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On the Homefront:

On Saturday, June 29, 2002, bring the entire family out for The Heritage Farmstead Museum Summer Concert! The Men of Note Chorus of the Town North Chapter will perform barbershop style music at the farmstead, located at 1900 W. 15th, in Plano. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Grounds will open at 7:00 p.m. The Victorian House can be toured from 7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. The Husley Owners Group of Allen will bring their Husley Derivatives to the grounds. Other activities will include voter registration, child fingerprinting, Heritage Farmstead Museum information, craft sales, a chair massage, jewelry sales, and drink sales. General admission is \$3.00 for seniors, and Heritage Farmstead Members admission is \$2.00. Admission for children ages 4-11 is only \$1.00. For more information contact Heritage Farmstead Museum at (972) 834-6040.

The City of Allen invites you to its annual Allen U.S.A. Celebration on Saturday, June 29, 2002, located at Allen Station, from 7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Beginning with live entertainment from the Allen Symphony, this kid friendly event will include a Kids' Tent, Kids Zone, and Bounce Houses. The fireworks begin at 9:30 p.m. Vendors will be selling food and drink. For more information contact Lisa Anderson at (972) 327-6019.

The City of McKinney welcomes you to its July 4th Celebration at Collins Greenway South Park. The event will be from 3:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. and will include a fireworks show, live entertainment and bands, kids zone, U.S.A. Bowling Team Exhibitions, a VIP Tent, and food and drink vendors. For more information go to www.festivals.com or contact Ken Turner or John Bick at (214) 544-0500.

Bring the Kids out for a Toy Show at Plano Centre, 200 E. Spring Creek Parkway, on Sunday, June 30, 2002, from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The show will include comics, toys, cards, and collectibles. That's just part of what you will find at this special Toy Show. Admission is FREE! For more information contact Ben Stevens at (972) 574-8211, or at ben@hollywoodexpo.com or visit www.hollywoodexpo.com.

You're invited to the All-American Fourth of July Celebration at High Point Park, in Plano. For more information call the Plano Parks & Recreation Department at (972) 941-7250.

The City of Garland salutes America and its national heroes as it hosts the 2002 Star Spangled Fourth "Hats Off to America," a five-day extravaganza in downtown Garland featuring music, food, crafts, and non-stop entertainment for all ages. Free parking and DART Shuttle. Transportation available at Garland High School, located at 310 S. Garland Avenue, and Williams Stadium, 510 Stadium Drive. The City of Garland needs your help in funding the Star Spangled Fourth. If you donate \$25 or more, you will receive a Star Spangled Fourth lapel pin designed by renowned artist M.K. Shannon and available only to friends of the festival! For more information or to make a donation, please call (972) 205-3337.

On Saturday, July 4, 2002, the City of Plano will host a Christian Concert for high school youth, The Life: Teen Concert, at the Plano Amphitheater. For more information call (972) 574-8584.

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Sam McPherson Receives Chairman's Award

By: Felicia Coleman

Sam McPherson recently received The JC Penney Chairman Award, the highest award for managerial excellence. To qualify for the Chairman's Award the department stores must rank in the top 15 percent of 1,075 JC Penney department stores and exceed expectations with outstanding team effort and dedicated customer service. MON-The Gazette interviewed Sam McPherson, focusing on his family, community involvement and goals.

- What is your position at JC Penney? Manager Development Manager.
- What are your duties on the job? I Manage Corporate Operating Systems Team.
- How long have you been working for JC Penney? 34 1/2 years
- How and why did you begin to work at JC Penney? After a military career in communications, I wanted to do office work.
- How did you feel receiving the Chairman's Award? I have received numerous awards during my career, however this is the most prestigious. I can't imagine any award that would give me greater satisfaction.
- Did you ever think that you

would receive the Chairman's Award? No, our department was not considered for this award in the past. My manager nominated me and the committee approved the selection.

- Where are you from originally? I was Born in South Carolina, and relocated to New York City.
- What brought you here to Dallas, Texas? Corporate relocation with JC Penney.
- How long have you lived in

Manhattan College (BMC).
• What did you want to be as a child? Military Jet Pilot.
• What changed your mind/ how did you get interested in this particular business? In the mid sixties the Air Force Academy did not feel I was qualified for the Air Force, they said my test indicated I was good at electronics and telecommunications. I went to the Army instead, was trained and became a specialist in communications.

- What were your dreams as a child? To have a big office with a window and be a leader in my specialty.
- Did you ever think that you would be in the position that you are in today? Yes, I had a mom, dad, sister and a favorite school teacher that told me I was destined to be a leader and to succeed at whatever my dreams were. Along with a belief that God put me here to make the world a better place before I leave.
- Are you married? Yes, to Carrie, a childhood sweetheart. She could not resist a guy with the big dreams I had.
- How long have you been married? 37 years.
- What does your wife do for a living? She has a home-

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Sam and Carrie McPherson

- Dallas, Texas? Twenty one years in Plano.
- What college did you attend? CUNY (City University of New York).
- What was your college major? Computer Science.
- Your degree is from which university? Borough of

IT'S "HATS OFF TO AMERICA" AT GARLAND'S STAR SPANGLED FOURTH 2002

GARLAND - Garland salutes America and our national heroes as it presents the 2002 Star Spangled Fourth "Hats Off to America," a five-day extravaganza in downtown Garland featuring music, food, crafts, and non-stop entertainment for all ages. The event begins July 3rd, with a sneak preview of the spectacular midway, continues July 4-6 with nationally recognized entertainment, fantastic fireworks and general admission, local and national artisans and crafters, and concluding on Sunday, July 7th featuring the carnival only.

Western-swing legends, Asleep at the Wheel bring their blend of country, blues and swing to the Main Stage on Thursday, July 4th. Opening for Asleep at the Wheel will be country and tejano artist, Rick Trevino. Friday, July 5th, brings Christian music artists Mercy Me and Sonic Flood to the Main Stage. On Saturday, July 6th, get ready to bustle down with the return of KC and the Sunshine Band and their opening act, Morris Day and the Time. Dazzling fireworks and synchroline follow the Main Stage performances each night. All performances are free, however, the public is strongly encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets, or cushions for seating.

Kid's Camp will include pony rides, face painting, sand art, and other terrific entertainment especially for kids. Featured this year is the Rad Hatter, well-known for his interactive art in helping patrons make unique, one-of-a-kind hats.

Children and the young-at-heart can create their own hats, which are made from recycled materials. The hats begin as paper bags donated by local grocers. They are first painted and then embellished at the "hat bar" featuring: ribbons, glitter, feathers, beads and other goodies. Also not to be missed are the many tempting treats found at the Food Court, and the wide variety of arts and crafts at Graters Square.

Sponsors of this year's events include The Dallas Morning News, Dr. Pepper, FOX 4, Garland Economic Development Partnership, Garland Power & Light, Interamnic, Kdfi 27, Kroger, 94.9 FM KLTY, 96.3 KSCS, Memorials 96.7, Jerry Reynolds' Prestige Ford, Raytheon, Reed Expositions, and Texas Credit Union. Additional support is provided by Gogger Concrete, Holiday Inn Select, R-Delta Engineers, Rental Service Corporation, and Williams Funeral Directors.

"Friends of the Festival," a new sponsorship program developed this year for individual con-

tributors, offers a lapel pin designed by renowned artist M.K. Shannon to those who donate \$25 or more. "Friends of the Festival" pins and t-shirts will also be available at the festival. During the event, Star Spangled 4th staff members will randomly select people wearing the pin and award them with a \$25 event card redeemable for food or carnival rides.

In its 14th year, Garland's Star Spangled 4th, has won numerous awards, including the highly coveted Gala Award for Best Fair/Festival from Special Events Magazine and the Grand Pinnacle Award for Event of the Year from the International Festivals and Events Association.

