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for the switch, large-scale field-testing of

ossible TAKS test questions was conducted

across the state. Committees of educators,

parents, business people, and other citizens

will examine the field test information in

August and September and make recommen-

The SBE will determine the TAKS passing

standards in November. Next spring, stu-

dents in grades 3-11 will take the TAKS. For

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Valley View in hopes of being adopted. In

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s also offering merchandise from the procti-

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tors and will feature a top-notch entertain-

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lennifer, The Commadores, the Star

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by Grucci, and Recorded music. The Kids

Stage will include performances by Eddie

Coker, Holly's World of Magic, Mad Science,

Joanie Bartels, and the fun doesn't stop

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music, performances by the Dallas Tap

Dazzlers, Soulville, Astrogin, and entectain-

ment by Moods Faruka. The VIP Pavillion

will require a special ticket, and will include

entertainment by DJ Joel Morris and three

performances by The Factory. The event is a

project of the Trinity Commons Foundation,

a 501 (c) non-profit organization. All proceeds

will go toward building recreational facilities

along the Trinity River. For more information

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Saving Our Heritage, **Building Our Future**

By Monica Thornton

At the corner of East 13th Street and Avenue H sits a twostory frame home, the oldest in the Douglass Community, that could not only hold the key to nity's future. According to the

Plano Conservancy for Historic Preservation, the house is thought to have been built in the 1890's. Around 1909, John Thornton, an African-American sharecropper, farmer and real estate investor bought the house, making it an historical treasure in the Douglass Community, and one of the few remaining pieces of African-American heritage in Collin County.

to the growing downtown Plano community, the Douglass Community is also experiencing the effects of growth. One such area of including the Greater New Birth Church on East 13th Street, on the lot next door to the historic two-story house. And this is where a problem lies. The church pur-

with its project, which means the by relocating the house.

In an effort to resolve the the community. unlocking the heritage of the issue of protecting the interest of Douglass Community in the the church and historical preser- Greater New Birth Church, the downtown Plano area, but also to vation, the Plano Conservancy for church now has the task of decidbuilding the bridge to the commu- Historic Preservation, together ing how they will handle the mat-



At the center of controversy - could this historical house at 900 E. 13th be the first African-American museum in Plano?

As a neighboring community with Douglass and Plano Com- be in talks with the Plano munity residents, and Alex Conservancy and the community, Rhodes, Deacon and Chairman of Trustees of Greater New Birth Church, met for a Town Hall growth is within the churches, meeting at the Douglass Com- house as a museum," said Mr. munity Center Saturday June 29.

What was apparent at the meeting was the interest in somehow preserving the historic house, by relocating it and turning it into chased the house and the lot on a museum for African-American which it sits in the mid nineties, heritage. Suggestions have been the meeting was that there should with the intent of raising funds to proposed to relocate it around the be something presented to expand the church building. The corner to Avenue 1 and 12th

church is now ready to proceed Street, next to the site of the Douglass Community Wall house has to be removed from the Project, a mosaic concept using property, either by demolition, or the retaining wall by the side of the DART rail running through

As the house is now owned by

ter, in terms of donating or selling the house for the museum project

"The house was designated as historically significant some time ago, so we (the church) have to still go through the City before we can do something with the house," said Mr. Rhodes. "But we still also have to put this to the church, because the church will ultimately decide if we donate or sell it".

Mr. Rhodes said the church is willing to

as a determination will have to be made soon.

"I'm interested in keeping the Rhodes. "The church bought the property and the house for the purpose of building a new sanctuary, but we are still interested in preserving history".

The consensus of opinion at

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The Plano **Community Forum** Golf Tournament



2nd Place (L to R): Jerry Madden, Fred Moses, Bobby Cheely, and Phil Saviano

By: Tobi Hicks

On Friday, June 28, 2002, the Plano Community Forum hosted its 5th Annual Golf Tournament at the Plantation Golf Course in Frisco, Texas. Competitors teamed up and teed-off in a four-person scramble, with the three winning teams receiving trophies. In first place were Rick Rand, Charlie Webb, and David Allison, with a score of 56. In second place were Fred Moses, Jerry Madden, Bobby Cheely, and Phil Saviano, with a score of 59. In third were Don McKneely, Toney McKneely, Sam Brow, and Richard Howard, with a score of 62. Congratulations!

petitors from all over the metro- minority students. All proceeds plex, including the Mayor of

Plano, Plano City Council Members, Plano City Manager, and the PISD Superintendent, Teachers, Principles and Administrative Staff.

The tournament was a collaborated effort between the Plano Community Forum and the Golf Tournament Committee, which is led by committee members Sammie McPherson, Arthur Young, Barbara Simpkins, and Jimmie Dismuke, as Chair Person. The Plano Community Forum is an organization that raises money through three of its annual fundraisers, the Annual Golf Tournament, the Sweet-Hearts Bowl, and its Annual Awards Banquet, held in September/October, which The event attracted com- highlights and acknowledges

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White House Double Standard for Black, Hispanic Press?

By, Hazel Trice Edney NNPA Washington Correspon

WASHINGTON (NNPA)-The Bush administration, which has been advised to "improve" its relationship with African-Americans and "grow" its relationship with Hispanic-Americans, apparently is using a double standard in its relationship with the Black Press.

This is evident in an e-mailed invitation for NNPA News Service and several of the 200 NNPA member publishers to purricipate in a "listenin" telephone conference with Housing and Urban Development Secretary Mel Martinez. Although Black journalists were not allowed to ask questions, Hispanies were allowed to question Martinez in a separate phone con-

"You are invited to participate in a conference call with HUD Secretary Mel Martinez to discuss President George Bush's commitment to expanding homeownership opportunines for all Americans and closing the homeownership gap especially among minorities," said the e-mail sent to

White House spokeswoman Mercedes Viana, director of specialty press, seemed surprised when a reporter told her that NNPA was invited to "discuss" Bush's new minority homeownership proposal with Martinez, only to learn that neither Martinez nor Angela Sailor, deputy director of the White House Office of Public Linison, who hosted the call, could hear the reporter's voice.

Vium said a separate phone conference was organized for print reporters who were allowed to question Martinez about a Bush proposal to expand home-wereship largely in Black and Hispanic communities.

Responding to questions, Vienn

said she did not know why members of the Black Press were not invited to ask questions. She said the questionand-answer session was set up by HUD. But HUD spokessman Brian Sullivari pointed back to the White

"There were two conference calls on that Monday with Secretary Martinez. One was a conference call with Hispanic media and in that environment he did indeed take Q&A," Sullivan stated. "The second call was in English for African-American or Hispanic business leaders and nonprofits. There was no Q&A on that call since there were so many other people on that call. And, from my understanding, it was never advertised that there would be Q&A on that call."

Sullivan added, "I'm under the impression now that that was not our product and rather it was the White Home. Please believe me when I tell you that there was no active effort to exclude anybody."

