



**Don Carty**  
American Airlines

Page 4



**Young Photographers Workshop and Competition**

Page 7



**Dave Coz**

Page 7

# The Gazette

A Division of

**MON**  
Minority Opportunity News, Inc.

SERVING PLANO, DALLAS, RICHARDSON, GARLAND, ALLEN, MCKINNEY AND MESQUITE

Volume XI, Number XXI

"North Dallas" Weekly Paper of Choice

May 123-May29, 2002



## On the Homefront:

Plano Repertory Theatre artistic director Mark D. Fleisher has announced the theater's productions for the 2002 season. They are:

- "Some Enchanted Evening: The Songs of Rodgers and Hammerstein" June 6-29
- "Not About Nightingales" July 18 - Aug. 4
- "A Chorus Line" Sept. 5-29
- "Sleuth" Oct. 17-Nov. 3
- "Inspecting Carol" Dec. 4-22

For more information, group sales, reservations, or to subscribe, call 972-422-7460.

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

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 Forward, 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.

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 at four-year universities made possible through existing academic agreements. For information contact the management and development office at 972-377-1702.

The International Library of Poetry is seeking poets from the Plano area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of over 250 prizes. The deadline for the contest is July 31, 2002. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free. To enter, send one original poem, any subject and any style to: The International Library of Poetry, Suite 19914, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be 20 lines or less, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked or sent via the Internet by July 31, 2002. You may also enter online at [www.poetry.com](http://www.poetry.com).

## INSIDE

- On the Homefront .....1
- Community Spotlight .....2
- Editorials .....3
- Capitol Watch .....3
- Strategy .....4
- On The Move .....4
- Ethnic Notes .....5
- Wellness .....5
- You & Your Money .....6
- Arts & Ent. ....7
- Around the Town .....8

## High Rate of Violence Reported Against Kenyan Women

(Special to the NNPA)—A shocking new report finds that almost 25 per cent of women in Nairobi are constant victims of gender-based violence.

The findings were released at a time when the Domestic Violence (Family Protection) Bill, is being discussed in Parliament.

According to the report, at least 400,000 women are constant victims of violence from relatives at home, colleagues at work, teachers and lecturers, police and council askaris (guards) and street hoodlums.

The report, "Survivors Speak: A Snapshot Survey on Violence Against Women in Nairobi," was released by the United Nations Human Settlements Program (U.N.-Habitat) in Gigiri.

Commissioned by the U.N. agency and conducted by women's organizations, it had been focused on the safety and security of Nairobi residents.

It reveals that security guards (council askaris) demand sexual favors from street vendors in exchange for freedom.

In one account, a woman tells of threats from the guards that they would make sure she shared a cell with street boys if she rejected their sexual advances.

The report categorizes the forms of violence women are subjected to as physical, emotional, social and economic.

The U.N.-Habitat executive director, Anna Tibaijuka, who released the report, challenged government departments dealing with security, the judiciary and the City Council to work towards improving security in the city.

The report, she said, was designed to support the development of an effective citywide crime prevention strategy in Nairobi. "Its audience is the national government, as well as the Nairobi City Council, the police, the judiciary and civil society organizations that promote women's safety."

Nairobi Deputy Mayor Joe Aketch and the town clerk, Godfrey Mate, who sat through the release of the report, were at pains to explain what the council would do about the findings.

Mate said, "We didn't know it existed but we are not disputing this report. Some of the younger guards are HIV-positive. We want to check those cells and see what happens there. The staff needs to be retrained to change their attitude."

## Hamilton Park Cleanup

By: Felicia Coleman

On Saturday, May 18 Mayor Laura Miller, Councilman Allan Walne, Network Planning Committee of Hamilton Park (Randy Peaches and wife, Renay Tinner, Cedric Haynes, Freida Stoutenboro, Shirely Tarpley, Martha Foxall and Mrs. Elam), Boy Scouts of America, members of First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park, members of New Mt. Zion Baptist Church, volunteers and residents of Hamilton Park community gathered for a neighborhood cleanup. Volunteers began mowing lawns, removing sheds, trash and debris 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning for Hamilton Park residents.

Gregory Lyons, executive director of Network Planning for Hamilton Park, grew up and lived in Hamilton Park for 20 years. Mr. Lyons, who currently resides in Richardson, decided to come back and give to the community because God led him to give back to the community. "Two years ago, I struggled with what God wanted me to do. God gave me the vision of what to do for Hamilton Park. I am determined to get things done in Hamilton Park and I'm determined to make sure that God's will is done," Mr. Lyons said. Hamilton Park is a community that originated 48 years ago with a few homes and masses of open land and fields. Today, Hamilton Park has many of its original residents.

Eugene Tinner has been a resident of Hamilton Park at Hoblitzelle Drive for over 45 years. "I think the cleanup is a nice community thing," he said. "I personally haven't violated the code enforcement. I'm straight with the community and my property is in compliance with the code enforcement. I think the community cleanup is a nice community thing."

District 10 Councilman Allan Walne and Mayor Laura

asked by Mayor Miller to designate a particular area and help the areas that is most in need of improvements and cleanup. Councilman Allan Walne said, "Hamilton Park is an aging neighborhood with an older group of people. We had to come to the area that had the most complaints with neighbors calling in about code enforcement." Mr. Tinner said, "Allan Walne has done a lot for the community. He is dependable and concerned about the

community." Estelle Adams, a resident of Hamilton Park for 41 years feels that the cleanup is a great improvement. "The community contains mostly senior citizens but children are moving back."

Boy Scouts of America from First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park volunteered cleaning up yards on Saturday. Richard Harkey, Scout Master and a member

of First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park for 15 years said, "I came to volunteer because its a good service project and its good for the community." Frank Beverly, Outdoor Chairperson and a member is First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park said, "Its a good way to give back to the community and be involved in the community and teach the boys about being good citizens." Carolyn King and her son Cory have attended First Baptist

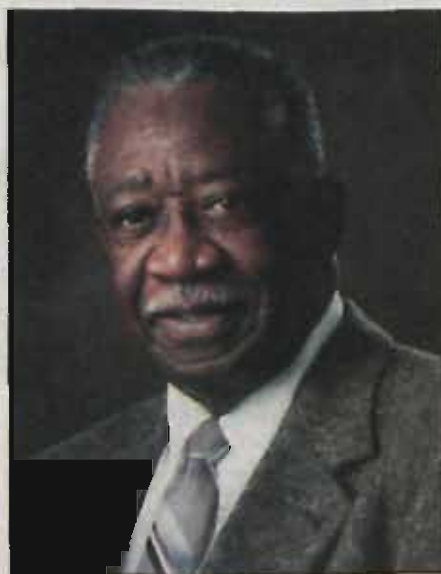
See Hamilton Park page 2



Mayor Laura Miller with Gregory Lyons

Miller encouraged residents to continue to call City Hall whenever they have complaints about code enforcement. Mayor Miller said, "One of the most important things about Dallas is neighborhoods and keeping our neighborhoods clean. The one who calls City Hall, will be the one who get the clean up." Mayor Miller assured residents of Hamilton Park that it's number one on the list for needs for next year to have more money in the budget for cleanup. Each councilman was

## 1st Annual Roosevelt Johnson Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament



The Dallas Pan-Hellenic Council and the Dallas Urban League are sponsoring the 1st Annual Roosevelt Johnson Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 1, 2002 at the Cedar Crest Golf Course beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Roosevelt Johnson was a symbol of strength and dignity in Dallas. He led the Dallas Urban League as Executive Director for many years helping to shape individuals and business leaders, as well as assuring equal opportunity in employment, education and housing in this city. Prior to the Dallas Urban League, Roosevelt served as a Program Director and Branch Executive

of the Y.M.C.A with the responsibility of building Y.M.C.A programs for young adults. Mr. Johnson spent countless hours building harmony among racial groups in Dallas.

As an active leader of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Mr. Johnson served as Board Chairman of The Dallas Pan-Hellenic Council and Executive Director of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inc.

All proceeds of the golf tournament will go towards scholarships for college students.

All members of Greek organizations are encouraged to attend and wear Greek paraphernalia.

## 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 Mis-Education 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."

