



R.C. Hickman Photo Workshop

Page 2



Scholarship Winners

Page 6



Rick James

Page 7

A Division of

MON
Minority Opportunity News, Inc.

Volume XI, Number XXXII

August 8-August 14, 2002

The Gazette

"North Dallas' Weekly Paper of Choice"

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



On the Homefront:

The Kids' Expo will be held at Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway, August 10-11, from 9:00a.m.-9:00p.m. and Sunday 10:00a.m.-5:00p.m. The Kids' Expo 2002 is the place to come for an incredible day filled with children's activities, entertainment, and parent resources. Come check out the silent auction benefiting with the Arms Open Children's Foundation. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 3-12 years of age. Free admission for children under 2 years and under. For more information contact Alyson Rohrs at (972) 758-7328 or log on to www.TheKidsExpo.com.

Boocoos the Clown will make an appearance at the Allen Public Library, located at 301 Century Parkway, August 8th, 10:15a.m. Admission is free and open to children of all ages. For more information call (972) 727-0195.

The Plano Repertory Theatre presents Jeff Harnar, world-renowned cabaret star. Jeff Harnar is coming to downtown Plano to perform his one-man show, The 1959 Broadway Songbook, on August 10th at the Courtyard Theatre. Mr. Harnar is recognized as one of the brightest stars on the national vocal stage. Ticket prices are \$50 for reserved seating, \$75 for priority seating, and \$100 for priority seating with special dessert reception and private post show concert. Call the Plano Repertory Theatre box office at (972) 422-7460 for tickets.

Beyond Gifts 2nd Annual Art and Craft Show, held at Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway on Saturday, 11:00a.m.-6:00p.m. and Sunday, from noon-5:00p.m. This is an event that's fun for the entire family displaying unique art and crafts. There will be a drawing to win a prize. Admission is free. For more information contact Beyond Gifts at (972) 612-2863 or email beyondgifts@earthlink.net or log on to www.senterprises.com.

INSIDE

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

There is a scholarship out there for you

By Lakeesha Joe

Once again, summer break has come to an end, and it is time for all students to begin and/or return to their perspective schools of learning. Young tykes are returning to their elementary school arenas, pre-teens are easing into junior high school atmospheres, teenagers are beginning or returning to their high school adventure, and those on the way to adulthood are beginning the expensive task of earning a college degree. For those of you who will begin the dubious task of earning your college degree, there is help out there, in the form of money!

Most of us are not blessed with parents or others around us who can completely fund our college education. But that doesn't mean you cannot attend college. There is money for college out there in the form of grants, loans, scholarships, and other avenues.

If you have a strong desire to attend college or begin graduate school, but funds are scarce, there is definitely a scholarship out there for you to receive. Whether you are Black, White, Hispanic, Asian, majoring in engineering or medicine, there is a scholarship to be found.

Earning a scholarship is one of the most common ways that many students are able to attend college, and there are several different types of scholarships available to those students. Here are some examples of the types of scholarships that are available:

The Tylenol Brand Scholarship Fund in the amount of \$250,000, sponsored by Tylenol, McNeil Consumer and Specialty Pharmaceuticals. The makers of the

Tylenol family of products offer this scholarship because they believe in the importance of academic excellence, and they recognize leadership contributions made by students in community and school activities. Students wishing to apply for the Tylenol scholarship must be undergraduate and graduate stu-



dents who display leadership qualities in community and school activities. The applicants must also intend on majoring in areas leading to careers in health-related fields.

The Scholastic Art and Writing Award is another scholarship students can earn. This scholarship awards more than 1 million in prize money and scholarships, and is sponsored by the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers, Inc. The Scholastic Art and Writing Award is the largest and most reputable arts recognition program in the United States. All students in grades 7-12 who are currently enrolled in a pub-

lic or non-public school in the United States, Canada, the U.S. territories, or U.S. sponsored schools abroad are eligible to apply for the scholarship. This prestigious scholarship gives awards in 10 writing categories and 16 art categories.

And for those students who have decided on a major in communication, the National Speakers Association (NSA) has offered a \$4,000 scholarship since 1989. NSA, one of the main organizations for experts who speak professionally, rewards scholarships to college students for their commitment to the future of speech communication. Outstanding junior, senior and graduate students who are majoring or minoring in speech communication are rewarded by NSA's annual scholarship.

If you have a good heart, the Scholarship for Students with Good Hearts is the scholarship for you. The American General Career Distribution Group offers scholarships in the amount of \$500 to \$1,500 to high school seniors who have been recognized for demonstrating the positive character traits of kindness, respect and good citizenship.

Other scholarships include the Ron Brown Scholar Program. This program honors the memory of the late Secretary of Commerce Ronald H. Brown, and was established in 1996. It is sponsored by the CAP Charitable Foundation a private philanthropic foundation, that has provided educational opportunities through a variety of scholarship programs. The Ron Brown Scholar Program gives

See Scholarship page 4

Paulette Owens-Holmes Hired As Administrative Services Director

By: Felicia Coleman

Recently the City of McKinney hired Paulette Owens-Holmes as Administrative Services Director, a position previously held by Victor Pena. In a fast paced and challenging position, Ms. Owens-Holmes' job duties include overseeing and coordinating the departments of Human Resources, Airport, Library, City Secretary, Municipal Court, Purchasing and Public Information.

Mrs. Owens-Holmes said, "When applying for the position I was confident because I am competitive. But of course I wasn't certain until I got the call."

Originally from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, she moved to Texas in 1979 where she attended the University of North Texas in Denton, where she received a Masters of Education in Counseling and Psychology.

The warm weather and Southern hospitality lured her into staying in Texas.

"Up in the mid-west people are distant as opposed to here in the South. It's also colder there," she said.

Ms. Owens-Holmes' previous employment includes five years as Assistant City

Manager in Mankato, Minn., (where she was recognized by Mankato State University as the Outstanding Professional Leader), Assistant Director of Personnel and Employee Relations, and later Director of Human Resources and Employee Relations for the City of Denton for two years. Here she was a finalist for the Diversity Award for the City of Denton).

At the time she applied for her current position, Mrs. Owens-Holmes was the Director of Human Resources for the City of

Arlington. She now commutes from Arlington to McKinney until she and her family find a home in McKinney.

Ms. Owens-Holmes is married to Moses, who works with physically challenged people. They have two children, Jason, 18, a student at Dallas Art Institute, and Martin, 13, a middle school student who is a gifted musician.

See Paulette Owens-Holmes page 3



Paulette Owens-Holmes

Life After Football with Tony "Thrill" Hill

By: Felicia Coleman

From 1977 through 1986, Tony "Thrill" Hill spent 10 seasons in the NFL as wide receiver for the Dallas Cowboys. With Mr. Hill playing as wide receiver, the Cowboys went to Super Bowls XII and XIII and made six playoff appearances. He led the Cowboys in receiving yards for nine consecutive years. Mr. Hill was selected to the Pro Bowl three times. In 1983, he set a club record with 9 receptions in a Cowboys playoff game. He received the Most Valuable Player Award six times. He completed his career with 8,072 total rushing and passing yards. Once Mr. Hill was done with football, he did color commentary for the Home Sports Entertainment channel (now part of Fox broadcasting system) and he had a radio talk show on KGBS. After his retirement from professional football, Mr. Hill started his own business. He was CEO and President of Sports Promotions, Inc. a company specialist in booking celebrity athletes for businesses and charitable organizations. Because his brother died of diabetes, Mr. Hill was involved with the Diabetes Association.

