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On the Homefront:

The Garland Summer Musicals proudly presents, "Gypsy." Performances are scheduled for July 19, 20, 25, 26, and 27, beginning at 8:00p.m., and July 21, 20, 25, 26, and 27, 2:00p.m. Performances will be held at the Performing Arts Center, on Fifth and Austin Streets. Season tickets are on sale NOW! For more information call (972) 205-2790.

Comedian, Wanda Sykes, will perform stand up at the Addison Improv Club Wednesday, July 24th through Sunday, July 28. All shows begin at 8:30p.m. This show is for mature audiences. Tickets cost \$12 per person. For more information call (972) 404-0323.

The Plano Public Library welcomes you to its Friends of the Library Book Sale, Thursday, July 18-Saturday, July 20. Over 350,000 hardbacks, paperbacks, videos, and recordings will be priced between 50 cents and \$1. A Collectors Corner will feature individually priced rare books and first editions. Proceeds go towards the Plano Public Library System to fund equipment, special projects, and programs. On Thursday 6:30p.m.-10:00p.m., admission is \$10 per family, and \$5 for individuals. Admission is FREE on Friday, from 9:00a.m.-9:00p.m., and on Saturday, from 9:00a.m.-3:00p.m. For more information contact Cheri Gross at (972) 964-4250.

Free Back Screenings available in the Don Rothenbush Natatorium Conference Room, at 110 Rivercrest, from 1:30p.m.-4:00 p.m. on July 20th. Screenings provided by Dr. Joseph Dennis. For more information call (972) 747-4250.

On July 26, 2002, The Allen Senior Center will host the "Senior Swing," a special dance for seniors age 50+, from 7:00p.m. - 10:00p.m., at the Joe Farmer Recreation Center, 1201 E. Bethany. The Western Blue Notes will provide entertainment. The evening includes light refreshments and giveaways. Casual attire is recommended, no high heels are permitted on the gym dance floor. For more information call (972) 727-0155.

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A Call for Black Representation of Our Black Children, For Our Black Children

Just when we think that Dallas has made real progress in the areas of race and community relations, a reminder of the old days of biased and paternalistic politics raises its ugly head. In the latest instance of this inappropriate and unwelcome input, we again have The Dallas Breakfast Group, a self-appointed and unaccountable business and civic group, offering input regarding their recommendations for Board candidates for the Dallas Independent School District.

While it is true that any individual or group has a basic right to have opinions and express them as they see fit, it is likewise appropriate for their opinions and rationale to be critically scrutinized. Why then does suggestion of the Dallas Breakfast Group warrant review? MON-The Gazette, recently obtained a copy of a letter, dated May 30, 2002, to its membership from the group's Executive Director, Harry Tanner. So as not to be accused of taking the comments out of context, we have chosen to share the entire content of the letter below.

"Dear Member: DISD Board of Trustees elections are just a 'stone's throw' away, July 27, 2002, assuming no delay will be ordered by the courts. The U.S. Justice Department has approved the DISD re-districting plan, but the courts are not

bound by Justice Department districting actions.

With filing deadline June 12, DISD elections look like this:

District 1 - Ken Zornes (1), no significant opposition.

District 2 - (Open) - Jack Lowe, Ron Walenta, Rick Finlan, and Evan Brauman Fetter.

District 3 - Joe Mir vs. Lois Parrott (1)

District 4 - George Williams (1) vs. Myrtle Siddall.

District 5 - Lew Blackburn (1), no significant opposition.

District 6 - Hollis Brashear (1) vs. Joe Tave.

District 7 - Rafael Anchia (1), no significant opposition.

District 8 - (Open) - Jose May vs. Pete Vaca.

District 9 - Ron Price (1), no significant opposition.

The basic issue, here - what group of probable candidates and most likely winners can be elected to support the current superintendent and his administration? The answer is Ken Zornes in District 1; Jack Lowe in District 2; Joe Mir in District 3; George Williams in District 4; Lew Blackburn in District 5; Hollis Brashear in District 6; Rafael Anchia in District 7; either Jose May or Pete Vaca in District 8; Ron Price in District 9.

Ken Zornes, Jack Lowe, Joe Mir, and Rafael Anchia would become the backbone of the board with George Williams there most of the time. Hollis

Brashear, Lew Blackburn, and Ron Price would undercut the superintendent on some issues, especially those relating to personnel assignments and construction and supplier contracts. I have found Jose May and Pete Vaca to be positive and reasonable most of the time. I only support the elections of Brashear, Blackburn, and Price because any opponents that they may have will probably be recruited by Kathlyn Gilliam. There is a chance that an independent and competent opponent might surface against Ron Price and I would support that person.

As you know, it is unusual for me to be this direct in this newsletter. I do so only because the DISD has a chance to improve significantly over the next five years and our children deserve it.

Very truly yours,
Harry R. Tanner
Executive Director"

The context and comments raised in the letter are particularly troubling for several reasons. First, despite the fact that the letter is supposedly written as the opinion of an individual - the Executive Director, it is the basis from which many of the group's membership will make their decision regarding the candidates to support. For years, Mr. Tanner, on behalf of The Dallas

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Milton Hinnant Is This Year's Guest Lecturer At The Young Photographers Program



Milton Hinnant

Milton Hinnant will be this year's special guest lecturer at the annual Guest Lectures Series, the culmination program for the RC Hickman Young Photographers Workshop and the Gordon Parks Young Photographers Competition. A staff photographer for the Dallas Morning News, Milton Hinnant, whose manner is ever so humble, is a real broad picture taking dude. From superb action photography to the most sensitive portraits his presentation is a must see. The program will take place at the Dallas Public Library's Erik Jonsson

branch located across the street from Dallas City Hall on 1515 Young Street. The time will be at 11am on Saturday July 27th, and refreshments will be served following the program. Previous guest lecturers include the Renaissance Man Gordon Parks, RC Hickman, the keeper of the African-American record, Chester Higgins Jr., Toni Parks, and Howard Bingham, Muhammad Ali's personal photographer and producer of the hit motion picture Ali, who was last year's special guest for the Artist & Elaine Thornton Foundation For The Arts, Inc. Don't miss this event on Saturday July 27th at 11am at the Dallas Public Library, the Erik Jonsson Branch. This event is presented annually by the Artist & Elaine Thornton Foundation For The Arts, Inc. and is co-sponsored by James Miller's KFC, Ritz Cameras, Nikon, The City Of Dallas Office Of Cultural Affairs, Minyard Food Stores, and MON-The Gazette. For more information call 972-572-3525 and you can log onto the foundation's website artist-stuff.com.

Greenspan upbeat about U.S. economy

NEW YORK (CNN/Money) -

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan has expressed optimism about the health of the U.S. economy, but acknowledged that corporate scandals had indirectly hurt business spending and called for tougher penalties for CEOs who break the law.

His words on Tuesday seemed to have a positive effect on Wall Street - which probably hung on his words even more than it usually does - amid a stubbornly sluggish market buffeted by fears about corporate accounting.

"The U.S. economy appears to have withstood a series of blows - major declines in equity markets, a sharp retrenchment in investment spending, and the tragic terrorist attacks of last September - that previous business cycles almost surely would have induced a severe contraction," Greenspan said in his remarks to lawmakers.

The central bank chairman said inflation was low, consumer spending had held up well through the downturn, housing-market strength was likely to continue and businesses appeared to have unloaded their glut of inventories, setting the stage for a rebound in production.