Kelley Keeler, another HUD spokeswoman, said later that the Q&A telephone conference for Hispanic reporters was in fact coordinated by HUD.

"Our Hispanic press person coordinated that call," Keeler said. Asked why the Black Press was not given an equal opportunity, she replied, "I'm not going into all of that at this point." Keeler called back to add that

HUD's Deputy Secretary Alphonso Juckson interviewed with Black media in Atlanta, where President Bush announced his new initiative. However, that still excluded most of the nation's Black newspapers.

A private briefing for West Coast Republicans by the White House See Double Standard page 4

Publishers Get Donna Brazile's Version of 'Respect'

By. Amecia Taylor NNPA News Intern

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (NNPA)-Donna L. Brazile, chair of the National Democratic Committee's Voting Rights Institute (VRI), has a new fondness for Aretha Franklin's golden oldie, "R-E-S-P-E-C-T."

It's her favorite word when it comes to the power of the African-American vote, she said as she discussed the 2002 political campaign at the NNPA annual convention.

"Respect the vote" is the message being sent out this year.

"When you respect citizens who are qualified and eligible to vote, regardless of race, creed, color, ethnic origin, economic circumstance or gender, you respect and preserve the vote for all Americans," Brazile said.

The banquet hall was anything but quiet as Brazile shared with the audience what her goals were for this year's election. They applauded her enthusiasm and listened to every word.

Brazile identified three guiding principles in the campaign: improved voting systems, provisional voting and statewidecomputerized voter registration lists. The goal is to make the system better by promoting voter participation, voter education, and letting people vote without harassment.

According to Brazile, African-Americans could play as important a role in this election season as they did in the 2000 election. Day a national holiday. Reagan process." She said her role as VRI's

national chair is to, "protect and promote the right of all Americans to vote in the political process."

"The Democratic Party, through the work of the Voting Rights Institute, will ensure that no American is left behind at the polls," Brazile said. "It is our responsibility to channel the anger from Nov. 2000 into positive energy to revive American democracy and give every citi-



zen a voice at the political table." She has been working with NNPA members for more than two decades in different capacities. Black-owned newspapers helped get the word out when Brazile helped organize the 20th anniversary celebration of the 1963 March on Washington led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. In August 1983, she was on hand as more than 750,000 protestors came to the Lincoln Memorial to convince President Reagan and the senate to pass a will making Martin Luther King signed the bill in 1986.

In 2000, Brazile was carnpaign manager for the Gore-Lieberman presidential race. making her the first African-American woman to serve in this position. Under her leadership. more than 50 million Americans turned out to vote, the secondlargest turnout in the country's history and the most for any Democrat. She also was chief of staff and press secretary to

Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton of the District of Columbia. "Campaign and Elections" magazine named her "Campaign Manager of the Year." According to VRI Chairman Terry McAuliffe, "Donna has been a national leader in empowering and energizing voters."

Brazille describes the NNPA as "tree shakers" because nnemebers publish opinions about things mainstream newspapers won't touch, and they help keep stories and issues alive.

"We are examining state and local election laws, providing voter education materials, and monitoring local polling places on Election Day with experitherd political operatives to help guide citizens in the voting process," Brazile told the luncheon.

In an interview. Brazile said that she will incorporate college students into her campaign. She added: "When we respect the vote, we respect our values, and we respect the vision of those who sacrificed and died so we can have a voice in the political

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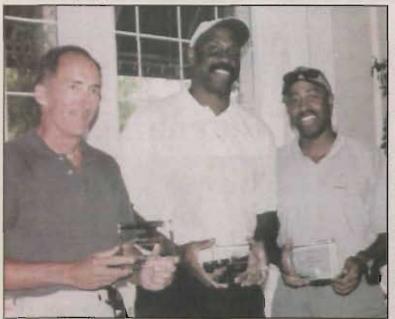
The Plano Community Forum Golf Tournament



3rd Place (L. to R): Richard Howard, Tony McKneely, Sam Brown, and Don McKneely



Jimmie Dismuke, Chairperson for tournament



1st Place (L to R): David Allison, Rich Rand, and Charlie Webb



Scott Seial teeing off.



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THE TRUTH CLINIC **Blacks Must Carefully Assess Voucher Programs**

By James W. Breedlove

The United States Supreme Court in an historic 5-4 ruling concluded that Cleveland Ohio's religious school tuition. land.

But Blacks need to tread cautiously and certainly not harbor expectations that "choice" will instantly manifest a good education for their children. School vouchers will not be the universal panacea that some writing the majority opinion rhetoric seems to imply. The Brown versus the Board of Education court decision was issued in 1954. Desegregation issues are still being fought today. And the National Education Association has vowed to fight vouchers in the state courts, state legislatures and at the ballot box. As an indicator of voucher polarization, both the republican and the democratic candidates for Texas governor have weighed in on opposite sides of this issue.

It is understandable that the public schools could cause a rush to judgement by disgruntled and disappointed poor parmired in the clutches of a mediocre education system year in and year out. These education prisoners have few options, unlike the wealthy and middle class who can move to areas with better schools or who have the options to a child currently means to place their children in private schools.

The Cleveland Pilot Project Scholarship Program provides two basic kinds of assistance to education system will be deciparents of children in the district: tuition aid for students to attend a participating public or private school of choice and tutorial aid for students who over the years has caused a reac-

public school. The constitutional challenge to the program was based on the fact that 96 percent voucher plan was a program of of the students who received "true private choice" and that financial assistance redeemed public money could be used for their tuition vouchers at religious schools. Voucher oppo-Vouchers are now the law of the nents said this was contrary to the Establishment Clause in the First Amendment to the constitution. Currently, the only voucher programs are in Vermont, Florida, Maine, Milwaukee and Cleveland.

Chief Justice Rehnquist in stated, " In sum, the Ohio program is entirely neutral with respect to religion. It provides benefits directly to a wide spectrum of individuals, defined only by financial need and residence in a particular school district. It permits such individuals to exercise genuine choice among options public and private, secular and religious. The program is therefore a program of true priprogram does not offend the Establishment Clause."

Blacks should not let their poor track record of many urban quest for a quality education get entangled with the debate over the separation of church and state. We need to focus on the ents. Their children have been unique and practical aspects of the voucher choice question.

> Black families need to understand the nuances of "choice" as it applies to their individual situations. How will "choice" offer viable educational attending a failing public school? How will accountability for quality be managed? How will the concerns that the public mated due to the withdrawal of funds be allayed?

that seem to have gotten worse dubub@swbell.net

choose to remain enrolled in tion and willingness to try anything since the existing system is either graduating students that are not able to participate constructively in society or simply giving up and watching them drop out.

The NAACP addressed the court's decision this way. "The real question is why are upscale suburban school districts not opening their doors to the families of poor black children who have vouchers. The issues of inherent bias, bigotry and access are crying out for attention. Those issues are essentially ignored and not addressed by providing a voucher."