Ron Walters, a convener of the recent State of the Black World conference in Atlanta and an active participant in the 1972 Black Political Convention held in Gary, Ind., wrote an editorial titled, "Tracking Black Elected Officials," in which he decried the "marginal" difference new Black officials will make. Brother Walters relates, "The political bodies in which they will operate have not favored liberal public policies in the past two decades. In fact, we know that institutional politics is marked by gradual change—if there's any change at all—which is another reason for the younger generation to continue to consider more dynamic methods of achieving their goals."

Walters is certainly politically astute, and I respect him tremendously. I also agree with him wholeheartedly. If he can make

this kind of assessment regarding politics, I know I am on the right track. But our Elders such as Woodson, Booker T. Washington, Marcus Garvey and a host of others understood that Black people must first gain an economic foothold in this country, and then the political gains would be much easier to attain.

As Walters cited, "The newest roster of Black elected officials released by the Joint Center for Political Studies shows that their number has grown to 9,040...a long way from the 1,500 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 I 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

See Taking the Politics page 4



# Hamilton Park Cleanup



Middle - Councilman Allan Walne, Gregory Lyons and Mayor Laura Miller with Boy Scout Troupe 118. The Troupe volunteered to clean up the neighborhood



Jack Kilpatrick standing in front of "People Helping People" display



Councilman Allan Walne talking with Mr. Gregory Lyons



Mayor Laura Miller shaking hands with volunteer Cory King

## Randall Dunning Wins Garland's District 8 Council Seat



### Correction:

Mr. Dunning believes 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'. While Mr. Dunning feels that Garland citizens have been over-taxed, and as a newly elected Councilman, he will look for creative ways for revenue enhancement.

## Hamilton Park

from Page 1  
Church of Hamilton Park for 2 years. Cory King, a 14 year old soon to be Eagle Scout felt that he had a responsibility of being a

Mr. Cole described the cleanup as "Wonderful. One of the best deals out here. We can do it more often if our city would take the time to help. We want to keep Hamilton Park clean but it gets harder as we get

Obryan Hill, a resident of Oak Cliff and employee of Dallas Brush Busters, said, "It's real nice and it's a great deal. I feel good because I like helping people and not to mention the cleanup with will help the atmosphere."

Gregory Lyons has numerous goals for Hamilton Park development. He wants to create more activities for children at the Willie B. Johnson Recreation Center. "I want Hamilton Park to be a conservation district. I want to get the youth to take back the



Mayor Laura Miller and Councilmen Allan Walne with Boardmembers

citizen and giving back to the community.

Mrs. Williams, a resident of Hamilton Park since 1958 yard was selected for a cleanup. "There are a lot of changes in this neighborhood. Older people are gone and younger people don't do much with the property" she said. Mrs. Williams continued, "It's a good neighborhood. There are improvements. It's a blessing that they cleaned my yard. They did a wonderful job. I'm surprised to get volunteers. Never had it out here before. We've never had our own to come back like Mr. Lyons and give back."

Mrs. Grant, a resident of Hamilton Park since 1958 had her yard cleaned up by volunteers. She said, "Greg is a great spiritual minded individual. When I called him, he was so open minded and so friendly and ready to help. He means a lot to me because he had the time to see what I had to say."

Mrs. McGee, a resident of Hamilton Park for 45 years said that the cleanup helped her tremendously because she is on a cane and cannot care for her lawn. At her home, volunteers cut the lawn and moved hedges. She said, "It was real nice. The people were helpful."

Archie Cole moved to Hamilton Park October 11, 1958.

older. I hope they continue this. I have to thank Greg because without him none of this would be possible." Long time resident Herbert Wilkerson remembers in the 1950's there was competition to buy property in Hamilton Park. Mr. Wilkerson said, "Hamilton Park is a beautiful place. I've been here when it first came along. I think it's wonderful Gregory coming to the house because I'm sick and I can't keep up with the yard."

Charmaine Jefferson, a resident for 45 years, thought of the cleanup as "Good effort and a good turnout for senior citizens as well as neighbors who can't do yard work on their own."

Vernon Johnson, who live in Hamilton Park for 28 years, said "I take care of the property most of the time but the cleanup should continue to keep the community in good shape. They should do it every 6 months." Mr. Wilkerson intervenes, "Street sweepers use to come through every February to clean the streets but not anymore. I haven't seen the street sweepers around here in 5 years. Street sweepers is something that is needed." Mr. Johnson continues, "We will bring the beauty back together as a community. I'd like to congratulate Mr. Lyons for spear heading the event."

community and have pride for the community. I want to restore the community to the way it use to be when everybody knew each other, parents disciplined other parents kids and everybody took care of each other", he said. Mr. Lyons main focus is to revitalize the community by adding homes to vacant lots, have no businesses at backdoors of homes and be a part of a part of economic development so that Hamilton Park can grow. "There is not enough emphasis on what Hamilton Park stands for and new residents have to get the ball rolling and make things happen."

With the Help from the City of Dallas Mr. Lyons is in the process of grouping a Weed and Seed Program that will plant flowers around the area. Mr. Lyons envisions that there will be more activities for kids, more play areas, improved tennis court and swimming pools because he states, "Kids are our future and they must have the right morals and ethics to strive."

Future projects for Hamilton Park Cleanup are Neighborhood Cleanup on Saturday June 22, 2002, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at locations Glen Regal & Ebony and Saturday July 22, 2002, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at locations Rialto & Campanella.

# Now Accepting Applications for Little Stars with Big Dreams



Sometimes big talent comes in small packages. Now is your child's chance to unwrap theirs at the McDonald's presents "It's Showtime at the Apollo" Kids Talent Search, co-sponsored by Sears. Open to kids 5-12, the National Mail Tour is back for the 5th year and now reaches up to 20 cities across the U.S. Approximately 24 winning acts will receive a trip to New York, an opportunity to perform on the legendary Apollo stage and other great prizes.

Call 1-866-STAR-2-BE for more information. Or visit [www.mcdonalds.com](http://www.mcdonalds.com) to review official rules and download additional national entry forms. Hurry! Enter your little star today and help them realize their big dream.



Enter the McDonald's presents "It's Showtime at the Apollo" Kids Talent Search, co-sponsored by Sears today!

- Your child could win a chance to appear on the "It's Showtime at the Apollo" TV show.
- Entrants are judged on stage presence & showmanship, talent, creativity, originality and overall performance impression.
- Must be 5-12 years old, as of August 25, 2002.
- This entry form is only for the National Mail-in Tour contest. For National Mail Tour details and information, including locations, visit [www.mcdonalds.com](http://www.mcdonalds.com)

**Pre-register by sending in your entry form TODAY!**

Mail entry form along with an audio/video tape of your child's performance to: McDonald's presents "It's Showtime at the Apollo" Kids Talent Search, co-sponsored by Sears, Inner City Theatre Group, 3 Park Avenue, 40th Floor, New York, NY 10016.

**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 26, 2002**

Please print all information. To be completed by a Parent or Guardian.

Name of Child/Children: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Performance: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

-By signing, parent affirms he/she has read and agreed to the Official Rules. Unsigned entries and entries without tapes will not be considered. ©2002 McDonald's Corporation.

No purchase is necessary. Parental consent required. Must be a legal U.S. resident 5-12 years old, as of August 25, 2002. Like all other contests, winners must be selected by a random drawing. The National Mail Tour contest will be held in 20 cities and approximately 24 winning acts will be selected. National mail-in contest entries must be received by July 26, 2002. Mail tapes and entries to: McDonald's presents "It's Showtime at the Apollo" Kids Talent Search, co-sponsored by Sears, Inner City Theatre Group, 3 Park Avenue, 40th Floor, New York, NY 10016. For complete information and entry deadlines regarding the National Mail-in Tour contest or the National Mail Tour contest in your area, call toll-free 1-866-STAR-2-BE or visit our website at [www.mcdonalds.com](http://www.mcdonalds.com). For a copy of the Official Rules, go to [www.mcdonalds.com](http://www.mcdonalds.com) or send a self-addressed stamped envelope to McDonald's presents "It's Showtime at the Apollo" Kids Talent Search co-sponsored by Sears, Inner City Theatre Group, 3 Park Avenue, 40th Floor, New York, NY 10016. No 1st prize prohibited or restricted by law.



