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WHO WAS OFFICIALLY ELECTED?



Dallas County officials on Monday May 13, 2002 completed recounts of ballots cast in a May 4th election thrown into confusion by problems with computerized early voting.

Former Garland Mayor Jim Spence, who had previously been declared the winner in District 8 discovered he was no longer the winner and will have to face Randall Dunning again on Saturday May 18, 2002.

In revised results released Saturday, Mr. Spence received 472 votes or 48.3 percent of the total. Mr. Dunning received 434 votes or 44.4 percent of the total. To become a winner you must have 50 percent of the votes.

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 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". Mr. Spence said he had 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 city.

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

Mr. Randall D. Dunning has been a Senior Software Developer for 22 years. He said he has worked 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 he was Election Judge in Garland Precinct 2110.

Mr. Dunning said he has three top priorities in this election: 1) 190 Corridor, and Garland Town Center Development 2) relief from unreasonable

ordinances 3) Facilitate emergency personnel and services.

His improvements would be to help people in his 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.

Mr. Dunning believes council members need more of a problem solving approach to issues. "Thinking seems to be entrenched in '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.

Ranette Larsen, Garland city secretary, said District 8 race was the only one affected by the recount. The outcome of the race for major and council districts 3, 6, and 7 have not changed.

"It's over as far as the vote tabulation is concerned, said Toni Pippins-Poole, the county's assistant election administrator. The computer problem was caused when a candidate in the

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MAYOR EVANS' VISION FOR PLANO

On May 4, 2002, the voters spoke and Pat Evans was elected mayor of Plano. She brings to the office of mayor, experience, ambition, guile and determination.

Being an attorney and serving on the city council for 3 1/2 years has given her the necessary tools to make hard decisions while cooperating with others.

In an interview with reporter Paul Meyer, Mayor Evans expressed how optimistic she is about the future for Plano. She said basically Plano is a well-run city even though it needs to make adjustments. Plano has good reserves and outstanding services.

One thing that convinces her the downturn will not be long-term is that Plano has such quality development. You cannot find higher quality than the shop in Willow Bend anywhere in the nation. They've gotten a bad report at times, but she has tremendous respect for what they've done.

Plano has always put quality ahead of volume. Quality will get Plano through this and will keep Plano vital a long time into the future.

Mayor Evans talked about property taxes and stated one thing she was grateful for is that while taxes are such a hot political issue, she was able to

take a stand last year. She said that we're close to losing our bond rating and some things we really need, so she took a stand against lowering taxes a half-cent when it wasn't a particularly popular stand to take. Frankly, it was a scary thing to do at the time.

The voters obviously now think that taxes are something that needed to be talked about. It tells her that there's not going to be a knee-jerk reaction where in order to get elected you have to constantly tell people that she lowered their taxes. We're going to maintain a good city, and when things turn around, then we can look at lowering the rate. We are inextricably bound to our schools. They are our No 1 assets in this town. Our taxpayers are their taxpayers. The quality of the district helps us attract new businesses we know that we are conscious of. So we need to try to get by on as little as we can in terms of property taxes.

Mayor Evans went on to discuss other initiatives taken to adjust to falling revenues. She said in tough times, we need to be more careful. She used the analogy of her home. She said she might say she needs carpet, but it isn't a good year economically for her. But if she delays some things six

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Barbara Mallory Caraway debuts her professional speaking career.



DALLAS, TEXAS ... Former Dallas City Councilwoman Barbara Mallory Caraway debuts her professional speaking career.

Barbara Mallory Caraway established "Music with A Message" and Movies With A Message" to promote self-empowerment through specially selected films and music. "Many of us enjoy watching movies and listening to music as a main interest of entertainment. In the process, we can learn life-enhancing lessons. My goal is to extract central themes; words and phrases from specially selected movies and musical lyrics and develop them into oral presentations to promote self-empowerment

and motivation. Mrs. Mallory Caraway said, "There's always a moral to the story." She said she also plans to develop a one-woman theatrical show. Barbara Mallory Caraway also owns Barbara Mallory Caraway & Associates, a governmental affairs consulting company.

Barbara Mallory Caraway served four, two-year terms on the Dallas City Council. Term limits forced her to retire. She is an experienced broadcast and print media journalist. Mrs. Mallory Caraway earned her Bachelor of Arts in Telecommunications/Theatre from Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas. She is married to Dwaine Caraway.

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 predatory 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 Administration's 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

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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.

The University of Texas at Dallas is sponsoring a free eight-week program for eligible children ages 6 to 9 with moderate language impairments this summer at Harrington Elementary School in Plano. This research study funded by the National Institutes of Health will investigate the clinical effectiveness of Fast ForWord, other computer-assisted language intervention, and traditional therapy. For information contact Alicia Wanek, project supervisor, at 214-905-3024 or by e-mail at alicia.wanek@utdallas.edu.

Ann's Haven Hospice/VNA offers classes designed to help children cope with the grief of losing a loved one. Classes run from 7 to 8 p.m. each Tuesday at First United Methodist Church, 201 S. Locust St. in Denton. For more information call 940-366-6550.

New this fall, Collin County Community College's "Project Management Program" will offer a certified associate in project management certification. The courses offered can be applied towards the project management professional certificate, the college's associate's pf applied arts and science degree in management or four-year universities made possible through existing academic agreements. For information contact the management and development office at 972-377-1702.

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, email 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 16.

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

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Farmersville - The 3rd. Annual Women's Retreat of Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church of Farmersville, Texas was held at the Holiday Inn in McKinney, Texas on Friday May 10th and Saturday May 11th, 2002. The Mondy Matthews Missionary Society and The Women Working sponsored this anointed service for Christ Mission Circle. Sis. Sallie Hunter and Sister Patricia Jones, President.