The celebration runs 4 p.m. to midnight July 3rd (carnival sneak preview), 10:00 a.m. to midnight July 4th, noon to midnight July 5th, 10:00 a.m. to midnight July 6th, and noon to 10:00 p.m. July 7th (carnival only). Admission is free, and free parking and DART shuttle transportation is available at Garland High School, 310 S. Garland Avenue, and Williams Stadium, 510 Stadium Drive.

Reserved seating tickets for Main Stage performances will be on sale at event ticket booths, Kroger's at Shiloh Road and State Highway 190, and Garland City Hall, 200 N. Fifth Street. Tickets are \$8 and will go on sale June 10.

For more information, please visit the Star Spangled Fourth website at <http://www.starspangledfourth.com> or call (972) 205-2749.



WAR STORIES EXHIBIT BRINGS LIVING HISTORY TO STAR SPANGLED FOURTH CELEBRATION

Garland, Texas, - History can be retold in books and movies, but visitors to Garland's Star Spangled Fourth will experience history through those who lived it.

Veterans who fought in World War II, Vietnam, Korea and Desert Storm will share their experiences at the War Stories Exhibit July 4-6. Visitors will get a chance to ask the veterans questions and see their keepsakes and memorabilia.

Garland resident Thomas Williams was 19 years old in January 1945 when he landed in France with the 26th Combat Infantry Division. He

was a Browning Automatic Rifleman. His unit served in France, Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia. He says he was blessed to come home alive and in one piece.

"If a cat has nine lives, I had 18," says Williams, now 76. "I used to never talk about it. But people want to know our stories to know the facts."

Williams has shared his stories with school groups and veterans groups.

Zane Laurini was a B-24 navigator stationed in Italy. He flew 50 combat missions all over Europe, and continued in

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Publishers Warned to Look Behind "Black Leadership"

By: Hazel Trice Edney
NNPA Washington Correspondent
JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (NNPA) - "Black leadership," a term that is all but cliché in America's socio-political discussions, is too often misunderstood and misinterpreted to the detriment of Black people, says University of Maryland political science professor, Ronald Walters.

"We've had a lot of people around in the last decade who speak for Black people who happen to represent the wrath of Whites, who happen to have been given enormous megaphones in terms of television time and newsprint time and all sorts of time, and behind them are the kinds of people who want to do us wrong."

Walters told members of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, which includes publishers of more than 200 Black-owned newspapers.

"And if they call them Black leaders and they've given them the kinds of resources that are useful, then they can do harm without actively stepping on the playing field because these people are doing it for them. So we ought to be very careful of this confusion about who is a Black leader. Look behind them at their resource base," Walters says. "When we do that, we will find the kind of influences that really don't mean Black people [any good]."

Walters was keynote speaker at a "Leadership Breakfast" during the annual NNPA convention in Jacksonville, Fla. Black newspapers are a primary source used by people to determine Black leadership. Yet, readership of Black newspapers by Black people is relatively low in the 175th year of the Black press, Walters points out.

"I don't know how people talk about Black life without reading Black newspapers, without listening to Black radio," says Walters, who also is an NNPA columnist. He says he consistently reads at least 10 Black newspapers.

Among the most respected political scientists in the nation, Walters says there are three main kinds of leaders. The character of each is dependent upon the resources behind it, he says. A consensus leader is able to gain resources from the Black and White communities, such as the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Walters says.

A paternalistic leader operates predominately in the White community, such as Republican Secretary of State Colin Powell. And the autonomous leader doesn't head an organization, he heads himself. This category includes comedian and activist Dick Gregory, Walters says.

But, with Black people in high positions inside America's system of government, there's still not enough "demand for accountability" from the community, Walters says. He points out how in the mid 1990s, when there was the largest number of Black cabinet officials in history, seven, under the Clinton Administration, there were "six million people thrown off of welfare with an uncertain future" and disparate incarceration rates among black youths and adults skyrocketed.

It is these kinds of issues that should spark a creative tension between the system and the community. From this tension, a call for accountability should emerge, Walters says. He notes that this is where the Black community often falls short.

"As a community, we have no sanctions. We have the power of sanction, but we don't exercise sanction," such as deciding not to re-elect a person, Walters says. "We don't exercise our sanctions because we don't have the discipline. We have to ask some very tough questions, and I don't see enough of that."

Another reason Black people are not exercising their power is because they are not involved enough to hold any-

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It's the 7th Annual Allen USA Celebration

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Featuring a patriotic performance by the Allen Philharmonic Symphony and the Allen Civic Chorus. Picnic baskets encouraged, select refreshments and snacks available on grounds. Event admission and entertainment is free. Other activities include:

Children's arts and craft tent sponsored by the Allen Arts Alliance - open from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Kid Zone features a variety of games and inflatables for a \$5 wristband charge - open from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Kidprint Event includes ceramic tiles for children to make a custom handprint that will become part of the permanent plaza decor for the community-built playground project. Tiles cost \$35 each and support playground construction costs - tent open from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

For more information, call the Special Events Hotline 972-727-7553

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TEE-OFF A NEW FEATURE FOR GARLAND'S STAR SPANGLED FOURTH



GARLAND, Texas, June 14, 2002 - Add some beautiful greens to the red, white and blue of this year's Star Spangled Fourth celebration.

The City of Garland is hosting a Celebrity Golf Tournament at Firewheel at Garland, the largest municipally-owned golf course in Texas.

"We're excited to be adding this spectacular event to the Star Spangled Fourth line up," said Cindy Vochatzer, the director of Community Relations for the City of Garland. "We hope this tournament will give our citizens yet another opportunity to have a memorable Independence Day."

Playing levels range from \$125800 to \$800 for an individual player. The \$800 level receives four playing spots, a sponsor sign at a hole, along with eight reserved seating concert tickets, stage recognition, and four VIP passes to the evening Star Spangled Fourth event hospitality area. Each player in the July 4th scramble will receive a shirt, cap, golf balls and lunch. Each hole will feature a contest for even more prizes.

Tee-off is at 8:30 a.m. at Firewheel at Garland, 600 West Campbell Road on

Thursday, July 4, 2002.

Garland City Council members Jackie Feagin, Michael Holder and Mark Monroe are among the celebrities scheduled to play in the tournament, along with Fox 4 News personalities John Hammarley, Sara Sidner, and Marc Fein.

Firewheel at Garland rests on 600 rolling, wooded acres, criss-crossed by creeks. It was established in 1983 with one course, and with the addition of the new Bridges Course last year, is now a 63-hole facility. Firewheel has 419 Bermuda tees, fairways and Champion Bermuda greens. Garland's golf park has hosted such prestigious events as the Texas State Open, PGA Tour Qualifying, and U.S. Open Qualifying.

Garland's spectacular Star Spangled Fourth celebration follows the tournament, beginning with an interactive hat parade through downtown Garland at 5:00 p.m. The main stage will feature the Garland Symphony Orchestra at 6:30 p.m., followed by Rick Trevino at 7:30 p.m. A performance by Asleep at the Wheel and a fireworks show complete the day.

To learn more about participating in the tournament, please contact Don Kennedy at (972) 205-2797 or Shelley Franklin at (972) 205-2807.

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TXU and TPA ANNOUNCE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Dallas, Texas — TXU and the Texas Publishers Association announced the six winners of their 3rd Annual "Bright Minds, Bright Futures" scholarship contest> each student will receive \$2,500 toward his college education>

Winners are Erika Barrera, Arlington; Kori Anderson, Crowley; Latanya Burch, Fort Worth; Brittany Stewart, Fort Worth; Russell Jones III, Plano; and Eboni Taylor, Tyler. All of

the students will start their college studies this fall.

Winners of the scholarship were required to submit an original essay of 800 to 1200 words on one of three subjects: a business venture they would create, fighting terrorism in America, or improving education in Texas. The contest was open to graduating high school seniors in Texas.