# THE TRUTH CLINIC Stop Playing Politics With 9/11

By James W. Breedlove

Once again partisan politics are running rampant in Washington. While the politicians sling mud at each other the news media does all it can to fire the flames that keep the sound bites flowing. This cycle ensures that the 9/11 tragedy and the attendant questions remain in the public eye.

This time President Bush is in the political hot seat and it appears that things will be very uncomfortable for a while. Democrats and reporters, smelling an opportunity to take pot shots at Bush's stratospheric ratings have been oiling up the big guns and are lined up to begin target practice.

At the center of this political fighting is the August 2001 briefing received by the president over a month before the 9/11 terrorist attacks. The August memo warned that Bin Laden might be using aviation schools to train terrorists, and urged the FBI to canvass U.S. flight schools nationwide for Middle Eastern students. But the memo was never shared with senior FBI officials or with other intelligence agencies.

Condoleezza Rice, the president's national security adviser, insisted in recent press conferences that the information Mr. Bush received was general and that it pointed more toward the possibility of attacks abroad than at home.

But the existence of the August briefing was kept secret for eight months. The question being asked is why didn't the administration level with the people about all the information it had at the time of the attacks? The Democrats' insistence that a formal investigation be conducted implies that the administration must still be hiding

something.

In a recent press conference President Bush stated, "Had I known that the enemy was going to use airplanes to kill on that fateful morning, I would have done everything in my power to protect the American people."

Mr. President, in spite of the political brouhaha, you are responding to the wrong question. No American citizen or politician believes that you would not have done all in your power to protect lives had you known that airplanes were going to be used to fly into those buildings.

The pertinent question is why did you not know? We have been paying billions of dollars each year to have dedicated, professional anti-terrorism people connecting the dots.

Why have the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency been unable to integrate critical intelligence leads? In the public mind, there may be deeper problems. Do the same problems continue today? Is there a continuing danger of another devastating attack? Does anybody understand the conflicts between the agencies and have the know how to correct them?

It has been known long before this latest round of political infighting that there was a critical lapse in the national security mechanism; resulting in over 3,000 people killed and billions in property damage. Could this have been prevented?

While FBI director Mueller has started an overhaul of the FBI and replaced key top executives there is still no evidence of a management coordination mechanism between agencies involved in national security. How can another bureaucratic agency (Homeland Security),

with its inherent administrative overhead, possibly coordinate, integrate, and reculturate the 40-plus agencies already entrenched in the terrorism war? In fact homeland security chief Ridge recently said that he and FBI Director Robert S. Mueller were only now discussing ways to coordinate key agencies.

Instead of building a new intelligence house on an obviously shaky intelligence foundation doesn't it make sense to first shore up existing cracks? Can we expect, as with past quick reaction programs, that the GAO will be issuing a future report bemoaning that billions of dollars thrown into anti-terrorism efforts have been ill spent?

The turf battles, internal office politics, and dependency on electronic gadgetry that undermined the ability of the intelligence community to provide for our nation's security needs to be fixed.

"There's a lot of information floating around and the question then as now is who is collating the information, prioritizing it, and how fast is the information presented to senior decision makers so that proactive actions can be taken?"

Mr. Bush we do not need you playing one-ups-man-ship with the Democrats. If something was hidden you need to get it all up on the table and not be perceived as participating in a cover up. If the press feels that there is a snake in the grass you can believe it will be flushed out. The protection of American lives must take precedence over politicizing 9/11

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

# Statewide Unemployment Rises

The Texas seasonally adjusted unemployment rate moved upward to 6.1 percent in April from 5.8 percent rate in March, according to the Texas Workforce Commission.

"An increase of three-tenths of a percentage point in the Texas unemployment rate reflects the upward movement seen at the national level," TWC Chair Diane Rath said. "Although the unemployment rate appeared to be stabilizing the last three months, Texas is still seeing layoffs in several areas around the state. The April unemployment rate of 6.1 percent is Texas' highest since November 1995."

April saw a gain of 5,300 nonagricultural jobs in Texas.

"Transportation, Communications and Public Utilities showed a gain of 1,300 jobs in April," Commissioner for Labor T.P. O'Mahoney said. "Transportation by Air led this major industry with a gain of 800 jobs.



Photo: Dmitrii Zagorodanov

While it is encouraging that total non-farm employment is growing, we are still down 89,500 jobs from one year ago." "Services led all industries in employment growth, adding 4,600 jobs," Ron Lehman, commissioner for employment, said. "A bright spot, the Services industry has grown four out of the last five months and has added 7,900 jobs so far this year.

Nonetheless, we are still seeing a labor market in flux, with four major industries showing gains over the month and four showing losses."

The lowest unemployment rate among the metropolitan Statistical Areas in April was 1.6 percent in Bryan-College Station. Lubbock was next at 2.5 percent, followed by Amarillo at 3.1 percent, San Angelo at 3.3 percent and Wichita Falls at 3.7 percent.

The highest unemployment rate was 11.3 percent in the McAllen-Edinburg-Mission MSA, followed by Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito at 8.1 percent, followed by El Paso at 7.8 percent, followed by Laredo and Beaumont-Port Arthur at 7.3 percent.

For additional labor market information, contact the labor Market Information Department at 1-866-938-4444 or visit [www.texasworkforce.org/lmi/lfs/lfshome.html](http://www.texasworkforce.org/lmi/lfs/lfshome.html).

# NAACP and National Urban League Educate the Public

By George E. Curry  
NNPA

In recent years, the NAACP and the National Urban League (NUL) have been returning to their origins by placing a greater emphasis on education, teachers, administrators, students, parents and government officials to close the gap between Black and White achievement.

Spearheaded by NUL President Hugh Price, Urban League affiliates have been particularly successful at organizing programs that honor academic achievement in the same manner that high school athletic banquets honor gifted athletes. The NAACP recently held its fifth biennial Daisy Bates Education Summit in Atlanta. Bates, a former

field director for the NAACP in Arkansas, led the "Little Rock Nine" past a mob to successfully desegregate Central High School in 1957.

NAACP President Kweisi Mfume announced at the Atlanta conference that just as it has sued major corporations that discriminate against African-Americans, the organization will now file complaints against states that refuse to help close the gap between Black and White student accomplishments.

"Twenty-eight governors have pledged to join the NAACP and our partners in the efforts to reduce racial disparity and close the achievement gap," Mfume said. "However, 22 states failed

to respond by the May 20, 2002 deadline. The NAACP will file Title VI complaints with the Office of Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Education, and the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Justice Department against those states that did not submit an equity in education plan."

Each state has been asked to submit a plan that will help reduce the racial disparity gap by 50 percent over the next five years. The NAACP is looking at five key areas: testing, graduation rates, suspensions, placement in special education and the lack of access to gifted and talented programs.

States not complying by the

See NAACP page 4

# Black Facts May 23-29, 2002

## May 23

The first and third Louisiana Native Black guards suffered heavy casualties in their assault on Port Hudson in 1863.

## May 24

Lincoln University in Pennsylvania was founded in 1854.

## May 25

Willie Mays entered major league baseball with the New York Giants in 1951.

## May 26

Miles Davis, renowned jazz trumpeter, 1926-1991.

The Voting Rights Bill passed in 1965.

## May 27

Dorie Miller, a messman, was awarded the Navy Cross for heroism at Pearl Harbor in 1942.

## May 28

C.B. Scott patented the street sweeper in 1896.

## May 29

The American Bowling Congress dropped racial barriers in 1950.