"This is as upbeat a testimony as could reasonably have been hoped for," said a note.

Shepherdson, chief U.S. economist at High Frequency Economics Ltd., said in a note.

Greenspan's words brought a ray of sunshine to the gloomy U.S. stock market; the Nasdaq turned slightly higher as he spoke, and the Dow Jones industrial average won back most of its earlier losses.

But in his semi-annual report on monetary policy to the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee, Greenspan also pointed out several uncertainties, including the likely prospect of more scandalous revelations, which could fuel more weakness in stock prices. "Spreading will continue to adjust for some time to the declines that have occurred in equity prices," he said, something that is hampering the strength of the overall economy.

Still, Greenspan said, while business managers were cautious, their spending was likely to improve this year, through slowly and unevenly in some areas, boosted by rising profits, low interest rates and high productivity.

And, while consumers were unlikely to go on any big shopping sprees after maintaining a steady level of spending through out the economic downturn, Greenspan said they also did not seem to have "retrenched." That's good news, since consumer spending fuels about two-thirds of the U.S. economy.

Greenspan said the Fed expected gross domestic product (GDP), the broadest measure of a nation's economy, to grow 3.5 to 3.75 percent this year and between 3.5 and 4 percent in 2003. The central bank expects unemployment to fall to between 5.25 percent and 5.5 percent by the end of 2003 from 5.9 percent in June.

With inflation low and uncertainties high, Greenspan hinted the Fed was likely to keep its target for a key short-term interest rate low until the economic recovery seemed more secure.

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Beating Victim's Lawyer Issues Challenge



By Joe C. Hopkins

Special to the NNPA from the Pasadena/San Gabriel Valley and Latino Journal News

PASADENA, Calif. (NNPA) - The events of July 6, 2002, like the events of 1992 with the arrest of now infamous Rodney King, will live in the memory of the world forever. This event will join the litany of events that define the violent relationship between Black and White Americans from the beginning of our relationship.

The relationship began with the forced marriage of Africans as slaves and misplaced Europeans as slave masters. From inception the institution of slavery, White America continued other horrible events such as the Tuskegee Experiment, a history of lynchings, trials for accused Blacks with no Black jurors, street justice for the sport of White males looking for some fun for the evening

(L to R) Rodney King, Hopkins points to marks on Donovan Jackson's neck during a news conference Monday.

resulting in a million indiscriminate beatings, rapes and denied opportunities in education, employment and business.

On July 6, 2002, I was retained to represent Donovan Jackson, the man-child who was attacked, beaten and threatened of being the criminal in a situation where he was the obvious victim of police violence on July 6, 2002. Biologically, he is a young Black male, aged 16. By culture he is an endangered species and a member of the less-likely class. Less likely to survive to live a long life, less likely to get a decent education, less likely to avoid contact with the criminal justice system, less likely to avoid major health problems and receive treatment for major illnesses such as cancer and diabetes, less likely to own his own home, and

less likely to own his own business. The list goes on and on. He is more likely to be victimized by discrimination in employment, police profiling, and a life of "living with less." And for all of his notoriety he will not be able to avoid the living-with-less syndrome that society assigns to him unless the members of the status quo stand on their comfort positions and do their part to take the time to make some changes.

The question for us is why has the assignment not changed? The answer is simple: There is no benefit to the members of the status quo to change it. As a lawyer for the last 20 years representing hundreds of young Black men in similar situations without the fanfare and notoriety of this video-taped event, I am by definition less likely to own his own home, and

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Coming to
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July 27, 2002
"Dance in The Spirit"
Workshop

Praise Dance Techniques will include: Ballet, Modern and Hip-hop. Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced Dancers are welcomed!

Special Guest: Victors In Praise (VIP) Dance Ministry of Loveland Church in Southern California.

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Adult: ages 18+

• Saturday, July 27, 2002

• 10:00am-2:00pm,

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• Participants will minister in dance at MOCOP on Sunday, July 28th during the 10:45 Worship Service

To Register as an individual or a group, or for more information call Minister LaDonna Singleton at (972) 562-6356, or email ladonnasingleton@yahoo.com. Previous dance experience not required or necessary ... bring your friends! Please come help us minister in dance, celebrate Jesus and "Dance in the Spirit"! On-site registration available. Praise Dance Ministries are invited!

July 28, 2002

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Garland Assistant City Manager Named TPPA President

Garland Assistant City Manager Bill Dollar is set to become President of the Texas Public Power Association for 2002-2003. Mr. Dollar's term will begin at the TPPA's Annual Meeting to be held the last week of July.

Mr. Dollar has served on the TPPA Board of Directors since 1992. He is a Garland native who has worked for the city for 31 years. He began as a design engineer in 1971. As an assistant city manager, he has overseen the operation of Garland's electric services since 1984.

"Bill Dollar is a dedicated public servant and will be a great TPPA President," said TPPA Executive Director Mark Zion. "His leadership will be especially important during these times of great change in the electric utility industry."

TPPA represents 73 municipal utilities that own and operate their local electric utility systems, including other community-owned power providers like river authorities and joint action agencies. TPPA members provide low-cost reliable power to more than three million Texans.

TPPA represents its members on public policy matters affecting the electric utility industry. The association is active at the Texas Legislature, the Texas Public Utility Commission, and on the federal level.

Mr. Dollar says the TPPA will play an important role in helping the state work through electric deregulation. "The operating rules for deregulation are still being interpreted at the legislative level," says Mr. Dollar. "It's important to be at the forefront of the issue to challenge proposed changes or even propose changes ourselves."

Garland owns and operates its own electric utility and has chosen not to opt into electric deregulation. Mr. Dollar says he sees no benefit for Garland's utility customers at this time. "Municipal utilities are more sensitive than investor-owned utilities to services and to price levels," says Mr. Dollar.

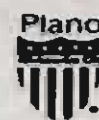
Mr. Dollar sees deregulation as the biggest challenge for his term as president. He says he will work to keep TPPA members updated on the rapidly changing issues surrounding the industry.

SAIL BROWN BAG LUNCH WITH A SPANISH TOUCH

Collin County Community College District's Seniors Active In Learning (SAIL) Brown Bag Lunch series offers a presentation by Spanish instructor, ChiChi Hoquee at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, July 25 in room F108, at the Spring Creek Campus, 2800 Spring Creek Parkway in Plano.

Join us for a chat with ChiChi about the picturesque traditions of the Spanish culture. Learn a little Salsa and Merengue before a professional troupe performs!

The program is free and open to the public. Bring your lunch and a beverage. Seniors Active In Learning (SAIL) is part of the Institute for Learning In Retirement for seniors ages 50 and over. For more information about SAIL, please call 972-985-3788.



FIRE RESCUE SPECIALIST EXAM

The exam will be administered on Wednesday, August 21, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. Starting salary is \$44,463/year. For eligibility information, call (972) 941-7402. Pre-registration is required. To request the pre-registration packet, call 972-941-7401 (this is a voice mailbox), enter 6227 followed by the # sign. Completed registration applications must be RECEIVED in the Civil Service Office no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 24, 2002.

Friendship West Baptist Church Singles Revives the Disco Days

Attention all Christian singles, pull out your Michael Jackson jackets and parachute pants, or your afro wigs and bell bottoms and come join the Friendship West Baptist Church Singles B.A.R. Get ready to break dance and groove down the Soul Train line Friday July 19th, from 8:00 p.m. until midnight, as you fellowship with Christian singles from around the metroplex.

