hours on a school day or 40 hours in a non-school week. They also may not begin work before 7 a.m. or work after 7 p.m., except from June 1 through Labor Day, when

evening hours are extended until 9 p.m.

"Teen workers can gain a wealth of experience and skills that they will continue to benefit from in the future," said Commissioner Representing Labor T.P. O'Mahoney. "However, it's important that they and their parents know exactly what sort of work they can legally and safely participate in, and when they're allowed to do so."

Most working teens are employed in retail establishments, restaurants, supermarkets and stores. Others work on farms or in summer camps and amusement parks. Generally, teens may not work at jobs that involve:

- Driving a motor vehicle and being an outside helper on a motor vehicle (Absolutely prohibited for youth under 17; subject to certain conditions for youth age 17)
- Roofing operations
- Excavating operations
- Power-driven wood-working machines
- Power-driven bakery machines
- Power-driven paper-products machines
- Power-driven hoisting equipment
- Power-driven metal-forming, punching and shearing machines
- Power-driven circular saws, band saws and guillotine shears

- Meat-packing or processed machines (including power-driven meat slicing)
- Manufacturing brick, tile and related products
- Wrecking, demolition and ship-breaking operations
- Logging and saw-milling
- Exposure to radioactive substances and ionizing radiation
- Manufacturing or storing explosives

Limited exemptions are provided for apprentices and trainees under specified standards.

"Texas' employers have long depended on young workers in the summer months and throughout months and throughout the year," said Commissioner Representing Employers Ron Lehman. "Providing employers with easy access to accurate information regarding teen workers helps us ensure that this extremely mutually beneficial arrangement will continue."

For more information on prohibited or restricted jobs, or to get other details on child labor laws:

- Call DOL at (800) 959-3652, or visit <http://www.dol.gov/dol/esa/wel/come.html>
- Call TWC's Labor Law division at (800) 832-9243 or (512) 837-9559, or visit www.texasworkforce.org (employer services)

HBCUs Search for New Presidents

By: Yanela Gordon
Special to the NNPA from the
Capital Outlook

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (NNPA)—For more than a year, Florida A&M University has been searching for a president to fill the position left open after Frederick S. Humphries announced his resignation in February 2001.

But FAMU, Florida's only public historically Black university, is not alone among historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) in its search for a new leader. Currently, at least 10 others are either conducting searches or preparing to search for a leader. There are more than 100 HBCUs in 21 states.

"I think it is an unusual number to hit at the same time," said Henry Ponder, interim president for Talladega College in Alabama. "Our institutions will be OK, however."

HBCUs seeking new presidents include: North Carolina A & T at Greensboro; Coppin State College, Baltimore; Delaware State University, Dover; University of Maryland, Eastern Shore; Morris Brown College, Atlanta; South Carolina State University, Orangeburg; Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, Miss. and University of the District of Columbia.

Southern University System is searching for chancellors for

both its New Orleans campus and law center.

While Grambling is not looking for a president, Nari Warner has been acting president for approximately three years.

Clark Atlanta University and nearby Morehouse College recently named presidents, as did Bennett College, which recently hired as its president Johnetta B. Cole, former president of Spellman College.

Wilma Roscoe, vice president of the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, says she is confident there is enough talent to meet the demand for university leadership.

"The feeder system is in process," Roscoe said. "Remember, in each one of these institutions you have provosts, vice presidents and chancellors. These same qualified individuals exist at institutions across the country."

Genevieve Knight, chairwoman of the Coppin State search committee, said the number of institutions seeking presidents does pose a special challenge to the small college whose enrollment is 4,000.

"That's going to be a dilemma with our being a small institution competing with these larger institutions," Knight said. "We have been careful not to

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North Texas Job Corps Center students and staff in action

More than 120 participants North Texas Job Corps Center Answers the Youth Service Call

McKinney - On Friday, April 26, 2002, North Texas Job Corps Center students and staff joined an estimated 2 million young Americans participating in National Youth Service Day (NYSD). Students and staff participated in various activities to recognize the year-round service and volunteer efforts to demonstrate how they as individuals can help strengthen their community and positively impact the

lives of others through service. NYSD reinforces the importance of teamwork and leadership skills that students learn through Job Corps.

This year's event provided a unique opportunity for students to perform more than 134 hours of community service. Several organizations were recipients of this worthwhile cause that included: American Red Cross, Goodwill Industries, Heritage

Guild House, Holy Family School, North McKinney Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Salvation Army, Samaritan Inn and YMCA. Service is a critical part of the Job Corps experience, which centers on comprehensive academic, vocational and social skills training. Service allows North Texas Job Corps students to "give something back", build self-esteem and use their training to benefit others.

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 Dittrich, Anahid Eskandari, Travis Groff, Sarah Latz, Jan Perry, Jin-Young Park and



Karen Sedita.

a.m.-4 p.m., and Sunday 1-

LRC Galleria hours are
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a.m.-10 p.m., Friday 7:45
a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 9

5 p.m. For more information, please contact
THE ARTS gallery
at 972-881-5873.

The Mother of Mothers Day

The memorial now known as Mothers Day was founded by Anna Jarvis in tribute to her mother, Ann Marie Reeves Jarvis. The first fully organized Mothers Day program was held at the Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, Taylor County, West Virginia, on May 10, 1908. The honored mother had already laid the foundation for such a day in the last fifty years of her life.

Ann Marie Reeves came to West Virginia at age twelve when her father, the Rev. Josiah W. Reeves, a Methodist minister, was transferred from Culpepper Co., Virginia to Philippi in

Barbour County. Seven years later, in 1850, at the age of seventeen, Ann Marie married Granville E. Jarvis, son of a Baptist minister. The couple lived in Philippi for a short time and then moved to Webster in Taylor County where Granville began his career as a merchant.

Ann was the mother of eleven children, but only four lived to adulthood. In spite of the large family and the tragedies that occurred, Mrs. Jarvis was active in church and civic affairs.

Most remarkable was the work she did to combat poor health and sanitation conditions that existed in Webster and in many other neighborhoods, and which attributed to the high

mortality rate of children. After eight years of marriage, at the age of twenty-six, the young housewife and mother sprang into action to combat these conditions and called on all women in Webster, Philippi, Pruntytown, Fetterman and Grafton to meet at local churches where



she organized clubs, known as Mothers Day Work Clubs. She called on her brother, Dr. James Edmund Reeves and Dr. Amos Payne of Pruntytown to advise and lecture her organizations. These two eminent physicians charted the tasks for the clubs to undertake. Members were assigned certain duties to perform in a certain length of time, and their work was inspected by the two doctors and nurses from surrounding communities. The clubs furnished women to care for families with tubercular mothers, medicine was provided for the indigent, and milk for children was inspected. The clubs were honored for successfully carrying out their plans and solving a local community problem.

In 1861, another need for the Mothers Day Work Clubs was pending. After both Lee and McClellan gave orders to hold the Grafton railroad terminus at all costs, much of Taylor County, including the community of Webster, soon became an armed camp of both Union and

Confederates. Mrs. Jarvis quickly sensed possible disruption in the clubs and called an urgent meeting. The group heard Mrs. Jarvis objectives: "To make a sworn-to agreement between members that friendship and good will should obtain in the clubs for the duration and aftermath of the war. That all efforts to divide the churches and lodges should not only be frowned upon but prevented."