# The Gazette

MON  
SERVING PLANO, DALLAS, RICHARDSON, ALLEN, MCKINNEY AND GARLAND  
6100 Avenue K, Suite 105 • Plano, Texas 75074

## Chairman Emeritus

Jim Bochum

## Publisher

Thurman R. Jones

## Vice President National Sales and Marketing

Michael T. Caesar

## Office Manager

Michelle Tintling

## Sales Department:

Phone: (972) 606-7351

Fax: (972) 509-9058

Email: [trj@swbell.net](mailto:trj@swbell.net)

## Staff Writers

Marilyn Freeman

Brandy Jones

## Contributing Writers

Monica Thornton

Lakeisha Joe

Anthony Jones

Shuana Benoit

## Photography

Shauna Benoit

Deborah Kellogg

Maggie YBarra

Frank Lott

## Editorial Department:

(972) 516-2992

Fax: (972) 516-4197

Email: [mon-edit@swbell.net](mailto:mon-edit@swbell.net)

## Advisory Board:

John Dudley

John Hightower

Myrtle Hightower

Fred Moore

Annie Dickson

Cecil Starks

Barbara Simpkins

ADVISORY BOARD SECRETARY

Cecil Starks, CHAIRPERSON

Business Growth

Referral

John Dudley, CHAIRPERSON

Quality Assurance

Myrtle Hightower,

CHAIRPERSON

Coty Rodriguez

Ben Thomas

Ben Thomas

Ben Thomas

Ben Thomas

Ben Thomas

Ben Thomas

Ben Thomas

Ben Thomas

Ben Thomas

Ben Thomas

Ben Thomas

Ben Thomas

Ben Thomas

Ben Thomas

Ben Thomas

Ben Thomas

Ben Thomas

Ben Thomas

Ben Thomas

Ben Thomas

Ben Thomas

Ben Thomas

Ben Thomas

Ben Thomas

Ben Thomas

Ben Thomas

Ben Thomas

Ben Thomas

## 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 formally Minority Opportunity News, was founded July, 1991, by Jim Bochum and Thurman R. Jones



## The Diversity Conundrum

Overcoming the Challenges Posed by Creating a Diverse Workplace

By Donald J. Carty  
Chairman and CEO  
American Airlines

The U.S. is expending tremendous human, economic and diplomatic

resources in other parts of the world to abolish bigotry and hatred. Yet, ironically and after years of struggle, these same types of behavior still occur today in our own backyard — right here in America.

As the Middle East conflict continues to take its toll in human life, I overhear people expressing shock and horror over what they view as senseless acts of hatred and violence.

How can people be filled with so much hatred that they won't talk to — and, in fact, may physically attack — someone of a different ethnic or religious background? In the world of commerce, why won't people even do business with someone from another cultural group? How do we break this cycle of hate?

While these questions seem logical in relation to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, unfortunately, I think they could be asked about some hate extremists here in the United States.

After decades of efforts designed to ensure and improve the civil rights of all U.S. citizens, I am amazed at the acts of racism, hatred and related violence that still occur today in this country. Unprovoked beatings, whether in racially charged areas of New York City or among homophobic hate-mongers in

Wyoming, tell me we still have a long way to travel before this country truly embraces diversity.

The corporate workplace is in many ways a microcosm of society, and these same acts of hatred unfortunately spill over into the work environment — despite enormous efforts to pre-



vent it. Many of the most admired companies in the United States have aggressively pursued policies to ensure fair and diverse workplaces. For example, General Motors, Microsoft and

American Airlines have won awards honoring progressive policies and programs designed to create an open workplace regardless of race, gender, religion or sexual orientation.

But it seems that the more progress we make in creating diverse workplaces, the more we anger those who are wedded to discriminatory practices and intent on perpetuating environments that consist of only those who look and think like they do.

While I am proud of the changes I have seen in this country and in the corporate setting during the last 30 years, I continue to be disappointed in the actions of a few narrow-minded individuals who work tirelessly to disrupt this progress. Many mean-spirited acts — from racial epithets and graffiti to offensive and inappropriate jokes to symbols of hatred in the workplace — threaten to undo the tremendous progress we have made.

It is critically important that companies not only continue, but reinforce, their diversity efforts. At American Airlines, our strict zero-tolerance policy against acts of discrimination or hatred means we terminate — and sometimes refer for prosecution — those who violate our diversity policies.

And, our policy is working. In just the past month we have terminated two employees as a result of this zero-tolerance approach. While I'm disappointed that we had to take these actions, I am proud that we are demonstrating our unwavering commitment to creating a diverse workplace.

Corporate America must recognize that there will inevitably be push-back as we seek to diversify the workplace, and it must step up to the challenge and bolster its diversity efforts. The business leadership of the country must get this one right. In doing so, we can embrace our collective differences and leverage them for the betterment of people around the world.

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

### Taking the Politics ... from Page 1

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.

## RENT-A-CENTER PREPARES TO MAKE SETTLEMENT

RAC Rent-A-Center

RENT TO OWN FURNITURE, APPLIANCES, ELECTRONICS AND COMPUTERS

The nation's largest rent-to-own company has been accused of being unfair to their female employees and has agreed to pay about \$47 million dollars to women who sued on the grounds they had been 'unfairly denied jobs or promotions and were subject to performance standards different from those required of men.

Rent-A-Center has agreed to make major changes in personnel administration and policies, including the re-establishment of a central human resources office and the elimination of a 75-pound lifting requirement for new employees in the stores.

EEOC officials estimate about 5,000 women may be eligible for claims under the settlement, but an exact number will not be known until the court approves the agreement and the notices are mailed out.

Rent-A-Center denies it has deliberately discriminated, and the company whose 13,000-

member work force is now about 10 percent female, is not being asked to increase that number to a specific figure as part of the settlement.

Women who were either not hired or were fired or otherwise left the company will be extended opportunities to join or rejoin Rent-A-Center's work force.

Rent-A-Center executives are hoping to resolve the case so the company can get on with the business at hand. Rent-A-Center believes making a settlement made more sense than litigating for the next few years. Rent-A-Center President said there is committed to a diverse work force, including minorities. Rent-A-Center, with estimated revenues of \$1.9 billion in the current fiscal year, has already taken a charge in the fourth quarter of 2001 for the \$47 million payment, which is less than previous federal proposals for settlement.

The payment — a sizable part of which will go to attorneys, will

come from cash flow and will not affect the company's expansion plans nor its staffing levels. Rent-A-Center plans to add more than 100 stores annually.

In an article by the Plano Courier it was stated that in 1998, Thorns America sold about 1,600 stores to Rent-A-Center. "The company set out systematically to get rid of women when it acquired Rent-A-Center stores from Thorns America," said Mary Ann Sedey, the plaintiffs attorney.

Female employment fell from 21 percent to about 8 percent between 1998 and 2000 she said.

In 2000, the company newsletter published pictures of 66 managers, all of whom were men, according to Business Week magazine.

As part of the settlement, the company will hire an independent consultant and conduct studies to determine what, if any, lifting requirement should be imposed.

### NAACP from Page 3

May 10 deadline are: Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont, Virginia and Wyoming.

John H. Jackson, NAACP national director of education, says the first complaints will be filed against Florida, Louisiana and Ohio. In Florida, for example, African-Americans make up 25 percent of public school students, yet are 44 percent of those suspended, 35 percent of those expelled and 48 percent of stu-

dents earning GEDs rather than traditional diplomas.

According to the U.S. Department of Education's Office on Civil Rights, only 7 percent of Blacks are enrolled in advanced placement mathematics and 6 percent in advanced science.

The NAACP in its "Call For Action in Education," has announced a goal of reducing racial disparity in the nation's public schools by 50 percent over the next five years.

Among the recommendations made in the 42-page special report are:

- Track and publicly report on the disparate distribution of school resources;

- Federal, state and local educational agencies should aggressively recruit highly-qualified, certified teachers for high-poverty schools and provide them with multicultural teacher training, professional development, mentors and effective retention incentives;
- Increase the number of early childhood programs available to people of color and the poor;

- Curb tracking programs and redouble efforts to place students of color in advanced placement programs and classes for the gifted and talented;
- Reduce class size, especially in urban schools;

See NAACP page 5

## "Diversity is driving DART into a dynamic future."

"With \$300 million in contracts to disadvantaged, minority and women-owned firms in just five years, DART is generating a wealth of opportunities. Now we're going the extra mile to encourage small business participation in our rail expansion to Fair Park, Pleasant Grove, Carrollton, Farmers Branch and North Irving. Through diversity, we're moving in exciting new directions."

— Gary C. Thomas, President/Executive Director

Business opportunities online, over the phone, or in person.