This month's theme is 70's and 80's, and prizes will be awarded for the best costume and to the best dancer.

The event is hosted at the Black

Academy of Arts and Letters, Inc., Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex, Room A414, NW corner of Canton and Akard Streets, Downtown Dallas. Logon to www.tbaal.org for directions.

Admission: \$5.00 presale (at singles events), \$7.00 at the door. Attire is 70's or 80's Afros, Bell Bottoms and Michael Jackson jackets (all are welcome!)

For more information, email the Singles Ministry at fbwbsingles@aol.com or call 214-371-0964, ext. 335, or visit our website at www.friendshipwest.org.

DEPRESSED AGAIN?

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

- Depressed or sad mood
- Loss of interest in activities
- Difficulty sleeping or sleeping too much
- Feeling slowed down
- Feeling tired or having low energy
- Feeling guilty or worthless
- Changes in weight or appetite
- Difficulty concentrating

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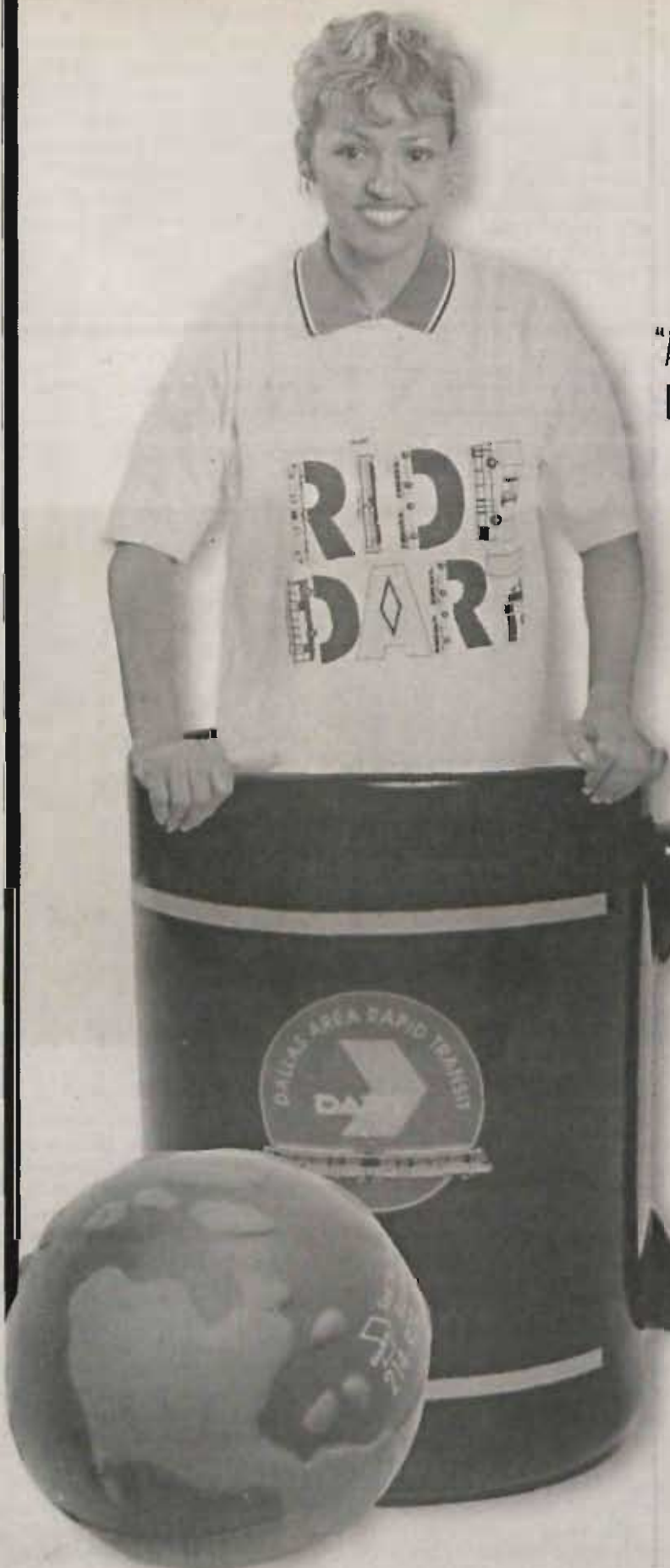
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THE TRUTH CLINIC - POLICE BRUTALITY ENDURES

By: Jim Breedlove

Like the changing of the seasons — winter to spring, spring to summer, summer to fall, and fall to winter—we can count on the continuing cycle of police brutality against blacks.

It happened again on July 9, 2002 in Inglewood, California. A black teenager, Donovan Jackson, was viciously beaten during what should have been a simple arrest at a local gas station. This would have been just another case of whose word to believe except that the incident was captured on a tourist's videotape. The video shows a handcuffed and bewildered 16 year old being slammed onto a patrol car, then hit in the face by an out of control police officer.

Officials are trying to paint this as another rogue cop aberration, but the pattern is similar to previous high profile brutality cases. On March 3, 1991, Rodney King was stopped after a high-speed chase. Los Angeles police jumped on him and delivered 56 baton blows and six kicks in a period of two minutes, leaving King with 11 skull fractures, brain damage, and kidney damage.

Anthony Baez, age twenty-nine, was choked to death during an encounter with police Officer Francis Livoti on December 22, 1994 in New York. Livoti had been the subject of at least eleven brutality complaints over an eleven-year period.

Jonny Gammage, a black man and cousin of Pittsburgh Steelers Ray Seals, was brutally beaten at the hands of five police officers on Pennsylvania Highway 51 on October 12, 1995. He died.

Aaron Williams, while bound with wrist and ankle cuffs, was severely beaten and

pepper sprayed after he was restrained by the San Francisco police in June 1995. He died. One of the officers involved in the incident, Marc Andaya, had reportedly been the subject of over thirty-five complaints while working with the Oakland police force before being hired by the San Francisco Police Department.

In one of the ugliest incidents in New York police history, Abner Louima, was sodomized with a broom handle in a police station bathroom in 1997. The city and a police union paid Louima more than \$8 million to settle a lawsuit.

The advocacy group 'Human Rights Watch' says incidents like these are all too common and police brutality complaints are increasing at an alarming rate. It was estimated that over 12,000 complaints of excessive force were reported last year.

Human Rights Watch studied 14 American cities over a period of two and a half years and concluded that police abuse remains one of the most serious and divisive human rights violations in the United States. The excessive use of force by police officers, including unjustified shootings, severe beatings, fatal chokings, and rough treatment persists because systemic barriers to accountability make it possible for officers who commit human rights violations to escape punishment.

Police officers, like other people, will make mistakes when they are under pressure to make split-second decisions regarding the use of force. Even the best recruiting, training, and command oversight will not result in flawless behavior on the part of all officers.

Yet precisely because police officers can make mistakes, or

allow personal bias or emotion to enter into decisions — and because they are allowed to use lethal force to subdue individuals — police must be subjected to intense scrutiny.

But usually, police or public officials greet brutality reports with denials or explain that the act was an aberration, while the police administrators and criminal systems that should deter abuses by holding officers accountable instead fight for their immunity.

While it is true most law enforcement officers are "good cops", these same officers almost always turn a blind eye to the laws broken by their fellow officers giving the appearance that good cops condone police brutality by not exposing it.