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THE TRUTH CLINIC BLACK POLITICAL MESSAGE - IT'S THE ECONOMY THAT MATTERS

By James W. Breedlove

As the political campaign season leading to the November elections begins, Blacks should get a clear message to all the political candidates. The economy must be put on the highest priority.

The U.S. stock market wrapped up its fifth straight week of declines on Friday with major market indices closing at their lowest levels since late last year.

A Morgan Stanley Bank representative said the U.S. economy could slip back into recession later this year because of slowing consumer demand. There's a 40 percent chance that U.S. Gross Domestic Product (a measure of the total goods and services produced in the economy) growth could turn negative some time in the second half of this year. The estimate of GDP growth has been reduced to 2.7 percent in 2002 and four percent in 2003 and the figures may be revised downward again.

Morgan Stanley's assessment was supported by a report from the Anderson School at the University of California warning that rising interest rates and skyrocketing home prices could choke off any recovery and dump the world's biggest economy back into recession.

While economic growth certainly is desirable, there is no guarantee that all citizens will share in its benefits. We saw in the economic boom of the '90s that the rich got richer and the poor got poorer.

There's a great need today for money-management skills, especially among African Americans, who are a third less likely than whites to be homeowners or stockholders and who often are targets of predatory lenders. Blacks need to be as familiar

with the statistics of the economy and the market as they are with the batting averages, field goal percentages, and rushing statistics of sports stars.

Rev. Jesse Jackson and the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition are attempting to address this problem with the One Thousand Churches Connected economic literacy program. By banding together, congregations are trying to leverage the same consumer power they wielded in fighting for jobs and rights in the 1960s - but this time to gain better access to financial services and end what Jackson refers to as "economic apartheid."

In a recent poll by Princeton Survey Research Associates, 45% of respondents said they would be more likely to try financial services if they were sponsored by their church. And companies are eager to peddle their wares to such receptive audiences. Some firms, including Citicorp, Intuit and Freddie Mac, have signed on to work with One Thousand Churches.

Some ministers are equally cautious, not because ministers don't recognize the need the program seeks to fill, but because Jackson's involvement tends to raise doubts. Some say he forfeited his moral leadership with last year's revelations that he fathered a child in an extramarital affair and neglected to report how much one of his non-profits had paid the mother. Also, personal rivalries may be hindering the recruitment drive. Two years after the program was launched, One Thousand Churches has only attracted about 100 members.

It's unlikely Jackson or his group will make money from this venture, other than through donations from participating companies. Still, many ministers

are so fearful of compromising their integrity that the program prohibits pitching any particular financial services.

Of course, there is no sure way to predict the economic future. But what is certain is that millions of workers are now facing the grim realities of unemployment. And if unemployment continues to rise as expected, the economy will become a potent political issue.

Investors have lost confidence in both Corporate America and Wall Street because of recent scandals involving dubious stock recommendations, questionable accounting and illegal insider trading.

Black workers who have bought into the concept of retirement privatization better pay close attention to the lessons of these latest financial scandals. Do you really want to place your financial future in the hands of companies like Enron, Arthur Andersen, Tyco, and ImClone? When they loot the system, and your Retirement account is worthless who can you turn to? Have the Enron employees been made whole?

While it is a stretch to believe that average citizens are able to wade through the myriad reports to unearth the tell tale economic statistics they can focus on simply determining if the economy is rising or falling. Is your paycheck buying as much as it used too? Are you able to pay your bills on time? Are you better off today than you were two years ago?

Black America stay focused during the upcoming political media blitz. There will be many issues, but it is still the economy that matters.

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

We Can't Stand Alone

Bob Butler lost his legs in a 1965 land mine explosion in Vietnam. He returned home a war hero. Twenty years later, he proved once again that heroism comes from the heart.

Butler was working in his garage in a small town in Arizona on a hot summer day when he heard a woman's screams coming from a nearby home. He began rolling his wheelchair toward the house but the dense shrubbery wouldn't allow him access to the back door. So he got out of his chair and started to crawl through the dirt and bushes. I had to get there, he says. It didn't matter how much it hurt.

When Butler arrived at the pool there was a three-year-old girl named Stephanie Hanes lying at the bottom. She had

been born without arms and had fallen in the water and couldn't swim. Her mother stood over her baby screaming frantically. Butler dove to the bottom of the pool and brought little Stephanie up to the deck. Her face was blue, she had no pulse and was not breathing.

Butler immediately went to work performing CPR to revive her while Stephanie's mother telephoned the fire department. She was told the paramedics were already out on a call. Helplessly, she sobbed and hugged Butler's shoulder.

As Butler continued with his CPR, he calmly reassured her. Don't worry he said. I was her arms to get out of the pool. It'll be okay. I am now her lungs. Together we can make it. Seconds later the little girl

coughed, regained consciousness, and began to cry. As they hugged and rejoiced together the mother asked Butler how he knew it would be okay.

The truth is, I didn't know, he told her. But when my legs were blown off in the war, I was all alone in a field. No one was there to help except a little Vietnamese girl.

As she struggled to drag me into her village, she whispered in broken English, Its okay. You can live. I will be your legs. Together we make it. Her kind words brought hope to my soul and I wanted to do the same for Stephanie. There are simply those times when we cannot stand alone.

There are those times when we need someone to be our legs, our arms, our friend.

Strategy

Faye Wilkins and Her Many Roles

Faye Wilkins is president of The Wilkins Group, a private telecommunications and systems integration firm. For four years she has been a member of the Dallas Area Rapid Transit district board of directors. Former mayor, Ron Kirk, approached her and asked her if she could join the board. She said that Mr. Kirk influenced her by saying that the board "needed some fresh ideas." Ms. Wilkins represents the residents of Collin County, areas of Dallas, Cockrell Hill and Glen Heights. She said that her duties as chairwoman of the project management committee takes most of her time averaging out to almost fifty hours a month. "Right now, the board discusses DART's light rail extending from North Central to Spring Creek Parkway, with completion due December '19," said Ms. Wilkins.

When she was 11 years old, she was involved in a severe car accident. That is when she decided she would go into healthcare when she was old

enough, and did so when she worked at Baylor Medical Center in the orthopedics department. She said that it was



Faye Wilkins

an exciting experience but the hours were brutal, so she left nursing and went in to real estate, and now works at the Wilkins Group.

The Wilkins group was founded by her husband, Tom Wilkins. Her two children, daughter Tameka and son Ronald also work at the company.

She said that several times a year, the company holds events for employees that include fish fries, dinner parties during the holidays, and picnics. To show further support for her employees, they attend each other's church regularly.

When not working, Ms. Wilkins enjoys playing golf, reading and attending concerts. For fun she used to write poetry, but she now enjoys traveling, however, with her work load, time for travel is limited. Her favorite vacation spots are New Orleans and Puerto Rico. She said that she never travels any further than Puerto Rico because she doesn't want to be too far from the United States.

Ms. Wilkins said that her grandmother and mother set the foundation for her and have played a major role in her life. "They taught me to be honest," she said "and to work hard. That's what I'm passing on to my kids."

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based Health and Nutrition business, and takes good care of me.

• How many children do you have? Two beautiful girls, Janet and Regina.

• What are their ages? 36 & 31.

• Are you involved with your community? I have been involved with the community, school, city for the 20 years I have been in Plano. Currently I am Chairman of PISD Multi-Ethnic Committee, Officer and Member of The Plano

Community Forum, Board of Directors-Practical Parent Education and previously in Community Relations for the City of Plano.

• Any other organizations? Church Family Ministry, promoting building healthy families through Godly relationships.

• What are your goals for the future? After retirement, to work with my wife in her business, and play lots of golf.

• If you were not working for JC Penney, what would you be doing? I would be in business myself.

• What do you enjoy doing in your spare time? Playing golf with my wife and friends, watching movies with my family.

• If you could change anything about your life, what would it be? I am satisfied with all the things I have been blessed with.

• What advice would you give to someone who is trying to make it in the business field? Put God first in your life, your family second, then find something you enjoy doing and never let anyone deter you from success.