Currently, at age 45, Mr. Hill resides in Plano with his wife Millie and children Cassidy, Kelli, Leslie and Anthony. Millie Hill currently oversees Sports Promotions, Inc. Mr. Hill works as a recreational

service manager for the City of Allen. He has been recreational service manager for 5 weeks. Allen Parks and Recreation is the recipient of a Texas Gold Metal Award for excellence in the field of recreation and park management. Making the transition from professional football to recreational service manager, Mr. Hill said "It's a natural niche. I'm also involved with sports here, so it was a smooth transition."

Many professional athletes tend to run into financial issues after the game. They tend to overlook life, plans, and success after the game of football. For Mr. Hill, there is life after football. After graduating at the age of 20 from Stanford University with a degree in Political Science, Mr. Hill said "I am fortunate enough to have my father as my agent." Mr. Hill said that the transition was difficult financially because "you make a numerous amount of money playing professional football and then all of a sudden it no longer comes in. But I'm doing well. My family is secure and I'm happy with what I'm doing."

Mr. Hill said that if he could, he would not change anything about his life as a professional football player and life after football. He said, "I am blessed. I've used everything as a learning experience."



North Texas Job Corps Center Contract Awarded to the Cube Corporation



(L to R): Rick Orphin, Bill Matteo, Sheila Rivera, John Stewart, Jack Memoia, Richard Abbott, June Boswell, Jerry Hines, and Dale Getz

The U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Division Office of Job Corps of the Dallas Region, awarded operation of the North Texas Job Corps Center in McKinney, Texas to the Cube Corporation of Sterling Virginia, effective August 1, 2002.

In a Mentor-Protégé contract agreement with the Department of Labor, beginning August 1, 2000, the Vinnell Corporation, a successful Job Corps contractor with many years of experience, partnered with The Cube Corporation to operate the Center. With responsibility for the center dating back to April 1995, and with award of a new contract beginning August 1, 2000, the Vinnell Corporation took on the role of assisting The Cube Corporation, a minority owned small business to gain the skills and experience necessary to successfully assume full responsibility for the operation of the Center beginning with the third year of the contract, August 1, 2000.

As scheduled, based on performance of the Protégé and approval of the Department of Labor, the Vinnell Corporation is now prepared to step back and serve as a subcontractor on the Center with The Cube Corporation assuming full responsibility for overall operations. As a successful Job Corps operator, with eight other Job Corps Centers located throughout the United States, the Vinnell Corporation will serve as a valued resource to The Cube Corporation as they continue involvement with the Center as a major sub contractor.

The North Texas Job Corps Center is one of 116 established Job Corps Centers located throughout the United States, serving nearly 70,000 youth annually. Job Corps is America's leading residential employment and training program for at-risk young adults. Established by Congress in 1964, and administered by the U.S. Department of Labor, Job Corps has trained more than two million young people. As a

voluntary Career Development Services, it has trained more than two million young people. As a voluntary Career Development Services System designed to train young adults between the ages of 16-24, Job Corps assists trainees to gain employability skills and social competencies while providing the educational and vocational training necessary to get good jobs and long term career development. The North Texas Job Corps Center serves 650 youth in a residential program and employs more than 250 full time staff members.

The Cube Corporation was founded in Fairfax County, in 1994 by Jack Mencia and Jerry Hines, with the goal of growing into a premier Service Company with a specialized focus on facilities management of government and commercial services. Since 1994 The Cube Corporation has rapidly expanded to become one of the most sought after service contractors in the

See Cube Corporation page 6

RC Hickman Young Photographers Workshop Wraps with Guest Lecture Series

Dallas- Photographer Milton L. Hinnant gave a profound presentation at the Dallas Public Library's Eric Jonsson Branch, at which he revealed some of his favorite photos taken from around the world. He addressed an enthusiastic group of photo aspirants and professionals alike, participants in the RC Hickman Young Photographers Workshop. Generously sharing his knowledge of the camera as well as his experiences behind the camera made for an illuminating afternoon. He spoke

of his spontaneity of taking pictures and how he practiced, practiced and practiced to perfect his art. His presentation was an interactive one in which he answered questions put forth by the audience. Milton Hinnant is a staff photographer with the Dallas Morning News, and he has over twenty years experience in the business.

His presentation/lecture proved motivating and his photos were a fascinating feast for the eyes. Hinnant was also applauded with recognitions from national state

and local officials for his untiring work with the youth and for his work with the Artist & Elaine Thornton Foundation For The Arts. The program was moderated by Artist Thornton II, Executive Director of the foundation, and refreshments were served in the lobby.

Now in its eleventh year, the photography programs presented by the Artist & Elaine Thornton Foundation For The Arts which comprise the RC Hickman Young Photographers Workshop and the

Gordon Parks Young Photographers Competition, now in its sixth year, encourages youngsters to use their artistic creativity when working with the camera, and to also consider photography as a career.

Sponsors of the event include Nikon, Ritz/Wolf Cameras, the City Of Dallas Office Of Cultural Affairs, Minyard Food Stores, Albertsons and the Dallas Morning News. For more information about this program log on to artist-stuff.com



RC Hickman shared his life's experiences behind the camera as a journalist and photojournalist recently at a workshop session held at the Pearl C. Anderson Learning Center. The Workshop program, named in his honor instructs youngsters to focus their talents on the creative aspects of taking pictures.

Photos by Carl Sidle



Milton Hinnant, talented prolific photojournalist ready for his day of travel to the Dallas Morning News to illustrate the importance of photography. He has instructed youngsters since the inception of the RC Hickman Young Photographers Workshop.



During his special presentation to the students at the RC Hickman Young Photographers Workshop, Mr. Hinnant explained the experience behind the photo, The Colored City Hall. Hinnant is affectionately known as the keeper of the African American record.



Beatrice McElride, photographer extraordinaire, makes presentation of recognition to this year's guest lecturer, Mr. Milton Hinnant. During the course of the program Hinnant received resolutions from city, state and national officials.



Jessie Hornbuckle, popular freelance photographer, shares his wealth of knowledge with the youngsters as they participate in the annual RC Hickman Young Photographers Workshop.



RC Hickman (above center) pauses a moment with some of the students in the RC Hickman Young Photographers Workshop, during the culmination portion of the program.

Winners Are Announced in Annual Gordon Parks Young Photographers Competition!

First, Second and Third place prizes have been bestowed on the winners of this year's Gordon Parks Young Photographers Competition. The announcements of the winners were held at the Bath House Cultural Center at White Rock Lake. This year's winners are Tam Nguyen, age 11, for 1st place, Nia Lindsey, age 16, for 2nd place, and Classi Nance, age 18 for 3rd place. The Summer events gives amateur photogra-



First Place Photo by Tam Nguyen



Second Place Photo by Nia Lindsey



Third Place Photo by Classi Nance

phers between the ages of 10 and 18 years of age the opportunity to win prizes of \$300, \$200 and \$100 by entering their photos in a judging competition. Now in its sixth year, the Artist & Elaine Thornton Foundation For The Arts, Inc. present the Gordon Parks Young Photographers Competition each year. Sponsors of the event include Nikon, Ritz/Wolf Cameras, the City Of Dallas Office Of Cultural Affairs, Minyard Food Stores, Albertsons and the Dallas Morning News.