Police abuses are preventable. Perhaps the primary missing element of prevention is a system of oversight in which supervisors hold their charges accountable for mistreatment and are themselves reviewed and evaluated by how they deal with subordinate officers who commit human rights violations.

But when all is said and done, it is well known that blacks continue to be disproportionately harassed, stopped, searched, insulted, arrested, and imprisoned.

Amnesty International summed it up this way: "Police brutality [in the United States], especially toward members of ethnic minorities, is widespread and severe, resulting in death in many cases. Although it is probably not due to official policy, it is undoubtedly able to occur and exist because it is officially tolerated."

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



Florence Shapiro

By Florence Shapiro

As President Bush and his Administration often have pointed out, our nation's enemies can strike at any place, at any time, and by virtually any means. Because of the nature of those threats, President Bush believes that a new national homeland security structure is required to provide for our protection.

As a member of Texas Governor Rick Perry's Task Force on Homeland Security, I firmly agree.

Throughout our task force meetings, I became aware of three major issues that I believe need to be addressed immediately to alleviate our greatest vulnerabilities. They are: (1) the necessity to train and equip our local police, fire and emergency management departments; (2) the imperative to enhance the security at our international borders; and (3) the need to eliminate the current lack of communication and coordination between government agencies.

Creating a new Cabinet-level Homeland Security Department will mitigate each of these concerns, and will be extremely beneficial to the safety of each of us in North Texas and throughout the state.

The events of September 11th proved that our 'first responders' are the greatest asset we have to deal with any catastrophe, be it natural or man-made. Therefore it is vital that each of those everyday heroes has the equipment and training necessary to seize control of an incident. President Bush's proposal guarantees a better coordination of training and grant programs within one entity, as opposed to the current structure involving more than 100 government agencies. With a single Cabinet-level department overseeing such efforts, no community will be caught unprepared.

By encompassing the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Border Patrol and the Coast Guard, the new department will enable each entity responsible for securing our international borders to communicate and coordinate efforts more efficiently. Since Texas has the largest international border of any state, this endeavor is critical for the protection of all Texans. In fact, according to a recent statewide poll, Texans overwhelmingly support the idea of beefing up border security, including devoting more resources to the National Guard for that purpose.

SECURITY IS TOP PRIORITY

increase their efficiency. Homeland security must be our No. 1 priority. Texas is a vulnerable state. With a porous border, thousands of miles of pipeline, and nuclear power and petrochemical plants, protecting our infrastructure is essential to protecting the lives of all Texans.

DESIGNATED NO-TRUCK LANES Recognizing the growing need for safety on our highways, the Texas Legislature in 1997 authorized cities to designate "no-truck lanes" within their jurisdictions on highways that have at least three lanes in each direction. In order to close a lane to commercial trucks a city must contact the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to request the lane designation. The Legislature believed that a separation of passenger vehicles and commercial trucks would increase the safety and comfort levels for all who travel on our busy highways.



Five years later, only one city — Houston — has taken advantage of this law. Since 2000 when Houston implemented its pilot program, traffic accidents along the designated eight-mile section of Interstate 10 have decreased by 68 percent. More importantly, there have been no deaths reported from any accidents along this segment of I-10.

Armed with data showing the effectiveness of this program, Senator Shapiro recently requested that TxDOT send letters to all eligible cities in Texas to ensure they are aware of this important law. Further, as Chair of the Senate State Affairs Committee, Senator Shapiro initiated discussions with the Texas Municipal League to encourage them to educate all member cities on this potentially life-saving, yet simple, solution to our ongoing traffic safety concerns.

Since TxDOT's informational letter went out in May, Austin, Amarillo and North Richland Hills have already contacted TxDOT to inquire about applying the lane restrictions in their respective areas. Senator Shapiro is looking forward to working with cities across the state to implement this program. You can visit the website of the Texas Senate: <http://www.senate.state.tx.us>.

On The Move

Mesquite's Regency Lincoln-Mercury Leads In Satisfaction

By: Felicia Coleman

Regency Lincoln Mercury focuses on customer satisfaction, and the dealership has customer satisfaction scores to prove it. The dealership received a trophy from Ford for being number one when it comes to meeting the needs of customers. The dealership trophy case is filled with trophies won for sales and service performance.

Regency Lincoln Mercury is located east of Interstate 135, at 1919 Oates Drive in Mesquite. Owner David Williams, a dealer for over 10 years, said "We think we have created as fine a luxury facility as any in the metroplex. We have three customer lounges, a children's play area, computer

work stations, a cappuccino machine and satellite television for our customers."

The service department, which is open six days a week, is just as clean as the showroom.

"We've run through 36 mop heads in three months swabbing the deck in here," said general manager Larry Chase.

The department features highly trained professionals in all areas with many having a master certification.

"We figured out that it only takes two hours to sell a car, but it takes years of quality service to satisfy a customer. We are very tuned in to the service needs of our customers. You have to be when you are selling high line

cars," added Mr. Chase.

The showroom's sales employees are also experienced and highly trained. The salesmen have computers to cut out "back and forth" tactics during the selling process.

Regency Lincoln-Mercury is benefiting from new products such as the 2003 Mercury Marauder and the 2003 Lincoln Navigator, which is already in stock. Coming in the future will be the Lincoln Aviator and the redesigned LS.

Mr. Chase said, "We are trying to create a new culture. We think we can change the customer's perception of buying a car."



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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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Ethnic Notes

George Washington Carver

By: Tobl Hicks

George Washington Carver was born into the devastating era of slavery, toward the end of the civil war. His exact birth date is questionable, but is listed as 1864. Carver's parents were slaves on the Moses Carver farm near Diamond, Missouri. Soon after his birth his father was killed in a tragic accident, and his mother was kidnapped by raiders. Moses and Susan Carver then raised him and taught him to read.

Carver began his education in Newton County in southwest Missouri, where he worked as a farm hand and studied in a one-room schoolhouse. Carver excelled at Minneapolis High School in Kansas. In 1887, Carver was denied admission to Highland University because of his race, but was later accepted to Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa where he worked his way through school as a janitor. There he received a BS in 1894 and an MS in 1896. In 1897, he transferred to Iowa Agricultural College and earned an M.S. in Agriculture. Late in 1897 Booker T. Washington, founder of the Tuskegee Institute, convinced Carver to come south and serve as the school's Director of

Agriculture. Carver contributed his life savings to establish a research institute at Tuskegee.

Becoming an Agricultural Chemist, George W. Carver revo-



George Washington Carver

lutionized our world with his many inventions. He improved southern agriculture by developing crop rotation methods for conserving nutrients in soil and revitalizing it. During his life-

time he developed over 450 products from farm crops, including 325 from peanuts and 108 from sweet potatoes, including linoleum floor covering and synthetic rubber. His discovery of the many uses of the peanut created new markets for farmers, especially in the South. Southern farmers quickly followed Carver's lead of planting peanuts one year and cotton the next. While many of the peanuts were used to feed livestock, large surpluses quickly developed. Carver then developed 325 different uses for the extra peanuts from peanut butter and cooking oil to printer's ink. And his discovery that the sweet potato and the pecan also enriched depleted soils, led him to develop almost 20 uses for these crops, including synthetic rubber and material for paving highways.

In 1916 Carver was awarded fellowship in the Royal Society of London. He died of anemia on July 14, 1943 and was honored by President Franklin D. Roosevelt who asked the US Government to provide funds for a national monument near Carver's birthplace in Diamond, Missouri. Today that monument is part of the National Park Service.