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the Air Force reserves after World War II ended. Despite his own exploits in the 450th Bomb Group, Laurini credits civilian support for the war effort.

"Civilians back home couldn't buy sugar, they couldn't buy tires for their automobiles, they couldn't buy shoes. They were building war materials, jeeps, airplanes," says Laurini. "When a bomber was shot down, we'd send two more to replace it. We wore the enemy down. What destroyed the Nazis were the civilians who backed the war effort."

"We wanted to honor the people who have risked and given their lives for our country," says Star Spangled Fourth producer Cindy Vochatz. "The War Stories Exhibit will give young and old alike a chance to hear about some of the most critical times in our history from the people who were there."

The War Stories exhibit schedule is as follows:

Thursday, July 4: 11:00a.m.-noon: Korean Conflict Veterans 12:30-1:30p.m.: Desert Storm Veterans 2:00-3:00p.m.: Vietnam Veterans 3:30-4:30p.m.: World War II Veterans

Friday, July 5: 12:30-1:30p.m.: World War II Veterans 2:00-3:00p.m.: Korean Conflict Veterans 3:30-4:30p.m.: Vietnam Veterans

Saturday, July 6: 11:00a.m.-noon: Desert Storm Veterans 12:30-1:30p.m.: Vietnam Veterans 2:00-3:00p.m.: Korean Conflict Veterans 3:30-4:30p.m.: World War II Veterans

For information about the War Stories Exhibit and Garland's Star Spangled Fourth celebration, go to www.starspangledfourth.com <<http://www.starspangledfourth.com>>.

(Editors note-We are still scheduling individual veterans for each session in the War Stories exhibit. To set up an interview with one of the veterans, please contact Dorothy White at 972-205-2879.)

Publishers

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one accountable, Walters says. He pointed out that only 13 percent of Black people belong to civil rights organizations, perhaps due to a lack of new leadership. As a result, the leadership of rank and file African-Americans in the corporate and government world is also low, he says. Walters pointing out that only 17 percent of Black men in

America work in professional or managerial class on their jobs while only 24 percent of Black women are included in those categories. "We have to include strong leadership and leadership succession," Walters says, pointing out Benjamin T. Jealous, executive director of the NNPA Foundation and Denise Rolark-Barnes, publisher of the Washington Informer, as two youthful, but strong leaders during a time when many Black newspapers are struggling. "We need, I think, a revolution and the energy and the drive - but not without the vision."

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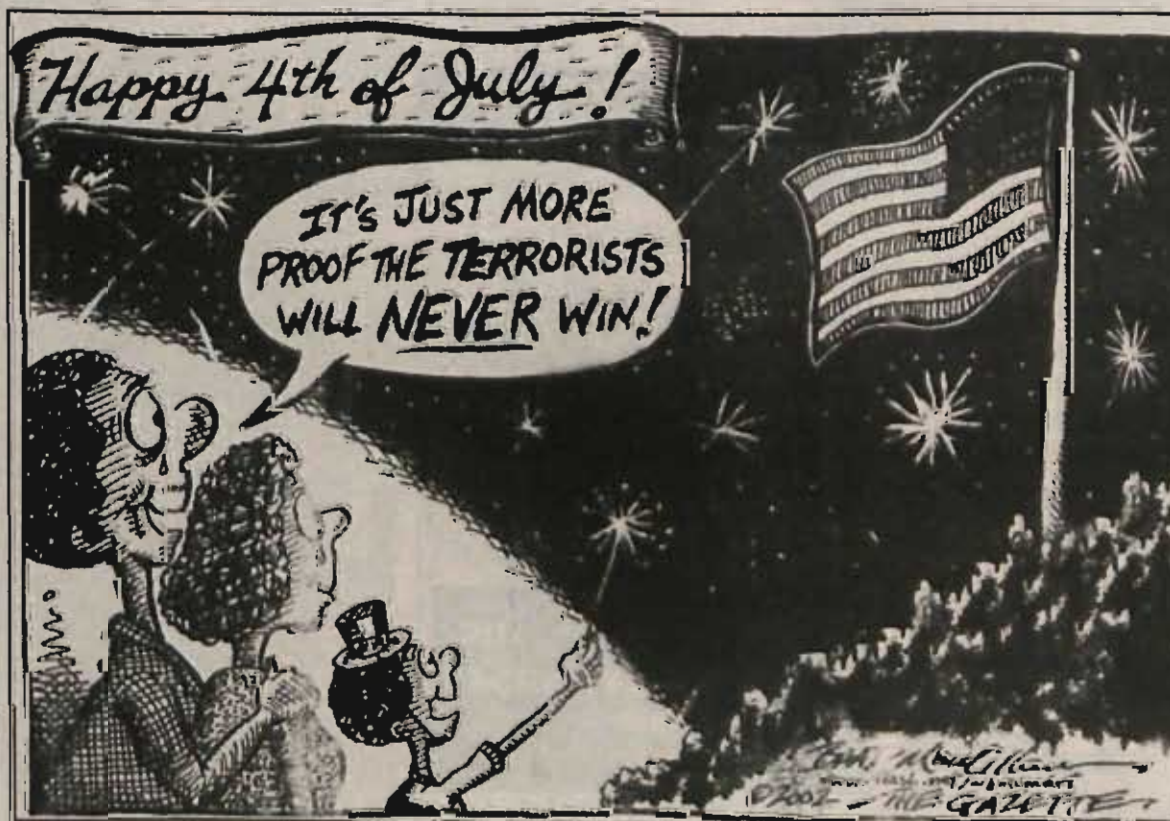
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While you ponder that thought we would like to announce that Minority Opportunity News, Inc., formerly a Dallas based renaissance community tabloid, founded in 1991, has relocated to Plano, Texas, and changed our name to MON-The Gazette. In addition to moving our offices to Plano, our editorial coverage has also shifted to encompass Dallas' Northern Corridor. The Northern Corridor is clearly the fastest growing region in Texas, if not in America. MON-The Gazette believes that the engine to continue this growth is the airport expansion in McKinney, which is the largest and most visible of many area opportunities. As always, and true to tradition, MON-The Gazette will be there carving a world of opportunity for those seeking to provide quality services. Should you dare to expand your quest for economic parity outside the southern region or just want to know what is going on up north-

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The Buffalo Soldiers "We Can, We Will!"

By: Tobi Hicks

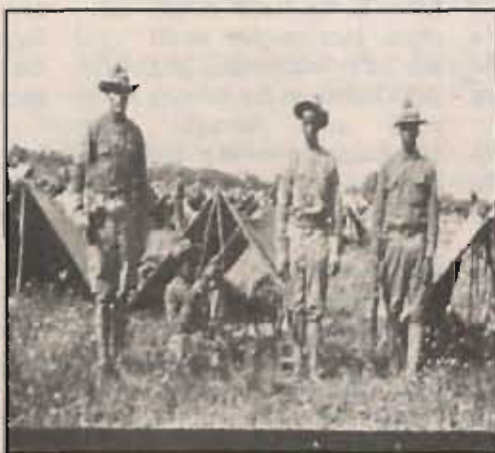
Black soldiers fought in Washington's army during the War of Independence, and served with Andrew Jackson at New Orleans in 1815. Late in 1861, Colonel T. W. Higginson took command of the First Regiment of South Carolina Volunteers, the first Black regiment in the service of the United States.

On June 28, 1866, an Act of Congress authorized the creation of six regiments of Black troops, two of cavalry and four of infantry. These troops went on to play a major role in the history of the West as the "Buffalo Soldiers."

On September 21, 1866, the 9th Cavalry Regiment was activated at Greenville, Louisiana, under the command of Colonel Edward Hatch. The 10th Cavalry Regiment at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas was under command of Colonel Benjamin Grierson.