For more information about this program log on to artist-stuff.com.



Dr. Jay L. Foster, Pastor of First Baptist Church

MON-The Gazette would like to apologize for the typos in the August 1-August 7, 2002 edition. To Dr. J. Lee Foster, Pastor of First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park and Councilman Alan Walne, we express our deepest apologies. Hamilton Park Community is 48 years old this year, established in August 1954. MON-The Gazette is committed to the "Hamilton Park Conservatory Campaign".

"Working with DART has put us on level ground with our competitors."

"As a minority-owned business, we've had our challenges working in the specialty advertising and promotional products industry. DART has taken advantage of our great pricing, quality products and service, giving us the opportunity to compete with the big guys."

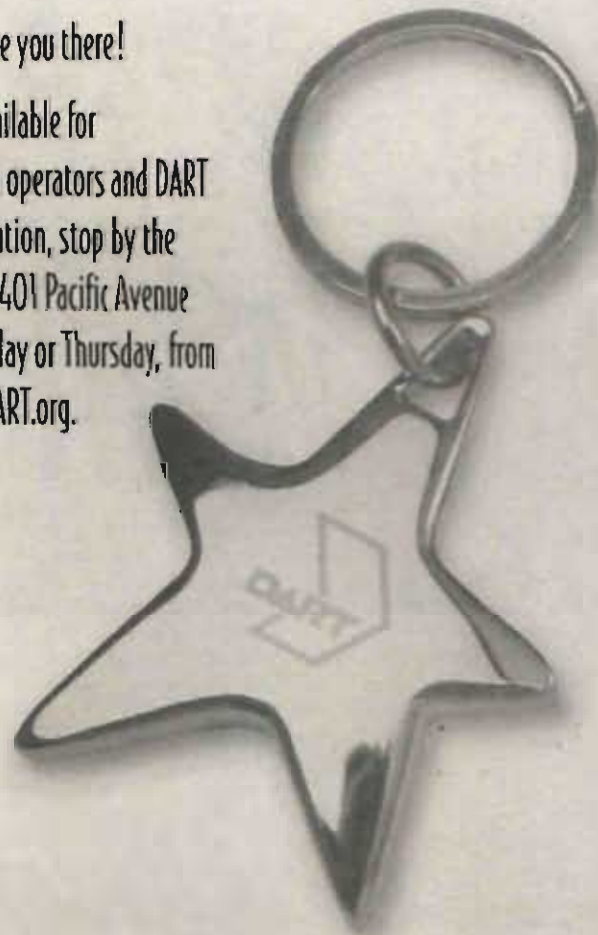
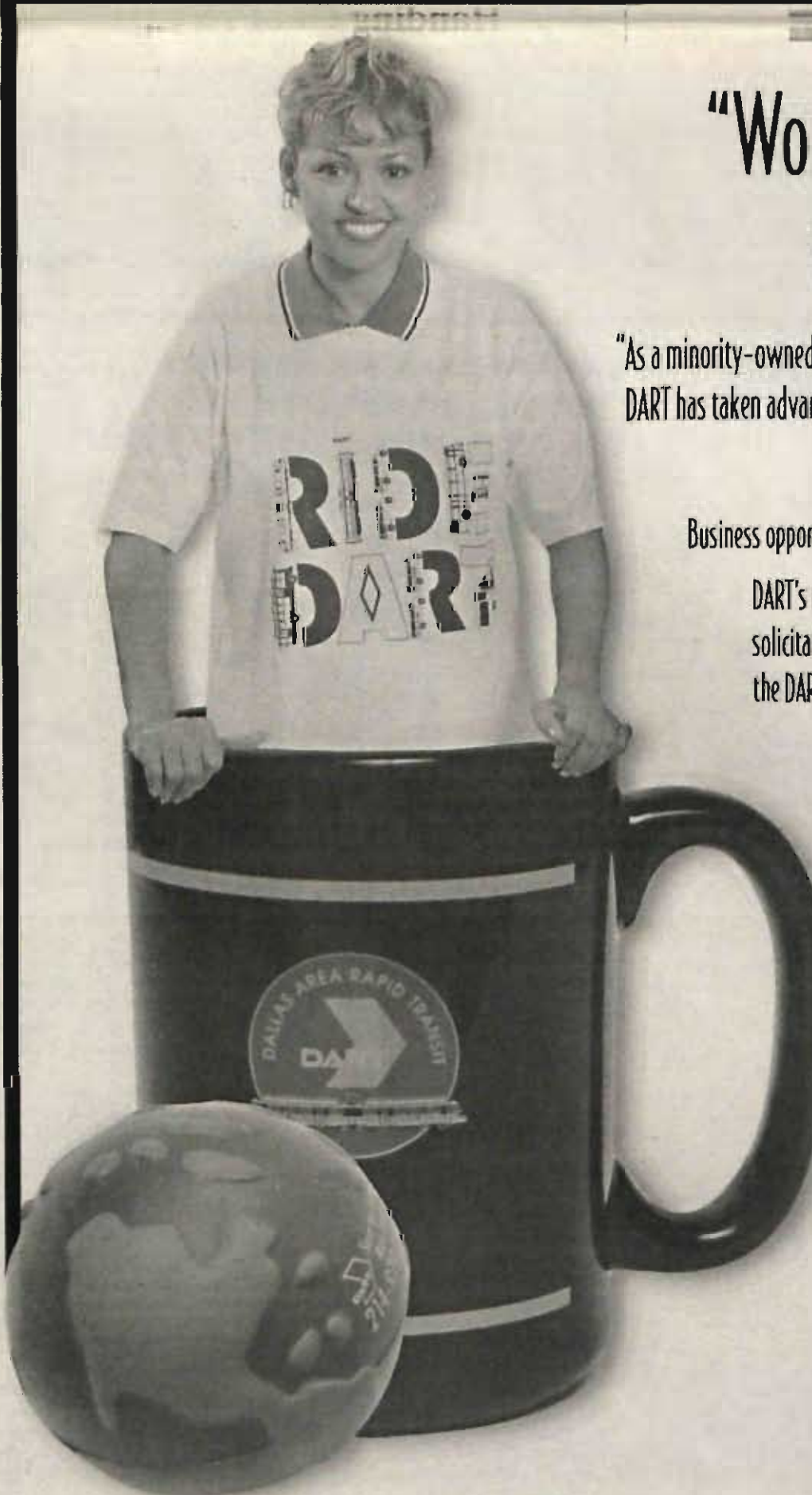
- Donna Joyner, Cal-Joy Concepts, Inc.

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

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

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

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



THE TRUTH CLINIC Do Blacks Really Care?

By James W. Breedlove

Blacks have made great progress over the years, but we have a long way to go, and we seem to be in a state of deep disagreement about how to move forward.

The State of Black America report, published annually by the National Urban League, presents a current snapshot of black America. With this report and others vividly illustrating black America's wide disparity with the majority, there does not appear to be any collective attempt on the part of Blacks to cure the problem. This raises the question, Do Blacks Really Care?

Violence, joblessness, drug abuse, and family disintegration have led to widely differing interpretations of what has gone wrong. Entire communities have become slums. Black senior citizens often have to leave their homes, where a lifetime has been invested, because drugs, crime and disorder have become intolerable. Young people are roaming the streets, being mentored by the seedy purveyors of the "good life" not realizing that the good life is also the ticket to a short life.