However, the key question of whether or not vouchers will improve education for our children deserves a chance to be proven. It is essential that we try new approaches to education reform and carefully measure the results.

But parents need to have valid information on other running back Emmitt Smith vate choice....We hold that the options such as charter schools, magnet schools, and private schools to make good decisions for their children. It is estimated that more than a million children attend magnet schools, six million attend private schools, a million are home schooled, and the number of charter schools for-profit education providers is increasing. Still studies to date on the merits of "choice" have provided conflicting results.

Blacks cannot afford to sit by and passively permit failing public school systems to continue producing generation after generation of functional illiterates while the bureaucrats and policymakers pontificate and politicize educational reform.

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Strategy

A Push For A Healthy America

By: Felicia Coleman

Dallas Cowboys veteran joined President Bush to promote the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. The purpose of the event was to discuss the White House Fitness Expo and to push for a healthy America. Smith is one of the 20 members selected for the council, with Hall of Famer Lynn Swann serving as chair of the council. Hundreds of kids attended the event on the White House's South Lawn to participate in many sporting activities including a football toss through inflatable NFL

Smith is expected to be in the national spotlight as he will close in to break Walter Payton's all time NFL rushing mark of 16,726 yards. Smith needs to gain 540 yards to beat Payton's record by mid season.

Physical Fitness and Fitness Expo is part of President uine honor to be chosen for the



Bush's recent "Healthier US" Sports at the White House Campaign. "I consider it a gen-

President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, as a service to our President, our nation and our youth," Smith said. "I hope that I can do my part to encourage today's kids to exercise more regularly, eat healthier and get fit."

According to the 2001 ESPN Sports Poll, the NFL is the favorite sports league of Americans aged 7 and older.

More than 3.5 million children participate in NFL youth programs. Youth football programs include NFL Gatorade Punt, Pass and Kick, NFL Flag, the NFL Junior Player Development Program, NFL Coaching Academy, and the NFL/National Football Foundation Play It Smart program. In addition, millions of youngsters and adults take part in NFL supported programs run by the Boys and Girls Club, the YMCA, Pop Warner and the Police Athletic League.

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raised go towards the Martin Luther King Scholarship Fund. "Our organization gives scholarship money to Plano Students, primarily to minority students, in order to give them more opportunities, we are a strong vehicle for students," said Evelyn McKnight, Vice President of the Plano Community Forum.

Formed nearly 20 years ago, the Plano Community Forum has given over \$110,000 in scholarship funds to minority students throughout the years.

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You too can support the up to \$12,000," said Mrs. Plano Community Forum in McKnight. "We would like to their efforts by simply being a part of their annual fundraisers The Plano Community or by making a donation to the

FBCHP Singles Ministry Plans **Big Celebration**

Day activities July 17th through July

The July 20th Super Saturday includes an in-depth dating and relationship seminar and a very spe-

cial banquet. The "Godly Dating - Taking It To The Next Level" seminar, led by Rev. Ken Williams, addresses and resolves issues that prevent single Christian men and women from relating to each other. Rev. Williams is a professional counselor specializing in marriage and relationships and holds a doctorate in Biblical Studies. He also serves as an associate minister at FBCHP. Rev. Williams brings to the seminar his counseling experience, biblical knowledge and love for teaching singles God's plan for their lives. Everyone is encouraged to attend, but the event will be of particular importance to Christian single men. The seminar, subtitled "Unpack Your Baggage", is scheduled from 8:30 am - 1 pm at the FBCHP

The Singles Ministry of the Phillips Street and Abrams Road in the featured speaker. We conclude Super Saturday to its slate of Annual and a continental breakfast will be

> Later that evening, beginning at 7pm, the ministry presents its excit-"Singles Celebration" at the Holiday Inn Select, 1655 North Central Expressway in Richardson. Keynote speaker Rev. Marcus King promises to challenge and encourage the audience with his Biblebased, singles-focused presentation. Rev. King is Pastor of Singles and Families at Friendship West Baptist Church in Dallas. Praise and worship will be led by the Instruments of Praise orchestra, the Bronze Voices hand bell choir, the Angles of Praise, and vocalist David Jones, all from FBCHP. Also helping set the tone for the evening will be the male gospel group Heaven Sent. Attendees will also be treated to the Christian art of Marlon D'Joshaway. Banquet Tickets are \$33 each, \$60 per couple and include dinner.

Annual Day begins with worship Wednesday, July 17th at the FBCHP Chapel at 8pm. The always Family Life Center, at the corner of inspiring Reverend Clay Jackson is

First Baptist Church of Hamilton Richardson, just east of the main Annual Day activities in worship Park adds a Singles Celebration FBCHP campus. Admission is free Sunday July 21st, 7 am and 10:30 am in the FBCHP sanctuary. The Reverends Clarence Cephas and Vince Fields will deliver not-to-bemissed messages from the Word of

> The Singles Ministry theme for the year is "Come Fly With Us, Singles-Taking It To The Next Level" based on Isaiah 41:30 and Philippians 3:13-14.

> The First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park is a Bible-based, Christ-centered church located at 300 Phillips Street in Richardson. The senior pastor is Dr. J. Lee.

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Public Hearing for Eastgate **Apartments**

The Garland Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) understand that the Council has scheduled a public hearing on July 9, 2002 to begin deliberations on future status of the Eastgate Apartment complex. Based on the research done by the NAACP, this complex is home for approximately 885 families comprised of approximately 2500 residents. Listed are some of the concerns that the NAACP is requesting the Council or City staff

-Why is the City Council considering demolishing the Eastgate Apartment complex as it is currently operating?

-How many units are currently under lease? How many units are currently vacant?

-What plans has or will be implemented to relocate the current Eastgate residents in the City of Garland? What assistance will the City provide?

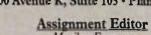
-Does the City of Garland have sufficient available housing stock to offer the displaced residents the opportunity to access decent and affordable?

-What is the Council's timetable for reaching a decision on this property?

-What are the City's plans to attract developers for vacant commercial property?

For more information call B. J. Williams, President of the Garland NAACP at 972-381-5044.

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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 parody outside the southern region or just want to know what is going on up north-

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

A Young 'Messenger' in Journalism

By. DeAnna Carpenter NNPA News Intern JACKSONVILLE,

(NNPA)—When people think of noted awards such as the Pulitzer Prize or the Messenger Awards, they often assume the recipient to be "a well-seasoned professional" who has spent most of his or her life in the the pros and cons of sex, people field. But one of the winners of this year's A. Philip Randolph Messenger Awards defies that notion.

Melanie McNair, a 19-year old sophomore business major at Howard University, surprised many with her article, "Sex: The Emotional Aspect." And for it she won a Messenger Award Best Overall Editorial or Commentary in the category of civil rights, making her the youngest to attain such an honor.

"I wasn't expecting this," McNair said. "I just wanted to help my father with his paper."