When an epidemic of typhoid fever and measles broke out among the military personnel, Mrs. Jarvis and her Mothers Day Work Clubs were called upon for help. Her answer was "You shall have it. ... No mistreatment of any of our members. We are composed of both the Blue and the Gray." The clubs subsequently received the highest commendations from officers and soldiers for the magnificent services rendered the sick soldiers.

After the Civil War, public officials sought a way to alleviate post-war strife, and once more Mrs. Jarvis was called upon to help. She rallied the members of her clubs to meet at the Pruntytown Courthouse, and there they planned a "Mothers Friendship Day" to be held in Pruntytown, the county seat. The members were to invite all soldiers, Blue and Gray, and their families. An immense crowd arrived on the designated day. When the program started, Mrs. Jarvis appeared dressed in gray, and another woman appeared dressed in blue. Two teenage girls assembled with the Pruntytown band on the courthouse porch, and a bugler called the crowd to assemble. Mrs. Jarvis explained the purpose of Mothers Friendship Day and asked the band to lead them in singing Way Down South in Dixie. The lady in blue then asked the band to lead her and the audience in singing The Star Spangled Banner. Cheering and laughter followed, the two young girls took the hands of Mrs. Jarvis and the lady in

blue and asked them to shake hands and hug each other. They then called on the crowd to do the same thing while band played Should Auld Acquaintance Be Forgot. By the time the song was over, it seemed that everyone began to weep and shake hands.

In addition to her work with the Mothers Day Work Clubs, Mrs. Jarvis was active in her church. When the Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church was completed in 1873, Mrs. Jarvis was on hand to take over as assistant superintendent in the primary department of the church school. For over a quarter of a century, she taught young children and saw many of the children grow into manhood and womanhood and bring their own little

ones to her class.

Mrs. Jarvis was not only an exceptional teacher, but also a talented, informed speaker. She lectured many times in well-filled churches on subjects as "The Value of Literature as a Source of Culture and Refinement", "Importance of Supervised Recreational Centers for Boys and Girls", and "The Great Mothers of the Bible".

After the death of her husband, Granville E. Jarvis, in 1902, Ann Marie Reeves Jarvis and her daughters, Anna and Lillie, moved to Philadelphia to live with her son, Claude. Mrs. Jarvis died there on May 9, 1905, at the age of 72. She is buried in the beautiful West Laurel Hill Cemetery in Philadelphia. On the day she was

laid to rest, the bell of Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton was tolled seventy-two times in her honor.

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Plans are underway for the annual Plano Community Forum golf tournament June 28, 2002 at Plantation Golf Course, 4701 Plantation Lane in Frisco, Texas 75035. Tee-off for the four-person scramble will begin at 2:00pm. A registration fee of \$85.00 will include a green fee, cart, prizes and box lunch. Proceeds benefit the Martin Luther King Scholarship Fund.

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Correction from last issue ...

Apologies from MON-The Gazette. We inadvertently ran the wrong picture of Randall Dunning in our last issue's candidate reports. Also, in his responses we used the word fees instead of feedback in the PROBLEMS/PROGRESS PARAGRAPH. HE DOES NOT WANT TO INCREASE PUBLIC "FEES"!



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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 feedback.

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 worldview 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.



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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 multimillion dollar cases; Experienced to all sides before making a decision.

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.



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THE TRUTH CLINIC BLACK AMERICANS MISSING ECONOMIC STIMULUS BOAT

By James W. Breedlove

Blacks appear to be riding in the nation's economic caboose in spite of the Administration's efforts to stimulate the economy. In March, President Bush signed into law an economic stimulus package that included an extension of jobless benefits. The U.S. Labor Department reported last week that the overall 6% unemployment rate is at its highest level since 1994.

While unemployment rates normally fluctuate, especially when the economy is emerging from a recession, a breakdown of the overall rate shows the unevenness of the change. The unemployment rate for whites increased .3 percent to 5.3, while the rate for Hispanics rose .6 percent to 7.9. The really bad news is that the black rate shot back into double-digit figures, rising a half percentage point to 11.2 percent.

This rapid increase in joblessness among blacks ought to alarm the entire nation. And most economists predict that the worse is yet to come with further increases through mid-summer.

Another indicator of the adverse impact on Blacks was contained in a mortgage lending report released last week which highlighted the prevalence of selective predatory lending practices. Not only are blacks out of work at twice the national average but they pay more for the privilege of owning a home when they can get one.

A disproportionate number of blacks have mortgages defined as subprime high-interest loans. The report found that subprime home loans are concentrated in minority communities at levels up to four times greater than in white neighborhoods.

And it is not just the poor that are targeted for the predato-

ry lending. A much larger share of black homeowners with relatively high incomes pay higher interest on their mortgages than whites in similar circumstances. The Center for Community Change reported that it found the disparity in mortgage rates between whites and minorities actually widens as homeowners' incomes increase.

These facts show a reality that runs contrary to the Administrations goal of increasing homeownership rates for minorities. HUD figures show the current homeownership rate is 47.8 percent compared to a white rate of 68 percent. Administration proposals being considered such as tax credits in low income areas and match money for states to assist with down payments to low income purchasers would be much more effective if the discriminatory lending practices were curtailed with tougher legislation and commensurate punitive enforcement.

Improving home ownership rates is important to blacks because of the significant impact it has on wealth accumulation. Homes with their nominal increase in value over the years has been the major contributor to enhancing net worth. It is an advantage that whites have over minorities in passing wealth to future generations and is a key component of the factor of 10 deficiency in the black white wealth ratio.

The combination of high unemployment and predatory lending does not bode well for black economic growth. Even though Black Americans have made significant economic progress over the last decade the parity gap shows no signs of closing. The difficulties-particularly those which confront the

roughly 30 percent of blacks whose incomes hovers at or below the poverty line-are severe.

Ultra-conservatives cannot pretend that this situation is a matter of blacks not wanting to work, or not comprehending the value of work. For one thing, in an economy that's lost 1.6 million jobs since March 2001, it is clear that workers are not giving up their jobs. They're being laid off in increasing numbers.

The statistics confirm what has been obvious for some time. Blacks cannot and should not depend on government programs as the primary method for solving economic problems. It is also apparent that for the foreseeable future domestic issues that impact blacks will barely make it to the Administration's discussion table. The new emphasis on fighting the war on terrorism at home and abroad will mean fewer resources are available for allocation to black related issues.

President Bush said during a recent news conference the unemployment numbers reaffirmed his belief that while some indicators suggest the economy is recovering, he will not be satisfied until more Americans are employed.

"So long as anybody is looking for work, we've got problems," Bush said. "I've been saying all along that the growth number of the first quarter of this year was very positive, but I said 'Look, I'm not confident. We've got more work to do.'"

Mr. President, "that is one point on which we both agree. Let's get to work."

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

DISD, DART TO CONDUCT STUDY ON USE OF MINORITY AND WOMAN-OWNED BUSINESS USEAGE

DALLAS- The Dallas Independent School District and the Dallas Area Rapid Transit are conducting a study to determine if there is any disparity between the use of minority and woman-owned businesses and their availability to contract with each agency, officials announced Monday.