And significant numbers of blacks, both middle-class and poor, point the finger of blame at the malevolent white power for the disruption and dislocation in black neighborhoods. There is a notion that ongoing white racism is the main barrier to black progress, and that affirmative action and massive government "Marshall Plans" are the appropriate remedy. But is this the answer?

After twenty five years and billions of dollars spent on programs supposedly meant to eliminate poverty, illiteracy and the underclass, the best that has

happened is the disparities have been somewhat stabilized. With this debilitating experience base how can black leaders continue to implement a strategy whose foundation is more of the same programs?

Blacks are earning over 600 billion dollars each year. Yet census data on minority businesses indicate that black business is getting approximately 3 percent of those dollars. Is it any wonder that the black economic index is at the bottom of the ladder when compared to white, Asian and Hispanic businesses?

It isn't because we have not experienced the value of supporting our own businesses. The Greenwood community in Tulsa, Oklahoma comes to mind as just one example of the successful application of black self-determination and mutual support. In the early 1900's blacks had developed an economically thriving business base in Greenwood that was known as "The Negro Wall Street". Blacks owned hotels, banks, theaters, hospitals, schools, and other entrepreneurial ventures that supported the black community. The white establishment, seeing this success, wanted to take it over. On the pretext of an alleged rape of a white woman, the riot of 1921 erupted and white racists completely destroyed the 36 blocks of the black economic base.

And it is not that blacks do not have money. But what blacks do with their money is one of the main impediments to achieving economic parity. We are 12 percent of the population yet we buy 40 percent of the recorded music sold. We drink 20 percent of the whiskey. Proportionately we spend three times more than whites on movies. Yet we are negligible

producers of these commodities. The problem is we use our money in a way that does not pay dividends toward our economic freedom.

And the victims are Black businesses all over the country that are going bankrupt because of the greatest economic boycott conducted in America. That of blacks against their own businesses. In turning away from consciously supporting black business, blacks accomplish what racism and discrimination failed to do—decimate our own communities.

But this is not a one-way street. Black consumers should not be expected to support businesses that provide inferior products and services at non-competitive prices. Collectively the black consumer, the black businessperson, and the community must work together to ensure that the community's needs are being supplied in a competitive consumer friendly manner. Then perhaps the perception that the ice purchased at a white store is colder than ice from a black store will be demystified. Ineffective inefficient black businesses should not be supported because they use community resources with no possibility of giving the community a return on its investment.

So what is the answer to the initial question? Do Blacks really care about the disparity problem or is it a collective lack of mutually beneficial action? I want to believe it is the latter.

If Blacks do care then respond to the call of Marcus Garvey, "Up! Up! You mighty race. You can accomplish what you will."

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

SOMEONE CARES

Feeling angry, depressed and rejected,
wondering if your life can ever be corrected.

Needing someone to call your very own,
someone who's love and devotion is clearly shown.

Someone to sit and talk to, who will understand your dreams, your wishes,
and the things you would like to plan.

Someone to laugh and have fun with,
Someone to help you enjoy life just a little bit.

Life does have it's way of dealing low blows, Leaving you confused,
unhappy and wandering which way to go.

When all your efforts to find or recapture
happiness have been at their best, Then only God can do the rest.

Dorothy Martin © 1979

College Tuition Assistance

By: Tobl Hicks

A conservative estimate of college costs for a full-time student runs from \$10,000-\$30,000; high cost colleges can run from \$40,000-\$100,000! Most parents and students think that scholarships are only for the students with excellent grades, low-income families, or the athletically inclined. A few examples of the numerous scholarships available to students include, Handicapped Student Scholarships, Members of a Church Scholarships, Scholarships for "C" Students, Veteran Children's Scholarships, Scholarships for Minorities and much, much more.

Though the majority of

scholarships are from the Federal Government and are merit and/or need based, billions of dollars are available to students from private sector scholarships. Much of private sector financial aid goes unused because the parents and students do not know how or where to apply.

There are organizations that have spent hundreds of hours in research locating scholarship sources. The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance-College Bound is such an organization and supplies the public with over 900 different private scholarship sources. The scholarship lists include the scholarship names, addresses, and application deadlines, summaries about the scholarships and the amount the scholarship will pay your child.

Many scholarships pay the entire tuition; others can be applied towards tuition, living expenses, and/or other fees. Most scholarships can be used at junior colleges, career and vocational schools, 4 year colleges, graduate schools, medical and law schools.

For more information on obtaining these scholarship lists, send a self-addressed, stamped, business size, #10, envelope to: The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance, P.O. Box 668, O'Fallon, IL 62269.

Billie Meador

FINANCIAL FOCUS Know "Gift Tax" Rules Before Handing Out Presents



Paulette OwensHolmes
from Page 1

"We are a close family. To stay close we eat together and travel together. My family is my rock and my balance," said Ms. Owens-Holmes. "Had it not been for my family, I would have never been successful."

Ms. Owens-Holmes described her first week of Administrative Services Executive Director as fast but tedious.

"It was fast but I'm back looking for more challenges. I'm enjoying it. And the welcome and expertise of the staff ... was like sunshine."



Paulette Owens-Holmes

The City of McKinney has a budget of \$98,000 a year and a car allowance of \$475 per month for the position. And for this, Ms. Owens-Holmes intends making a difference in the community.

"I hope to bring growth to the City of McKinney and make a difference in the community. I hope that I will be a role model to women and other people in the field," she added. "The employees of the City of McKinney have been dedicated, and I look forward to working with the staff."

If you plan on giving cash or financial assets to your family, you'll want to make sure you avoid a side effect of your generosity - gift taxes.

Gift tax laws are designed to discourage people from giving away all their assets to reduce the estate tax burden on their heirs. And yet, by being creative, you can still make sizable presents to your loved ones, without being hit by heavy gift taxes.

Before making any gifts, though, you'll want to familiarize yourself with gift tax regulations. To begin with, you can give away \$11,000 to any one person in any one year. Gifts above that amount may be subject to the gift tax, which, in 2002, can be as high as 50 percent, depending on the size of your taxable estate. The top gift tax rate is scheduled to gradually decline, until it reaches 35 percent in 2010.

Of course, \$11,000 is not an insignificant sum. But if you want to give your child or grandchild even more, your spouse can also contribute \$11,000, thereby doubling your gift. And the two of you can keep making the cumulative \$22,000 gift year after year.

Furthermore, there's no limit

on the number of people to whom you can give the \$11,000 annual gift. You can make gifts to your children, your children's spouses, your grandchildren, your nephews and nieces, your friends - anyone you choose.

In fact, by making multiple, repetitive gifts, you can greatly reduce the size of your taxable estate. Under current law, you can give away up to \$1 million in your lifetime, in addition to the \$11,000 annual gifts, without being required to pay gift taxes. Consequently, gifting can be an important estate-planning tool. (Right now, estate taxes are slated for elimination in 2010, but there's no guarantee they won't be reinstated by a future Congress and administration.)

Gifts of financial assets. Thus far, we've only talked about cash gifts. But you may well decide to give your children or other family members gifts of other financial assets, such as stocks. If you do, you'll still face the same \$11,000 limit, but you'll also have some other issues to consider.