McNair was given the assignment by her father and publisher of The Buckeye Review, M. Mike McNair, who at the time was short staffed. McNair says he gave his daughter the assignment in hopes of exposing her to a "new experience and environment."

areas and great opportunities allows you to dream bigger," Mike McNair stated. "I want people to dream bigger."

Apparently, the exposure

writer. Though not a journalism Fla. major, McNair got her point across about the downfalls of the topic from a moral angle, focusing on the emotional instead of the physical side.

> usually focus on STDs and other health problems," McNair said. "People don't understand that the emotional side can be just as damaging as STDs, and even worse."

McNair used her friends' experiences and personal observation to compose the article, in

on this issue," she said. "Until the paper, and hope that my article has affected someone."

Messenger Awards include the MON-The Gazette of Dallas Texas, which received recognition for Best Overall Commentary in Education for the article, "The Education and Welfare of Our Children-Whose Job is It?" by Belinda G. "Your exposure to wide Alexander. But another big winner was The Capital Outlook of Tallahassee, Fla., which received the award for Best Overall News Story in the category of educa- continue the legacy.' tion and in the civil rights cate-

opened a door for the young gory, making it the first newspaper to take home half of the Messenger Awards.

"It's unbelievable," Roospremarital sex. She approaches evelt Wilson, publisher of the Capital Outlook said. "We thought about how hard we worked to provide information "Every time you hear about to readers, and knowing that the value is recognized by peers is exciting. It's very humbling."

Yanella Gordon, writer of the winning Best Education News Story, "One Florida Flunks Math," shared similar emotions.

"Its hard to describe because we worked really hard to meet the standard of the legahopes of educating readers along cy of A. Philip Randolph. To meet it is dynamic, and it serves "If the opportunity presents as a testament to Capital itself, I would like to speak out Outlook's heart," Gordon said.

Wilson, who also is a then, I will continue to write at Florida A&M University journalism professor and was sports information director for leg-Other papers honored at the endary football coach A.S. "Jake" Gaither, mentioned that both writers of the winning articles, Yanella Gordon and Regina Stone, who won for her artle, "Black Room," are former students of his.

"It's pleasing to see my stu-dents excel," Wilson said. "It serves as a great testament to publishers of what we can do in producing quality journalism and in encouraging youth to

Black and Hispanic HIV Patients Are Less Likely to Get **Experimental Medications**

sored by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), shows that black and Hispanic HIV patients are only about half as likely as non-Hispanic whites to participate in clinical trials of new medications designed to slow the progression of the disease. Together, blacks and Hispanics comprise roughly 48 percent of the HIV patient population-33 percent and 15 percent, respectively. The study also found that women, regardless of race or ethnicity, are no less likely than men to participate in HIV drug

By periodically interviewing a nationally representative sample of HIV patients between 1996 and 1998, a team of researchers led by Allen L. Gifford, M.D., of the VA Healthcare System and the University of California, San Diego, found that, overall, 14 percent of the patients participated in an HIV medication trial. In addition, 24 percent of the patients overall received experimental treatment at some time through a trial or approved investigational drug mechanisms that allow doctors and patients obtain an experimental HIV to obtain promising experimen-

A nationwide study spon- tal HIV drugs. During the study being tested.

a clinical trial, compared with 18 patients. Black patient participation in trials did not increase these patients were more likely to drop out of the research.

ty of patients in research," said Carolyn Clancy, M.D., AHRQ's acting director. "It is a priority for AHRQ and the Department (HHS) to include a broader range of patients in studies of treatment effectiveness."

According to Dr. Gifford, black and Hispanic patients' clinical trials in minority communities, as well as suspicion and distrust of trials and researchers. Black patients were medication.

"Our findings suggest that period, several potent new anti- to boost minority participation retroviral medications were in trials, we must look critically at structural barriers such as About 10 percent of black research-entry criteria, enrollpatients and 11 percent of ment and tracking procedures, Hispanic patients participated in and study center operations, as well as clinical researchers' attipercent of non-Hispanic white tudes and practices," said Dr.

Other factors contributing during the study period, and to a reduced likelihood of participation in a clinical trial were having less than a high school "These findings underscore education, being in a commerthe need to increase the diversi- cial HMO, and receiving primary care eight miles or more from where the clinical trial was

The analysis was conducted of Health and Human Services as part of the RAND-led HIV Cost and Services Utilization Study . Consortium (HCSUS) under the direction of Martin F. Shapiro, M.D., Ph.D., and Samuel A. Bozzette, M.D., limited attempts to obtain Ph.D., the co-principal investiexperimental HIV medications gator, HCSUS is sponsored by may reflect lack of awareness of AHRQ and other components of HHS

Details of the study are in Research and Access to Experimental Treatments for Iess than half as likely as white HIV-Infected Patients," pub-non-Hispanic patients to try to lished in the May 2, 2002, issue of The New England Journal of Medicine.



John Dudley

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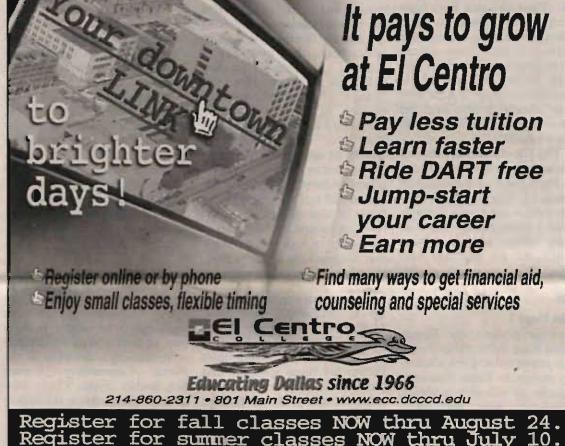
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Office of Strategic Initiatives recornmended that Bush should "grow" his relationship with Latinos and "improve" his relationship with African-Americans as Bush's official eampaign strategy for helping Republicans to maintain control of the House and gain control of the Senate in the fall election.

The joint venture between the White House and the Republican Congress in this fall's election was made even clearer by the phone conferences.

For example, the invitation for NNPA to participate in the listen-only conference call did not come from the White House at all. It came from Elroy Sailor, deputy chief of staff of the Joint Republican Conference, which is headed by Rep. J. C. Watts (D-Okla.). Elroy Sailor is Angela Sailor's husband. Both

He says he forwarded the e-mail, which was for the Black and Hispanic business and grassroots representatives, to NNPA after receiving it from his wife at the White House.

"I'm in her network," he says. "When Angela sent it out in an effort to make sure she reaches the largest possible audience, she allowed people to forward it on to people in their network, then I forwarded it on to my network."

Angela Sailor says her job at the White House is to set up phone conferences only for agencies, organizations and individuals who might be interested in that particular topic—not the media.

The issue of a White House double standard for the Black Press is not new. After Bush's first nationally televised press conference in the East Room, Bush called on 10 reporters - all White to ask questions while ignoring Black and other racial minority reporters. The White House contended that was because of time constraints.