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nition, a member of the status quo. Lawyers will make money to gain notoriety and further plant themselves deeper into the status quo. The civil rights leaders and the politicians will all say the right things, and accept the applause as they go back and write a new speech with the same theme that says in a thousand ways "society does this to us and they must stop." The response to this is that "they" will not stop voluntarily. They must be stopped by the status quo armed with new and creative solutions, even with the realization that their immediate popularity may be jeopardized, but their place in history in the evolution of Black America will then be established as one, who like Esther, in the Bible (Esther 4:1-12) did to fight the good fight to do the right thing for her people as scripture is quoted: "For such a time as this, and if I perish, I perish." Maybe a video-taped incident of Donovan Jackson has come to us for such a time as this. We will not perish unless we refuse take up the mantra of our forefathers and do what is best for our people.

Let me suggest a few ways we can change our actions and recapture the creativity of our forefathers. They built schools even though they were not educated, built business empires out of necessity and empowered leaders whose commitment was unshakable and not for sale at any price. For them the status quo was their enemy. Today we

don't build schools and we don't pay attention to what happens in the schools until there is a tragedy. We don't even support our Black businesses, and our churches don't stand for what we used to stand for, i.e., the principles of Christ and the Bible which are currently interpreted as more flexible than they used to be because "you can fit a larger audience, with a larger offering" into a more flexible church than into a more rigid church. We have even developed a dangerous flexibility and tolerance for allowing young Black rappers to publicly denigrate our women like the White slave masters. We don't need that kind of flexibility from our churches.

We need a re-commitment to the principles that got us over in the past. Just because our forefathers were slaves doesn't mean they were ignorant.

There are reasons that this case must not be defined as just another police abuse case. It is a battle cry for the rest of us. If we look at it merely as a police abuse case, we will merely re-define the problem. By examining police abuse cases and the status quo, we find that the culture of police life is a culture of war and enemies. They are at war and they use Blacks and Browns as the enemy to keep in practice. In the Donovan Jackson case, the creativity of the police department in their allegations thus far that Officer Jeremy Morse beat Donovan because he was squeezing the officer's testicles, or he was kicking the officer, all while he was semi-conscious and in handcuffs and being

beaten, is par for the course. It is more likely that this is part of the continuing saga of White males expressing their anger at the rise of Blacks in many arenas.

For example, the City of Inglewood—with Blacks in high ranking positions—is plagued with lawsuits by Whites who are suing for discrimination in job promotions and hiring. The most recent suit pitted the city against a White applicant for city attorney. He sued saying that he was better qualified than the Black city attorney, Charles Dickerson, who the city hired instead. It could be just as reasonable that Officer Morse saw Donovan Jackson as the personification of his having to work for a Black police chief, under a Black mayor, after his White attorney friend lost his bid for the city attorney job. Now after we do all that "supposing" then what? We talk, talk and talk, and the status quo remains in place until the next time the video runs.

I propose that the Donovan Jackson case is a wake up call, not to overthrow the status quo, but to expand on the victories of the past. To pastors and ministers, civil rights leaders and activists, it is time that you demand that politicians we elect write new laws that address:

- (1) Special courts for out of control police and public officials. Special prosecutors should be assigned to determine whether a person's rights have been violated by a public official who has been accused of wrongdoing

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Wellness

Free and Low Cost Medical Care is Available to Consumers

By: Tobl Hicks

The USA Health News-Patient Assistance Network has just published a new booklet, "Free and Low Cost Medical Care." The booklet includes helpful information on how and where to obtain free and low cost medical care under the Federal Hill-Burton Program.

The Hill-Burton Program is a 50-year-old program, which has successfully provided more than 35 billion dollars in free and low cost medical care for qualified participants.

Established in 1946, the program has done a lot to assist in the construction and modernization of hospitals and medical care facilities. Nearly 6 billion dollars in grants were donated to

7,000 facilities in over 4,000 communities. In exchange, the facilities agreed to provide a reasonable amount of services to individuals residing in the local community who are unable to pay their medical bills.

Jim Surasak, Researcher at Patient Assistance Network, said, "there are currently 687 facilities that provide free or low cost medical care, but there is rarely any publicity to let the public know about this program. There is now a step-by-step outline that guides consumers through the process of finding a participating facility and applying to determine their eligibility for free or low cost medical care. Consumers can apply before or after receiving care

from a participating facility."

The Patient Assistance network is an organization formed by volunteers who are dedicated to helping people who cannot afford medical care or prescription medication. The purpose of this organization is to inform potentially qualified applicants about the patient assistance programs for which they appear eligible and assist them in the enrollment process.

To receive a an application form, send \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage, and handling to, Patient Assistance Network-Free and Low Cost Medical Care Booklet-Dept. MCD-0606-P.O. Box 60382, Washington, DC 20039-0382.

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Rosemary Green, "The Un-Be-Weavable Diva"

By: Felicia Coleman

Rosemary Green, the Un-Be-Weavable Diva, has a passion for the young and old. She works toward perfection as she weaves beauty into her clients' hair.

"I've done braids since I was 14 years old, when we added the extension to the end of the hair as opposed to the beginning of the braid," said Ms. Green. "Hair braiding is no longer about our culture, but fashion."

She worked at 'Adrian the Dreamweaver' intermittently for seven years. Working at the Dreamweaver brought her to higher level of experience, introducing the latest methods in hair enhancement patented, revolutionary technology for the application of 100% human hair strands (owned by Eva Gabor), and introducing great style, great volume, great length and great news.

And three months ago, Ms. Green opened 'The Green Rose, Mrs. Green's Hair Salon.' She said she got the name from my own name - Rosemary Green.

"I thought it would be easier to remember the owner and it also helped me to come to grip with loving my name because the idea is to use natural products in the salon," added Ms. Green. "So with my name being an herb (Rosemary), it all lines up with my destiny and purpose."

Mrs. Green admits that at the beginning she had no desire to open a hair salon.

"I guess my spirit was ahead of me. I originally had the name The Green Rose for my own line of products that I was working on using different herbal formulas. But suddenly I was forced into my own business, not really prepared, but it's amazing how it all came together. God is so good," she said.

The Green Rose Salon is located at 409B Central Expressway, Ste. #7 in Allen (off Bethany/75). Ms. Green has worked with people recovering from alopecia and cancer. She said, "The vision is far beyond

me, especially knowing that the sky is the limit. I've always felt that you can do and be whatever you want. It takes faith in God



Rosemary Green

and to stay focus".

Growing up, Ms. Green not only enjoyed braiding hair but she also wanted to be a teacher. She majored in Early Childhood Education and Elementary in Seattle, Washington, and went on to work in the public school system for five and a half years. Ms. Green also obtained a Fashion Merchandising Marketing and Management degree from Renton College. Immediately after graduation she was hired as an instructor at the College.

Rosemary Green has been married to Arthur Green, owner

of All Ready There, a professional cleaning service, for 25 years. They have three children: Neakka 23, Ajaye (Arthur Jr.) 20, and Armani 12 years old. The Green family moved from Seattle, Washington to Texas in 1991.

"We have three miracle children from my personal testimony of a type of cancer," said Ms. Green. "After my healing the report was that I would not be able to have children. Now I have three, and they are blessings".

Ms. Green served as a member for 17 years, and is currently in her 6th year as vice-president of Aglow Board, a worldwide organization with the focus of reaching out to women from all walks of life, for North Central and East Texas. She is also a member of Golden Carriers Republican Women, established in 1990 to inform, educate and understand the political process. She is a member of Grace Outreach Center Church in Plano, under Pastor Gerald Brooks.