Speakers for Friday, May 10, 2002
(L to R) Minister Carolyn Brewer, Sis. Carolyn Mack, Missionary Tammy Bayley and Sis. Linda Burkley

Guest Speakers:

Sis. Linda Burkley- McKinney, Texas
Minister Carolyn Brewer-Farmersville, Texas
Missionary Tammy Bayler-Rockwall, Texas
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PLANO COMMUNITY FORUM GOLF TOURNAMENT

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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For ticket information call: TicketMaster at 214-631-ARTS or
The Box Office at 214-691-7200

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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 jay-dubois@awbell.net

City of McKinney Employee Recognized for Leadership

Lisa Bailey, Public Services Librarian at the McKinney Memorial Public Library, has been selected to attend the TALL Texans Leadership Development Institute on June 3-7, 2002.

The Institute is sponsored by the Texas Library Association and is intended to foster and extend the leadership abilities and interpersonal skills of 24 selected librarians and library laypersons. These persons are mid-career or younger and are chosen for their leadership potential. The institute is held annually at Harambe Oaks Ranch near Wimberley, Texas.

For this year's Institute, 38 persons applied to attend. The quality of the applicant pool was one of the finest in the eight years of the Institute's history and selection to the participant group was highly competitive.

Ms. Bailey has been employed by the McKinney Memorial Public Library for three years. She has also worked at the Houston Public Library, Austin College, and Grayson County College. She holds a B.A. from Austin College, an M.A. from University of

North Texas, and an M.L.S. from the University of Texas at Austin.



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WELFARE REFORM IGNORES CORPORATE WELFARE

By James W. Breedlove

Last week President Bush unveiled a new welfare plan that included more stringent work requirement and a focus on promoting marriage and stronger families. The Bush proposal begins the process leading to re-authorizing the 1996 welfare reform legislation which expires this year.

The new plan calls for the government to fund state grants at the same \$16.5 billion a year authorized for the past six years. The administration also will commit \$300 million per year to test the viability of the healthy marriage concept in five states. The percentage of welfare clients who must hold jobs will be raised from 50 percent to 70 percent.

While congress and state governors will spend many hours refining the proposed plan there is a noteworthy element of welfare reform not being discussed; Corporate Welfare.

The nation's largest corporations receive significant more welfare money than social welfare programs. Over \$100 billion is spent each year on corporate welfare while Bush is requesting only \$17 billion to reform social welfare.

A comprehensive study released by the prestigious Hoover Institute refutes common myths about the benefits of corporate welfare programs: they create jobs and promote growth; they level the playing field with our foreign competitors; they help small businesses; and that the payments are provided without regard to political considerations.

The truth is corporate welfare has all the systemic debilitating effects, including dependency and self-destructive behavior, that is attributed to social welfare. Corporate welfare has become a self-serving, self-per-

petuating industry inside Washington where the lobbyists' theme song is "You Scratch My Back and I'll Drop Money In The Pot".

In the mid 90s Congress and the states enacted major reforms to social welfare programs. Time limits were placed on welfare benefits. Work, training, or education is now required to get temporary benefits.

None of this reform ethic has been applied to corporate welfare. There is no plan in Congress or the White House to reform business subsidies. In fact, the business community regards subsidy payments as de facto entitlements. In fact, the tax code has more corporate carve-outs today than it did five years ago and the subsidies have grown.

For example, the federal government provides some \$2 billion in subsidies each year to large profitable electric utility cooperatives, subsidizing electricity for running ski resorts in Aspen, Colorado, five-star hotels in Hilton Head, South Carolina, and gambling casinos in Las Vegas.

Over the past twenty years the Forest Service has built 340,000 miles of roads—more than eight times the length of the interstate highway system—primarily for the benefit of logging companies.

The Farm Security Act will dole out \$170 billion in farm subsidies over the next 10 years—an increase of \$73 billion over the last farm bill. Congress intended the last farm bill, the 1996 Freedom to Farm Act, to get the federal government out of the farm business. Instead, subsidies exploded to \$28 billion last year, most of it going to corporate agribusiness.

Seventy three percent of the big privately-built and operated prisons have received subsidies.

These prisons, located in 19 states, comprise over half the private-prison market. A total of \$628 million in tax-free bonds and other government-issued securities were used to finance the prisons studied.

An estimated 40 percent of the \$1.4 billion sugar price support program benefits the largest one percent of sugar farms. The thirty-three largest sugar cane plantations each receive more than \$1 million in subsidies.

Although welfare in general is morally wrong, corporate welfare is the worst, because it constitutes stealing from the poor in order to give to the rich.

The federal government's subsidies to private businesses give big business an unfair advantage over smaller competitors. It also gives politicians an excuse to deny much-needed tax relief to the bottom 75% of taxpayers—those who, according to the Tax Foundation, make less than \$50,607 a year of which the bottom 50% make less than \$25,490 per year. The tax placed on a working welfare recipient is proportionately higher than that on the wealthiest tycoon.

If all corporate welfare programs were eliminated, Congress would have enough money to entirely eliminate the capital gains tax and the death tax without adding a penny to the national debt. Alternatively, Congress could cut the personal and corporate income tax by 10 percent across the board.

Either of these alternatives would do far more to benefit this nation than the current misguided corporate welfare programs masquerading as corporate assistance.

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Another View Actions We Need from the NAACP

By Emory Curtis

Are you going or do you know someone who is going to the NAACP national convention this summer? If so, this column covers some issues that should be addressed by the NAACP, our one organization that has, or can have, fingers in every Black community in this nation.

The NAACP needs to be brought back into that problem-solving mode it was in during your grandparents' great-grandparents lives in the 1960s, '50s and even earlier as we struggled to narrow the gap between this country's ideals and how it treats us because of our race. Those NAACP actions built up a reservoir of good will. However, three decades of inept or uncaring national leadership has seriously depleted that reservoir of good will.

The depletion is quite evident to those who have solicited NAACP memberships over the years.

In earlier days, a Black person who didn't buy a membership always justified their "no" answer with a story. It went like this: "I would, but the NAACP didn't (or hadn't)..." Now their answer is a straight "no," without a chaser.

The other day, the government's unemployment statistics showed that the overall unemployment rate was at an eight-year high. What struck me was that the Black unemployment rate was about twice the overall unemployment rate—that's the way it was during the '50s and '60s.