Suppose, for example, that many years ago, you bought some stock worth \$7,000. Today, your shares are worth \$11,000. If you

were to sell your shares, you'd have to pay capital gains taxes on your \$4,000 profit. If you decided to give these shares to your grandson, you could escape the capital gains tax - but your grandson couldn't. Even though he only acquired the stock when it was at the \$11,000 level, he will have to pay capital gains on the \$4,000 appreciation - plus any other price increase - when he sells the stock.

Does this mean you should never make a gift of appreciated stock? Not necessarily. But if you do, make sure you communicate all the tax ramifications to your intended recipients - before you make the gift. In fact, it's a good idea to talk to talk beforehand to everyone to whom you plan to give a gift. By providing them with some advance notice, you'll give them advance to plan ahead - and to get the most out of your philanthropy.

Billie Meador is an Investment Representative for Edward Jones. She can be reached at 972-208-5688 or toll free 888-758-0950. Billie Meador is an Investment Representative for Edward Jones. She can be reached at 972-208-5688 or toll free 888-758-0950.

MON The Gazette
"North Dallas" Weekly Paper of Choice
Serving PLANO, DALLAS, RICHARDSON, GARLAND, ALLEN, MCKINNEY AND MESQUITE
Founded 1991
6100 Avenue K, Suite 105 • Plano, Texas 75074

Chairman Emeritus
Jim Bochum

Publisher
Thurman R. Jones

Office Manager

Vice President National Sales and Marketing
Michael T. Caesar

Sales Department
Eve Clark
Billy Parnell
Brenda Alexander

Sales Department:
Phone: (972) 606-7351
Fax: (972) 509-9058
Email: toj@subell.net

Assignment Editor
Thurman R. Jones

Staff Writers
Felicia Coleman
Tibavira (Tobi) Hicks
Brandy Jones

Contributing Writers
Monica Thornton
Lakesha Joe
Anthony Jones
Shauna Benoit

Photography
Shauna Benoit
Ekborah Kellogg
Maggie YBarra
Frank Low

Editorial Department:
(972) 516-2992
Fax: (972) 516-4197
Email: mon-edit@swbell.net

Advisory Board:
John Dudley
John Whitman
Meredith Hightower
Paul Moore
Anne Dickson
Carol Stebbins
Bry Thomas

Advisory Board Committees:
Public Relations: Planning and Implementation
Carol Stebbins, CHRONICLES

Business Growth Referral
John Dudley, CHRONICLES

Quality Assurance
Merrill Whitman
Carol Stebbins
Ben Thomas

Program Policy Development
Anne Dickson, CHRONICLES

Program Creation and Planning

Goals Committee

Is the sky clearest on the day it is most blue?

While you ponder that thought we would like to announce that Minority Opportunity News, Inc., formerly a Dallas-based renaissance community tabloid, founded in 1991, has relocated to Plano, Texas, and changed our name to MON-The Gazette. In addition to moving our offices to Plano, our editorial coverage has also shifted to encompass Dallas' 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 prosperity outside the southern region or just want to know what is going on up north.

Think of MON-The Gazette as your paper of opportunity!

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



Scholarship from Page 1

scholarships to African American students who have demonstrated high academic achievement. What is truly unique about this particular scholarship is not only does it give each qualifying student \$40,000 for college, it also provides guidance (through a mentor program) for the student throughout their academic career. The Ron Brown Scholar Program also coordinates summer study-abroad programs and internships for scholarship winners.

Another great scholarship to apply for is the Jackie Robinson Scholarship, funded by the Jackie Robinson Foundation. This Scholarship began in 1973 in memory of baseball great Jackie Robinson, and provides education and leadership development opportunities for African American students. Winners of the scholarship will receive \$6,000 per year for four years. The Jackie Robinson Scholarship also provides mentors for its scholarship winners in addition to assisting them in locating summer internships.

If you are a graduate student, don't think that you have been left out of the college scholarship arena. There are several scholarships offered to those who are entering graduate school.

The National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers (NOBCChE) is offering three graduate scholarships that include the Eastman Kodak Dr. Theophilus Sorrell Award worth \$13,500, the Procter & Gamble Fellowship Award worth \$17,000, and the E.I. DuPont Award worth \$10,000.

NOBCChE also offers scholarships to graduating high school students and undergraduate students seeking a degree in science or engineering. NOBCChE offers the James E. Evans Award of \$5,000 to high school graduates and the NOBCChE Undergraduate Award of \$2500 to an outstanding student in Chemistry or Chemical Engineering.

These scholarships mentioned are just a few among the many

scholarships offered to students each year. These and many other scholarships can be found on websites such as www.collegescholarships.com and www.scholarships.kachinatech.com. Scholarship information can also be found in several books such as *Cash for College: The Ultimate Guide to College Scholarship*, Dan Cassidy's *Worldwide College Scholarship Directory: Thousands of Top Scholarships Throughout the United States & Around the World*, Princeton Review's *Scholarship Advisor 2000: Hundred of Thousands of Scholarships Worth Over \$ Billion*, *Graduate Student's Complete Scholarship Book*, *Scholarships: 2000 Edition*, Kaplan Scholarship Series, and many other books.

Most scholarships have already been given out for the 2002-2003 school year, but if you are in need of money for the 2003-2004 school year, start searching for your scholarship for the 2003-2004 school year now!



Nationally Certified Programs.

Connecting the World
of Tomorrow.

CCCCD Training Academies.


COLLIN COUNTY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Transforming Education.
www.ccccd.edu

TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY

Simply the

BEST



- U.S. News and World Report nationally ranked programs in library services, school librarianship, physical therapy and occupational therapy

- Seventh nationally in health sciences doctoral degrees

- Undergraduate nutrition program ranked 23rd in the world

- Health studies doctoral program ranked second nationally

- Largest number of health care graduates annually in Texas, including 13 percent of new nurses

TWU

TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY

DENTON DALLAS HOUSTON

1-866-809-6130 940-898-3188 www.twu.edu admissions@twu.edu

Be A Better Geek!

Check all these choices!



Register Now
At Your Favorite Dallas
Community College.

DCCCD Information Technologies Programs

- A+
- AS/400
- CISC
- C-Programming
- COBOL Programming
- Computer Aided Drafting & Design (CADD)
- Digital Imaging
- e-Commerce
- Geographic Information Systems
- Internet Publishing & e-Commerce Technologies
- JAVA Programming
- Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE)
- Microsoft Certified Product Specialist (MCP)
- Microsoft Certified Professional - Internet (MCP + Internet)
- Microsoft Certified Solutions Developer (MCSD)
- Microsoft Certified Database Administrator (MCDBA)
- Microsoft Office User Specialist (MOUS)
- Multimedia Developer
- Network Administrator & Support
- Novell Network Administration
- NT/Windows 2000 Networking
- Oracle
- Personal Computer Support
- RPG Programming
- Software Programmer/Developer
- Unix System Administrator
- Visual Basic Programming
- Web Design
- Windows 2000

Register NOW Fall Semester.

Fall Classes Begin August 26.

Get Info at Metro 817-COLLEGE or www.dcccd.edu.