Successful availability and disparity studies require the involvement of the local minority and woman-owned businesses willing and able to perform public contracts. In order to inform the business community about the study, a series of meetings are being sponsored by DISD, with one being co-hosted by DART. The Dallas-area meetings will be held on May 13 and 14. An overview of the study process will be presented and businesses will have the opportunity to share their contracting

experiences at each meeting.

The meetings will be conducted by Mason Tillman Associates of Oakland, California with assistance from three Dallas-area consultants including: Adrian Reyes, president of Adrian Information Strategies; Arnel Trovada, president of Trovada Public Relations & Marketing; and Sherry C. Tupper, a public affairs consultant.

For further information, please call (972) 980-0228. Businesses can RSVP by e-mail at DISDDART@hotmail.com

Monday Lunch Meeting

May 13, 2002
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Asian American Chamber of Commerce
11171 Harry Hines Blvd., Suite 115
Dallas, Texas 75229

Tuesday Lunch Meeting
May 14, 2002
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Center for Community Cooperation
2900 Live Oak Street
Dallas, Texas 75204

Monday Dinner Meeting (DART/DISD)

May 13, 2002
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
DART Headquarters
1401 Pacific Avenue
Dallas, Texas 75266-0163

Tuesday Dinner Meeting

May 14, 2002
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce
2838 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Dallas, Texas 75215

Blackenomics

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subsequently with the fall of other Black hair care companies, magazines, radio stations, funeral homes, grocery stores, and the latest plum, the crème de la crème, Black Entertainment Television. I ask again, Why?

My contention is that business development among Black people is a very threatening prospect to some. I contend that what is projected to be more than \$1 trillion in annual income by 2010, among Black people, is the very reason for much of the buying frenzy we are witnessing today. It's one thing for Blacks to have millions in disposable income, the vast majority of which is spent with other folks' businesses. But it is an entirely different ballgame to have those same consumers owning major businesses through which more and more

of that income could flow. Consumerism is one thing; control is another.

As I intimated earlier, I have absolutely no idea of what it's like to be a millionaire - or even a hundred thousand-naire, and I am not about to suggest that those Black business men and women who sold their companies should not have done so; I just wish Black people had bought them, which brings us back, as always, to the issue of cooperative economics.

The value of Black owned businesses can never be overstated. If those among us who are affluent would value business ownership as much as they seem to value having three or four luxury cars, huge houses, and closets as large as stores for their clothing, they would pool some of their money and buy the Black businesses that are for sale.

Please understand what is

happening, my brothers and sisters. They cannot beat us if we work together for economic empowerment; they cannot beat us if we continue to build and grow Black owned businesses; they cannot beat us if we redirect a greater portion of our consumption spending toward one another; and they cannot beat us if we begin to exchange our businesses among our people instead of selling them to others.

Brothers and sisters, they cannot beat us - so they are buying us.

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Black Facts May 9-15, 2002



May 9
John Brown, abolitionist and martyr at Harpers Ferry, was born in 1800.

Georgia, South Carolina, and Florida slaves were freed in 1862.

May 10
Pinckney B.S. Pinchback, Governor of Louisiana, died in 1920.

May 11
William Grant Still, dean of black classical composers, was born in 1875.

Ira Aldridge, actor, died in 1867 at the age of 62.

May 12
1970 Race Riot in Augusta, Georgia.

May 13
Robert Smalls, black quartermaster, captured Confederate ship "The Planter" in 1862.

May 14
Slavery was abolished in Brazil in 1888.

May 15
Pfc. Henry Johnson and Needham Roberts receive France's highest military award for service in WWI in 1918.

Mulattoes in French colonies were freed by Civil Rights in 1791.

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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-

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

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John Dudley

How to Seek a Comfortable Retirement

A comfortable retirement means different things to different people. Some people envision a leisurely retirement as a time to tour the world, visiting other countries and experiencing different cultures. Others see it as an opportunity to take up new hobbies or spend more time with family members.

Whatever your retirement dreams, you'll need a well-conceived financial plan to help you reach them. That's because the obstacles that stand between you and a comfortable retirement can leave you with less money than you'll need when your working days are done.

Social Security will probably provide only a small portion of the amount you'll require to maintain your standard of living during your leisure years. And considering the vast number of people who will be drawing Social Security benefits as the population ages, no one really knows how healthy the system will be a decade or two from now.

Don't count on your com-

pany pension plan to make up the difference. Pension plans offer no guarantees should the company go out of business.

If you're fortunate enough to have a solid pension plan, it may still only provide about half of the amount needed to maintain your standard of living in retirement, according to retirement-planning experts. But even if you have a terrific plan, can you be sure that you won't be "rightsized" before you plan to retire?

If you want to build a comfortable nest egg, you need to start investing now and regularly put away as much as you can. It's never too early to start investing for retirement. And if you've never established an investment plan independent of your employer's program, it's never too late to begin.

Assume that you invest just \$200 monthly in an account that earns 8% annually. After five years, your account will be worth \$14,589; after 10 years, \$36,025. Twenty years? \$113,800.

To keep your money grow-

ing faster than inflation, invest a portion of your portfolio in securities with the potential to outpace inflation. Historically, stocks have been the best-performing asset class. In fact, stocks outpaced inflation more than three to one from the end of 1925 to the end of 2000.

Find out how much you'll need to secure your retirement dreams-and the amount you should be putting aside each year-by talking with your financial advisor. He or she can help you chart a course of action to get the most out of your money-and work toward securing your retirement dreams.

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Donald Jones, Firefighter/Businessman

Donald Jones, who co-owns the company installing all computer equipment at the Center for American and International Law (formerly known as Southwestern Legal Foundation) in Legacy Park, is used to holding down two jobs at the same time.

Mr. Jones was born in Fairfield, one of ten children, he said his father started them out working at an early age which is one of the reason it is not a problem for him now.

His father was a jack-of-all-trades. He worked in a car dealership and he used his seven boys to haul hay and mow yards, and they all worked to support each other. Jones said.

Jones also worked as the store manager for a small grocery store, Vargas, and managed to balance that with being captain of Teague High School's football, basketball, and track team. In high school Jones was voted most valuable player in football in the district. Jones went on to attend Junior college.

After junior college, he began working as a bench technician for the Tandy Corporation. Soon he was promoted to making service calls. In only two years, he worked his way up to field service manager of the Southwest region. "I was very ambitious and worked very hard," he said. Then he was laid

off when Tandy experienced a major restructuring. Jones then established his own company, Personal Computer Services. He was immediately successful. A lot of clients from Tandy, seeking his services when Tandy's service center was closed.



His accounts included a soft drink packing company and a mid-size Dallas advertising firm. Needing more funds, he decided to become a firefighter on the side. "My business had just started, and I needed supplemental income," Jones said. "I wanted to keep the business and at the same time, help people."

He was accepted as a firefighter and went through rigorous training, including becoming a paramedic. He was assigned to

the South Dallas station where he had some dangerous experiences. Once there was a man trapped in a room. They did what they call a Quick attack. You park the engine, and without hooking up to a hydrant, you go straight in. The man was already dead, but no sooner did they locate him that they had a 'flashover' where the whole room ignites. They had to crawl out on their bellies. Jones said by the grace of God he has been very fortunate. It's also because of good training, staying in good shape and being aware of his surroundings.