Currently, a Web site, www.Bush Watch.com, lists a string of Bush insensitivities towards the Black community, including the Black Press.

Bush's talk about reaching out to black voters was nothing more than a collection of lies," the website states. "That was clear when Bush refused to do any interviews with the African American news media during the campaign, and this incommunicado policy with the black press is still in effect to this day."



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Republican J. C. Watts to Retire



J. C. WATTS, the fourththe only black Republican in Congress, made his announcement to retire at a news conference in Norman, Okla. He has been chairman of the House Republican Conference since 1998.

"It has been a wonderful ride. It has been a wonderful journey," Watts said at a news conference. "Of course, the work of America is never done, but I believe my work in the House of Representatives at this time of my life is completed."

Watts said he had a received letter from Rosa Parks, the woman whose decision to refuse to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Ala. helped launch the modern civil rights movement.

you have been dedicated to an licans' message, always a tricky opportunity few people of African-American descent have in this land," Parks wrote to Watts. "If you can, please remain partisan when he chose to be: as a pioneer on the Republican After Senate Majority Leader bilities for the seat are Loyd side until others come to assist Tom Daschle engineered the you. I am glad I stayed in my defeat last April of a Senate Oklahoma House, and Ben seat on a Montgomery, Alabama bus December 1, 1955.... I would also like you to keep your seat...". Watts occasionally has complained that he was not included enough in leadership

More recently, the congressman, a member of the House not proven accurate: Last week Armed Services Committee, the average price for a gallon of concern that President Bush did not communicate with him about the Crusader artillery system. The reform law. \$11 billion artillery system was to be assembled at a planned fare reform law in 1996 has facility in Watts' district.

Watts was a star quarterback at the University of Oklahoma and played in the Canadian dependent on welfare checks," Football League before entering

First elected in 1994, part of ranking leader in the House and the "Republican revolution" led by House Speaker Newt Gingrich, Watts become a familiar figure on Capitol Hill, explaining the views of House Republicans \$300 million in federal aid to to reporters.

> As conference chairman, Watts had the job of framing and



"Many 1 ople are proud "selling" the House Repubproposition with a GOP membership that has a fragile majority.

Watts could be a scrappy measure that would have opened Odom, who challenged Watts in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas drilling, Watts said, "When Americans Norah O'Donnell, Reuters and pay nearly two dollars a gallon for the Associated Press contributed gas this summer, they should remember two words: Tom Daschle."

So far, Watts' prediction has gasoline in the United States was \$1.38.

Watts was a strong supportadministration's plan to kill the er of extending the 1996 welfare

> "The Republican-led welresulted in 3 million fewer families on the welfare rolls. But about 2 million families are still Watts said last March. "Our goal is to strengthen the successful principles of welfare reform in order to help more Americans become productive members of society."

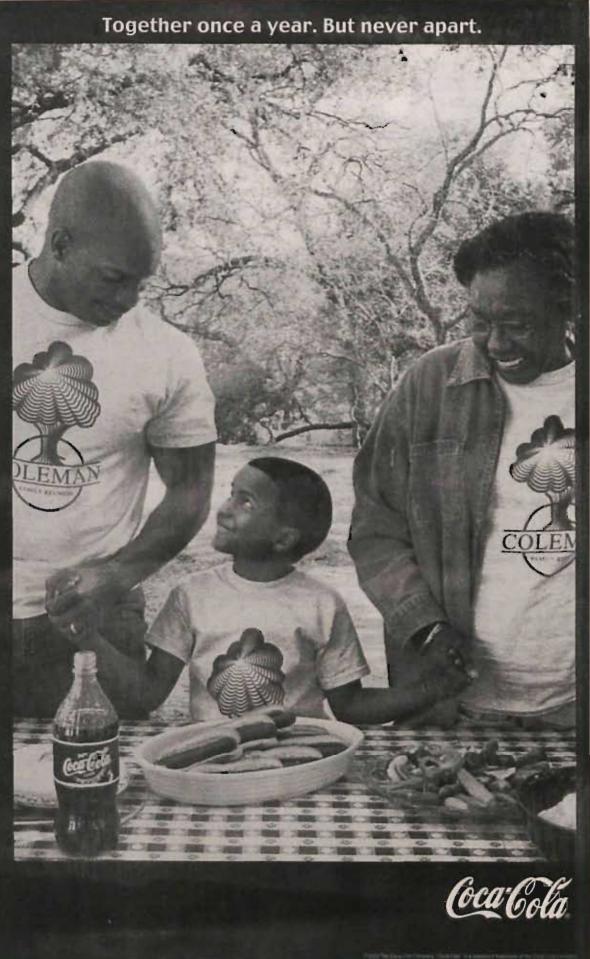
He backed Bush's call for local programs to encourage couples to get married and stay married as a way of promoting their children's well-being and staying out of poverty.

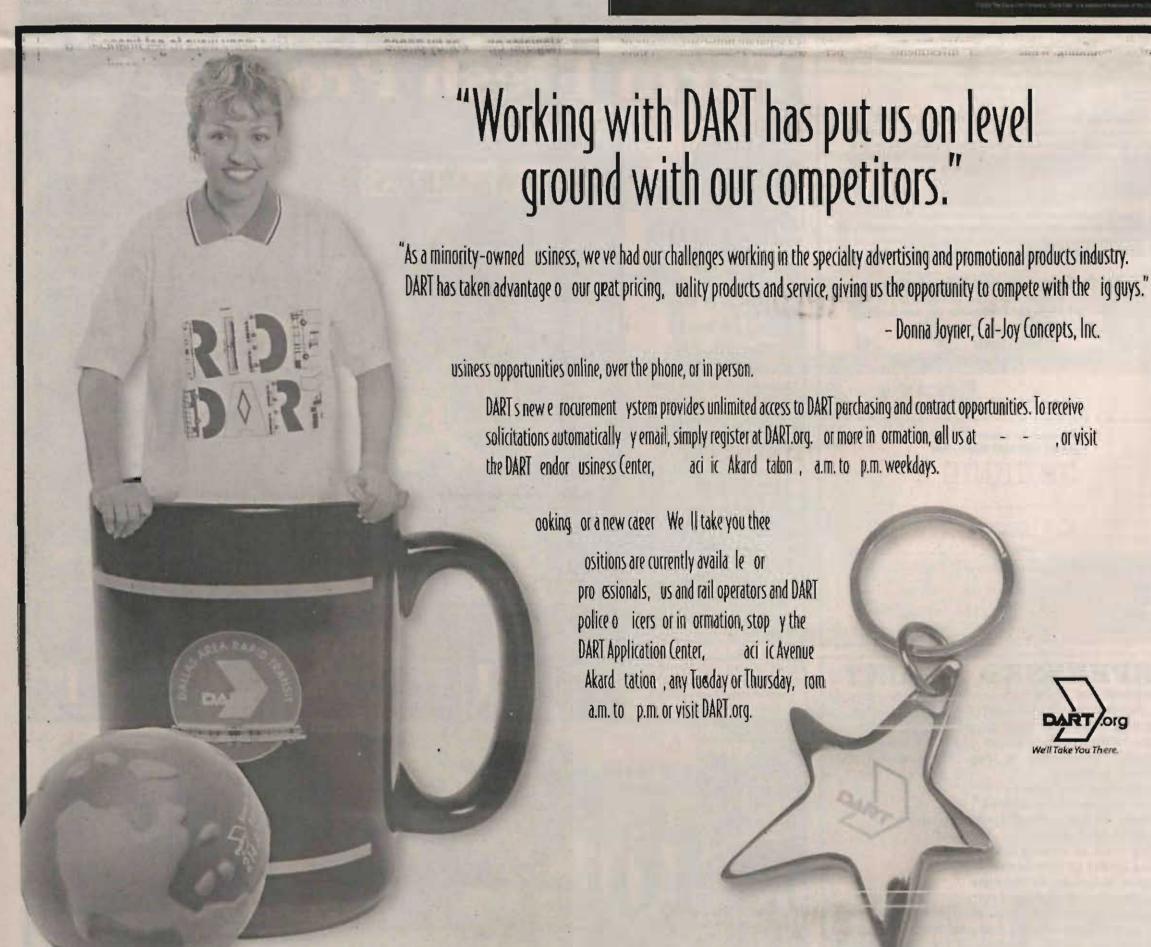
"We should commend the (Bush) administration for promoting marriage and the many benefits that come from twoparent families. Healthy, stable marriages result in healthy, educated children," Watts said.