Brookhaven • Cedar Valley • Eastfield • El Centro • Mountain View
North Lake • Richland • Dallas State College • Bill J. Priest Institute

The Dallas County Community College District



The Afro-American



John Henry Murphy Sr.
(1840-1922)
Founder of the
Afro-American
Newspaper

By Tobi Hicks

The Afro-American newspaper has crusaded for racial equality and economic advancement for Black Americans for more than a century. The first issue of The Afro-American newspaper was published in Baltimore on August 13, 1892. John Henry Murphy Sr., founded the paper when he merged his church publication, The Sunday School Helper with two other church publications. By 1922, Murphy had evolved the newspaper from a one-page weekly church publication into the most widely circulated black paper along the coastal Atlantic, and used it to challenge Jim Crow practices in Maryland. Murphy died on April 5, 1922. His five sons, each of whom had been trained in different areas of the newspaper business, continued to manage The Afro-American. Two of his sons, Carl and Arnett Murphy, served respectively as editor-publisher and advertising director.

While under the control of Carl Murphy, who served as its editor-publisher for 45 years, the Afro-American quickly became a nationally recognized newspaper. The newspaper was circulated in Baltimore, with regional editions



Carl J. Murphy (1889-1967)
made the Afro-American into
the most powerful Black-
owned publication in the mid-
Atlantic.

circulated in Washington, D.C. twice weekly and in Philadelphia, Richmond, and Newark, once a week. At one time there were as many as 13 editions circulated across the country. The Afro-American profoundly affected social change on a national scale because it was a black paper circulating in several predominantly black communities.

Carl Murphy used the editorial pages of The Afro-American to push for the hiring of African Americans by Baltimore's police and fire departments; to press for black representation in the legislature; and for the establishment of a state supported university to educate African Americans.

In the 1930's The Afro-American began a successful campaign known as "The Clean Block", which still exists today. The campaign became an annual event aimed at improving the appearance of, and reducing crime in inner-city neighborhoods. The Afro-American also campaigned against the Southern Railroad's use of Jim Crow cars, and fought to obtain equal pay for black schoolteachers in Maryland.

In the mid 1930s it became the first black newspaper to employ a female sportswriter when it hired Lillian Johnson and Nell Dodson to serve on its staff. In 1936, renowned artist Romare Bearden began his career as a cartoonist at The Afro-American.

Sam Lacy was hired as the paper's sports editor in 1941. Today at the age of 94, he still writes a weekly column for the paper. Lacy used his weekly "A to Z" column to campaign for integration of professional sports. Using their writing to protest racial inequities in professional sports, Lacy and sports writers such as Wendell Smith of The Pittsburgh Courier helped to open doors for black athletes.

During World War II, The Afro-American stationed several of its reporters in Europe, the Aleutians, Africa, Japan, and other parts of the South Pacific, and provided its readers with first hand coverage of the war. One of its reporters and Carl Murphy's daughter, Elizabeth Murphy Phillips Moser, was the first black female correspondent.

The Afro-American teamed up with The National Association

for the Advancement of Colored People on many civil rights cases. In the 1950s the newspaper joined forces with the NAACP in lawsuit against the University of Maryland Law School for its segregationist admission policies. Their combined efforts eventually led to the U.S. Supreme Court's 1954 decision outlawing segregated public schools. The Afro-American also supported actor/singer Paul Robeson and sociologist W.E.B. DuBois during the anti-Communist campaigns of the Joseph McCarthy era.

The paper has also employed many notable black journalists and intellectuals including Langston Hughes, William Worthly and J. Saunders Redding. After Carl Murphy in 1967, his daughter Frances L. Murphy II served as chairman and publisher. In 1974, John Murphy III, Carl's nephew, was appointed chairman and eventually became the publisher. Fourth generation members of the Murphy family, John J. Oliver, Jr. and Frances M. Draper, still continue to manage the paper.



Sports Section of the Afro-American Newspaper

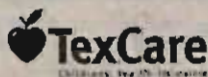


Say Ahhh!

"Now that we have children's health insurance coverage through TexCare, we pay only \$18 a month."

We have a family doctor who knows our son by name and treats him with the care he gives all his patients. Before TexCare, we thought our only option was the emergency room.

Now we know someone will be there for our son and all our children, just in case."



www.texcarepartnership.com

1-800-647-6558

Town Meeting Set for August 13

The City of Garland will broadcast a Town Meeting for residents on Tuesday, August 13, 2002. The program, hosted by Sharon Stotts, District 6 Council Member, and Randall Dunning, District 8 Council Member, will be aired live on cable CGTV-16 at 7:00 p.m.

A call-in format allows residents from Districts 6 and 8 to ask their City

Council representatives questions about their neighborhoods. Each Council Representative will give a "state of the district" message, then citizens can call 972-205-CITY with their questions and comments.

Another Town Meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2002. Council members Harold Hickey, District 3, and

Weldon Bradley, District 4, will host that meeting.

Citizens without cable access may attend the meetings in person. Questions will be taken from the audience following the live broadcast. The meetings are held in the Garland City Council chambers at Garland City Hall, First Floor, 200 North Fifth Street.



Tiffani Price
Director, External Affairs

Texas Needs Pro-Investment Broadband Policy

Texas has suffered immensely from the recent technology meltdown. The Texas Workforce Commission recently reported the state lost over 38,000 high-tech jobs in 2001.

Recovery won't happen overnight, but there may be good news ahead. Broadband deployment can be an important catalyst for getting the Texas economy on track. But that won't happen unless the Texas Legislature adopts a state policy encouraging ongoing broadband investment.

Broadband is the technology that makes faster Internet connections possible. With broadband, a Bastrop business can videoconference with Dallas clients. A San Saba entrepreneur can run a distribution business from her home. The possibilities are endless.

Unfortunately, broadband investment isn't happening the way it could. Companies like SBC Southwestern Bell are eager to bring broadband's benefits to customers. While our flagship broadband offering is Digital Subscriber Line (DSL), we partnered with a satellite vendor to ensure greater availability of high-speed Internet access.

Investment has stalled due to Texas' uneven regulations. Cable companies, our chief competitors, operate almost regulation-free, helping them corner almost 70 percent of the high-speed market. Meanwhile, companies offering DSL must comply with rules intended for the traditional telephone business — a disparity that makes DSL more expensive to deploy and an uncertain investment.

The effect of the disparity is DSL isn't being made available to many communities that would otherwise be attractive for investment. While today's version of DSL won't ever be viable in certain locations, other high-speed technologies similar to DSL will be. It will be just as difficult to justify investing in any new services if policymakers continue to single them out for unique regulatory burdens.

In 2003, the Texas Legislature can send a strong signal to regulators: Texans want a robust environment for broadband investment. Lawmakers can accept the status quo — and watch broadband go to states with policies encouraging investment — or they can demand an environment to keep broadband benefits here in Texas.

Tiffani Price
Tiffani Price
Director, External Affairs

For more information
about high-speed
Internet access,
please visit
www.connecttexas.org



Kroger
WHERE IT COSTS LESS TO GET MORE

Tyson
Save \$2.30 Lb. with card

Fresh Grade "A" Boneless Skinless
Chicken Tenders or Tyson Boneless Chicken Breast Lb. **\$1.69** CARD PRICE

Red or White Seedless Grapes Lb. **79¢** CARD PRICE

In Store Roasted Original Rotisserie Chicken Ea. **\$3.99** CARD PRICE

Kroger Milk Half Gallon Plastic Jug 1%, 2%, Skim or Lowfat Chocolate **99¢** Ea. CARD PRICE

Kroger Orange Juice 15 Oz. Box Frost Loops, 12.5 Oz. Box Original Rice Krispies or 20 Oz. Box **\$1.77** Ea. CARD PRICE

Kellogg's Raisin Bran Cereal **\$1.77** Ea. CARD PRICE

Marlboro, Camel or Winston **\$27.99** Ea. CARD PRICE

THIS AD VALID WED., AUGUST 7 THRU TUES., AUGUST 13, 2002. Copyright 2002. Kroger Texas L.P.