For more than 20 years, the 9th and 10th Cavalry Regiments served on the frontier from Montana to Texas, along the Rio Grande in New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, and the Dakotas. They built forts and roads, strung telegraph lines, protected railroad crews, escorted stages and trains, protected settlers and cattle drives, and fought Cheyenne, Arapahoe, Kiowa, Comanche, and Apache warriors, among others. Dangers such as cholera and rabid wolves sometimes took more lives than Indian warfare.

The Plains Indians began to call the Black cavalrymen "Buffalo Soldiers" and the troopers accepted the title and wore it proudly. To be associated with the fighting spirit of the Indian's sacred buffalo was a



measure of respect.

In 1875-76, while still under the command of Colonel Hatch, the 9th Cavalry Regiment was transferred to the New Mexico District. Two companies were stationed at Fort Bayard, one at Fort McRae, two at Fort Wingate, three at Fort Stanton, one at Fort Union, one at Fort Selden, and one at Fort Garland. In New Mexico, the Buffalo Soldiers participated in campaigns against Victorio, Geronimo, and Nana.



Buffalo soldiers in Sydney, New York, in the year 1911

In 1877, a scouting party from Fort Bayard commanded by Lt. Henry Wright, with six men of Company C and three Navajo scouts, was surrounded by a party of 40 to 50 Chinichuas in the

Florida Mountains, near Deming, New Mexico. Weapons were fired and then used as clubs. In the center of the melee Corporal Clifton Greaves fought like a cornered lion and managed to shoot and bash a gap through the swarming Apaches, permitting his companions to break free ... Corporal Greaves was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

The conditions under which the Buffalo Soldiers fought while pursuing the Apache are described in a letter from Colonel Hatch to General Pope, "...the work performed by these troops is most arduous, horses worn to mere shadows, men nearly without boots, shoes and clothing.

That the loss in horses may be understood when following the Indians in the Black Range the horses were without anything to eat five days except what they nibbled from piñon pines, going without food so long was nearly as disastrous as the fearful march into Mexico of 79 hours without water, all this by forced marches over inexpressibly rough trails ... It is impossible to describe the exceeding roughness of such mountains as the Black Range and the San Mateo. The well known Modoc Lava beds are a lawn compared with them." (Hatch to Pope, February 25, 1880)

On September 18, 1879, troopers from Companies B, C, E and G of the 9th Cavalry were ambushed by Victorio, War Chief of the Warm Springs Apaches, at Las Animas Creek in the Black Range of New Mexico. Conflicting reports put the number of troopers killed at either five or six, along with either two or three Navajo scouts. Several troopers were awarded Congressional Medals of Honor, after saving wounded troopers

The 2002 Young Women's Health Summit



By: Tobi Hicks

The 2002 National Young Women's Health Summit sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office on Women's Health will be held in Washington, DC, July 31st through August 3rd.

Goals:

To foster the development of community based health awareness programs through the efforts of young women, mentors, parents and local community groups. Using educational sessions that develop skills, foster intergenerational communication, and share critical health information, the Summit will strive to alert young women to positive self, family and community health promotion activities - leading to greater health consciousness and better health decision-making among individuals, families, and communities across the nation.

Objectives:

- To convene young girls, parents, and mentors from across the nation to discuss health issues facing young women and girls, their families, and their communities.
- To provide, disseminate, and discuss health information that will promote healthy lifestyles.
- To promote positive images of young women and girls in the media and community.
- To foster the development of strong intergenerational and intra-family communication skills between young women, parents, and mentors.
- To support the maturation of young women and girls into leaders through skill building and the formation of mentoring relationships between young and older women.
- To establish a network for interaction, information and community action for young women and girls.

Format of the Summit:

The Summit will last for over four days, beginning on July 31st through August 3rd, 2002 and will bring together young women, parents, and mentors from around the nation. The first half-day will provide



participants with time to register and get to know each other. All participants will convene to dinner, a setting of summit ground rules, and an opening presentation.

The second full-day will open with a plenary session, followed by moderated sessions for youth, parents, and mentors on identifying key health and social issues for each group and skill-building on communication, presentation, and taking action on these issues within your family and community.

The third full-day will include educational sessions for young women on nutrition, physical activity, body image, eating disorders, and overweight; mental health, self-esteem, and discrimination; promoting community health; life after high school; dating, family, and community violence. Concurrent sessions will be held for parents on: parents as models - healthy eating and physical activity; working with mentors to support young women; family and community violence, and community involvement. A special session will be offered for mentors to provide training and guidance around their role as mentors at the Summit and ways to support young women and their families after the Summit. The third full-day will close with a performance on "Dispelling the Myths" - an interactive performance addressing critical health issues facing young women, their families and communities.

The fourth half-day will offer young women an opportunity to share past and current home projects to promote health and healthy behaviors in their communities. The half-day will close with a plenary session and allow time for an optional site visit in the afternoon.

Sponsored Attendees:

Young women will be selected in two age groups, 12-14 and 15-17, from throughout the nation according to the applications received. Sponsored attendees will include both new and returning young women and girls in order to achieve both continuity between previous Summits and to assure the broadest

possible impact for the Summit's take-home messages. Young women will play a critical role in carrying the Summit's health promotion messages home through their involvement in new or continuing projects to promote women's health in their families and communities.

Sponsored Mentors:

In order to respond to the needs of the young women and to develop a support system to foster future community-based health promotion activities, the Summit will also include a track for mentors. Like the young women and parents, mentors will be selected from around the nation via a competitive application process. The mentors' role will be to serve as the primary contact person for the sponsored attendees throughout the Summit and in their subsequent efforts to develop and promote health projects after the summit. Mentors will play an important role in maintaining the momentum and fostering future action in their communities.

Sponsored Parents:

Parents will also be selected via a competitive application process. The application process is open to all parents, regardless of whether or not they have a daughter attending the Summit. Sessions will be designed to share important health information with parents as well as to provide skill-building opportunities to improve communication between parents, young women, and mentors. Parents will play an important role in maintaining the momentum and fostering future action in their communities.

For more information contact Reem Ghandour, M.P.A., Presidential Management Intern, Div. of Policy and Program Development, at Phone: (202) 401-9546, Fax: (202) 401-4001, or Email: RGhandour@osops.dhhs.gov. Or contact Frances Ashe-Goins, R.N. M.P.H., Director Div. of Policy and Program Development, at Phone: (202) 205-2628, Fax: (202) 401-4005, or Email: FAshe-Goins@osops.dhhs.gov.

You & Your Money



Billie Meador

Take Steps to Move Up Your "Tax Freedom Day"

You won't find it printed on your calendar. You won't find it in the greeting cards aisle of the drug store. And you won't find it celebrated with a television special. Nonetheless, Tax Freedom Day may have a bigger impact on your life than many of the biggest holidays.

Tax Freedom Day isn't an official holiday. It's just the date on which average Americans can expect to start earning their first tax-free dollars of the year, after paying federal and state taxes. Tax Freedom Day generally occurs on a different date each year, depending on changes in tax laws and the health of the economy. In 2001, Tax Freedom day fell on April 29, but in 2002, it happened two days earlier, on April 27.

Of course, Tax Freedom Day is really something of a fic-

tion, because we all pay taxes throughout the year. If you're an employee, you'll have taxes taken out of all your paychecks. If you're self-employed or a business owner, you probably pay quarterly taxes. Then, on April 15 of each year, you may pay still more taxes.

Nonetheless, the idea of a Tax Freedom Day is useful in understanding the relative size of your tax burden. And the good news is that you can help control when your personal Tax Freedom Day comes around. How? By becoming a tax-smart investor. Specifically, look for tax-free and tax-deferred investment opportunities.

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Bush Building Houses: What's Up?



By: Ron Walters

Something strange appeared in the middle of the "war on terrorism" and homeland security preparations. George Bush proposes to spend \$200 million a year in subsidies to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to help 400,000 families with the down payment and closing costs on a home and to provide tax credits to encourage home builders to build homes for 200,000 low- and moderate income families, all by 2010. This plan, targeted to minority home buyers, is designed to increase the number of homeowners to 5.5 million by that time.