With Watts deciding to call quits, Democrats have a chance to win his seat. GOP officials said last week that party officials had approached Tom Cole, a former Oklahoma State Senator, Secretary of State and party official, in hopes he would run if Watts bowed out. Cole, now with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, declined to comment.

Among Democratic possi-Benson, a former Speaker of the

NBC News Correspondent to this story.





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Alex Rhodes Chairman of Trustees of Greater New Birth Church

Greater New Birth Church in writing saying the house would be used as a museum, and that if the church sold or donated the house to the museum project the house would not then be sold. It was also agreed that the church should have a representative involved in the project to protect the interest of the church, a suggestion with which Mr. Rhodes agreed.

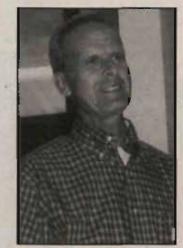
"We need to show and have steps in place that what we are doing is credible", said Maggie Sprague, co-founder of the Plano Conservancy for Historic Preservation.

Then comes the matter of the proposed new site for the house. The property being looked at is currently owned by DART, which will also mean negotiations with DART before anything can proceed. It was also noted at the meeting that with the expansion of DART rail into the Plano

Community, the museum project would be an added tourist attrac-

Ms. Sprague and other members of the culturally mixed meeting voiced their concerns about preserving the African-American heritage of the Plano, and more Douglass succinctly, the Community. It was noted that there is little history as it relates to the African-American community and its contributions to Plano, and that turning the historic house into a museum would be the ideal opportunity to bring history together.

"It's important to recognize that this is an important part of our country's history, and that across the land we are recognizing the tragedy that happened in our country," said Ms. Sprague. "As a



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white person, I don't ever want to see a repeat of our country's history, so we need to see the reality

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of what happened".

But to bring credibility to the project of moving the house and turning it into a museum there would have to be organization and



Maggie Sprague Plano Conservatory for Historical Preservation

support, said Ms. Sprague.

"It would be foolish to move forward if the community isn't behind this", she added. "I don't think it is my place to tell people who live in the community how to live, so I think we need a sampling of the Plano community, but most of all the Douglass Community".

Ms. Sprague said that to show the Greater New Birth Church and DART that there was serious interest in the museum project, it was up to each person at the meeting to gather support from the community.

"Each one of you here needs to contact at least five people, and then ask them to contact five people, if you want to be the beginning of the ripple going out," she said. "But I think we need to do this quickly".

The project needs to move quickly so the Greater New Birth Church can proceed with its building project, and with this in mind, Ms. Sprague charged everyone at the meeting with the responsibility of gathering and ect is set for July 13th, 2002, at showing support for the project by the next meeting.

"What we need to get from this meeting is that we need to leave here and go get support," said Ms. Sprague. "You are

charged with going out into your community and church community in terms of gathering interest and financial support, because at the next meeting we will need to start forming a committee".

Once support for the project is established, it was decided that a group of directors would be needed to solicit materials from other museums, along with credible people to gather and log credible artifacts and historical stories.

"What's at stake here is everybody's credibility," said Ms. Sprague.

Mr. Rhodes suggested giving an invitation to the mayor and city council and manager to the next meeting. Ms. Sprague agreed with this, adding that she had considered asking them to the first meetings, but had wanted to see the direction of support first.

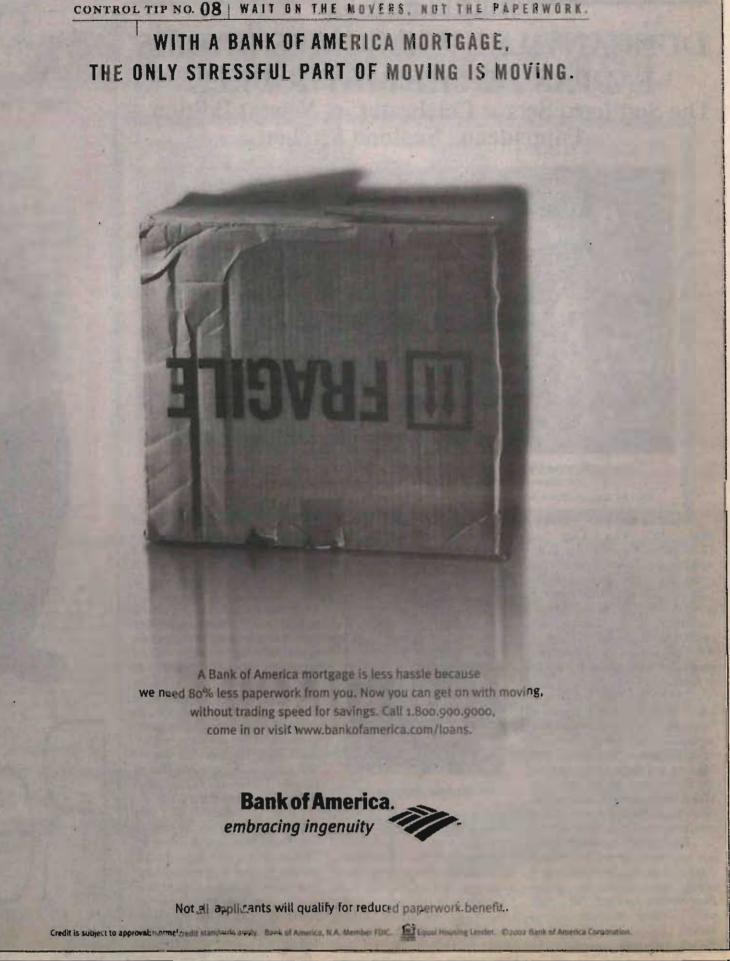
The Plano Conservancy for Historic Preservation said they will put together a survey for pur-



Ben Thomas Resident of Douglass Community

poses of being presented through the churches and Plano communities to gather support for the museum project.