Actually, the unemployment rate only takes into account those actively looking for a job. There are a lot of those in the community who have given up looking for a job and a pay check. Plus, there are those who are in jail or prison who also don't bring a pay check into the community.

We have a lot, lot more of those in prison and jails than our share of the population. For instance, on Dec. 31, 1997,

there were 8,630 Black men ages 25 to 29 year old incarcerated per 100,000 Black residents, according to U. S. Bureau of Justice Statistics; the corresponding number for Whites was 868 per 100,000 White residents.

In the '90s we established a number of sorry firsts: In 1993 the number of Black male prisoners surpassed the number of White prisoners for the first time. Also, in 1991, the number of female Black prisoners passed their White counterparts for the first time.

When unemployment numbers and those who have given up looking for a job are coupled with the horrifying numbers of our young men in prison and jails, it is clear that we, as a race, are face to face with becoming a nonentity in this country's economy.

In this day of disappearing sweat jobs and increasing knowledge-based jobs, a job applicant needs a fundamental education as much as the sweat job applicant needed work clothes and gloves. Our children are not getting that needed fundamental education in the public schools.

In terms of ethnic groups, our school children dominate the bottom rung of academic performance. This has been true for decades. At the sixth grade level, a majority of our children are one and one-half to two grades behind.

That problem needs to be attacked head on. School districts across the country need to be brought to court for not delivering "equal education" to our young people. That's a longterm legal battle that the NAACP should begin laying the groundwork for now.

Meanwhile, there is a lot that parents and the community can do with a little outside help to improve the academic performance of local schools. For one, they need to put education of their children at the top of their priority list. Secondly, they need to act on their priority list.

The NAACP branches,

under direction of the national organization, can help communities get their act together. Every school district that has a low-income area and schools with a preponderance of Black students should have a full time social worker and a community organizer. The NAACP should prioritize that action.

The community organizer's job would be to put a functioning school-community organization together. A successful community organizer can change the culture of a neighborhood in terms of education.

That happened around the Los Angeles Coliseum where schools were having problems getting PTAs to function and the Los Angeles Rams left because the area was too rough for those attending games.

That's the area where the University of Southern California Neighborhood Academic Initiative program had parents attending three-hour meetings each Saturday. At an awards day ceremony I talked with a grandmother who hadn't missed a Saturday meeting for two years.

That shows it can be done. It just takes a lot of work in the neighborhood from the parents and the schools. As a result, the neighborhood's culture can be changed. The NAACP ought to be the motivating force for such a change across this country.

There is a definite need for a change in the drug sentencing structure. The 100-to-one sentencing difference between being caught with cocaine in crystal form (crack) and cocaine in powdered form makes no sense.

That is, it makes sense only if the objective is to put more of young Black men in prison. We are more than 90 percent of those in prison because of crack sales. Yet, according to Justice Department statistics, Blacks are less than one-half of the crack users.

Go figure.

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months to a year, she will automatically get some balancing of the budget.

During the campaign, she talked about some new ideas, and now she'll have to see how feasible they are. One idea was seeing if she could delay some nonessential maintenance items that are automatically built into the budget each year. She will need to look at the general fund and see if there are things, which can be done.

Mayor Evans said she would actually like to go out



and visit the sidewalks and alleys and see which ones are in the greatest need of repair. It's the little things like that along with routine maintenance of our buildings and looking at essential and nonessential travel expenses. She further stated, "We won't have the money to fix the bridge at Davis Elementary if we go according to the schedule, but I think we need it. We also have a park and a playground that's flooding. Our children's safety has to be priority. So I'm not going to freeze new capital projects, but we will have to take a look at delaying some nonessential expenditure."

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Black Facts May 16-22, 2002

May 18

Mary McLeod Bethune, educator and founder of the National Council of Negro women died in 1955.

Supreme Court upheld the doctrine of "Separate but Equal" in Plessy vs. Ferguson in 1896.

May 19

Malcolm X (Little) was born in Omaha, Nebraska in 1925.

Gwendolyn Brooks was inducted into the national

Institute of Arts and Letters in 1976.

May 20

Robert N.C. Nix was elected to U.S. Congress from Pennsylvania in 1958.

May 21

Jean B.P. DeSable was the first Chicago settler.

May 22

Sgt. William H. Carney, an ex-slave, earned the Medal of Honor in 1863.



May 16

Theodore K. Lawless, doctor and philanthropist, was honored for donating his time and energy in Chicago in 1963.

May 17

Brown vs. Board of Education, Supreme Court school segregation decision was made in 1954.



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!

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



Billie Meador

Saving for College, You've Got Some Good Choices

If you're going to invest for your children's college education - and you should - then you need to make some decisions. Specifically, which types of investments should you use?

Fortunately, you've got a lot of options. Let's look at a few of them:

• **UGMA/UTMA** - You can set up a custodial account - as established by either the Uniform Gift to Minors Act (UGMA) or the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act (UTMA). This type of account may offer you some tax advantages. In an UGMA or UTMA account, the first \$750 of investment income is tax-free to a child under 14; the next \$750 is taxed at the child's rate, and any amount over \$1,500 will be taxed at your rate. After children reach 14, all their investment income is taxed at their rate.

You'll have to weigh the potential tax benefits of an UGMA/UTMA account against another factor: loss of control. While your children are minors, you can still control the account, but once they reach the age of majority, then the money is theirs to do with as they please.

• **Section 529 plans** - In recent

years, Section 529 plans - named after the section of the Internal Revenue Code authorizing these accounts - have drawn a lot of attention. Section 529 plans are available in two different versions: a pre-paid tuition program and a tax-deferred savings plan. Of the two, the savings plan version, because of its greater flexibility, has become more popular.

And now, thanks to recent tax law changes, the savings plan offers even greater benefits. Specifically, all withdrawals used for qualified education costs will be totally tax-free, as long as the money is used for the college or graduate school expenses of the beneficiary you've named - your child or grandchild. When you establish a Section 529 plan, you don't relinquish control over your contributions until you're ready. You decide who will get the money, when they'll get it, and what they can use it for. You can even change the beneficiary to another family member.