DART's new eProcurement System provides unlimited access to DART purchasing and contract opportunities. To receive solicitations automatically by email, simply register at [www.DART.org](http://www.DART.org). For more information, call us at 214-749-2701, or visit the DART Vendor Business Center, 1401 Pacific (Akard Station), 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Looking for a new career? We'll take you there!

Positions are currently available for professionals, bus and rail operators and DART police officers. For information, stop by the DART Application Center, 1401 Pacific Avenue (Akard Station), any Tuesday or Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. or visit [www.DART.org](http://www.DART.org).

**DART.org**  
We'll Take You There.



## Methodist Hospitals of Dallas Enrolling Women for the Largest Breast Cancer Prevention Study Ever

Methodist Hospitals of Dallas, which includes Methodist Medical Center and Charlton Methodist Hospital, is currently seeking women over the age of 35 to participate in one of the largest breast cancer prevention studies ever conducted. The study of Tamoxifen and Raloxifene, or STAR, hopes to determine whether a drug that has the potential to reduce breast cancer is as effective as a drug proven to reduce the chance of developing breast cancer.

Tamoxifen is approved by the FDA to treat women with breast cancer and has been used for more than 20 years. Raloxifene is commonly used to prevent osteoporosis. The study, which started in 1999, will eventually include 22,000 women from more than 500 centers across the United States, Puerto Rico, and Canada. MHD currently has 50 women enrolled, but would like to add 20 more women by the end of the year.

Those who enroll will be randomly assigned to take either tamoxifen or raloxifene daily for five years. They will receive close follow-up examinations, including a mammogram, lab work, and pelvic exam with pap smear on a regular basis for seven years. Women can continue to



see their own physicians for these exams. If they do not have any insurance, funds are available to provide these exams. The medications used in the study are free of charge according to Mary Padilla, oncology research coordinator with MHD.

"It is a good way for women who otherwise could not afford medical attention to receive it," said Padilla.

In order to be included in the study, a woman must be

postmenopausal, at least 35, and have an increased risk of breast cancer as determined by her age, family history of breast cancer, personal medical history, age at first menstrual period, and age at first live birth.

STAR is being conducted by the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel project (NSABP), a network of researchers, and is supported by the National Cancer Institute (NCI). A report from NCI estimates that one in eight women in the United States will develop breast cancer in her lifetime. The mortality rate for breast cancer is highest among black women (31%), followed by white women (25%), and Hispanic women (15%).

If you are interested in participating in the study, or to find out more information, contact Mary Padilla, LVN, Oncology Research Coordinator with MHD, at 214-947-3621.

### NAACP

from Page 4

- Narrow the digital divide by at least 50 percent over the next five years;
- Declare a moratorium on high-stakes testing of children until all states can guarantee that all students have an equal opportunity to learn the tested curriculum;
- Provide more detailed information on racial and ethnic academic achievement;
- Increase efforts to involve more parents;
- Develop effective strategies for intervening before a student is labeled "mentally retarded" or placed in special education classes;

- Move away from overly harsh "zero tolerance" policies that disproportionately impact students of color;
- Give magnet schools priority over the establishment of charter schools;
- Oppose measures that would impose one-year structure immersion programs for students needing language assistance;
- Increase funds to Historically Black Colleges and Universities and institutions that serve Native Americans and Hispanics;
- Encourage colleges to target people of color for enrollment and retention, maintain affirmative action programs,

increase need-based grants, and increase the number of Black doctoral candidates.

At his press conference in Atlanta, Mfume said, "The NAACP reaffirms its commitment to continue the legacy of Daisy Bates by working to ensure that all students, regardless of race, gender or ethnicity, have equal access to quality education."

If George W. Bush really wants to be known as the "Education President," he should quickly embrace the educational strategies outlined by the NAACP and the National Urban League.

That's the best way to leave no child behind.

## Four Newspapers Sold in Chicago Defender Deal

Special to the NNPA from the New Pittsburgh Courier

CHICAGO (NNPA)—A judge HAS approved an \$8.5 million deal for the sale of four Black-owned newspapers, including the New Pittsburgh Courier and the Chicago Defender.

Cook County Circuit Judge Bernetta Bush approved the sale of Sengstacke Enterprises Inc., to Real Times Inc., a company headed by Thomas Picou, a nephew of the late John H. Sengstacke.

Sengstacke Enterprises owns the Courier, the Chicago Defender, the Michigan Chronicle in Detroit and the Tri-State Defender in Memphis. "After five years in limbo, I'm optimistic that this deal will get done," Courier Publisher Rod Doss said. Doss is part of the Real Times management team. The papers' futures have been in question since 1997, when Sengstacke, publisher and majority owner of Sengstacke Enterprises, died at age 84. In

1975, Sengstacke placed the newspaper chain in a trust with instructions that it be sold upon his death.

Members of the Sengstacke family had opposed selling the chain to a number of companies that made offers because they didn't believe the companies would allow them to help run the Defender-as they say the paper's founder, Robert Abbott, would have wanted.

"By my buying it, it would remain in the family," Picou said of the four newspaper chain deal. Kurt Cherry, a former investment banker, is the company's chief financial officer.

The deal had been close to falling apart April 29 when Real Times rejected two conditions placed on the deal by the Sengstacke board of directors. But the parties worked out their differences during a hearing before Bush, who is overseeing the company's probate case.

After reviewing the deal, Bush said the parties could move forward, but added she would continue to monitor their progress. "Any final distribution or decision may be subject to an order of the court," she said.

Bush reserved the right to determine how proceeds from the sale would be divided among company stockholders, creditors, trust beneficiaries, attorneys and charity organizations.

The deal calls for Real Times to pay \$3 million in cash, an additional \$3 million plus 12 percent interest over five years, and a final payment of at least \$2.5 million. Cherry said the company has committed to spending \$1.5 million for technology improvements once the deal is complete.

The parties still must persuade the Internal Revenue Service to lower the estate tax bill. If the IRS agrees, the deal could be complete as early as July.

### 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.

Sponsorship is an exciting way to get advertisement for your business while you are having fun. Corporate Sponsorships \$500 (includes 4 players, tee sign, and Recognition in Awards Banquet Souvenir Booklet) Hole sponsorships \$300 and Tee Sponsorship \$135.00

Mail in Entry Form by June 1, 2002 and qualify for Early bird Drawing. For more information, call Jimmy Dismuke 972-424-5829 or Sam McPherson 972-491-2119.

Name _____	Entry Fee \$85 per _____
Address _____	Corp. Sponsor \$500 _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____	Hole Sponsor (\$300) _____
Home Phone _____	Tee Sponsor \$135 _____
Business Phone _____	Donation _____
Total Contribution _____	

Makes Checks Payable to Plano community Forum, P. O. Box 860242, Plano, Texas 75086-0242

The Plano Community Forum is a 501 (C) (3) Non-Profit Community Service Organization

# Talk Is Cheap!

# NO MONTHLY FEES!



\* Plus 79¢ per call connection fee



oh thank heaven®

© 2002 7-Eleven Inc.

A surcharge of up to 50¢ will be applied to each call placed from a pay phone. International rates and surcharges vary and are subject to change. Please call 1-800-934-1711 for rate information. Long distance service provided by Verizon Select Services and XO Interactive, Inc. Where service is provided by XO Interactive, Inc., please visit [www.xo.com/legal](http://www.xo.com/legal) for additional terms.





**John  
Dudley**

## FINANCIAL FOCUS

### Gleaning Stock Tips from Your Everyday Life

When selecting stocks to invest in, how do you locate the companies with a glittering future—the ones with a new product, a new service, or a better way of running things that will turn out to be the key to long-term success? You read business news in magazines and newspapers, talk with your financial advisor, and dissect the analysts' reports he or she will give you. Those are perfectly sound ways of gathering information, but it is information everyone else looking for investments already has. It is factored into the price the market is setting on the company's shares.

But often, you will have information ahead of the crowd—or pay attention to things that others ignore. The trick is to recognize what you know—and how to use it. Retirees, with a bit more time to devote to checking out a hunch, are in a perfect position to follow up on their observations.