Anyone interested in the project, or for further information, contact The Plano Conservancy for Historic Preservation at 972.941.2117. The next Town Hall Meeting regarding this projthe Douglass Community Center, 1111 Avenue H, Plano, at 1:00 p.m.





DUNCANVILLE WELCOMES HARRIS PAPPAS TO THE METROPLEX

The Southern Sector Celebrates its Newest Edition... Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen



Charles Whitmore (Rep. from Senator Royce West office); Kent Cagle, City Manager; Ken Weaver (4B President); Mayor Glenn Repp; Harris Pappas; Darren Reagan, Black State Coalition; Claude Spivey (Rep. from Rep. Yvonne Davis office)

Champions, Mayor Glenn Repp and hard hats they officially welcomed Harris Pappas, the president of Pappas Inc., to the City of Duncanville for the ground breaking of the newest addition to the Duncanville landscape, Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen. The restaurant will be erected along East Highway 67 at Cockrell Hill.

The Official Ground Breaking ceremony themed "Building Together" brought out many supporters including Duncanville residents, the Best SW Mayors, and Representatives from the House and Senate including Helen Giddings and representatives from Rep. Yvonne Davis and Senator Royce West office.

The City of Duncanville rolled out the red carpet for Harris whole enjoyed the festivities. Pappadeaux catered the event with samples of their famous Greek Salad, Etouffet, and mouth-watering desserts.

Duncanville for such a warm welcome and spoke of a prosperous future for everyone involved in this endeavor in the City of Champions. Harris highlighted the family and community orientation of the 36,000 residents of Duncanville as a factor in the ultimate decision to build there. "I tell my employees that they are Champions, so it is fitting that Pappadeaux would have a restaurant in the City of

Champions," Harris said. Mayor Glenn Repp presented Pappas with the key to the city and thanked him for making Duncanville his choice in the

Southern Sector of Dallas. Harris Pappas, Mayor Glenn Repp, and 4B President, Ken Weaver unveiled the blueprints of the magnificent Pappadeaux structure to a crowd of

Duncanville, TX - Friday, more than 100 excited onlook- by the Duncanville 4B Board June 28, The City of ers; then with shovels in hand that Pappas could not refuse.



Harris Pappas

broke ground at the future Pappadeaux restaurant was a Pappadeaux site.

Pappas, and the community as a the Southern Sector as the home of its next restaurant after careful evaluation of the economic growth in Southern Dallas County. Duncanville, in particular was chosen as the ideal Harris thanked the city of location due to the surrounding growth, diverse population, available disposable income, and an incentive agreement presented

The 4B Board was formed in 1995 to advance economic and community development in the city of Duncanville. The Duncanville City Council appoints 4B Board members and oversees incentive expenditures of the board. Consequently, the 4B Board was able to prepare an incentive package, which encouraged Pappas to build nearly three years earlier than originally planned. The incentive agreement with Pappas Restaurant will assist in the construction of the \$1.7 million facility and defray a portion of the costs.

The pursuit of the calculated business decision for Pappas began considering Duncanville, which will promote growth in the Southern Sector and entice future companies of equal magnitude to build in the Southern Sector. Mayor Glenn Repp showcased some of those future developments including Hiiton Hotel and numerous developments that encompass the Main Street Vision.

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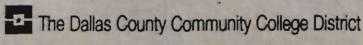
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Talent Search Kicks off Its 1st Week



(L to R): Charlotte Wixx, Joe Soto, Lynn Hayes and John "Hollywood" Daniels

By: Felicia Coleman

Hollywood Enterprises for Art and Entertainment held its first week of the 2002 International Talent Search. Eight performers took the stage to display their talent. The two winners, Debonaire and K Prittiboi (both of Arlington) will advance to the Grand Finale on November 14. John Daniels a.k.a. Hollywood, founder of Hollywood Enterprises for Art and Entertainment said, "There will be a tip jar located on the stage. If the audience like what they hear, they put money in the tip jar and the performers can keep the tips." Winners received hundreds of dollars in cash and other prizes.

Play writer/producer Shelley Garrett and manager of comedian Shuckey Ducky, Michael Caldwell, came to support the talent search event. Every Thursday night performers will take the stage in front of record producers, promoters, managers and agencies.

In 1993, actor comedian Steve Harvey had a similar event at the Steve Harvey Comic Club with 18 performers and the club was packed. The next week, Hollywood had a jam packed talent search event at Club New York with 24 performers, breaking Steve Harvey's record. Hollywood Enterprises for Art and Entertainment serves to recognize local talented artists and provide them with a climate to showcase their talents. The general purpose of Hollywood Enterprises is to support the excellence in performance and creativity and to assist in the development of polished new performers throughout the

All talented people (dancers, musicians, singers, comediains, etc.) are welcome to participate in the 2002 International Talent Search. The 2002 International Talent Search takes place at Club Diamond located at 3304BW. Camp Wisdom in Dallas. Show times are every Thursday night at 8:30 p.m. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Drinks and draft beer will be .75 cents. For more information call the bot line 817-355-5004 or visit http://www.hollywoodenterprises.com.

Jewel

forming and songwriting. I've always been a live musician, and I wanted my voice to shine through. To me, relevance means staying honest about where you are. The most important thing to me is maintaining. my authenticity."

Since she started writing songs at the age of 17, Jewel Kilcher's music has been a direct, open expression of her life at the time - a series of intimate portraits of the artist as a composer, performer, and

human being. Her debut album, released when she was 20, reflected the heart and mind of a teenaged girl; her second those of a rapidly maturing young woman. Now, "THIS WAY," her first collection of new songs in three years, finds lewel connecting with a deeper sense of self and the world around her, securing her place among the most accomplished artists of her generation.

Raised in Alaska, the 27-year-old Jewel has been celebrated as one of the most gifted and accomplished artists in popular music today, with worldwide album sales at this writing of over 23 million

albums. Her 1995 debut, *PIECES OF YOU," received the RIAA's prestigious Diamond Award for U.S. sales in excess of 10 million units (and is currently certified at 11 million). The album - which includes the hit singles "You Were Meant For Me." "Who Will Save Your Soul," and "Foolish Games" - spent a remarkable 114 weeks on the Billboard 200, where it hit the #4

Jewel will be appearing July 19 at



Brooks & Dunn



"From playing in bands and watching the patterns of what people would dance to - because in Oklahoma and Texas, if they don't dance, you're dead...