Urban policy has traditionally been a favorite whipping post for Republicans as attested to by the dismal record of Jack Kemp as secretary of Housing and Urban Development during the first Bush administration. Despite the various programs for micro-enterprise, capitalizing housing and others, his boss paid scant attention to him, although Kemp won over some skeptics because of his earnestness.

The point here is politics, and it usually is that during a campaign year. To begin with, Bush's popularity has fallen from the high of 88 percent last September after 9/11 to 75 percent now, signs that his job approval rating is losing some steam as the elections come into view. And even conservatives in his own party feel that he is spending his declining political capital mostly on the war, not their domestic agenda, and as such, clouding their chances for election if he doesn't have any coattails. Some conservatives also have opposed some of his initiatives dealing with global warming, FBI surveillance, immigration and other issues connected with domestic security.

So, Bush has gone on the offensive with some hand holding. He has promised grumbling House Republicans that he will hit the campaign trail and raise \$20-\$30 million for their campaigns and support their issues, such as making tax cuts permanent, preventing cloning, aiding religious charities and others. Nevertheless, throwing in the domestic issue of housing is a surprise because that is not on the conservative list. What's going here is the plan of Karl

Rove, Bush political strategist, to reach out to Blacks by co-opting some traditional Democratic issues, such as housing. Rove apparently lost a computer disc in Lafayette Square, an area near the White House, which contained an analysis and a plan for the Fall national campaign goals. A look at the plan, completed on June 4 by Rove and Kenneth Mehlman, another White House political affairs official, is revealing.

This secret document anticipates the Democrats' campaign attack on Bush's domestic record and retaliates by promoting his "compassionate agenda - Education, Welfare, Faith...." Also, it would "mobilize GOP base, reach out to Hispanics, unions and African Americans." The plan also intends to "grow" the Hispanic constituency and "improve" the African American support for Republican candidates. It also suggests that the sentiments expressed by Charles Rangel, ranking Black Democrat on the Ways and Means Committee, should be opposed. Rangel called Clinton, "the last elected president of the United States" and said, "it is our job to say that we're not getting over Florida."

In response, George Bush has pulled out his track shoes and started campaigning on housing and others issues. For example, he made the housing theme the central issue of his regular Saturday radio address recently and launched the idea for his housing program in an Atlanta inner city neighborhood. This focus on domestic strategy is consistent with other actions, such as going to Florida to support his brother, Gov. Jeb Bush, by announcing a plan to buy back \$235 million in offshore oil and gas drilling leases on the Florida coastline. He also went to Iowa to announce the popular \$190 billion farm support measure, and he imposed tariffs of 30 percent on imported steel, an action popular in West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

In all of those states, there are critical elections. And if you look at the line of states in the South - from Virginia, to North and South Carolina and Georgia - Blacks could be the pivotal vote for Republican victories. Republicans have always had a marginal Black vote strategy and this could help.

By the way, I didn't see an emphasis on housing in the priorities rolled out by Senate Democrats a few weeks ago, so this proposal is also competitive if it gets much play. Regardless of its political intent, with White home ownership at 72 percent and Black home ownership at 48 percent, it's a good thing if it comes to pass. Just watch what is behind it and don't go for the whole nine yards.

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eral taxes; interest payments may also be free from state and local taxes, depending on the bond and on where you live. Consequently, municipal bonds offer a high "taxable equivalent yield." In other words, you'd have to find a taxable bond - such as a corporate bond - that pays a much higher yield than your municipal bond to overcome the tax benefits offered by the "muni." And in a low interest rate environment, such as we've been in for quite some time, you may have trouble finding high-quality corporate bonds that pay these high yields.

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You may also want to look at tax-deferred investments, such as a Traditional IRA or annuities. You can invest up to \$3,000 a year in a Traditional IRA. Your contributions may be tax-deductible, but even if they aren't, your earnings will grow on a tax-deferred basis. If you've already "maxed out" on your Traditional or Roth IRA, and you still want to save for retirement, you may want to invest in a fixed or variable annuity. In addition to tax deferral, annuities offer you high contribution limits and a variety of payout options.

Before making any moves affecting your taxes, consult with your tax advisor. But don't wait too long. The quicker you take action, the better chance you'll have of bumping up your own Tax Freedom Day next year.

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The Success of Chris Arnold



Chris Arnold

By: Felicia Coleman

Chris Arnold was born in South Carolina on September 19, 1958. After his father completed service in the U.S. Air Force, he moved his family to Oklahoma City, OK where Chris lived as a child. Chris was influenced by all of his teachers and his parents, Bill and Anita Arnold. Chris said "My mother told me to never, ever forget where I came from, and who helped pave the way to get me there."

Having wanted to study journalism since childhood, Chris became involved in broadcast media at the age of 14. With a bigger interest in sports, he began sports broadcasting in college. He was also a DJ at the college campus radio station. He attended the University of Oklahoma where he received a degree in Journalism.

In 1980, at the age of 20, Chris took a trip to Texas for a DJ position, but the position was not available. However, Chris was offered a position as a sports broadcaster, and hesitantly took the position. From there Chris' career began to thrive, with a position at K104 and as a sports caster on Channel 8. He later became a sideline reporter for the Dallas Mavericks. Since he has been

in the broadcasting business, Mr. Arnold has covered 13 Super Bowls, 2 Olympics, 14 NBA finals, 8 World Series, 12 Final Fours, 14 NBA All Star Games, 23 World Championship Fights in Boxing, amongst other events. Chris said, "My favorite interview of all time was with Muhammad Ali. He whispered a dirty joke in my ear after we took a picture that still cracks me up today."

Chris added, "It's hard to choose, but if I could have a different job it would be acting." He said he enjoys what he does because he enjoys being around the people (Skip Murphy, Nanette Lee, Sam Punney, the Wig, Throwdown Sam and Alicia Speeds) he works with.

Although Chris is a part of the media, he hates the media. "I don't like the media because it's a Dog-Eat-Dog sort of thing," he said. "I think journalists should focus more on getting the correct facts together than competing to see who gets the information first. The different stations need to stop competing and get the information straight first and then broadcast the story."

Chris is also involved with the community. He speaks at sports banquets and schools, and visits convalescent homes. In his spare time he said he does absolutely nothing. "I just go with the flow. I do workout a lot but working out is like eating to me", Chris said. His advice to anyone who wants to be successful is to be prepared. "A job is what you do to get paid. A career is something that you enjoy doing. It's not a destination, but it's a journey. There are twists and turns," he added. "Don't work for the money but work because you enjoy what you do. If you work at what you enjoy doing, even if it's at the bottom, you will eventually make it to the top and make money."

Chris' motto came after the death of a close friend, "Life is too short. Do all the things you ever wanted to do."