Justin Thompson Awarded Scholarship from Washington University

By: Tobl Hicks

"I'm excited more so than anything, you always wonder what it will be like," said scholarship winner Justin Thompson.

And now the 18-year old high school graduate looks forward to attending Washington University in St. Louis Missouri, this fall, beginning August 15th.

Thompson is a well-rounded student. He was a member of the soccer team, football team, track team, Debate Team, Chess Club, and was an active member of the Honors Cum Laude Society. He graduated in the summer of 2002, from the Fort Worth Country Day School. Thompson was named a John Irving Scholar, a National Merit Scholar, National Achievement Scholar, and National Arts Scholar. Scholarships he was awarded included \$120,000 scholarship from Washington University, scholarships from Rice University, the University of Southern California, and acceptance letters from the University of George Town, and Stanford University. But Thompson selected Washington University, where he will study business and medicine. We wish him the best.



Brenda and Michael Thompson with their son Justin (Scholarship Winner)

H. Rick Jordan Receives Business Scholarship of Concord Baptist Church

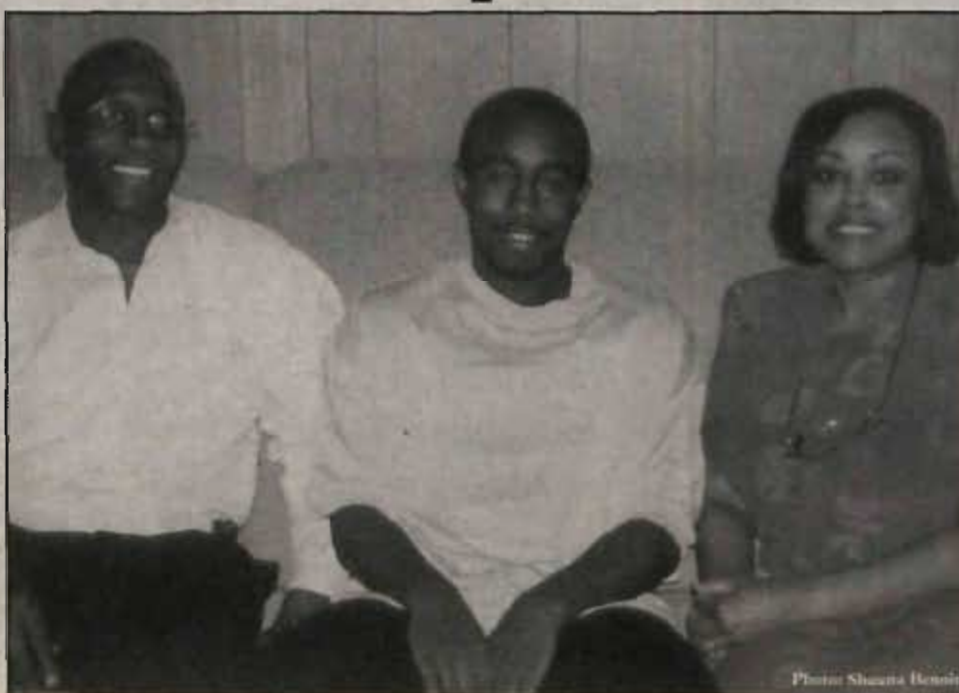
By: Tobl Hicks

As a student at Desoto High School, H. Rick Jordan could best be described as responsible, hard working, and outgoing. He was a two-year letterman in basketball and an active member of PALS-Peer Assistance Leadership.

As a member of Concord Baptist Church, he served as an usher, and was an enthusiastic volunteer of the Holmes Street Foundation, a program for drug and alcohol-addicted young men between the ages of 13-17. This is licensed by The Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse to Provide Substance Abuse Counseling and Family Therapy.

Jordan's father, Rev. Rick Jordan and mother, Sandra, have been very supportive of their son's efforts to immerse himself in community involvement. "My parents have given me encouraging words and showed me how to be responsible and respectful," said Jordan.

On Sunday, July 21, 2002, the Jordan family attended service at Concord Baptist Church, where H. Rick Jordan along with nineteen other graduating seniors, were each presented with a \$1,000 scholarship award. Through fundraisers and donations by church members, Concord Baptist Church was able to raise up \$150,000 and donate \$82,000 to its graduate students. Jordan



(L to R): Rick Jordan, H. Rick Jordan (Scholarship Winner), and Sandra Jordan

received a \$1,000 business scholarship of Concord Baptist Church. He is now attending Morehouse College where he plans to graduate in three years with a B.A. degree in Marketing.

"I felt fortunate and blessed, because that's \$1,000 that my parents wouldn't have

to pay, and every bit counts," said Jordan.

Cube Corporation from Page 1



Charles and his father, Willie Wattley

nation. The company's current business focus is grouped into four service areas including: education and training, facilities operation & management, engineering & construction services and logistics support services.

From its humble but spirited beginning; The Cube Corporation has grown into a large business with more than 1,000 employees, on 27 contracts operating in 30 states and Puerto Rico. Special recognition for The Cube Corporation has included being named Virginia Business' Vanguard Award Winner in the Service Field in both 2001 and 2002, as well as being named Small Business Contractor of the Year in 2001 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Additionally, the company's President and CEO, Jack Mencia has been honored with the Ernst & Young 2000 Greater Washington Entrepreneur of the Year Award. Projected rev-



Richard Abbott, Director

enue for the end of year 2002 is estimated at 80 million and continues to grow steadily as the company provides quality services while focusing on people as their most valued asset for success. Job Corps is a natural fit for The Cube Corporation, as it has always been a people oriented company. The organization continues to expand and grow and in doing so at the North Texas Job Corps Center. The Cube Corporation becomes a significant and contributing member of the McKinney and North Texas Business community.

Business is Down?
Contact the MON-The Gazette advertising department... To get those profits moving in the right direction!!
Call: 972-606-7351 Today!

Hensel Phelps Construction Company, Dallas, Texas
Telephone (214) 634-0090 Fax (214) 634-0120

is accepting competitive sealed proposals for
Final Building Clean-up on

**The University of Texas at Dallas -
School of Management Project
Richardson, Texas**

Bid Date: August 22, 2002 at 2:00p.m.

Hensel Phelps Construction Company is actively seeking bids from certified HUB/MBE/WBE Subcontractors for the above-mentioned project. Proposal documents will be available at the Hensel Phelps Job Offices located at 7929 Brookriver Drive, Suite #160, Dallas, Texas on August 5, 2002.

COMING TO BASS PERFORMANCE HALL
FOR ONE SHOW ONLY:
MONDAY, AUGUST 12 at 8:00 PM:

THE
NEVILLE BROTHERS



**"New Orleans'
First Family
of Funk!"**
— CD NOW

**"Like no other group on earth!
An awesome LIVE show!
Earthy, rootsy, funky and soulful!"**

— College Media Journal

"Some spicy gumbo!" — Birmingham News



RESERVE TICKETS NOW!