It's like a honky tonk education: you have to stand and deliver just to get in." -- Ronnie Dunn

"Beer joint country music really moves us. We always talk about doing just a stone cold country record, but you start listening to - and falling for -- all these other kinds of songs... You get swept up by different things. For us, there's always gonna be some hardcore country -- and I think everything else we do is filtered through that, too."

-- Kix Brooks

Kix Brooks and Ronnic Dunn have certainly established themselves as a force in country music. They've sold 22 milbon albums, scored 18 #1 hits, heard their names called as Entertainer of the Year three times and become one of the most consistent country music headliners today. They've also sponsored race cars, appeared on the front of Corn Flakes boxes and pioneered a torqued up brand of honky tonk music that brought the bars into a much more aggressive sonic place.

See Brooks and Dunn in concert Saturday, July 13 at the Smirnoff Music Center. Tickermaster 972-647-5700.



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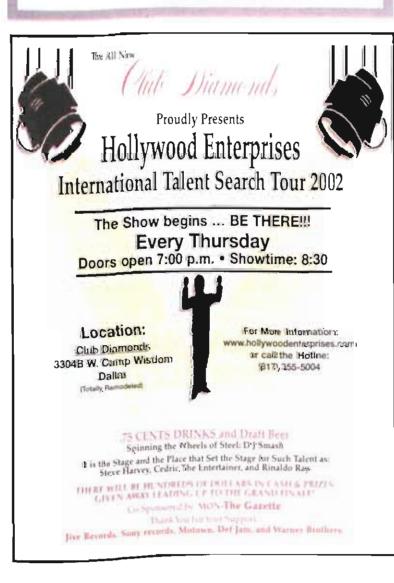
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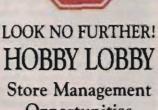
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Around The Town

July 1- July 27

"Art-Rageous 2002" is exhibited by Texas Area Artists. Hours are M-F, 8:00 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information call 214-410-7090.

July 4

Frisco turns 100 years old; Centennial celebration to be held at Hall Office Park at 6801 Gaglord Parkway (Gaylord and Dallas Parkway, just north of S.H. 121) Admission to the festival is free. For more information contact Dana Baird ut 972-335-5551 ext. 126 or visit www.friscocentennial.org or www.kluv

July 4 All-American Fourth - High Point Park. Call the Plano Parks & Recreation Department at 972-941-7250 for more information.

July 4
ANNUAL FOREVER FREE FIREWORKS and CONCERT & 4th of July Celebration at Collin County Youth Park, 380 West, 1461 to 7117 CR 100. Vintage aircraft thover and veter ms reception. Live entertainment beginning at 200 p.m. Opening and caloing with popular hand Ireade Out, other outertainment by Mark David Manders, Max Stallings, Kevin Deal, Haley Nelson and the McKinney Civic Choms. KidsZone interactive services, Barney & Me boxim exhibition, concessions and fabuious chorec-

graphed fireworks show! Come early and enjoy the show! Parking: \$5. For information: 214-544-0500.

July 6

MCKINNEY GUITAR STU-DIO presents Tracie Lynn, who delivers het poignant observations of life and love wrapped perfectly around a dynamic collection of songs ranging from honky-tonk rockers to tender hallads. Come see why she has already sold over 4,000 copies of Girl Talk. 210 N. Tennessee St., downtown. \$15 per person. Reservations recommended. 7:30 p.m. For more information: 972-562-3993 or www.johnwynn.com.

July 6

Wild Water Rodeo. Don Rodenbough Natatorium Conference Room, 110 Rivererest at 10:00 a.m. \$5.00 admission. Advance tickets available at the Natatorium or the Joe Farmer Recreation Center, 1201 E. Bethany. For more information, call the Special Events Hotline at 972-

July 6

Life Teen Concert held at the Amphitheater. Christian Concert for high school youth. For more information call 972-578-9583.

July 9 Friendship West Bapust Church

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Singles Worship Service at

event begins at 7:00 p.m. For more information call 214-371-0964 ext. 335.

July 10

SMU School of Engineering Networking Event at the Plano Centre, Spring Creek and Jupiter Roads. This event is one in a series of networking events for current and prospective graduate students, alumni, faculty, and corporate professionals, and includes an information session presented by SMU faculty and industry leaders, and an opportunity for networking. Friends and colleagues are welcome to attend. To RSVP for an event, email gradprograms dengr.smu. edu. For more information contact Ms. Rie Watts at 214-768-1403 or visit

July 12-July 13

LITTLE OFF THE SQUARE THEATRE and MCKINNEY SQUARE MEAL present a murder mystery dinner theatre, "Murder is Skin Deep." Dinner & Show \$22.50 per person. 213 E. Louisiana. 7:30 p.m. Reservations required. For more information: 972-548-6950.

July 12-July 14 USSSA 15-U STATE CHAMPI-ONSHIPS at Wilson Creek Softball Complex. 10-U, 12-U & 14V. For more information, can tact. City of McKinney Athletics Department and Holine: 972-547-7485 972-547-9452 or www.sportstanding.com

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July 12-July 14

16th Annual Taste of Dallas in the West End. Time: Friday and Saturday, 11:00 a.m.-midnight; Sunday, Noon-9:00 p.m. Price: FREE For more information call 214-741-7185.

July 12-August 24 Meet Alice Wonder, who is going

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July 12

July Monthly Business Seminar. Location: Garland Chamber of Commerce at 914 S. Garland Ave. from 8:00-9:30 a.m. For more information call 972-272-7551.

July 13

Mays Dancer 92-03 Auditions. For an application and other information visit the website at www.dallas-

July 13

City Animal Shelter will sponsor a remote pet adoption at Petco, 1500 Town East Blvd., from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information call 97.2-216-6283.

July 13

Healthy Body, Healthy Mind Community Health Fair. Free mammograms, free prostate exams, free screenings, free immunizations and other health related information. Bring the entire family. Free popcorn, balloons and face painting for kids. Time: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Loving Fellowship Elaptist Church. For more information call 972-780-0150.

July 18-July 20 COLLIN COUNTY YOUTH PARK & FARM MUSEUM located on CR 166 presents the Americas Quarter Horse Association Show. For more information: 972-548-4793.

Free Back Screenings at Don Natatorium Conference Room, 110 Rivercrest 1:30-4:00 p.m. Screening provided by Dr. Joseph Dennis. For more information, 'call 972-747-4150.

July 20

Praise Fest 2002. Come out and experience a spiritual breakthrough as we Praise the Lord in song, dance and spoken word. Experience the fullness of God's Love. The free event will be at Greater Bethlehem Baptist Church from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information call 214-421-1800.

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

Wanda Sykes, a regular from HBO's "The Chris Rock Show" will be at Addison Improv. Show time is 8:30 p.m. Price: \$12.00. For more information call 972-404-0323.

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