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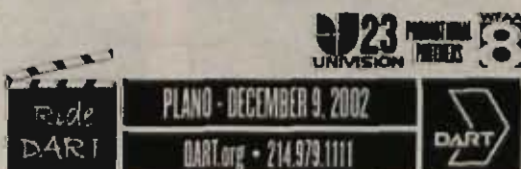
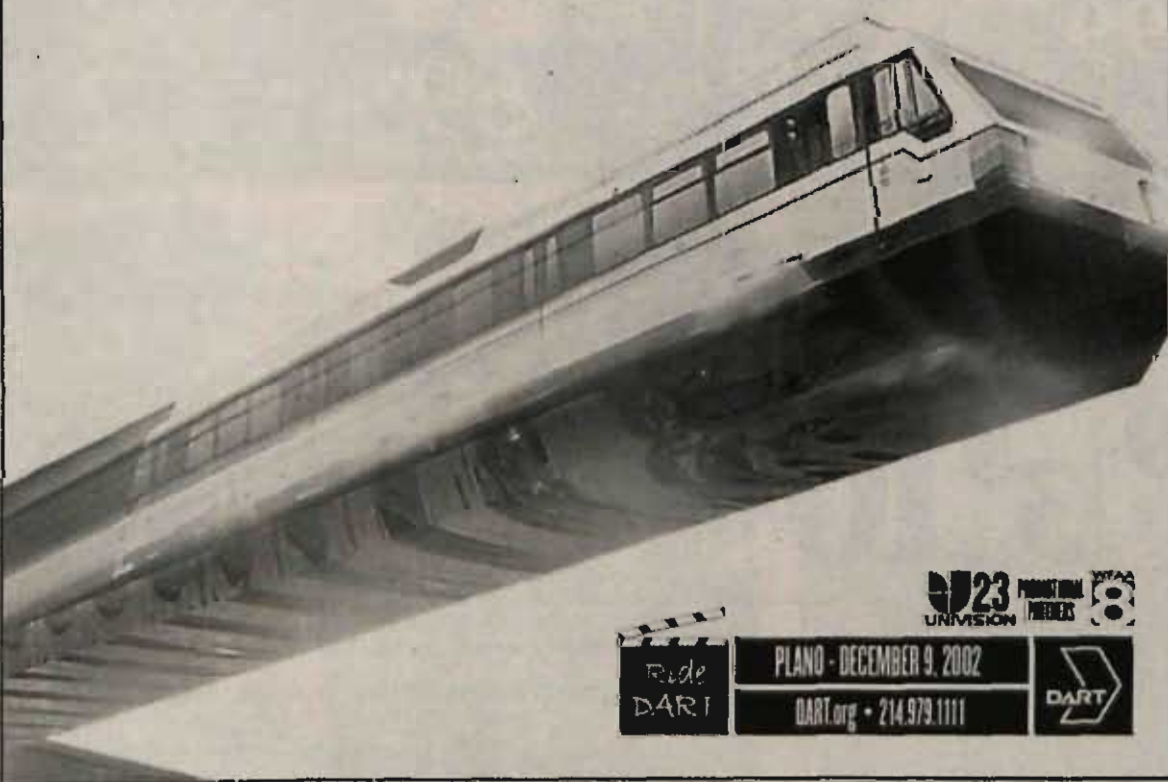
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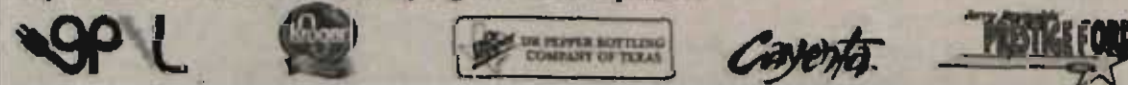


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Mr. Deeds

Adam Sandler is back doing what he does best: being a goof-ball. In this remake of the 1936 Frank Capra classic, Mr. Deeds Goes to Town, Sandler plays Longfellow Deeds, a Joe Schmo who runs a pizza parlor before his media-mogul uncle dies, leaving him a billionaire. Deeds decides to

run the empire himself, drawing the attention of a TV reporter (Winona Ryder) who's out to prove that the guy's a fool. Well, duh.



The First \$20 Million

Based on Po Bronson's 1997 novel, The First \$20 Million Is Always the Hardest, the story follows a team of Silicon Valley techno-geeks challenged to develop the ultimate network computer.

Starring Adam Garcia, Jake Busey, Ethan Suplee, Rosario Dawson, Anjul Nigam, Francis Benoit, Gregory Jbara

Morris Day Appearing at Garland's Star Spangled July 4th Festival

After making a name for himself as one of pop's most verbally pretentious vocalists in the '80s funk outfit the Time, singer Morris Day embarked on a solo career that began with the release of 1985's Color of Success.

Daydreaming, his second attempt, appeared in 1987 and featured the production work of ex-Time members, Terry Lewis and Jimmy Jam. Together they managed to reproduce some of the funky flair



Thursday, July 4
Garland Symphony Orchestra
Rick Trevino
Asleep at the Wheel
Fireworks

Friday, July 5
Patriotic Tribute
Mercury
Soniflood
Fireworks

Saturday, July 6
Salute to War Veterans
Morris Day and the Time
KC and the Sunshine Band
Fireworks

Chayanne



Chayanne. The name alone is synonymous with stardom. For over 15 years, the Puerto Rican singer, actor, and dancer has captivated millions of fans all over the world. And now he is set to continue doing it bigger and better than ever.

Now, Sony Music will be releasing 'Greatest Hits,' a compilation of the greatest hits in Chayanne's prolific and versatile career.

'Greatest Hits,' however, is more than just another "best of" compendium. Among the 15 tracks that make up the production, there are three brand new songs, including the first single, "Y tú te vas," penned by famous singer / songwriter Franco de Vita. Producers/composers Donato and Estéfano contribute the album's other new songs, "Quisiera Ser" and "Tórrero" respectively.

Set for a simultaneous worldwide release - with editions in Europe, Latin America and Asia - 'Greatest Hits' also boasts two hot remixes of hits 'Salomé' and 'Baila Baila,' which were both #1 in radio and sales, as well as dance favorites in clubs everywhere.

And of course, no greatest hits collection of Chayanne's best would be complete without some of his early smashes, such as 'Fiesta en América' (one of the songs that launched his solo career), 'Tu pirata soy yo' and 'Tiempo de vals.'

Rounding up the hits are the recent 'Candela,' 'Tal vez es amor,' 'Dejaria Todo' (#1 on the Billboard charts), 'Volver a nacer,' 'Este ritmo

se baila así' (1989 MTV video award), 'Provócame' (#1 all over the world), and 'Completamente Enamorado' (#1 in the US and Latin America markets).

Last year saw Chayanne climb new heights in Europe, as he became Spain's certified number one album bestseller. He has sold over 800,000 units in that country alone, and is expected to soon reach the 1 million mark.

Elsewhere in Europe, Chayanne has also reaped great success: in Italy, France, Holland, Sweden and Turkey. Even more amazing, thanks to his latest soap-opera, "Provócame," Chayanne is reaching audiences in regions such as Eastern Europe, the Baltic nations, the Middle East, Cyprus, Romania, Russia, Indonesia, Greece and the Philippines.

Ever since he began with popular boy band Los Chicos in the early 1980s, Chayanne (born Elmer Figueroa Arce) has been destined for greatness.

Following his solo debut in 1988, Chayanne soon became a force to be reckoned with in the pop music industry. He starred in several Latin American soap operas and movies that consolidated his heart-throb status and, in 1998, answered Hollywood's call when he played the lead role in the film "Dance With Me," along with Vanessa Williams.

Since then, Chayanne has skillfully combined his acting talents with his explosive singing abilities.

Now, in support of 'Greatest Hits,' there will be a worldwide concert tour that will take Chayanne to Europe, Latin America, the Caribbean and the USA. Also, Chayanne has made two new video clips for the songs 'Y tú te vas' and 'Tórrero.'

Grammy-nominated, multi-million album seller Chayanne is set to astound music lovers all over the world. And 'Greatest Hits' is the perfect way to celebrate a one-of-a-kind star and his music.

Quad C Theatre Presents Shakespeare's "Titus Andronicus"

June 19th Quad C Theatre, part of Collin County Community College District, will present "Titus Andronicus," an early, experimental tragedy by William Shakespeare. The play's many savage incidents relate a story of revenge and political strife. In this most fierce of Shakespearean dramas, the great Roman general Titus Andronicus returns home victorious from a long war with the Goths, during which all but four of his 21 sons have died. In keeping with the tradition of sacrificing a prisoner to thank the gods for victory, Titus kills the eldest son of Tamora, Queen of the Goths. Vowing revenge, her chance comes soon when the Roman emperor Saturninus (to whom Titus is loyal) takes her for a wife. Alternating conspiracies escalate, plunging the country into war and taking the lives of Titus and Tamora's remaining children.