• **Coverdell Savings Plan** - The Coverdell Savings Plan (formerly known as the Education IRA) offers you another college-savings option. A Coverdell plan gives you many investment options - stocks, bonds, certifi-

cates of deposit, etc. And effective in 2002, if you meet certain income limits, you can contribute \$2,000 a year to a Coverdell Savings Plan, up from just \$500 in previous years.

Your contributions to a Coverdell Savings Plan are not tax-deductible, but all earnings and withdrawals are tax-free, provided you use the money for qualified education expenses. However, any non-education withdrawals from a Coverdell plan, as with a Section 529, may be subject to a 10 percent penalty.

No matter how you save and invest - whether in a custodial account, a Section 529 plan or a Coverdell Savings Plan - make sure you do save and invest. College is already expensive, and costs continue to rise rapidly. And, even if your children don't go to college, they'll probably need some help along the way - a down payment for a house, money to start a business, etc. By investing regularly, you can help your kids get off to a good start in the adult world - and that's a goal worth supporting.

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Minority-owned securities firms spread wings on Wall St.

By CHERYL WINOKUR MUNK
Dow Jones Newswires

NEW YORK (Dow Jones/AP) - When Michelle Morton Schoeffel started her own securities firm four years ago, she found herself battling the perception that as an African American woman, she couldn't do the job.

She's proving naysayers wrong.

Schoeffel is president and chief executive of Los Angeles-based Pacific American Securities LLC, one of the many minority-owned brokerages that have cropped up over the past two decades.

The firms are small compared with many of their Wall Street rivals and typically offer fewer products and services. But they have managed to gain some ground in a highly competitive field.

"My goal is to have people do business with our firm because it's a good firm," Schoeffel said, adding that only about 10 percent to 15 percent of its revenue directly relates to being minority-owned.

The securities firm generated about \$12 million of revenue last year, up from a little over \$2 million in 1998. At the height of the bubble in 2000, the firm posted \$24 million in revenue.

To be sure, being minority-owned has opened doors for firms, as corporations have increasingly thrown more business their way. But those doors slam pretty quickly if you can't do the work, according to executives at the firms.

You get more attention, but "at the end of the day you still have to execute," said James Reynolds, chairman and chief executive of Loop Capital Markets LLC in Chicago.

Reynolds, who is African American, co-founded Loop in

September 1997. At the time it had six employees and focused on municipal finance and equity trading. The firm now has 50 employees and has expanded its business to include corporate finance, taxable fixed income and research.

Indeed, over time minority-owned firms have morphed from muni-bond shops, which many started out as, into full-service firms. They also now run merchant banks, venture capital firms, asset managers and other businesses.

"They're not all doing the same thing," said Bernard Beal, whose firm, M.R. Beal & Co., started as a muni bond house 14 years ago. Beal took a run at corporate bonds in 1991, but was "bloodied and battered when I waved the white flag in 1994," he said. (He re-entered that business two years later.)

The firm, which once had 280 people when Beal still owned a life insurance company, now has 48. The firm also had an asset management practice, which Beal sold, but hopes to rebuild. This month the firm is starting that business up again with short-term cash and medium-term fixed-income products.

Although they are small, minority-owned firms have not been insulated from the economic downturn. "Business is scarce on the Street right now," Beal said.

On the other hand, "we didn't lose a lot of business because we didn't have a lot," said Reynolds of Loop Capital.

Because these firms are private, actual earnings figures are hard to come by. But one thing is clear, small firms are trying to use the downturn to their advantage. With all the layoffs by major Wall Street players, there's no shortage of talent - people

who in better times may not have given these firms a chance.

"It's easier for us to hire during a weaker market cycle. However it's also much riskier for us to hire during a weaker market cycle," said Christopher Williams, chairman and chief executive of Williams Capital Group LP, a minority-owned firm based in New York.

Williams Capital, which started in 1994 as an equity trading shop with four employees, now has 57 staffers in research, underwriting, corporate finance and the like. Next on the docket is growing its investment management business into various asset classes within fixed income, Williams said.

For Ormes Capital Markets Inc., the next step is finding a major financial institution to infuse capital. "Our growth has all been organic and self-financed," said David Ormes, president and chief executive, who is African American.

The New York firm, which opened its doors in February 1993 with five staffers, has grown to more than 25, and would like to grow more, possibly through acquisitions, Ormes said.

As for Pacific American's Schoeffel, she's hoping to add equity traders in the firm's New York office. She also plans to create a company to serve as manager of managers for public pension plans and high-net worth individuals.

Next year, she said, she'll look at the viability of entering the equity underwriting market.

"It's a way of diversifying income," Schoeffel said. "I don't think firms can be successful if they rely solely on being minority-owned."

Edward Jones Offers Investing Program

Billie G. Meador, the Edward Jones investment representative in Plano, will host a free program for investors on Tuesday, June 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Guests will hear from Edward Jones and American Funds experts on whether the stock market's heyday will return and what financial decisions investors should be making this summer.

"As America continues on the path toward economic recovery, many investors are asking if another bull market is around the corner," said Meador. "The program

will explore this topic and provide answers to a variety of questions that individual investors may have about today's market."

This live, interactive broadcast is presented at Edward Jones branch offices nationwide via the firm's private satellite network.

The largest firm in the nation in terms of branch offices, Edward Jones currently has more than 7,900 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 on the program or to reserve your seat, contact Meador at 972-208-5688. If you are unable to attend at the above time, additional viewing opportunities are available.

Current American Funds prospectuses will be made available at this event. Please be sure to read them carefully for details about charges, expenses, investment objectives and operating policies before investing.