Ms. Green and her husband co-founded C.H.O.I.C.E. - Children Helping Others In Choosing Eternity, in 1992. The community youth foundation's purpose is to bring families together in unity.



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ble, which many economists think may not happen until next year.

The economy has bounced back from the recession that began in March 2001, which was probably one of the mildest on record, growing at a rapid -- and probably unsustainable -- 6.1 percent rate in the first quarter, yet the Fed has kept rates low following 11 cuts last year.

Greenspan warned that the growing federal budget deficit could slow economic growth. In similar testimony last year, Greenspan supported a tax cut, proposed by President Bush and passed by Congress, that helped erase the federal budget surplus.

The back stops with the CEOs. Somewhat unexpectedly, Greenspan also directly addressed the rash of corporate scandals, including those at Enron Corp. and WorldCom, that have sapped investor confidence and driven

stocks lower.

Echoing statements made in recent speeches by President Bush, Greenspan described recent corporate scandals as a sort of "hangover" to the excesses of the late 1990s, focusing much of the blame on CEOs who seemed more interested in improving the value of their stock options than in building shareholder value.

"An infectious greed seemed to grip much of our business community," he said.

Greenspan called for tougher penalties for rule-breaking CEOs and appeared to support CEO certification of financial statements, saying CEOs "must bear the responsibility to accurately report" their companies' finances.

He called for better funding for the Securities and Exchange Commission and generally for reforming regulation of accounting and corporate governance -- but he also said such reform needed to be flexible enough to adapt to

changes in the financial system.

Greenspan praised the legislation, sponsored by Sen. Paul Sarbanes, D-Md., and passed Monday by the Senate, to reform corporate accounting and governance, while warning that he did not feel qualified to address the specific components of the bill.

"I thought that the initiative that the Senate produced was very important and very effective," said Greenspan, who also reversed course and supported government regulation of the accounting industry -- previously, he said he preferred to leave that to the private sector.

Support for expensing stock options?

Greenspan also seemed to offer support for the idea of companies listing the stock options they offer as compensation as an expense. Currently, companies are only required to estimate the impact of their issuance of stock options in footnotes to their financial state-

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more than two times. "Three strikes you're out."

(2) There should be a three strikes and you're out policy for teachers if they turn out failing students two years in a row. As long as there is a fair method of determining achievement and a system that mandates if a child didn't pass a class, they must take it over. No more social promotions. That only acts as a feeding system for prisons.

(3) A system for labeling pornographic music, including gangster rap, as unfit for children and a penalty for selling to kids and/or allowing kids to listen to music or watch music videos that demean race, females and glorifies, profanity, sex, drugs and violence. Let's change the status quo.

(4) Set new and lower threshold standards for the provability of violation of civil rights in courts such as the requirements of the so-called Monel case requirements. For the layman, this requirement says that you can't prove a city violated your civil rights unless you can prove a pattern and practice of abuse. And you must get the evidence from the city or governmental entity you are suing. It's like the fox asking the rooster to allow him access to the hen house. "It ain't gonna happen."

Until we begin to take bold steps to change things, we will continue lose, and a new Donovan Jackson will be produced every day to the streets, and to bad schools, and to profiling and prisons. What is worse, we will never realize our full potential as a people because when we rose to the level of a member of the status quo, we failed to reach back to bring the rest along. The mantra of the abolition days and the Civil Rights Era was "Forward ever, backwards never." Maintaining the status quo for Black America is a backwards move. Who like Esther will leave the comfort of the status quo and lead our people out of modern-day slavery?

For such a time as this we need to develop an action-oriented think tank with paid staff in every church and organization to recapture the creativity of our forefathers. At such a time as this, will you join?

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Breakfast Group, has served as the gatekeeper to the business community for those seeking public office. Following his critique of candidates, and based in large part on his own research and preferences, Mr. Tanner will issue an opinion as to the worthiness of the candidate. Should they successfully make it past Mr. Tanner, then the vaults of corporate and civic support are, in theory, open to the candidate. Should they receive a less than favorable comment, then the candidate has to do the best they can - generally without the blessings and support of the business community.

The second major concern with the letter centers on the comment that "Hollis Brashear, Lew Blackburn, and Ron Price would undercut the superintendent (Mike Moses) on some issues, especially those relating to personnel assignments and construction and supplier contracts." As for undercutting the superintendent, perhaps Mr. Tanner should read the recent headlines of virtually any newspaper in the country to better understand how a lack of questioning of the executive staff has led to absolute turmoil in some very major corporations. It is not the purpose and role of the Board to blindly support every initiative and proposal of the executive. Rather, as a policy-making body, it is their responsibility to provide oversight and, where needed, restraint to the approach of the Superintendent. There is little doubt that Mr. Moses would like to have a rubber-stamp board, even though this would be the worst possible scenario for DISD and the education of our children.

Speaking of "our children", we can't help but wonder how many of the children of The Dallas Breakfast Group's members currently attend, or have ever attended, any of the DISD schools. Our suspicion is that it is very few, which raises serious questions about the sincerity of the concern for the well-being of an education of "our children".

What then is the probable motivation for such a blatant attempt at influencing the DISD Board elections? Could it be a

concern for the staff, or the new to install some new curriculum, or the challenges faced in educating an increasingly diverse student population? We think not. The presence of The Dallas Breakfast Group has been glaringly absent from any intelligent discussion of these matters. More likely, as the old saying goes, when nothing else makes sense, follow the money. Could it be that the recently passed billion dollar bond package might be the real incentive from the new, and, as Mr. Tanner puts it, unusually direct interest in the DISD board? The size of the bond package, and the many contracts that will flow from it, can create a strong and "unusual" vested interest from the business community and the members of The Dallas Breakfast Group.

In light of all this input from Mr. Tanner and The Dallas Breakfast Group, it is critical that the African American community not become confused and that we further maintain our support, and votes, for those who maintain a legitimate concern for our children's best interests. In this spirit, we wholeheartedly endorse Hollis Brashear, Lew Blackburn, and Ron Price for re-election to the Board of DISD. As Reverend Stephen C. Nash, President of the Interdenominational Ministers Alliance, commented in a press release to the Tanner letter, "We are very troubled by the May 30, 2002 letter from Harry Tanner, Executive Director of the Breakfast Club to the members of The Dallas Breakfast Group... The Black community is insulted by such a slap in the face of our seated elected leaders and will stand against any effort on the part of people who do not live in the districts to determine who will be the elected representative of the District." (The full response is provided below.)

"PRESS RELEASE (JULY 11, 2002)

The Interdenominational Ministers Alliance, in an effort to lead the Black community to maintain our Black City Council seats and Black DISD School Board seats, rallies around the incumbents (Maxine Thornton Reese, Hollis Brashear, and Ron Price).

We do not believe that any

group, not the Dallas Breakfast Club, The Dallas Citizen Council, The Downtown Business Community, The Mayor's Office or any other group outside of the Black community should determine who will represent the Black community except the Black community.