About the same time Jones started his company, he got married and had twin girls, Equina and LaJina, who are now 19 and attending junior college.

Last year, Jones and his partner created DNS Network Consulting, specializing in network administration to small and medium-sized companies. Now they have more than 40 area clients, including the Center for American and International law, which Jones said came from a business referral. DNS has three full-time employees and three contractors. A typical client now has from three to 60 users.

Jones continues to work two days a week as a firefighter and work in his company.

Edward Jones College Savings Program

Billie G. Meador, the Edward Jones investment representative in Plano, will host a free investing program for parents and grandparents on Tuesday, May 14 at 5 p.m.

The "Invest in Kids" program will offer parents and grandparents tips on paying for a college education. Guests will also learn the tax advantages of college-savings plans as well as how to maintain control of their college savings.

"Each of us wants the very best for our kids and grandkids," said Meador. "From the time they are born, we hope they discover every opportunity the future has to offer including a college educa-

tion. If helping to pay for a college education is in your future, we hope that you'll join us for

via the firm's private satellite network.

The largest firm in the nation in terms of branch offices, Edward Jones currently has more than 7,000 offices in the U.S. and, through its affiliates, in Canada and the United Kingdom. Plans call for expansion to 10,000 offices by 2003.

The Edward Jones interactive Web site is located at www.edward-jones.com.

For more information the May 14 broadcast or to reserve a seat for this free program, contact Billie G. Meador at 972-208-5688.



this free informative program."

This live, interactive broadcast is presented at Edward Jones branch offices nationwide

Ethnic Notes

MAE JEMISON

On May 10, 2002 you will be able to attend an exhilarating event for the citizens of

Plano and the surrounding area. This annual one-day event is a stimulating, thought provoking and fast paced business conference in which world leaders and top intellectuals speak to today's issues and concerns. This event will be held at the Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek, Plano, Texas.

One of the speakers will be Mae Jemison. It was September 1992 when, as a science mission specialist on the space shuttle Endeavor, Dr. Mae Jemison was the first African American woman to enter space.

Mae Jemison earned a chemical engineering degree from Stanford followed by an M.D. from Cornell. After over two years as a Peace Corps doctor in Africa and two years in private practice in Los Angeles, she was accepted in NASA's training program in 1987.

(One of 15 chosen from nearly 2,000 applicants). She left NASA in 1993 and



founded The Jemison Group, Inc. a private company that focuses on projects that integrate social science issues into design, a development and implementation of technologies. Current projects include a satellite-based telecommunication system to facilitate health care delivery in the developing world (Alafiya), the definition and design of solar-thermal electricity generating systems, introduction of U.S. science and litera-

ture curriculum into South Africa, 3-D real time pilot-in-the-loop simulations for desktop computers and The Earth We share, an international science camp to promote basic science literacy.

Dr. Jemison is the director of the Jemison Institute for Advancing Technology in Developing Countries, an organization that researches, designs, implements and evaluates cutting-edge technology in a real life context. Her background as an engineer, physician, social scientist, educator, and astronaut, as well as her work in developing countries, was the catalyst for establishment of the Institute.

Dr. Jemison is also a professor of environmental studies at Dartmouth College.

Other speakers at the conference will be Steve Forbes, Robert Ballard, Winston Churchill III, Marlin Fitzwater, Tom Sullivan, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Raymond D. Nasher and Charles Langley.

McKinney's "Kid Council" Program Adds to Students Interest in Local Government

"This meeting will come to order"

...Says the Mayor of Kid Council. Kid Council is a program offered by the City's Community Services Department for third grade students in McKinney. The program includes introductions of city operations and staff, taking students through an agenda during a simulated council meeting. Prior to the event, the third grade will elect seven students to represent them as Mayor and City Council members.

Kid Council will begin at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 10 in the City Council Chamber of City Hall, 222 N. Tennessee. Members of the Kid Council will be seated by 11:15 a.m.

In March of this year, Wolford Elementary entire third grade participated in the first Kid Council. The students hold elections among themselves throughout the entire grade-level and after campaigning and the final vote, a Mayor and Kid Council is elected.

The goal of the new city program is to educate students about the City of McKinney and the role of its elected officials. "Through this program we hope to encourage the students to understand that each decision made their Mayor and City Council members has a direct impact on the entire community. They are part of that community," Kristen Roberts, Community Services Manager, said.

The City is pleased to welcome Glen Oaks Elementary on Friday. "Our students are so excited," Assistant Principal of Glen Oaks Sharon Havard said. "I got to visit during the Wolford Elementary Kid Council and I was so impressed! The students took it

very seriously - I think we all learned something."

For more information on Kid Council or other Community Services programs, please contact Kristen Roberts, Community Services, 972-547-7517 or kroberts@mckinney-texas.org.

Public Meetings

The Regional Transportation Council of the North Central Texas council of Governments welcomes the public to the following meetings:

Thursday, May 9, 2002
6:30 p.m.
East Regional Library
6301 Bridge Street • Fort Worth, TX 76112

Monday, May 13, 2002
2:30 p.m.
Bachmen Recreation Center
2750 Bachman Drive • Dallas, TX 75220

Monday, May 13, 2002
6:30 p.m.
Lewisville Municipal Center Council Chambers
1197 West Main Street • Lewisville, TX 75067

Topics

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - Strategic Programming Initiative - The list of projects proposed for funding will be presented at the Public Meetings, and will include a Program of Projects for the Fort Worth Transportation Authority (FWTA).

Upcoming 2002 Call for Projects, Project Selection Criteria - The North Central Texas council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff will solicit input regarding possible refinements to the criteria, for use in the 2002 Call for Projects, expected to be issued this summer.

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) - Proposed projects for inclusion in the 2002-2003 UPWP will be presented. NCTCOG develops the UPWP annually in cooperation with transportation providers and local governments.

Special Presentation on DFW Rail Implementation Study - Rail Planning and Implementation - Major Investment Study for transportation at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport will be discussed

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Heart Attack Warning Signs

A heart attack is a frightening event, and you probably don't want to think about it. But, if you learn the signs of a heart attack and what steps to take, you can save a life—maybe your own.

What are the signs of a heart attack? Many people think a heart attack is sudden and intense, like a "movie" heart attack, where a person clutches his or her chest and falls over.

The truth is that many heart attacks start slowly, as a mild pain or discomfort. If you feel such a symptom, you may not be sure what's wrong. Your symptoms may even come and go. Even those who have had a heart attack may not recognize their symptoms, because the next attack can have entirely different ones.

Women may not think they're at risk of having a heart attack—but they are. Women may not believe they are as vulnerable to a heart attack as men, but they are. Women account for nearly half of all heart attack deaths. Heart disease is the number one killer of both

women and men.

There are differences in how women and men respond to a heart attack. Women are less likely than men to believe they're having a heart attack and more likely to delay in seeking emergency treatment.



Further, women tend to be about 10 years older than men when they have a heart attack. They are more likely to have other conditions, such as diabetes, high blood pressure, and congestive heart failure—making it all the more vital that they get proper treatment fast.