"Titus Andronicus" is being co-directed by Gail Cronauer (Dallas) and Joanne Zipay, founder of New York's Judith Shakespeare Company. Tom Hull (Dallas) will be design the set with the lighting designed by Craig 'Yo' Erickson (Richardson). Sandra Snyder (Plano) designing the costumes and make-up. The show will also contain fight choreography by Sarah Romersberger (Dallas).

The cast of "Titus Andronicus" brings together a wide collection of talent from past and current Quad C students. These talents include Michael Urie and Heather Hill (both attend school in New York), Suzuya Bobo, Brian Hostenske, M. Bridget Dougherty, Candice Patton and Samantha Tella of Plano, Sherrie Wollenhaupt of Lewisville, Theodore A. Breaux from Fort Worth, Melanie Fairlight, Rachel McMahan and Stephen Perkins of Wylie, Craig Peugh, John Puddington and Bryan Ryan of Dallas, Brian Smith from Allen, Katelynn Waldschmidt from Coppell and Collin Ware of Fairview.

"Titus Andronicus" will be presented by the Quad C Theatre at Collin County Community College, in the Black Box Theatre, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano 75074. Performances are June 25-29 at 8 p.m. with matinees on June 29-30 at 2:15 p.m. All tickets are \$5. Monies collected from ticket sales will benefit the Theatre Partners Fund which provides scholarships for theatre students. Caution: this production contains mature themes and violence. For tickets, season subscriptions and other information call the Quad C Theatre Box Office at (972) 881-5809.

NOTE: ATDD information line for deaf patrons is available at (972) 881-5950.

Fair Park Museums to Host annual Educators' day

Dallas, TX. Metroplex-area educators are invited to discover the countless educational opportunities available at Fair Park Museums. The Second Annual Educators' Open House is set for Saturday, August 17 from 9am-4pm.

Educators will receive seven CPE credit hours, free admission to host institutions, transportation around the Fair Grounds, and a chance to win a night at the Hilton Hotel or The Magnolia Hotel in Dallas. Lunch will also be provided, but arrive early because space is limited.

Educators can register on site August 17 at any host institutions: African American Museum, Age of Steam Railroad Museum, American Museum of Miniature Art, The Dallas Aquarium at Fair Park and Dallas Zoo, Dallas Historical Society/Hall of State, Dallas Museum of Natural History, The Dallas Opera, The Science Place, Texas Discovery Gardens, The Women's Museum: An Institute for the Future.

Educator's Open House is sponsored by Bank of America and Dallas Family will provide a special guest speaker.

For more information contact Todd Crump at 214-421-3466 ext. 202

The Dallas Museum of Natural History is located at 3535 Grand Avenue in historic Fair Park. The Museum is open 7 days a week from 10am-5pm except on Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Admission to the Museum is: Adults - \$6.50, Sr. Citizens (55+) - \$5.50, Students (13-18) - \$5.00, Children (3-12) - \$4.00. Children under three are admitted free. Museum members are always admitted free.

The Dallas Museum of Natural History in association with the Smithsonian Institution is funded in part by the City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs and the Texas Commission on the Arts and is supported by the Microsoft Corporation and the Junior League of Dallas. American Airlines is the official airline of the Museum and The Dallas Morning News is the official sponsor. For more information, call the Museum at (214) 421-DINO (3466), ext. 200 or visit the Museum's website at www.dallasdino.org.

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Around The Town

June 1-June 29

Black Music Month: 'Salute to the Black Composer'. Price is \$5-\$15 at South Dallas Cultural Center. For more information call 214-939-2787.

June 3-July 19

SMART (Summer of Math, Arts and Recreation Technology) Camp for students ages 3-5 and 6-12 years of age. The camp will be divided into three sessions and will include Lego Discovery labs, educational and fun filled field trips. The cost is \$100/session with each additional child at \$75/session. For more information contact Froswa Booker-Drew, Community Center Director at 214-121-5221 ext. 122 or Amie Suds, Athletic Director at ext. 117. Proceeds will help fund student scholars.

June 3-July 19

Summer Camp at the African American Museum. Kids ages 8-12 can participate in a fun learning environment, and improve their reading skills while learning about the history of fashion and the contributions that African American designers made to the fashion industry. Price is \$200 for museum members per session, \$250 for non museum members per session. Location: African American Museum at Fair Park. For more information call 214-565-9026.

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Fort Worth Slam's Spoken Word

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June 14-July 26

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June 28

Ethics Class for CPA's-Held at Plano Centre, 2000 E Spring Creek Parkway, from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Basic-2 hour board approved ethics course. Required every 3 years. For more information contact Values Based Management, Inc. at 214-553-8255 or vbm@air-mail.net

June 28

A Marriage Encounter Weekend for couples living in Plano and surrounding areas. The event is sponsored by Dallas-Fort Worth Lutheran Marriage Encounter Couples. All husbands and wives, regardless of religious backgrounds, are welcome to register. An advanced registration fee of \$45 is required. For more information call 972-780-0920 or visit the website at www.LMEDfw.org.

June 28

Shark and Eel feeding at Dallas World Aquarium and Zoological Garden at 1:30 p.m. For more information call 214-720-2224.

June 28

IR8- Infrared Photography Exhibition. Intriguing Infrared photographs on display at Bath House Cultural Center from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information call 214-670-8749.

June 28

"Our to Lunch" Concert Series. Features different musical groups and performers every Friday afternoon. Grammy Award winning Bravo Combo will be performing. For more information call 214-744-4819.

June 28-June 30

South Oak Cliff (1972) 30th Class Reunion. Get acquainted night at "Top of the Cliff" on Friday, June 28. Main event is on Saturday, June 29 at City Place. Church services on Sunday, June 30. \$75 single or \$150 double. For more information call 972-304-1962 or 972-227-6334.

June 29

Free Legal Workshop. Legal Services of North Texas will be providing a special community workshop and intake clinic regarding a variety of legal problems that affect the support and visitation of children. The event will begin at 9:30 a.m. at 1515 Main Street. For more information call 214-748-1234.

June 29

Omega Psi Phi-Queesino Night 2002. Queesino 2002 Adams Mark Hotel, 400 Olive Street, Dallas (Downtown) from 8:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m. Presented by The Omicron Gamma Gamma Chapter and The Bridge Builder Foundation of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. Proceeds will benefit the Ronald McNair Scholarship Fund. For more information call 940-498-9412.

June 30

Toy Show at Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway from 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Cards and collectibles are just part of what you will find at this special Toy Show. Admission is free. For more information contact Ben Stevens at 972-578-0213 or email Ben at ben@hollywoodexpo.com or visit www.hollywoodexpo.com

June 30-July 1

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July 4

All American Fourth-High Point Park. Call the Plano Parks and Recreation Department at 972-441-7250.

July 4-July 9

2002 International Global Games. The Global Games is an international basketball tournament that annually brings the world's top amateur basketball players to Dallas. This year's event will feature men's junior national teams (ages 22 and under) from Mexico, Yugoslavia, Croatia, Puerto Rico, Germany, Ukraine, and a team from the continent of Africa. The tournament will be played July 4-7 at Southern Methodist University's Moody Coliseum and July 9 at Reunion Arena. For more information call 214-373-7308.

July 6

Usher Evolution 8710 featuring Faith Evans, Nas and Mr. Cheeks. The event will be at Smirnoff Music Centre at 7:00 p.m. Ticket prices are \$27.00-\$55.50. For more information call 817-338-8000.

July 12-August 24

Meet Alice Wonder, who is going to have a musical adventure of a lifetime cooked up by the Rogers and Eastman team. The event will take place at Jubilee Theater at 8:15 p.m. Price: \$15-\$25. For more information call 817-338-4411.

July 13

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July 23-July 28

Junior Players presents a summer production of William Shakespeare's comedy, As You Like It. The production will feature 25 students from 13 area high schools at 8:15 p.m. at Samuel Grand Park Amphitheater. For more information contact Kirsten Brandt James at 214-526-4076.

July 24-July 28

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