Simply keep your eyes open, and always have in mind how the developments you notice could translate into good news for a particular company. A prospective buyer of a Sunbelt condominium unit who sees developers offering fewer incentives than their friends got a year ago may realize that the market is firming in that locale. A cycling enthusiast who recognizes that a new model beats anything on the market may expect the manufacturer's profits to rise.

If your physician says, "I've found this new drug to be better than anything else on the market," or the pharmacist notes, "We've had to reorder that drug twice this month," take it as an

investment clue. The news that the new remedy is on the market is public, but few may have zeroed in on how well it is selling.

Once you identify a company as a potential good buy, you have to do some basic research: ask your financial advisor for a research report, and read the company's most recent annual report—or perhaps the more detailed 10-K filing the company makes with the Securities and Exchange Commission. You want to see overall financial strength, evidence of good management, assurances that the hot product is part of a stream of wise research and not a one-time fluke. Your financial advisor will also be able to tell you what the market buzz is about the company, whether the development you noticed is already widely recognized or not.

You also want to talk with your financial advisor about how the investment fits your overall portfolio strategy. A keen biotechnology firm that isn't anywhere near turning a profit but has strong long-term potential may not be the right choice for those who are looking forward to heavy travel expenditures over the next few years. You also want diversification in your portfolio. You may recognize most rapidly the import of new developments in the industry in which you worked, but you don't want all of your holdings in that one field.

Bad news can be an investment signal as well. Some highly touted products have initially been overrated by the investment community, so if you buy such an item and find it disap-

pointing, you may want to consider selling the company's stock short—betting that sluggish sales of the product will drive down the stock price. But that is a technique only appropriate to those with a strong tolerance for risk—and even then, only for a small part of your total portfolio.

Warning: it's illegal to base your trading decision on insider information about a company. And it is not at all clear just what insider information is. Obviously, if you are consulting with a company, you cannot use what you find out about unannounced new product developments. But even if you have no ties to the company, it is against the law to trade on such information if it was indiscreetly told you during a golf game with the corporate CEO—or even with a friend of the CEO who is passing on what the executive told him. If you are not sure whether something you are told, firsthand or second-hand, from a company official is publicly known, the safest course is simply not to trade on it.

You can trade, however, on your own insights—insights that other investors and analysts may not have.

Provided by courtesy of John Dudley, a Financial Advisor with First Union Securities in Dallas, TX. For more information, please call John Dudley at 214-740-3253. First Union Securities, Inc., member New York Stock Exchange and SIPC, is a separate non-bank affiliate of Wachovia Corporation. (c) 2001 First Union Securities.



Email: [coffeycaesar@hotmail.com](mailto:coffeycaesar@hotmail.com)

### The Coffey Caesar Real Estate Firm

*Buying and Selling Real Estate  
by the million!*

**PLEASANT GROVE - DALLAS**  
3-2-2 carport  
Spacious w/ ceramic tile thru-out  
Main house (2/1) + guest house (1/1)  
Large fenced yard and extra 2 car parking

**EAST OAK CLIFFE - DALLAS**  
3/1/1  
Cheap

Quick close, easy quality

**LEASE PURCHASE - N. DALLAS**  
3/2/2LA/2gar, pretty landscape  
2,300 sq ft

Prestigious N. Dallas neighborhood  
\$8k down, \$2,700 month

**LEASE PURCHASE - ALLEN**  
4/4/2LA/2gar, pool, nearly new home  
3,200 sq ft, Allen

\$8k down, \$2,900 month

**OAK CLIFFE - DALLAS**  
3/1/1  
\$10 q

Call: 972-768-7521

For Appointment

*"We Close, To Please"*

**I'll buy or lease your house,  
make your payments, do  
repairs, close quickly, any  
area, any price, any condition.  
972-768-7521**

**New company looking to buy  
or lease houses in the DFW  
Metroplex area, any price,  
any condition.  
972-768-7521**

## North Texas Job Corps Center



### Start your Future Today

Career Development Services System (CDSS) is not just another new Job Corps initiative. IT IS JOB CORPS. It is an improved way of doing what we do. Beginning at Outreach and Admissions and continuing throughout training and the 18-month post-placement, Career Transition period, Job Corps personnel work together to help all enrollees achieve their professional goals.

#### INNOVATIVE OUTREACH AND ADMISSIONS

... ON THE FRONT LINES

**CAREER PREPARATION PERIOD (CPP)**

... FIRST THINGS FIRST

**CAREER DEVELOPMENT PERIOD (CDP)**

... LEARNING THE SKILLS, FINDING THE JOB

**CAREER TRANSITION PERIOD (CTP)**

... PROVIDING SUPPORT, STAYING IN TOUCH

**CAREER ... JUST THE BEGINNING**

**"Open The Door To Your Future.  
Get your GED, Or High School  
Diploma And Go To College."**



1701 North Church Street  
McKinney, TX 75069  
Phone: 972-542-2623  
Fax: 972-542-8870

**We're on the Web!**  
[www.ntexas@jcdc.jobcorps.org](http://www.ntexas@jcdc.jobcorps.org)

# IT'S ON A 25-YEAR WINNING STREAK.



*It began in 1977 and continues today.*

Ford F-Series reigns as the best-selling truck in America. But that's not all. This year, F-Series also celebrates its 20th anniversary as the best-selling vehicle — car or truck. And while a lot has changed over the past quarter of a century, one thing that hasn't is our dedication to providing Texans with the best deals on the best trucks available. And that's a streak we don't see ending anytime soon. To test-drive a Ford F-Series, visit your Texas Ford Dealer today — home of the Best in Texas.





# Arts & Entertainment



Starring Jennifer Lopez  
Dan Futterman  
Noah Wyle

## Enough

Working class waitress Slim finds her life transformed when she marries wealthy contractor Mitch. She settles into an idyllic suburban life and seems to have everything she wants: loving husband, beautiful home, and Gracie, an adorable 5-year-old daughter. Her dream is shattered when she discovers her husband is anything but perfect. His abusive behavior forces her to go on the run, eluding an increasingly obsessive Mitch and his lethal henchmen. When, despite Slim's efforts to make a new life, Mitch finds her and threatens her again, she puts Gracie in safe keeping, toughens herself mentally and physically and sets out to prove to Mitch she's had enough.

Billy Campbell  
Juliette Lewis  
Fred Ward



## The Sum Of All Fears

In the fourth film based on a Tom Clancy best-seller, CIA Deputy Director Jack Ryan is back. After a nuclear weapon falls into the hands of third-world terrorists, only Ryan stands between humanity and catastrophe. The baddies intend to explode the bomb outside the Baltimore Stadium, the home of the Ravens, and blame it on the Russians, triggering a war that will destroy both countries.

Starring Ben Affleck  
Morgan Freeman  
James Cromwell  
Bridget Moynahan  
Liev Schreiber  
Philip Baker Hall

## They're BAAAAACK!!

They're Baaaack For the Summer! The RC Hickman Young Photographers Workshop and the Gordon Parks Young Photographers Competition is back for this Summer's children's programming beginning on Saturday June 15th through July 27th starting at 11am and will conclude at 2pm. This time the the photography curriculum will expand to new dimensions. Students will have the opportunity to learn the art of photography using the digital camera and computer, to examine today's state of the art of photography. And of course the hands on experience continues in the darkroom, where the excitement began with the development of camera film to negatives then to the pictures we've always enjoyed as cherished memories.



A treat for all, the Gordon Parks Young Photographers Competition will announce this year's winners for first, second and third place prizes at

the Bath House Cultural Center on Saturday August 3rd at 12 noon.

This year the RC Hickman Young Photographers workshop will be presented at the Pearl C. Anderson Middle School in South Dallas. The location is at 3400 Garden Lane in Dallas. Under the fun tutelage of Beatrice L. McBride, Jessie Hornbuckle, Milton Hinnant, Carl Side and the master himself RC Hickman, students will come away with a comprehensive knowledge of photography, the use of the camera in all its diversities, and have pictures to take home. And yes, the Guest Lecture Series will conclude with a wonderful presentation of experience by a very notable photographer Dallas' own Mr. Milton Hinnant at the conclusion of the Summer program. The fee to participate is still \$15 for all the Saturday sessions and lunch will be provided.