It's vital that everyone learn the warning signs of a heart attack. These are:

Chest discomfort. Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts for more than a few minutes, or goes away and comes back. The discomfort can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness, or pain.

Discomfort in other areas of the upper body. Can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw, or stomach.

Shortness of breath. Often comes along with chest discomfort. But it also can occur before chest discomfort.

Other symptoms. May include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea, or light-headedness.

Learn the signs—but also remember: Even if you're not sure it's a heart attack, you should still have it checked out. Fast action can save lives—maybe your own.

After you learn more about heart attack, try a brief quiz to see if you know what to do if you or someone else has warning signs.

"Act In Time To Heart Attack Signs" Quiz

See if you know what to do if a heart attack happens. Take this True/False quiz.

- Discomfort or a heavy feeling in the chest can signal a heart attack.
☐ True
☐ False
- Women do not frequently experience heart attacks.
☐ True
☐ False
- African-American women die of heart attacks at the same rate as white women.
☐ True
☐ False
- Some people who are experiencing the symptoms of a heart attack often wait hours or even days before seeking needed medical care.
☐ True
☐ False
- Being treated within about an hour of the first symptoms can make a significant difference.
☐ True
☐ False

- Many heart attack victims say their heart attack wasn't what they'd expected.
☐ True
☐ False
- A family member, such as a spouse, can persuade a loved one having a heart attack to seek help immediately.
☐ True
☐ False
- Calling 9-1-1 for chest pain alone would probably turn out to be a waste of the emergency medical personnel's time.
☐ True
☐ False
- Most heart attacks occur in people over 65.
☐ True
☐ False
- The major issue in delay is how long it takes for emergency medical personnel to find the address and deliver the patient to the hospital.
☐ True
☐ False

Answers: true false, false, true, true, true, true, false, true, false

Voters have spoken from Page 1



year-old Sally Magnuson as she defeated 37-year-old businessman Eric Roberson. Rick Neudorff who was elected Collin County GOP Chairman previously occupied this seat. Mr. Roberson promised a strong voice to the 'under-50' age group; however, Ms. Magnuson's record of community service seemed to reach more voters. Scott Johnson, a 50-year-old retailer was unopposed for Place 2. Also unopposed was 55-year-old Plano business owner Jim McGee for Place 7.

Ralph Stow, 40, was unopposed in Place 4 of the Plano school board race. Voters chose 52-year-old Lloyd 'Skip' Jenkins over 60-year-old Bob Willich. Trustee John Muns vacated the Place 5 position after serving three terms.

GARLAND



Garland voters elected Optometrist Bob Day over polygraph examiner Michael Holden for the mayoral race. Mr. Holden believes the race will benefit Garland citizens in choosing directions for the future as he continues serving City Council District 1. Mr. Day served District 5 on the council from 1995 to 1999. He also won the race for mayor in 1992.

District 8 will be represented by former Mayor Jim Spence. He had represented the same seat for two terms prior to a double term as mayor. Term

limitations prevented him from running for mayor again. This race came close to a runoff. Mr. Spence edged just past more than half the votes to defeat City Council race newcomers—Randall Dunning and Dean Pace. Mr. Dunning is an engineer and Mr. Pace is a retired Dallas fire captain. Mr. Spence was very relieved and pleased with these results.

Garland's District 7 council race was won by Mark Monroe. The sales representative beat out real estate broker and plan commissioner Mike Rose. They were both newcomers in the race for office.



Incumbent Sharon Stotts won in District 6 over Jean McNeal. Ms. Stotts ran on her record as a neighborhood volunteer and touted a successful first term. Ms. McNeal accused Ms. Stotts of not being informed on important city tax rates. Voters decided to go with Ms. Stotts and her record.

First time candidates Harry Hickey and Bill Cryer ran the race for District 3. Mr. Hickey, an accountant, won over Mr. Cryer who is a City of Dallas security officer.

Garland school board members can serve three-year terms. Positions were unopposed for school board incumbents Steve Hill and Rick Howard; therefore the district canceled its election.

Now that the process is complete, except for runoffs, the life patterns and conversations have already switched to a back-to-business mode. That is how it goes with America's citizens and communities. The voters have spoken.

McKINNEY

There will be a June runoff election in McKinney as at-large council member Thad Helsey goes against the principal of Faubion Middle School, Harvey Oaxaca. These men beat out Phil Ryan who is a Collin County Gun Range manager.

Attorney Brian Loughmiller won District 4 over incumbent Steve Bell and challenger Marta Washington. There will also be a runoff between real estate broker Rick Franklin and business owner Pete Huff for the District 2 seat. Clayton Myhre also ran for this position vacated by Bill Whitfield.

Parent dissatisfaction over a proposal to cut programs was the prominent issue in the school board election. Lynn Sperry, 56, voiced criticism on the practices of district administrators. Michael Puhl, 47, took the vote for the Place 4 seat over ACT parent Chellie Sheff, 39. Ms. Sperry was challenged for her Place 5 seat by Mark Crenwelge who is new to the 'court.' Mr. Crenwelge, 44, is an educator, father of three children, and owner of a learning center in McKinney.



By Kelly Britton

I have many special memories of my Mother. That is all I have left, memories. Mom passed over in June of 1999 and my memories are all very precious to me.

I have memories of my Mother's laughter, the way she would call me by my whole name when I was in trouble. I value the memory of the way she used to pick up the phone to just ask how everything was. The memory of her at my wedding, the day my son was born. Oh so many wonderful memories.

My Mother taught me many valuable lessons. She taught me that being a good person means more than having "things". She entrusted me with morals and a good sense of myself.

When all you have is memo-

ries they seem to be that much more special. Don't take your Mothers for granted. Cherish the time you have with them, take the time out of your busy life and make memories that you can hold on to later. Life is short and your Mother is not immortal.

The one thing that I can say that sticks in my mind is a poem that was on a plaque in my GrandMothers house. And after she died it was passed on to my Mother and now to me.

"To the one who bears the sweetest name, and adds luster to the same.

Long life to her for there's no other, to take the place of my dear Mother."

~In loving Memory of my Mother-Linda Frederick

Memories of Mother

M - O - T - H - E - R

"M" is for the million things she gave me,
"O" means only that she's growing old,
"T" is for the tears she shed to save me,
"H" is for her heart of purest gold;
"E" is for her eyes, with love-light shining,
"R" means right, and right she'll always be,
Put them all together, they spell
"MOTHER,"
A word that means the world to me.
Howard Johnson (c. 1915)

Jurisprudence

Loan Victims File National Class Action Suit Against Household Finance.

Amount of loans involved is at least \$45 Billion!

On May 2, three victims of predatory lending will file a national class-action suit in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Ill., accusing Household International and its subsidiaries, Household Finance Corporation and Beneficial Corporation, of a wide range of fraud and misrepresentation.

The suit accuses Household of deliberately misleading borrowers about the terms and conditions of their loans, including high rates and fees, principal amounts which exceed the actual value of their homes, and prepayment penalties that effectively trap borrowers in overpriced loans.

The class for the suit includes all borrowers induced to enter into secured loans to consolidate existing debt. It asks for rescission of the loans -- restoring interest paid and fees to the borrowers -- as well as for actual and punitive damages. Household made more than 45 billion dollars worth of secured loans in the past three years.