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Lone Star Million, Memorial Day, Monday, May 27

Friday, May 24

- ★ Grandstand Gates Open - 5:00 p.m.
- ★ Heineken "Party at the Park" in the Courtyard of Champions with \$1.50 Heinekens & Amstel Lights - 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- ★ Live performance by the Party Crashers - 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- ★ Appearance by KLUU "Oldies Radio" - 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 25

- ★ Grandstand Gates Open - 11:30 a.m.
- ★ \$150,000 Stonerside Stakes
- ★ "Lone Star Park Live" on KDFW-TV Channel 27 - 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 26

- ★ "Inside Lone Star Park" with Darren Rogers and Gary West of The Dallas Morning News on ESPN Radio 105.3 FM - 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- ★ Grandstand Gates Open - 11:30 a.m.
- ★ Children's Miracle Network "Family Fun Days" in the Courtyard of Champions - noon to 4:00 p.m.
- ★ Senior Citizens Day - Fans, 62 years and older, will receive free general admission.

Memorial Day, Monday, May 27

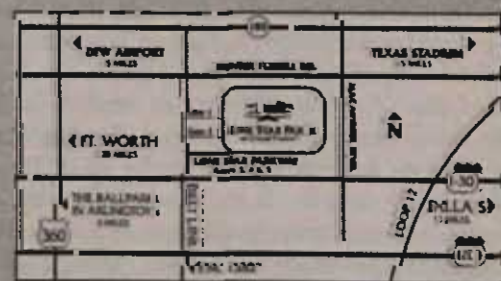
- ★ Grandstand Gates Open - 11:30 a.m.
- ★ Pony Rides, a Petting Zoo and Bounce Houses in the Family Fun Park - 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- ★ Appearance by 92.3 KZPS "The Classic Rock Station" - noon to 2:00 p.m.
- ★ Live performance by Lookout in the Courtyard of Champions - noon to 4:00 p.m.

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- ★ \$200,000: Ironhorse J. & S. Stakes
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- ★ \$100,000: All-I Expectations Stakes
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Baylor University Medical Center Among First in Dallas to Use "Camera in a Pill" Technology

Baylor University Medical Center (BUMC) is now among the first in the nation to use a clinically proven medical device that allows physicians to see what no one has ever been able to fully capture before - the entire 21 feet of a patient's small intestine. The M2A Capsule Endoscope, or "camera in a pill," pioneered by Given Imaging Corporation, is a valuable tool for accurately diagnosing many previously undiagnosed small intestine disorders.

"Approximately 70 million Americans currently suffer from gastrointestinal problems, including disorders such as obscure bleeding, Crohn's Disease, malabsorption or Celiac Disease, and intestinal tumors," said Daniel Polter, M.D., chief of gastroenterology on staff at BUMC. "However, many of these conditions go undiagnosed or are treated through trial and error due to the limited diagnostic options available for this region of the body."



The capsule, which is taken with a sip of water, just like a pill, passes naturally through the digestive tract, recording video images that are transmitted and stored on a recorder belt worn by the patient throughout the day.

Eight hours after swallowing the capsule, the patient returns the belt to the BUMC GI Physiology lab office. The physician then views the images using the Given Imaging workstation

and RAPID software to help make a diagnosis.

"We are extremely excited to offer a technology that will improve our ability to diagnose disorders of the small intestine," said Daniel DeMarco M.D., director of endoscopy on staff at BUMC. "In addition, the M2A Capsule Endoscope is much more convenient for our patients, who now can avoid the unpleasant preparation, extended visits and anesthesia associated with other diagnostic procedures."

BUMC operates as one of the nation's largest not-for-profit medical centers, caring for more than 300,000 people a year. Opened in 1903, BUMC, the flagship of Baylor Health Care System, is a major patient care, teaching and research center for the Southwest. BUMC will celebrate its 100-year anniversary in 2003. For more information, call 1-800-4BAYLOR.

Cities Combat High Death Rates for Black Infants

By Artelia C. Covington

NNPA National Correspondent
WASHINGTON-Nicole Darden, a 20-year-old, Dallas, Texas, native is confident that her unborn child will be delivered healthy and that she is getting good prenatal care.

A participant in the Dallas Healthy Start program that works with pregnant women to ensure that their babies do not die before their first birthday, Darden gets to her doctor visits and receives any medication that she needs.

"I think that this is going to be a good program for my baby, I didn't have any prenatal care before I signed up for this program," says Darden, whose baby is due Aug. 3. She has two other children ages 4 and 3.

Programs like these become very important in light of a recently released study of infant death rates in the 60 largest U.S. cities. The study shows a median infant death rate of 13.9 deaths per 1,000 live births for Black babies, compared with 6.4 for Whites and 5.9 for Hispanics. Black infants in those cities were 1.4 to 4.8 times more likely than White infants to die in their first year of life, according to the study by the Centers for Disease Control, which examined birthrates in cities with populations over 250,000 from 1995 to 1997.

Cities with higher-than-average infant mortality rates, such as Washington, D.C., Memphis, Tennessee, and Detroit, Michigan, tended to have a larger proportion of Black births. They also had more very low or moderately low birth weight babies, more teenage pregnancies, fewer women who received prenatal care and more racial segregation.

"What we found here with the data was something that we have known for years, this study just shows us that it is also true at the city level," says Scott Santibanez, a medical epidemiologist with the Center for Disease Control. "This is a problem that we still need to focus on and some people might think that this problem has been solved, but we still need to do some work in this area."

Santibanez says that several factors contributed to the high numbers of Black babies dying, including social, emotional and biological issues.

"We need to respond to these factors better," he says. "There also should be some prenatal programs that are accessible to the women in the area where they live and something appropriate for them to use that they will actually use."

Dallas Healthy Start relies on its community outreach to help bring its infant mortality numbers down. Darden discovered the program through the school she was attending to get her GED. Last year, the Black infant mortality rate for Dallas was 5.0, down by half from 10.3 four years ago.

"We place para professionals or people that we hire from the community in the community to go out and find pregnant women and get them to health care," says

Deborah Lane, outreach coordinator. "We go out and scour apartment complexes, laundry mats, food stores, shelters and food pantries. We basically just go to places where we think we may be able to find pregnant women to get them health care."

Dallas Healthy Start has three other basic components: case management, health education and consortium, its work with other community-based organizations. Lane says that Healthy Start also works with the March of Dimes to push the importance of folic acid in the diets of expectant mothers to help prevent birth defects.