Plan on an exciting Summer retreat with the camera, and some really exciting friends and instructors at the RC Hickman Young Photographers Workshop and the Gordon Parks Young Photographers Competition.

This is a presentation of the Artist & Elaine Thornton Foundation For The Arts, and is co sponsored by Nikkon and Ritz/Wolf Cameras, and the City Of Dallas Office Of Cultural Affairs. You can download enrollment forms for the RC Hickman Young Photographers Workshop and entry forms for the Gordon Parks Young Photographers Competition by logging on to artiststuff.com and navigating to the programs section.

## DAVE KOZ & FRIENDS "SMOOTH SUMMER NIGHT" 2002 TOUR CITIES

Norman Brown, Brian Culbertson And Special Guest James Ingram Join

The Grammy-Nominated Sax Player On His Annual Summer Tour

For a native Californian, Dave Koz has an unusual appreciation of the seasons. Last summer he spent a couple of weeks in a studio decked out with sleigh bells and holly, recording Dave Koz & Friends A Smooth Jazz Christmas, which went on to earn a Grammy nomination for Best Pop Instrumental Album. Now, at the first sign of spring, he's laying plans for his 2nd annual Smooth Summer Night Tour. Joining the saxophonist this year will be Warner Bros. Recording artist Norman Brown (Celebration), Warner Bros. recording artist Brian Culbertson (Nice & Slow) and special guest James Ingram, the legendary R&B vocalist.

"I can't wait to get out there again this Summer...we had such a blast last year, and I'm thrilled Norman and Brian will be joining us again this year," said Koz. "And promising to take the show to a whole new level will be one of my absolute favorite singers of all time — James Ingram. This tour is all about friendships, and the art of collaboration...my hunch is that it's going to be an incredibly memorable Summer, especially with these guys as tour-mates," added Koz.

The past year has been a

landmark one for Koz. In addition to the Grammy nomination, he received four Oasis/Smooth Jazz awards and was nominated for an NAACP Image Award as Outstanding Jazz Artist. He also became the morning show host for Los Angeles' KTWV (The Wave), one of the leading "Smooth Jazz" radio stations in the United States. (Koz is now in his seventh year hosting "The Dave Koz Radio Show", syndicated to over 100 U.S. and international affiliates.)

The Dance, released in

orations on the road, the result is magical. "Koz and his friends...offered a spirited, three-hour performance that was a celebration of the season and an affirmation of smooth jazz's entertaining qualities," said the Los Angeles Times of last year's Dave Koz and Friends, A Smooth Jazz Christmas tour featuring David Benoit, Rick Braun, Brenda Russell and Peter White. (These artists, along with Kenny Loggins, also appeared on the Christmas album.)

This year's Smooth Summer Night tour promises to usher in the summer season in an equally memorable fashion. Koz is once again joined on the road by two other smooth jazz giants — guitarist Norman Brown and keyboardist Brian Culbertson. New to the summer lineup this year is Grammy-winning vocalist James Ingram.

They will be appearing:  
**Saturday, June 22  
Dallas, TX:**  
**Next Stage Grand Prairie**  
For further information on DAVE KOZ and the Smooth Summer Night tour, please contact:  
Marcel Pariseau, PYR PR, Beverly Hills 310.860.0750  
marcel@pyrpr.com  
Jeff Raymond, PYR PR, Beverly Hills 310.860.0750  
jeff@pyrpr.com  
Judi Kerr, Capitol Records, Hollywood 323.871.5375  
judi.kerr@capitolrecords.com.



Legendary Southern soul singer Al Green began his career in very much the same way he will end it, as a gospel singer. The artist who defined the seventies sexy soul sound started as a member of the gospel quartet the Green Brothers. After being kicked out of the group for listening to Jackie Wilson, Green dove head first into R&B, and with the help of Willie Mitchell and his Hi Records, Al Green recorded twelve albums during the decade, including 1972's Let's Stay Together and I'm Still in Love With You. Returning to gospel in the eighties after a bizarre incident with an ex-girlfriend who committed suicide (an experience he took as a sign), Al Green has since dedicated his life to his church and mission occasionally dipping back into R&B and working with the likes of Annie Lennox and Pattie Labelle. Al Green was inducted to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 1995.

## On Stage at NextStage at Grand Prairie: May-July 2002

Bonnie Raitt  
Silver Lining Tour  
May 29

Doobie Brothers  
June 6

Lyle Lovett  
June 13

Trisha Yearwood  
June 21

Dave Koz & Friends  
June 22

Chayanne  
July 4

Jewel  
July 19

Phil Lesh and Friends  
July 31

**Ticketmaster  
972-647-5700**

## SMIRNOFF MUSIC CENTRE

May-July 2002

Edgefest  
June 1

Poison  
June 2

106.1 KISS  
Party  
June 8

Deep Purple/  
Scorpions  
June 9

K104  
Summer Jam  
June 14

Sammy Hager  
and David  
Lee Roth  
June 15

Pat Green  
June 22

Widespread  
Panic  
June 25

Van's Warped  
Tour  
June 28

Chris Isaak  
and Natalie  
Merchant  
July 3

Incubus  
July 4

Barry  
Manilow  
July 5

USHER  
July 6

Brooks &  
Dunn  
July 13

Down From  
the Mountain  
July 20

**Ticketmaster  
972-647-5700**

### NEXT STAGE

at Grand Prairie  
Get up close at NextStage!

## Dave Koz & Friends A Smooth Summer Night

featuring...  
**Norman Brown, Brian Culbertson**  
with special guest  
**James Ingram**

**DAVE** **NORMAN** **JAMES** **BRIAN**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 22 • 8PM**

For Groups of 20 or more, please call 972.854.5939. Located at I-30 and Belt Line next to Lone Star Pkwy.

## Bass Performance Hall May, 2002 Events

**CHRISTIAN LINBERG**, trombone soloist  
**MIGUEL HARTH-BEDOYA**, conductor  
Friday, May 24, 2002 - 8:00 pm  
Saturday, May 25, 2002 - 8:00 pm  
Sunday, May 26, 2002 - 2:00 pm  
Tickets: 817-665-6000

**DAN FOGELBERG IN CONCERT**  
Tuesday, May 28, 2002 - 8:00 pm  
Tickets: 817-665-6000

**ART GARFUNKEL**  
Thursday May 30, 2002 - 8:00 pm  
Friday May 31, 2002 - 8:00 pm  
Saturday June 1, 2002 - 8:00 pm  
Sunday June 2, 2002 - 2:00 pm  
Tickets: 817-665-4000



## Legal Notices 972-606-7351

Fax Ad Copy to 972-509-9058 for "Quote"

### GARLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

#### DO YOU WANT A JOB OR A CAREER?



The Garland Fire Department is looking for men and women interested in a career as a firefighter/paramedic. You must be between the ages of 18 and 35 with a high school diploma or GED. Starting salary is over \$35,000. Apply at the Personnel Office located at 200 North 5th Street or download application from website [www.garlandfire.com](http://www.garlandfire.com). Call our recruiter at 972-205-2976 for more information about this very exciting, challenging and rewarding career.

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

DEADLINE May 31, 2002

A CAREER FOR LIFE

### Church Directory

Fax Ad Copy to 972-509-9058 for "Quote"

#### Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church

1308 Wilcox Street, McKinney TX  
Pastor Charles S. Wattley



**Sunday**  
Education Ministries... 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Celebration... 11:00 a.m.  
~Nursery Facilities Available~

**Wednesday**  
Family Ministries... 7:00 p.m.

Friendly Fellowship with A Family Focus

For More Information Call  
972.542.6178  
[www.saintmarkbc.com](http://www.saintmarkbc.com)  
[stmarkmissionary@aol.com](mailto:stmarkmissionary@aol.com)

#### Attention

Churches In:  
North Dallas -  
Richardson - Plano  
Allen - McKinney  
Garland and Mesquite

Announcing  
The MON-Gazette  
Church Directory  
And Religious Events  
Calendar

The opportunity you've been waiting for has arrived:  
Advertising and Event listings  
in a Weekly Newspaper  
That provides weekly editorial and  
distribution coverage in Dallas' northern and northeastern corridor

Receive an entire month of market-  
ing/advertising for Only \$125.00 ...  
call for more information:  
972-606-7351  
or fax to: 972-509-9058  
email: [mon-edit@swbell.net](mailto:mon-edit@swbell.net)

#### Auto Snap-shot of:



#### 2002 Ford Escape XLT 4x4 Premium

##### Trim Lineup

For 2002, the Ford Escape 4x4 is available in two basic trims: XLS, and the more deluxe XLT. To simplify the ordering process,

Ford then breaks down each trim into three equipment levels. The XLS starts with the \$20,165 "Value" - the "Sport" and "V6

Choice" follow with more features. The more upscale XLT forgoes the Value package and offers the Choice, Sport and

Premium. This review focuses on the top-line XLT 4x4 Premium, which lists for \$24,755.