"Household has made a practice of making loans which hurt families and communities all across the country," said Maude Hurd, National President of ACORN. "Household has stripped families of their major form of wealth - the equity in their homes - by targeting vulnerable people, deceiving them about the real costs and consequences of their loans, and trapping them in loans with high rates and high payments. ACORN members and so many others in our communities are suffering because of these predatory loans, and we are glad to be able to take this additional step to seek justice for injured borrowers and put an end to the abuses."

On Feb. 6, ACORN and two victims of predatory lending filed a similar class-action suit covering borrowers only in the State of California.

Plaintiffs Murelin and James Bell; Murelin and James Bell of Chicago are one of the borrowers named in the suit. Murelin works as a teacher's aide and James is retired. Murelin received a live check in the mail from Household during a period when James went into the hospital for triple-bypass heart surgery and they needed money to pay the bills, and she cashed it. Household then consolidated this small, unsecured loan with the Bells' existing mortgage and other consumer debt into a secured loan for \$98,508.43.

In promoting the benefits of loan consolidation to the Bells, Household:

- Told the Bells that consolidating their outstanding debts would save them money, when it would not;
- Did not disclose that the loan included up-front finance charges of more than 7% of the loan amount, or that the APR on the new loan was 12%;
- Did not disclose, with respect to credit life insurance sold with the loan, either the cost of the insurance or that the insurance provided protection for a limited period only (the first five years of the Bells' 20-year mortgage), and did not disclose that points were charged on the insurance and that the points would not be refunded if they cancelled the policy;
- Did not disclose that up front points and fees and the credit insurance costs were added to the amount of the total debt secured against the Bells' home, significantly decreasing the Bells' equity in their home.

Household has recently faced decisions and settlements

in other major instances of illegal and deceitful lending practices. On Jan. 10, Household agreed to pay \$12 million to settle California regulators' allegations that Household deliberately overcharged tens of thousands of customers. On April 23, the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago reversed a \$25 million settlement of a class-action suit against Household and H&R Block. The decision removed a legal shield that had protected Household and Block from allegations they illegally gouged customers by providing "refund anticipation loans" at interest rates frequently exceeding 100 percent. Household and Block could face damages of up to \$2 billion in Texas alone, the appeals court said.

ACORN, the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now, is the nation's largest community organization of low- and moderate-income families, with over 120,000 member families organized into 600 neighborhood chapters in 45 cities across the country. Since 1970 ACORN has taken action and won victories on issues of concern to our members. Our priorities include: better housing for first time homebuyers and tenants, living wages for low-wage workers, more investment in our communities from banks and governments, and better public schools. We achieve these goals by building community organizations that have the power to win changes - through direct action, negotiation, legislation, and voter participation.

David Swanson, communications coordinator ACORN, the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now 739 8th Street SE Washington, DC 20003.

11th Annual SOKO

DALLAS, TX - The Economic Development Ministry announces the 11th Annual SOKO, to be held Saturday, May 11, 2002 at St. Luke "Community" United Methodist Church, 5710 East R.L. Thornton Freeway, Dallas, TX 75223, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

SOKO means "marketplace", deriving its origin from the Swahili language. As part of African tradition, the marketplace is usually an open outdoor event that includes a variety of festivities. It is a fun-filled day of entertainment for the whole family with an opportunity to patronize African-American and Hispanic merchants.

"We are excited to present this year's SOKO again, on behalf of our Senior Pastor, Zan Wesley Holmes, Jr. As many of you know Pastor Holmes is retiring and this will be his last month as Senior Pastor of St. Luke "Community" United Methodist Church. One of our goals is sending him out with a thunderous united voice by having the most vendors ever to be highlighted at our annual SOKO, in addition to the largest

crowd. SOKO is one of Pastor Holmes vision that brought 50 African-American vendors together in 1993, marketing their products and services. This event resulted in over \$10,000 being circulated back into the community. Thus SOKO was born, and resulted in "teaching our dollars some sense." The Economic Development Ministry has consistently stepped up to the challenge of promoting community-wide economic development and empowerment through SOKO and our Business Directory. Both of these events have been successful in making the community aware of goods and services available through African-American, Hispanic and other entrepreneurs.

Admission is Free and Everyone is invited to come out and participate in this festive event, which features but not limited to Collectible Dolls, Gifts Baskets, Photo Art, Framed Artwork, Custom Designed Greeting Cards, Men Accessories, Children Clothing, Women Clothing, Candles, Herbal Base Massage Oils & Lotions, Hair Care and Beauty Products. A

Free Health Screening, which include High Blood Pressure, Prostate Cancer and Cholesterol. Several games and prizes for children such as Bounce House, Face Painting, a Clown and Balloons. Live Entertainment, including Spoken-Word Poetry, Music and Dance. And yes we will have food vendors, how does Turkey Legs, Sausage on a Stick, Nachos and Barbecue sound to you. We even have a cookie vendor for your sweet tooth. So bring your entire family out for shopping, food and fun.

Special Bonus - Our MANdala Ministry will have its confirmation ceremony in our main sanctuary. This event promises to be note worthy. The speaker will be named at a later date.

If you are interested in obtaining a booth or presenting your talent, please contact John Colson, Donald Yarbrough or our Program Ministries Officer.

Vendor and Entertainer registration applications may be obtained from the church or by calling and leaving your name and fax number with John Colson at 214-696-6693.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

District: Dallas
Contract 0009-11-194 for REFURBISH HIGH MAST ILLUMINATION in DALLAS County will be opened on June 05, 2002 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Contract 0918-45-224 for WIDEN 2-LANE FACILITY TO 6-LANE FACILITY in DALLAS County will be opened on June 05, 2002 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 6506

STATE OFFICE

Construction Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

DISTRICT OFFICE(S)

Dallas District
District Engineer
4777 E. Hwy 80
Mesquite, Texas 75150-6643
Phone: 214-320-6100

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

LEGAL NOTICE:

Sealed bids for Center for the Sciences Roof Replacement Bid Number 2-0018 will be received at the Office of the Purchasing Director, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, 6300 Ocean Drive, University Service Building, Room 120D, Corpus Christi, Texas until 2:00 p.m. o'clock, May 23, 2002 and then at said room publicly opened and read aloud. There will be a **mandatory pre-bid** meeting on May 15, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. in the University Services Center, Room 113. Bid packages may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing Director, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi or call 361-825-5767. Texas A&M Corpus Christi reserves the right to waive any and all bids; however, no bid can be accepted after the closing hour as advertised. Minority businesses are invited and encouraged to bid.



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A pre-proposal conference will be held Monday, May 13, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. at the Dallas Housing Authority, Maintenance Conference Room, 2075 W. Commerce St. #200, Dallas, Texas 75208.

Proposals must be submitted to the Dallas Housing Authority at 2075 W. Commerce St. #200, Dallas, Texas 75208, by 3:00 p.m. C.S.T. on May 20, 2002. Proposals submitted after this deadline will not be considered.