"We help to bring pregnant women into the system and we also work with them after they have given birth to make sure that they are on target for pediatric healthcare," Lane adds.

Though infant mortality continues to decline across the country, the United States still ranks 23rd among industrialized nations in the world in infant mortality.

Education is important on several levels. According to Robert Wilson, chairman of Health and Physical Education at Morehouse College in Atlanta, "It all begins

with the education of rearing children and what goes into ensuring that they have the best medical care. Making sure that that happens begins during the mother's pregnancy."

Magda Peck, executive director of City Match in Omaha, Nebraska, agrees. Her organization groups city and county health departments' maternal and child health programs.

"The problem is local and the solution is local," she says. "There are federal and state programs that could alleviate these problems, but the actual solution needs to happen at home."

Once the mothers are aware of their role, other work can begin. Says Lane, "Educating the community about infant mortality and giving the women access to health care by helping them get access to eligibility for programs such as Medicaid, WIC and CHIP."

"Comprehensive prenatal care remains the most effective method to combat infant mortality," she says. "If the women can get prenatal care early and begin using prenatal vitamins, getting the care early will help to address any problems that they may have."

Taking the Politics Out of Politicians

By James Clingman

"The new Negro in politics, moreover, must not be a politician. He must be a man." Those are the words of our Elder, Carter G. Woodson, and far be it from me to change the meaning of his words but, since Brother Woodson wrote these words in 1930s, I would add, "She must be a woman." Since voting is appropriate in politics, I vote we take the politics out of politicians. Politics gets in the way, especially as relates to Black politicians getting things done for "the race," as Woodson says in his timeless work, "The Miseducation of the Negro."

I have seen Black politicians, in my neck of the woods and on the national scene, come around prior to every election seeking votes and saying exactly what their Black constituents want to hear. They go to the churches hoping to get an opportunity to speak after and even during the service, and they show up at the oddest places making every attempt to garner those precious votes. Win or lose, in many cases, we never see or hear from them again, that is, unless they decide to run for office again. Isn't that what White politicians do also?

I have seen politicians trying to get elected for the second or third time around, reciting everything they did during their previous term, which most of the time amounts to little or nothing, but promising even more this time. All the while knowing they cannot deliver half of what they promise, some politicians continue to mislead people into thinking, "This time it will be different." The sad part about it is that we fall for it every time. Yes, let's take the politics out of politicians, Black folks, because it is obvious that our love for this "game of chance" will not change in the near future.

Let's take the politics out of politicians because we need to get positive things done for the broad base of Black people in our local districts and on the national front, and if Black people are mere politicians that will

never happen. If we get the politics out of politicians, maybe then we will elect brothers and sisters who have backbone enough to stand up and say, "I am not going to allow this position to contaminate and destroy me, thereby, destroying my relationships with my people and minimizing my effectiveness. I will always do what is right, and if they vote me out of office for that, so be it."

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Black officials counted in 1970...but it raises the question of the nature of the gains that have been made because of such growth." Those who have followed my writings are aware that have asked that same question for some time now. Thus, with no disrespect intended, and with much love and appreciation for those Black men and women politicians who have done as Carter G. Woodson suggested, I say, "It's time to take the politics out of politicians."

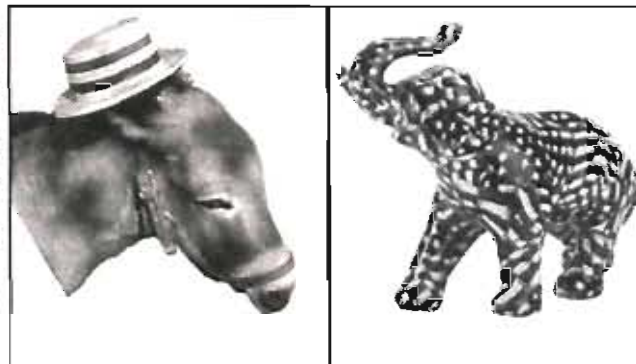
The economic salvation of Black people is not and has never been in politics. On the contrary, political salvation lies in economics. After 40 years or so of chasing the illusive

butterfly called political power, only to attain political influence, Black folks must now (as we should have done a long ago) make some drastic changes, as Ron Walters has told us.

A good start would be with the hip hop political movement as recently noted in "Savoy" magazine. Instead of, or at least in addition to that, we must have a hip hop economic movement. While there certainly are thousands of new votes to be had from the hip hop crowd, would anyone like to count the dollars controlled by this group, starting with the likes of Russell Simmons, P Diddy, Jermaine Dupri, and Master P? Then let's take a look at the brothers and sisters on the street and count all the money they spend on this music genre, not to mention the clothing, the concerts and the videos.

Just as much effort as we put into registering and pooling our votes at hip hop summits should be put into registering and pooling our dollars at an economic hip hop summit. The term "politics as usual" is insulting to Black people, especially considering all the political shenanigans and scandals we see these days. It must change; we must change.

At a minimum, if we refuse to take the politics out of politicians, please, let's add a little economic flavor to the mix.



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Winners were awarded their certificates from the Coca-Cola bottling Company of North Texas for the Dallas Independent School District Essay Contest.

Local Students Honored as Finalists in the Coca-Cola Free Enterprise Scholarship Essay Contest

Dallas, Texas - On May 8, 2002, Coca-Cola Bottling Company of North Texas co-sponsored the 27th Annual Marketing Education Employer-Employee Banquet. The Banquet was held at the Wyndham Anatole for high school seniors involved in the Dallas Independent School District (DISD) Distributive Education Club of America program (DECA).

Rick Gillis, Division Vice President and General Manager for Coca-Cola Bottling Company of North Texas, was a guest speaker and presenter of the Coca-Cola Free Enterprise Essay scholarship awards. "We are extremely pleased to offer area students the opportunity to showcase their marketing capabilities and give them an opportunity to receive recognition," said Rick Gillis.

Approximately 60 students entered the essay competition and wrote their essays in a supervised environment at Eastfield College. After the completion of their essays, the stu-

dents were invited to the local Coca-Cola Bottling plant in East Dallas for a tour and introduction into the marketing and production side of business.