We are very troubled by the May 30, 2002 letter from Harry Tanner, Executive Director of the Breakfast Club to the members of the Dallas Breakfast Club, which states that he believes that "Hollis Brashear, Lew Blackburn, and Ron Price would undercut the superintendent on some issues, especially those relating to personnel assignments and construction and supplier contracts..." He continues, "I only support the elections of Brashear, Blackburn, and Price because any opponents that they may have will probably be recruited by Kathleen Gilliam. There is a chance that an independent and competent opponent might surface against Ron Price and I would support that person." The Black Church community is insulted by such a slap in the face of our seated elected leaders and will stand against any effort on the part of people who do not live in the districts to determine who will be the elected representatives of the District.

We call on Black Dallas to rally to the poles on July 27, 2002, and vote to maintain our Black representation in City Council District 4, School Board District 9, and School Board District 6, and School Board District 5.

Again, we cannot afford to sleep through this very important election. If we sleep through it, we may awaken to setbacks that will be felt throughout the Black community for years to come. Let us not insult our forebears who sacrificed so much for us, and let us not let posterity down. Let us vote on July 27, 2002.

Stephen C. Nash,
President of the I.M.A. of Dallas"

Pastor Nash goes on to urge all African Americans who can, to vote in support of the incumbents Brashear, Blackburn, and Price. We endorse this view and ask that you vote your support on July 27, 2002.

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Some investor groups have called for companies to list the options they give as compensation as an expense. Businesses have strenuously resisted this change, saying it's impossible to estimate the cost of unexercised options. Some analysts have pointed out that some companies' earnings would be severely impacted by a requirement to expense options.

Ironically, however, Greenspan said he thought expensing stock options would actually help companies report greater earnings growth, especially since they have given out fewer options recently than during the stock-market bubble of the late 1990s.

He did not think, however, that it

would be necessary for Congress to mandate that companies expense options. Instead, he thought companies would slowly start doing it voluntarily, as Coca-Cola Co. (KO: down \$1.63 to \$50.37, Research, Estimates) announced on Monday that it was doing.

Greenspan held up as an example of a desirable model for earnings reports the profit calculations of the Commerce Department for the National Income and Product Accounts. This measure, he pointed out, excludes several one-time items ordinarily reported as earnings and also expenses stock options when they are exercised.

"Although this treatment of the cost of options is not ideal, it is arguably superior to their treatment in shareholder reports, where options are generally not expensed at all," Greenspan said.

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Arts & Entertainment



K-11: The Widowmaker

Based on the story of Russia's first nuclear missile submarine, this film finds Harrison Ford playing a sub captain, who, along with his first mate (Liam Neeson), must lead his crew in averting a nuclear meltdown when the ship's cooling system fails. They fear that if they don't succeed, the resulting explosion could be mistaken for a nuclear attack and could trigger a world war.

Starring Harrison Ford, Liam Neeson, Peter Sarsgaard, Shaun Benson, Joss Ackland, George Anton

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Tadpole

An audience and critical favorite at Sundance, this film is a coming-of-age story about a precocious 15-year-old boy, Oscar Grubman (Aaron Stanford), who speaks fluent French, orders fancy food properly, and has a passion for Voltaire. But during a Thanksgiving break from boarding school, he discovers he's also fond of his stepmother (Sigourney Weaver), whom he feels his workaholic professor dad (John Ritter) is ignoring. Things grow even more complicated after he falls into bed with his stepmother's best friend (Bebe Neuwirth).

Starring Aaron Stanford, Bebe Neuwirth, Sigourney Weaver, John Ritter, Robert Iler, Ron Rifkin

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Monday August 12, 2002 - 8:00 pm
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MIGUEL HARTH-BEDOVA, CONDUCTOR
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2002 Holly Wood Enterprises International Talent Search Tour

By: Tobie Hicks
This week, Hollywood Enterprises for Art and Entertainment talent search had a dozen performers who took the stage to display their talent. The highest scoring winners, Kings Ransom (from Chicago and Los Angeles) and Luther Jackson (from Desoto), will advance to the Semi-Grand Finale.

Judges this week included Dell J. Jochum, Kokenney Entertainment Production, Demetria Postell, Financial specialist, and others from the Metroplex and surrounding areas. Have you ever dreamed of some day being a star? Do you think you have the talent to be the next singing sensation? Well, this is your chance to turn your dreams into a reality by competing in the 2002 Hollywood Enterprises International Talent Search.

The Hollywood Enterprises International Talent Search is the largest talent search tour next to "Who wants to be an American Idol?" Over 500 people are expected to attend this year's events.

All Ages are welcome to compete for the chance to be discovered. Talent scouts from across the country will attend looking for the next big star. Major record labels, Jive Records, Motown, Sony, Def Jam, RCA and Warner Brothers will hear demos and view video taped performances from each contestant. And if picked this may be your opportunity to be the next diva or 'it' star.

If you are a singer dancer, musician, actor, actress, or comedian, and you are interested in competing to reach to finals of the Hollywood Enterprises' Talent Search, come on out to Club Diamonds at 3304B W. Camp Wisdom, Thursday nights at 8:30 pm.

All competitors must arrive 30 minutes prior to show time. Two winners will be chosen each week to go on to compete in the Hollywood Enterprises International Talent search Semi-Grand Finale, scheduled for August 29, 2002. For more information call (817) 355-5004.

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| 4. A WALK TO REMEMBER | 4. A WALK TO REMEMBER |
| 5. HART'S WAR | 5. A BEAUTIFUL MIND |
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| 7. BLACK HAWK DOWN | 7. MONSTER'S BALL |
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| 4. MEN IN BLACK | 4. HART'S WAR |
| 5. MAX KEELER'S BIG MOVE | 5. BLACK HAWK DOWN |
| 6. HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE | 6. SHALLOW HALL |
| 7. AUSTIN POWERS: INTERNATIONAL MAN OF MYSTERY | 7. A BEAUTIFUL MIND |
| 8. OLDSWINS GETTING THERE | 8. MONSTER'S BALL |
| 9. SHREK | 9. ACCESTURA - WHEN NATURE CALLS |
| 10. AUSTIN POWERS: THE SPY WHO SHAGGED ME | 10. IMPOSTER |

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| THE TIME MACHINE* | DEAD HEAT* |
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THIS WEEK: A Closer Look at Lenny Kravitz