##### Engine

The standard engine in the Escape XLT 4x4 Premium is Ford's 3.0-liter "Duratec" V6, which pumps out a strong 201 horsepower. This responsive engine makes the Escape feel as if it's always poised to respond to your

right foot: acceleration is sport-sedan quick, and passing is effortless, even under load.

##### Transmission

The four-speed automatic that accompanies the XLT 4x4 Premium's six is unobtrusive in its operation, with smooth shifts and eager kick-downs when more power is requested. As with the engine, the transmission's willingness to accommodate the driver's demands gives the Escape a sports-sedan quality - and makes it entertaining to drive. A five-speed would be more engaging, of course, but neither the Escape nor the Santa Fe offer manual transmissions with their V6 engines.

##### Ride and Handling

Look to the Escape to provide a comfortable ride while rewarding the driver with firmness and predictability in corners. The eagerness that comes from the engine and transmission is matched by the suspension, which cheeks body roll and reduces dive under braking. Some SUVs need to be guided down the road, but the Escape is one that you can actually drive - exit ramps and tight turns can be taken with spirit, and the Escape's strong brakes are always there when you need them. Anti-lock brakes are standard in the XLT. The RAV4 is probably the Escape's closest competitor here, with a softer ride that results in prodigious body roll in corners. The RAV4 hangs on, but it doesn't quite have the level-headed confidence of the Escape.

##### Economy

Considering the power it has, the XLT Premium 4x4 returns decent mileage ratings: EPA city/highway mileage estimates come to 18/23. That's about average for its class; a similarly-equipped Santa Fe checks in at 18/23. The four-cylinder RAV4's estimates of 23/27 show that what is given up in horsepower and torque is returned in higher mileage ratings.

## Classified Ads 972-606-7351

Fax Ad Copy to 972-509-9058 for "Quote"



LOOK NO FURTHER!

### HOBBY LOBBY

#### Store Management Opportunities

Hobby Lobby is a leader in the Arts & Crafts industry with over 280 stores located in 24 states.

Candidates must have previous retail store management experience in:  
Supermarket chain, Craft chain, Mass merchant,  
Drug chain and Building supply chain.

Qualified candidates must apply online at:  
[www.hobbylobby.com](http://www.hobbylobby.com)

#### Sal's Lawn & Tree Service

Commercial • Residential

#### TOTAL LANDSCAPING

##### SERVICING:

• Dallas • Richardson • Plano  
• Allen • McKinney • Garland

**\$15.00 off**  
with ad

• LAWN MAINTENANCE  
• HEDGE TRIMMING  
• SODDING  
• STONEWORK  
• CONCRETE PATIOS, DRIVEWAYS  
• TREE TRIMMING & REMOVAL

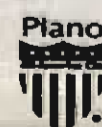
#### SATISFACTION GUARANTEED!

Call For Free Estimate

**214-320-8636**

You'll be glad you did!

#### CITY OF PLANO, TEXAS



##### POLICE HOTLINE

(972) 941-7299

##### FIRE HOTLINE

(972) 941-7402

24 HOUR

CAREER INFORMATION HOTLINE  
(972) 941-7116

Home Page: [www.plano.tx.org](http://www.plano.tx.org)  
FAX (972) 941-7239

AA / EOE / ADA

### Around The Town

#### ONGOING

Plano City Council Meeting- 2nd & 4th Monday; 7:00pm; Municipal Building 1520 Avenue K.

Richardson City Council Meeting-2nd & 4th Monday; 7:30pm City Hall Civic Center complex, 411 W. Arapaho Road.

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

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

McKinney City Council Meeting-1st & 3rd Tuesday; 6:30pm; City Council Chamber, City Hall, 222 N. Tennessee.

Plano Community Forum-2nd Thursday of each month at the Douglass Community Center at 7:00pm.

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

Kirkland Productions is currently

offering a 10 percent discount on all entertainment fees to Plano Chamber of Commerce members and their friends for shows booked before June 1, 2002. They offer a wide variety of entertainment. Information on performers can be found at [www.kirklandproductions.com](http://www.kirklandproductions.com). Now is the time to ensure the success of any event by calling 214-264-4651 or emailing at [gina@kirklandproductions.com](mailto:gina@kirklandproductions.com).

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 Forward, other computer-assisted language intervention, and traditional therapy. For information contact Alicia Wanek, project supervisor, at 214-905-3624 or by e-mail at [alicia.wanek@utdallas.edu](mailto:alicia.wanek@utdallas.edu).

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.

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 at four-year universities made possible through existing academic agreements. For information contact the management and development office at 972-377-1702.

"Viewpoints," a statewide community college juried show sponsored by THE ARTS gallery on the Spring Creek Campus of Collin County College in Room A175. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information call 972-881-5873 or Vicki Mayhan at 972-881-5145.

Plano Repertory Theatre artistic director Mark D. Fleisher has announced

the theater's productions for the 2002 season. They are:

- "Some Enchanted Evening: The Songs of Rodgers and Hammerstein" June 6-29
- "Nor About Nightingales" July 18-Aug. 4
- "A Chorus Line" Sept. 5-29
- "Sleuth" Oct. 17-Nov. 3
- "Inspecting Carol" Dec. 4-22

For more information, group sales, reservations, or to subscribe, call 972-422-7460.

#### MAY 23

A karaoke production for adults only will be at Plano Senior Center from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. It will include three hours of singing, dancing, and casual fellowship. The event is for seniors 55 and older. For more information, call Margaret Malone at 972-390-2385.

#### MAY 23-JULY 28

"Game Face: What Does a Female Athlete Look Like?" will be on view at the Women's Museum, 3800 Parry Avenue, in Dallas. This unique photographic exhibit celebrates the impact of sports in the lives of girls and women and captures the female athlete-

ic experience in its truest form. It features works by some of America's best photojournalists and fine-art photographers. For more information, call 214-915-0860.

#### MAY 23-26

Dallas Summer Musicals' 2002 season opens with the show that revolutionized musical theater - "Cat's" - returning to the Music Hall at Fair Park as a one-week subscriber's special. For information call 214-421-5678.

#### MAY 23-JUNE 15

Texas Sculpture Association presents a concurrent outdoor sculpture show "Innegrations" at Collin County Community College Spring Creek Campus and ArtCentre of Plano, 1039 E. 15th St. For information call 972-423-7309.

#### MAY 28

Quad C Theatre at Collin County Community College will conduct open-call auditions for "Titus Andronicus" by William Shakespeare between 5 and 9 p.m. and callbacks will be May 29. Auditions will be held at the Black Box Theatre, Jupiter Road

#### MAY 29

The Garland Civic Theatre "Children on Stage" troupe will conduct auditions for Ed Graczyk's rock music delight "Aesop's Fables." Auditions are for young actors ages 12 to 18; 11 girls and eight boys are needed. Auditions are from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Garland Civic Theatre rehearsal offices. For information call 972-485-8884.

#### JUNE 3-7

Collin County Community College presents its annual "Fire-Rescue Camp." Open to teens ages 14 to 18, the camp will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 3-6 and 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 7 at Central park Campus fire academy building, Fire Station 2, and fire science training complex at 2200 W. University Drive in McKinney. The camp fee is \$150. For information or to register, call Leslie Thetford at 972-548-6836.

Community Calendar Sponsored by Southwestern Bell Telephone

Your friendly neighborhood  
global communications company.<sup>SM</sup>



# Southwestern Bell