State Representative Haryette Erhardt, Dallas City Council Woman Valetta Lill, and the Dallas Weekly publisher James Washington judged the student's essay.

Ten finalist were selected for an award between \$100-\$1,000 dollars. The Dallas ISD Marketing Essay Contest Finalists are Sarah Elizabeth Dupis of Townview Business Magnet winning first place, Angelia Thill and Andrew Tyner of Seagoville High School, Vincent Najera of W. T. White High School, Starr Pratt and Cynthia Machado of Moises E. Molina, Earlyshia Thomas of L. G. Pinkston High school, Michael Koza of Bryan Adams High School, La Nora Williams of South Oak Cliff School, and La Toya Hill of A. Maceo Smith High School. In addition to the marketing awards, Co-CEO of Minyard Food Stores, Gretchen Minyard

Williams, joined in announcing the best salesmanship awards.

For 55 years DECA, the association of marketing students, has been leading talented young people toward real careers and lifetime skills. In 1946, DECA organized around an ambitious goal: to improve educational and career opportunities in marketing, management and entrepreneurship for students. In the years since, DECA has remained on the cutting edge of educational innovation, working with the business community to integrate academic achievement with career and technical skills.

The Coca-Cola Bottling Company of North Texas is pleased to have sponsored the 27th Marketing Education Employer-Employee Banquet and applauds the excellent high school seniors from the area. The Coca-Cola Bottling Company of North Texas remains committed to youth, education and the community, recognizing that our youth are our future.

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Rowlett mayor's race was added after early voting had started. The computer's own security measures blocked the addition. "That shows how secure the system is. We need to work on our procedures for retrieving the data", she said. She also stated she has seen nothing like it in her 14 years with the Elections Department. Neither had Mike Limas, chief operating officer of ESS (the company that maintains the system).

"It's a unique situation with a candidate entered into the election files after voting had started, Mr. Limas said. "We're really pleased we were able to help them recover all that data and validate that system".

Mr. Limas said he was confident of the final results, in part because the system generated a ballot image for each vote, and hard copies could be counted manually if necessary.

EDITORS NOTE:

Candidate Jim Spence did not respond to photo request deadline.

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The Department of Psychiatry at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center of Dallas is conducting research sponsored by the National Institute of Mental Health on cognitive therapy for depression. **Treatment is free.** The symptoms of depression include:

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A pre-proposal conference will be held Tuesday, May 21, 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 28, 2002. Proposals submitted after this deadline will not be considered.

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Arts & Entertainment



Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones

More hotly anticipated than Spider-Man, this second prequel to one of the greatest sci-fi sagas stars Hayden Christensen as Anakin Skywalker, the future Darth Vader, assigned to safeguard Padmé Amidala, with whom he falls in love.

Ewan McGregor returns as a wiser Obi-Wan Kenobi, investigating a conspiracy to overthrow the Republic, while Jedi Mace Windu (Samuel L. Jackson) and Yoda lead their brethren in an all-out battle against evil.

Anakin Skywalker (Hayden Christensen) has become the accomplished and headstrong Jedi apprentice of Obi-Wan Kenobi (Ewan McGregor), who himself has changed from student to teacher. The two Jedi are ordered to protect Senator Padmé Amidala (Natalie Portman), whose life is endangered by a faction of political separatists who want her dead. As Obi-Wan tries to discover who's behind the threat to Padmé, Anakin finds himself falling in love with the senator. The results of Obi-Wan's investigation unveil the powerful forces threatening the Republic and force the Jedi to make tough decisions to save the universe as they know it.



Insomnia

Sent to a small Alaska town to investigate the murder of a teenage girl, a veteran police officer (Al Pacino) is forced into a game of psychological cat-and-mouse by a primary suspect (Robin Williams) after his partner is killed. The stakes escalate as he contends with an idealistic detective (Hilary Swank)

and finds his own stability dangerously threatened.

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"One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" is the Big Winner at the 10th Annual Quad C Theatre Awards Ceremony

May 14 - "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," adapted from Ken Kesey's counter-culture novel, swept the 10th Annual Quad C Theatre Awards ceremony. The Quad C Theatre Awards ceremony was held on Monday, May 13 in the John Anthony Theatre on the campus of Collin County Community College. During the three-hour ceremony, Quad C's acclaimed production of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" collected a total of ten awards, including Outstanding Production.

The Quad C Theatre Awards are voted upon by the students and faculty at CCCC, in addition to the more than 600 Quad C Theatre season subscribers. Co-hosted by Laura Bailey (Allen) and Richard Sharkey (Plano), both former CCCC students now working professionally in the entertainment industry, the Academy Award-styled ceremony featured video clips from each of the nominees for Outstanding Production. A show-stopping collage of scenes was also presented, hilariously merging "The

Rimers of Eldritch," "Songs for a New World," "Beau Jest," "Side Man," and "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest."

Demonstrating excellence both on-stage and behind the scenes, the cast and crew of Outstanding Production winner "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" received numerous performance and technical achievements. Denton Davies (Carrollton) received the award for Outstanding Supporting Actor for his role as Billy Bibbit, Wiley Flowers (Dallas) was named Outstanding Community Actor for his role as Randle P. McMurphy, and Ben Carroll (Plano) and Casey Riney (Flower Mound) were nominated Best Cameo Performers. "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" also won the award for: Outstanding Running Crew; Outstanding Scenic Design and Construction; designed by Craig "Yo" Erickson (Richardson), with Tom Hull (Dallas), technical director, and Megan Morelock (Carrollton), master carpenter; Outstanding

Lighting Design; designed by Craig "Yo" Erickson (Richardson), Samantha Tella (Plano) master electrician and Vari*Lite operator, and Leigh Ann Metcalf (Allen) board operator; and Outstanding Sound Design: designed by Andrew Duckworth (Plano) with Brad Goehl (Garland) as board operator.

"One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" also won the award for Outstanding Graphic Design. While accepting the award for Graphic Design, Quad C Theatre Director Brad Baker gave a moving tribute to Judy Jones, CCCC Director of Publications and Public Relations, who passed away this past Friday. Mr. Baker accepted the award in her honor.