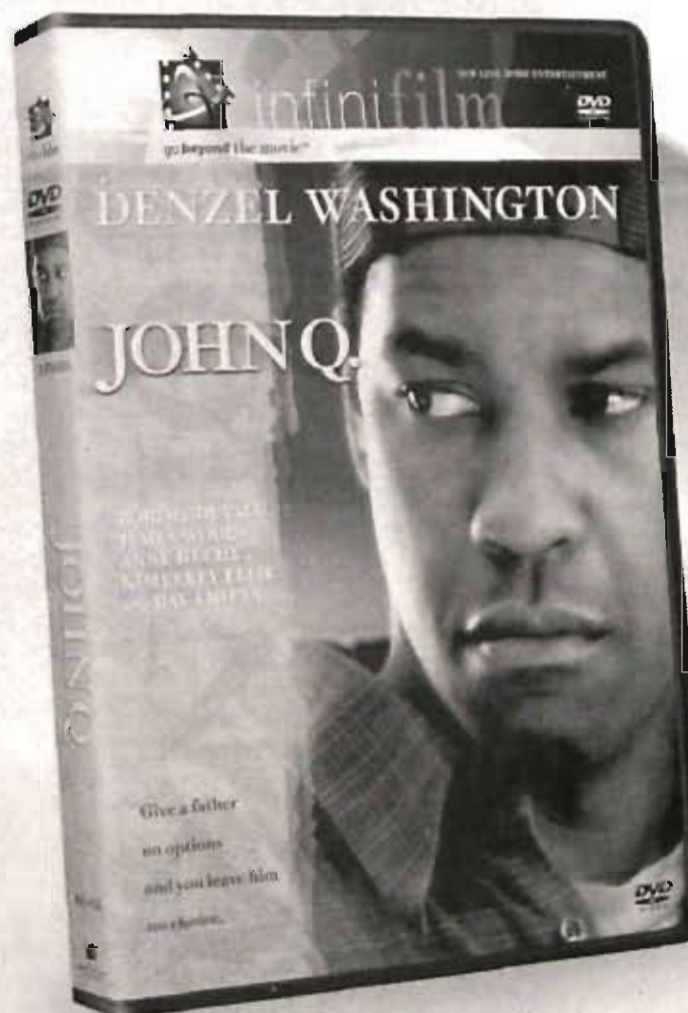


A collage of sounds and styles, of hip-hop grooves and rock guitar, classic melody and 21st century ambience, 5 is Lenny Kravitz at his most eclectic - and his best. Of the record's range, Lenny says, "Making this album, I felt like a kid with a box of crayons. And I used all the colors." An aesthetic chameleon ever since his 1989 debut, Let Love Rule, Kravitz has never been comfortable with borders, boxes, limitations. And with 5, a fascinating mix of old and new, of vintage Lenny and Lenny-right-now, he's again reinventing himself. "The album took eight months, because I had to learn a whole new style of recording," Kravitz says. Lenny produced himself - and enlisted the legendary Terry Manning as engineer. At the beginning of his career Lenny was a pioneer of a return to basic recording, this time Kravitz embraced hi-tech, incorporating his own samples and loops into his trademark tube-amp, down 'n' dirty recording approach. "No tape, this time," Lenny says, "And 'Digital' used to be a dirty word for me. But by working instrument by instrument, building up the sound, I was able to construct the record like a puzzle. I was listening to a lot of New York hip-hop. I like that technique - the sparseness, the groove, the rhythm."

A child of two cultures, Kravitz grew up half-Bahamian, half-Jewish in Manhattan and Brooklyn, the son of TV producer Sy Kravitz and actress Roxie Koker (Heleen on "The Jeffersons"). Raised around music, he dug jazz and R&B in NYC; moving to LA, he sang with the California Boys Choir and recorded with Zubin Mehta.

Lenny Kravitz will be appearing at the Smirnoff Music Center August 15, 2002 along with guests Pink and Abandoned Pools.

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F-150 In King Ranch F-150 SuperCab, a new offering for 2002, seating comfort is provided by front and rear King Ranch leather captains chairs. The front driver and passenger seat cushions and seat backs are heated for added comfort. Lighted visor mirrors with HomeLink and Travelnote are also included in the King Ranch F-150 SuperCab. Behind Seat Storage The new King Ranch F-150 SuperCab features sad-

dle-bag-type seatback pockets for storage convenience.

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Around The Town

July 3 - August 2

Triple Exposure. New Nature Photography Exhibit on display at The Heard Museum in McKinney. Triple Exposure is free with regular admission to the Heard Museum: \$5.00 for adults, \$3 for children 3-12 and senior citizens (60+); children under 3 and members are free. For more information call 972.562.5566 or visit www.heardmuseum.com

July 19

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 three years. For more information contact Values Based Management, Inc., at 214.553.8255, or vbm@airmail.net.

July 19

Friends of the Library Book Sale - Thursday, July 18 to Saturday, July 20. Over 150,000 hardbacks, paperbacks, videos, and recordings priced between 50 cents and \$1. A Collectors Corner features individually priced rare

books and first editions. Proceeds go to the Plano Public Library System to fund equipment, special projects and programs. Thursday 6pm-10pm, admission \$10 per family, \$5 for individuals; Friday 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-3 p.m., free admission. For more information contact Cheri Gross at 972.964.4250.

July 19 - July 21

COLLIN COUNTY YOUTH PARK & FARM MUSEUM located on CR 166 presents the American Quarter Horse Association Show. For more information: 972.548.4793.

July 20

NSA Girls' Fastpitch Western World Series - various sports fields. Call the Plano Parks & Recreation Department at 972.941.7250 for more information.

July 20

Free Back Screenings at Don Natatorium Conference Room, 110 Rivercrest, 1:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Screening provided by Dr. Joseph Dennis. For more information call 972.747.4150.

July 20

Praise Fest 2002. Experience a spiritual breakthrough as we Praise the Lord in song, dance and spoken word at Greater Bethlehem Baptist Church from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Experience the fullness of God's Love at this free event. For more information call 214.421.1800.

July 22

MCKINNEY STORY-TELLING GUILD presents "Summer Vacation & Camp Stories," at 7:00 p.m. in the historic Foote Chapel of Chestnut Square at the SW corner of McDonald St. (Hwy 5) and Anthony St. Free, donations accepted. For more information call Adah Leah Wolf at 972.548.7186, or email ellat@attbi.com.

July 23 - July 28

Junior Players presents a summer production of William Shakespeare's comedy 'As You Like It', 8:15 p.m., at Samuel Grand Park Amphitheater. The production features 25 students from 13 area high schools. For

more information contact Kristen Brandt James at 214.526.4076.

July 24 - July 31

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus at American Airlines Center. For more information call 214.665.4269.

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.

July 26 - July 27

Institute in Basic Life Principles, Anger Resolution Seminar and Children's Institute - Friday from 7 p.m.-10 p.m. and Saturday July 27 from 9 a.m.-9 p.m., at the Plano Centre, Spring Creek and Jupiter Roads. The seminar, taught by Bill Gothard, is designed to help identify causes of anger and how to resolve. Based on Biblical principles, this shows how God's truth and power achieves what our resolve cannot. Admission charges vary. Please call Dallas seminar office at 214.421.0001, or visit www.iblp.org.

July 27 - July 28

The Mount Olive Church of Plano will host a "Dance in the Spirit" Workshop. Special guest will be Victor's In Praise (VIP) Dance Ministry of Loveland Church in Southern California. To Register as an individual or a group, or for more information call Minister LaDonna Singleton at (972) 562-6356, or email ladonnasingleton@yahoo.com.

July 28

The annual concert, known as the 4 Sopranos, is presented by the Mesquite Arts Council at The Mesquite Arts Center. Doors open at 2:30 p.m., concert begins at 3:15 p.m. Hear arias, duets and trios from the most famous operas ever by incredible artists from the United States and Europe. Tickets are \$5. Call the Arts Council at 972.216.6444 for information.

July 31

DFW Community Newspapers Career Fair, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Plano Centre, Spring Creek and Jupiter Roads. Bring your resume. See many area com-

panies. Be prepared for on the spot interviews. Free admission. For more information contact Marsha Kline 972.543.2284 or www.plano-star.com.

July 31

Link & Learn - NetWorking & Playing at the Plano Centre, Spring Creek and Jupiter Roads. Increase your professional and personal network, and gain exposure to networking tools! Link&Learn's goal is to provide up-to-date information on a current topic. This networking experience allows for an exchange of ideas & contacts. Participants leave with strategies for implementation and new links for learning. This third quarterly event includes continental breakfast, seminar, and networking. Admission is \$50 (Free for college students with ID). For more information contact The Learning Advocates - Marybeth Hoestery 972.233.2197, or Luttrell Training & Consulting - Ginger Luttrell 972.727.4120 or visit www.ltcinsights.com.

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