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Bid Date:
May 22, 2002 at 2:00 pm

Contact: Roy Ewen
Metro: 817-379-1897
Fax, Metro: 817-379-0610

Mall to:
Eagle Contracting L.P.
P.O. Box 1600
Keller, Texas 76244

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Southside Wastewater Treatment Plant Digester Improvements City of Dallas

Bid Date:
June 6, 2002 at 1:30 pm

Contact: Charles Howard
at: Metro: 817-379-1897
Fax, Metro: 817-379-0610

Mall to:
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P.O. Box 1600
Keller, Texas 76244

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Southside Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase III Effluent Filter Modifications Contract # 02-016 City of Dallas

Bid Date:
May 30, 2002 at 1:30 pm

Contact: Billy Haynes
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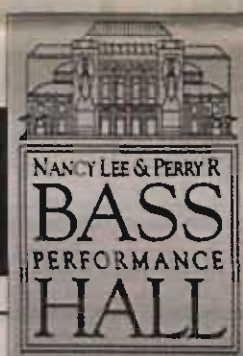
"... it's just talking about taking women to the highest peak, mentally or physically..."
— Avant

Often considered "the new voice of soul," Avant has quickly established himself as one of R&B's new stars. With his debut album, *My Thoughts*, Avant broke through the Top Five Billboard charts with the single "Separated." Living up to the "new soul" label, Avant drew upon the past for his record by sampling Isaac Hayes and covering Rene & Angela's "My First Love." But as good as Avant is, he certainly had his competition growing up: the young singer got his first start in the highly competitive gospel community in Cleveland. "If you weren't good, it's not that they wouldn't let you in, but they'd turn your mic down," Avant explains. The experience proved to be the proper training for his R&B career, which, fortunately for us, has just begun.



Usher Raymond IV, or just "Usher" to his throngs of fans, began singing in his church choir when he was six years old. While living in Atlanta, Georgia Usher was spotted at a local talent show in 1992 by a representative of LaFace Records and was consequently given a record deal. His debut album, released in 1994, produced the minor hit "Think of You" but it wasn't until his sophomore effort *My Way* that Usher was propelled into superstardom. From *My Way* came such songs as "You Make Me Wanna..." and "Nice & Slow" that dominated the charts and earned him a Grammy nomination. Usher has also made a number of cameo appearances in TV shows such as *Moesha* and movies such as *The Faculty*.

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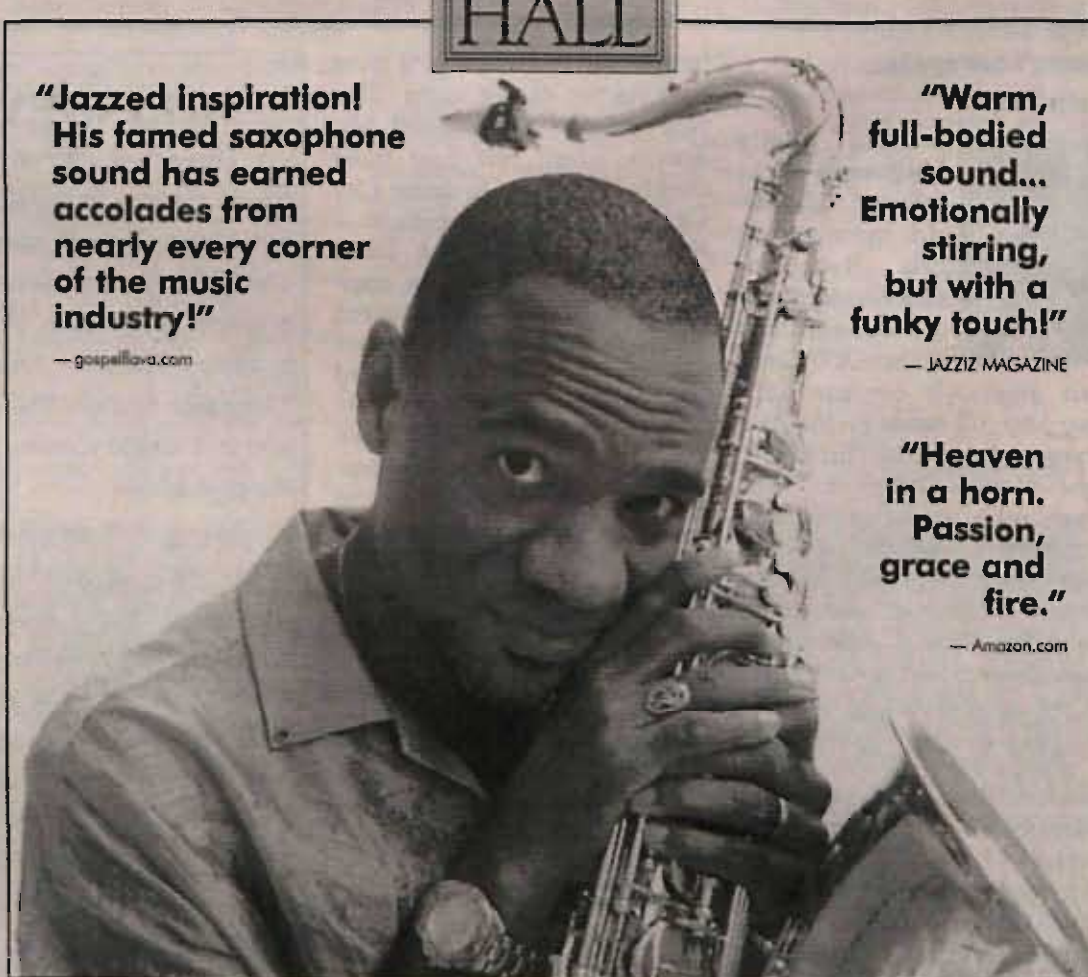


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Not many women would cheat on Richard Gere, but Diane Lane does, in this remake of the 1969 French film *La Femme Infidèle*. Gere plays an Average Joe for a change, a guy whose wife (Lane) engages in an adulterous fling with a handsome stranger. In the original, the jealous husband murders the young stud, igniting renewed passion in the couple's marriage, but this version from Adrian Lyne (*Fatal Attraction*) is said to be drastically different.



The New Guy

A high-school loser (DJ Qualls) gets expelled and sent to prison. While there, his cellmate, Luther (Eddie Griffin), gives him some pointers on how to become cool in order to reinvent himself at another school. Everything is going fine until his scheme is busted by a bully from his old school.

At Eastland High School, new guy Gil Harris is Mr. Popularity. Mysterious and charming, Gil has girls falling all over him and thugs scrambling to get his back. He's got Eastland High in the palm of his hand. But Gil's also got a secret. Not so long ago, at Rocky Creek High School, Gil, formerly known as Diz, was the resident loser. So how did lowly Diz become Gil, the hot new guy? With a simple plan, determination and the help of some unlikely friends, Diz makes an incredible transformation that works like a charm — that is until some students from Rocky Creek also make the transfer to Eastland...

Quad C Theatre Offers Summer Shakespeare Classes

May 3 — for the second year in a row, Shakespeare will be alive and well and happening in Plano this summer. Quad C Theatre at Collin County Community College District will host a Summer Shakespeare workshop, led by Joanne Zipay, founder of the New York-based Judith Shakespeare Company. Students, teachers and directors will have the opportunity to work with this critically acclaimed teacher and director. Ms. Zipay will collaborate with Gail Cronauer, actor, director and Quad C Theatre faculty member, on a production of "Titus Andronicus."