The remaining major awards were divided among the other Quad C Theatre productions. Brad Baker, Richard Sharkey and Gus de Avillez (all from Plano) won the award for Outstanding Direction of the production of "Side Man." Richard Sharkey (Plano), as Clifford in "Side Man,"

and Robert Lee Russell III (Richardson), as Bob in "Beau Jest," tied for Outstanding Leading Actor; Katy Drake (McKinney) won Outstanding Leading Actress for her role as Terry in "Side Man"; Sarah Saunders received the award for Outstanding Supporting Actress in "Side Man"; Jennifer Pasion (Lewisville) received an award for Outstanding Performance by a Community Actress for her role in the Ensemble for "Songs for a New World." Chris Cantrell (Richardson) and Lindsay Huttoon (Plano) picked up the award for Outstanding Production in an ALT Series Production. "Side Man" took home the award for Outstanding Costume Design. Leigh Ann Metcalf and Eric Gray (both from Allen) received the award for Outstanding Stage Management for "Side Man." The Scene Shop Assistants received a Special Contribution award for their dedication to the theatre this season.

The coveted award for Outstanding Theatre Student was declared a three-way tie. Leigh Ann

Metcalf (Allen), Samantha Tella (Plano) and Megan Morelock (Carrollton) shared this award. Brad Goehl (Garland) won the award for Most Improved Theatre Student.

Quad C Theatre Technical Director Craig "Yo" Erickson (Richardson) and Theatre Business Manager Tiffany Kellerman (Plano) inducted former CCCC students David Hare (Hurst) and Thomas LeGalley (Highland Village). Both Mr. Hare and Mr. LeGalley received a plaque, a lifetime pass to the Quad C Theatre, and will have their portraits displayed on the wall of the John Anthony Theatre.

Assistant Technical Director, Tom Hull (Dallas) gave the Backstage Award to Andrew Duckworth (Plano) for his dedication to assisting with technical aspects of productions at Quad C Theatre.

Leigh Ann Metcalf (Allen) was presented with the Adam Hurst Spirit of Quad C Award. This scholarship is dedicated to Adam Hurst, a former

theatre student who passed away due to complications with leukemia. His spirit of hope and joy is evident in the spirit of Ms. Metcalf.

Faculty member Gail Cronauer (Dallas) introduced the Quad C Theatre students who were awarded with a place on the National Dean's List. These students include Brian Barnes (Lewisville), Denton Davies (Carrollton), Mary Elits (Plano), Sarah Saunders (Mesquite), Lucy Slavik (Lewisville), Samantha Tella (Plano), Lauren Wright (The Colony) and Kat Zacharek (Plano).

Quad C Theatre Director Brad Baker also introduced forty-one Theatre Department Scholarship recipients, citing the talented group of students as "the cornerstone of our future." "Whatever we achieve during the next few years," Baker added, "will be a tribute to these students' collective efforts."

Season tickets to the 2002-2003 Quad C Theatre season are now available by calling the Quad C Theatre Box Office at (972) 881-5809.



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Bonnie Raitt holds the respectable claim of being the only woman in mainstream rock to be recognized as a guitar virtuoso. The singer uses her exceptionally strong voice and emotive songwriting skills to pump out a bluesy mix of hard rock that has made her an international success.

But her success has not come easy. Raitt picked up her first guitar at age nine, and began her singing career in her early teens on the Boston and Philadelphia folk and blues circuit. The daughter of Broadway star John Raitt, she released a self-titled debut in 1971 when she was 22; a mix of country blues, R&B and covers of West Coast songwriters like Jackson Browne and Randy Newman.

In 1972, Raitt re-released Give It Up, which featured the heart-rending "Love Has No Pride" and the lustful "Love Me

Like A Man." Raitt's next album, For Takin' My Time came out one year later, notable for its guest artists which included Taj Mahal, Jim Keltner and Little Feat's Lowell George.

Over the next decade, Raitt began to change her style to one that included more elements of rock, while still maintaining a blues feel. Sweet Forgiveness, released in 1977, was the first album to incorporate this new-found maturity. This album produced her first U.S. hit -- a raunchy cover of Del Shannon's "Runaway." She also showcased her blues-rock mix on Green Light, released in 1982.

Raitt abruptly dropped out of sight for awhile after this album, as she struggled to control her alcohol and drug use. She also had

reached an impasse in her career, as her refusal to pump out mass popular music left her with a stagnating audience. Even worse at this point, her label, Warner Bros., uncere-

moniously dumped her. But Raitt found an unlikely savior in the Walt Disney Co., when she was commissioned to record a rendition of "Baby of Mine" for a Disney covers project called Stay Awake. Released as a single, the song led to a record deal with Capitol.

Nick of Time came out in 1989 and received an amazingly positive response from old fans and new fans alike. The album won three Grammys and hit the top of the U.S. charts. At the same time, Raitt won a fourth Grammy for a duet she recorded with John Lee Hooker called "In the Mood."

Nick of Time made Raitt a superstar and 1991's Luck of the Draw only solidified this status. The album was a big seller, and won Raitt three more Grammys, although critics agreed it was a weaker effort. Still, Raitt continued to pair up with the big names in the business, including Bruce Hornsby, Richard Thompson, B.B. King, Elton John, Willie Nelson, Aretha Franklin and Gloria Estefan.

In 1994, Raitt returned with Longing in Their Hearts and received even more Grammys (bringing her total to nine) and multi-platinum sales. The following year, she released her first live album, called Road Tested.

In 1998, after a four-year absence from studio recording, Raitt released Fundamental, a back-to-basics album produced by Mitchell Froom and Tchad Blake.

Bonnie Raitt will be appearing at NextStage at Grand Prairie on May 29, 2002.

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of each month at the Douglass
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MAY 16, 23

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MAY 16-JULY 28

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MAY 16-MAY 18

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month of May. The Culture Card pro-
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MAY 18

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MAY 21

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personalities of many things during the
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MAY 21-26

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