During the month of June,

classes meet Monday through Thursday, 10 AM to 3 PM. Morning sessions will take students on a tour through Shakespeare's plays, from the obscure to the well known, tracing his development as a dramatist and unlocking the "secrets" of his text. Afternoons will be out-of-your-seat-and-on-your-feet, exploring techniques and exercises used by Ms. Zipay in countless classes and rehearsals to bring literature to life. The workshop will culminate with a public performance.

Joanne Zipay is the founder and Artistic Director of NYC's Judith Shakespeare Company (JSC). Named for Shakespeare's imaginary sister, JSC combines

dedication to language with innovative cross-gender casting. Her "Macbeth" won the prestigious "Oob Award" for excellence in Off-Off Broadway theatre. Ms. Zipay holds an MFA from the University of San Diego/Old Globe Theatre. She has studied with Stella Adler, John Barton, Patsy Rodenberg, Cicely Berry, Richard Easton, and Larry Moss. She has performed with such theatres as the Old Globe, the Dallas Theater Center (DTC), the Shakespeare Festival of Dallas and the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. She has taught at Theatre for a New Audience, the National Shakespeare Conservatory and several universities. Ms. Zipay is a member of the Lincoln Center Theatre's Directors' Lab. JSC recently completed the first leg of a three-year project: presentation of the complete History Cycle.

Gail Cronauer is an acclaimed actor, teacher and acting coach. She has taught at SMU, TWU, DTC, S.T.A.G.E. and The Actor's Place and given workshops throughout the metropolis. She appeared this season at the DTC in "Hedda Gabler" and "The Front Page" as well as in the VH1 movie "Warning: Parental Advisory." Ms. Cronauer has appeared with the Wisconsin, Dallas and Ft. Worth Shakespeare Festivals and directed "Macbeth" at Quad C Theatre.

The three classes being offered include "Shakespeare's World and Words" (helping the

actor find "a way in" to Shakespeare's text: scansion, verse coaching, monologue and scene study), "Shakespeare On Stage" (bringing the text to life: intellectually, physically, vocally, emotionally, intuitively — through exercises and improvisation) and "Theatre Practicum" (performing Shakespeare in front of an audience). A total of seven college credits may be earned from taking these classes.

"Titus Andronicus," Shakespeare's chilling tale of revenge, will perform in Quad C Theatre's Black Box Theatre June 25-30, 2002, in conjunction with the workshop. Auditions are May 28. For more information about the production, auditions or the workshop, contact Gail Cronauer at 972-881-5125 (or email gcronauer@cccc.edu). Check out our website at www.quadtheatre.org.

Quad C Theatre presents "Shakespeare: From Page to Stage," a workshop for students, teachers, actors and directors. June 3 - July 3, 2002. Collin County Community College District, Spring Creek Campus, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano, TX 75074. Workshop participants must register for three classes. Courses are credit (7 hours) or continuing education (non-credit). All classes meet during the day (10:10 am - 3:00 pm and TBA rehearsals). For Senior High School age students and up. Tuition cost: \$205 - \$261. Registration deadline is May 30, 2002 at 5 PM. For registration information, contact Carole Lowe Morgan, 972.881.5106 or Debbie Smith, 972.881.5107.



When speaking of hip-hop, many consider Public Enemy the definitive group. In the late 80's Chuck D, Flava Flav, DJ Terminator X, Professor Griff and the rest of the Bomb Squad redefined the elements of rap, creating the very first incarnation of gangsta and hardcore. With a constant focus on the social issues of the day, Chuck D transcended the rules, launching Public Enemy into the realm of political revolutionaries. Armed with incendiary rhymes and an invigorating concoction of sound that combined machine gun beats, chaotic samples and the lethal combination of Chuck D's powerhouse voice with Flava Flav's absurd antics, the group came to signify the future of rap. Albums like *Yo Bum Rush the Show* and *Fear of a Black Planet* showed the world that hip-hop was a force to be reckoned with. Today Chuck D and

Public Enemy continue their revolutionary work, taking rap to even greater heights than when they started. Their latest release is their very first live concert DVD, *Public Enemy: Live From House of Blues*.

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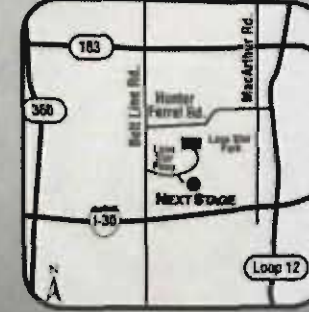
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Department "Canoe Weekend" for
adults only. Adventurers will learn how
to canoe on a mild white-water river in
southeastern Oklahoma on Friday,
canoe on Saturday and Sunday in tan-
dem open canoes, and later base camp at
Beavers Bend State Park. The pre-trip
meeting is scheduled for May 6. The cost
is \$120 per person. For more informa-
tion, call 972-941-7250.

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, histori-
cal, and botanical museums during the
month of May. The Culture Card pro-
gram 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 informa-
tion, call 214-943-1099.

MAY 13

The Collin County Commissioners' Court
will conduct an early public
observance of Memorial Day with two
events beginning at 8:45 a.m. at the
Collin County Courthouse in McKinney.

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@dallascareer-women.org. For more information, visit
www.dallascareer-women.org.

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

MAY 15

The Galerstein Women's Center is host
of "Abortion: Years After the Fact" from
noon to 1 p.m. Vici Meyers, former
director of the Prestonwood Pregnancy
Center, will discuss the post-abortive
experience. The program will be in the
women's center, McDermott Library,
the University of Texas at Dallas in
Richardson. For more information call
972-883-6555.

MAY 17-19

Plano Parks and Recreation continues
"Adventure Weekends" with "Kayaking
the San Marcos River," for adults. The
group will spend a fun weekend paddling
down the scenic San Marcos River, in
addition to receiving professional on-the-
river instruction while camping along the
river. Registration for the weekend is
\$110 per person and includes: trans-
portation, instruction, boat/equipment

rental, and camping equipment.
Registration deadline is May 10, with a
pre-trip meeting on May 14. For more
information call 972-941-7250.

MAY 18-19

With more than 135 restaurants in 4.3
square miles, Addison is known as a
"Feast of Fun"- a true dining destina-
tion. At the 10th annual Taste of
Addison, patrons can sample the cuisine
of more than 45 Addison restaurants in
one convenient location. Food, music,
and fun are the key ingredients for this
two-day event to be May 18 from 11
a.m. to 11 p.m. and May 19 from 11 a.m.
to 6 p.m. in the Addison Arts and Events
District (Addison Circle Drive between
Addison Road and Quorum Drive).
Admission is \$5 and children 3 and
younger are free.

MAY 18

"Spring Round-Up at Heritage Ranch"
will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Entertainment will include Class Act tap
group, Syncopated Ladies, a barbershop
quartet, a Wild West gunfighter show,
Encore, Allen High School show choir,
horse and carriage rides, games and con-
tests, barbeque, pony rides, a free
bounce house, YMCA putting for prizes,
and a family dance-along from 3 to 5
p.m. with Jim Degman Combo. For
more information call 972-549-0072.

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