Online at www.basshall.com
In Fort Worth, call (817) 212-4280
Outside Fort Worth: 1-877-212-4280

Sponsored in part by the Star-Telegram

**Bass Performance Hall
4th & Calhoun Streets
Fort Worth, Texas 76110**

Help Wanted 972-606-7351
Fax Ad Copy to 972-509-9058 for "Quote"

CITY OF PLANO, TEXAS
Plan Police HOTLINE (972) 941-7299
Fire HOTLINE (972) 941-7402
24 HOUR CAREER INFORMATION HOTLINE (972) 941-7116
Home Page: www.plano.tx.org
FAX (972) 941-7239
AA / EOE / ADA

GET PAID!

For learning a new skill. We need Diesel Mechanics, Communication personnel and Combat soldiers. ONE Weekend a month, two weeks in the summer! Up to \$8,000 signing bonus. Limited Free Tuition, monthly salary. DEFEND AMERICA FROM YOUR HOMETOWN. www.1800GOGUARD.com TEXAS ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

Legal Notices 972-606-7351
Fax Ad Copy to 972-509-9058 for "Quote"

DALLAS
HOUSING AUTHORITY



INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Housing Authority of the City of Dallas, Texas (DHA) will receive bids for the Modernization of Elevators at Park Manor, Tex 9-13, located at 3333 Edgewood Street in Dallas, Texas, until 3:00 P.M., on Tuesday, August 27, 2002 at 3939 N. Hampton road, Suite 350, Dallas, Texas 75212, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received after 3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 27, 2002 will be rejected. A pre-bid conference has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 14, 2002 at 10:00 A.M., at 3333 Edgewood Street, Dallas, Texas 75258.

Bid Documents, including Plans and Specifications, may be acquired at DHA's Central Office, 3939 N. Hampton Road, Suite 350, Dallas, Texas 75212 beginning on Wednesday, August 7, 2002. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Friday.

The DHA reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. The Housing Authority of the City of Dallas, Texas will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or age. Equal Housing Opportunity.

MON-The Gazette
Small Business Weekly Paper of Choice
Contact: 972-606-7351

MON-The Gazette
is looking for
community
writers and
reporters.

**Pay on a
contract basis
or by the hour.**

**Fax resume to
972-881-1646
or leave a message
at 972-606-3891**

Business Service Directory 972-606-7351
Fax Ad Copy to 972-509-9058 for "Quote"

Curly's Hair Salon

711 East 18th St.
PLANO

**Stylist/Barbers Wanted
Booths Available for Lease
Salon in Location 20 years**

**Contact: Curly
972-423-6013 • 972-881-0130**

HIRAM MCBETH

ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW
(972) 498-8872
(BY APPOINTMENT ONLY)

• MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS • MEDICAL/NURSING
MALPRACTICE • CORPORATIONS

SERVING NORTH DALLAS, SOUTH DALLAS, OAK CLIFF AND PLEASANT GROVE

*NOT CERTIFIED BY THE TEXAS BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION

Arts & Entertainment



Blood Work

Terry McCaleb (Clint Eastwood) is a retired FBI director who has recently had a heart transplant. He is hired by Graciela Rivers (Wanda De Jesus) to investigate the death of her sister, Gloria, who donated her heart to McCaleb. He discovers that Gloria's killer is someone he had been chasing for years when he was with the FBI. Will McCaleb's weak and nearly retired body have the endurance to catch the murderer?

Starts Friday, August 9, 2002



xxX

This isn't an adult film, but rather a PG-13 thrill ride for the Generation X-Games crowd. With Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sylvester Stallone, and others past their prime, audiences want a new kind of action hero. Vin Diesel should satisfy, playing James Bond-like Xander Cage, an adrenaline junkie and law breaker recruited by a government agent (Samuel L. Jackson) to infiltrate a Russian crime ring. xxX-pecr a big box-office haul and the price of Diesel to soar.

Starts Friday, August 9, 2002

New Dance Program Degree and Auditions at CCCC

This fall, students in Collin County Community College District's award-winning dance program can earn an associate of arts degree in dance. Dance students can also audition for the Collin County Dance Repertory, the college's resident performing dance company, at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 17, in the dance studio at Spring Creek Campus, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway in Plano. Auditioning dancers should be prepared to learn up to

three dance combinations. Company rehearsals are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15-5 p.m. Additional rehearsals may be required.

This fall, students can also take dance classes at Preston ridge Campus, 9700 Wade Blvd. in Frisco. Dance classes are also available at Central Park campus in McKinney and Spring Creek Campus in Plano. All CCCC dance studios offer sound systems, full-length mirrors and

built-in ballet barres.

The college's dance program includes classes in ballet, modern dance, jazz, tap, social, folk dance, dance appreciation, improvisation, choreography and performance classes.

For more information about auditions, performances and classes, contact CCCC Dance Program Coordinator Tiffanee Arnold at 972-881-5830 or email tarnold@cccc.edu.

THIS WEEK: A Closer Look at Rick James



Born James Johnson Jr., the third oldest child in a family of eight in Buffalo, N.Y., on February 1, 1948, Rick James is credited with establishing the "punk-funk" style. "It was my mother who raised us," he said. "She was a small elegant woman of great dignity and strength. She always had two jobs. Sometimes she worked as a maid, but her main income came from running numbers for the Italian mob. She raised us as strict Catholics."

An early 80s icon of rebelling against the establishment, Rick James started early by joining the navy at age fifteen and going AWOL soon after. He fled to Canada, and it was there, in Toronto, that he founded his first group, the Mynah Birds. Other members of the group included Neil Young and Bruce Palmer (who later formed Buffalo Springfield), and Goldie McJohn (who later joined Steppenwolf). It was at this point that he became known as Rick James.

Being the nephew of the Temptations' Melvin Franklin, Rick James was no stranger to Motown, and he and his band were signed to the label in the mid-sixties. Although the group recorded a couple of tracks, nothing was ever released. Probably because Rick James (who had now relocated to Detroit) was in trouble with the military, and because the rest of the band moved to Los Angeles.

Not easily deterred, Rick went to London where he formed the blues band "The Main Line." He commuted between London and North America (where he was a staff songwriter for Motown in the late sixties) for the next seven years. In 1977 he finally returned to the US completely, forming a band (the Stone City Band) with which he experimented at mixing rock and funk - creating "funk 'n' roll." "I'm into rock," Rick James said. "I'm trying to change the root of funk, trying to make it more progressive, more melodic, and more lyrically structured. More honest, as opposed to putting riffs together, saying, 'Get up and get down. I feel alright. Oomph! Good God! Get up and boogie' and all that redundant bull."

James's flamboyant lifestyle took its toll on his health and he was hospitalized several times between 1979 and 1984. He had major hits in 1984 and 1985 with the more relaxed "17" and "The Glow." The latter also provided the title for a highly acclaimed album, which reflected James's decision to abandon drugs. He cancelled plans to star in an autobiographical film called The Spice Of Life in the wake of the overwhelming commercial impact of Prince's Purple Rain. After releasing The Flag in 1986, James ran into serious conflict with Motown. James left the label, signing to Reprise Records, where he immediately achieved a soul number 1 with "Loosey's Rap," a collaboration with Roxanne Shante.

He remained wild and crazy for several more years - until 1991 when Rick James and his 21-year-old girlfriend, Tanya Hijazi, were arrested for various charges including aggravated mayhem and false imprisonment. During the arraignment James' mother passed away due to stomach cancer. Not yet at the end of his troubles, Rick James was arrested again in 1992 for similar charges, and in 1994 he was sentenced to five years and four months for cocaine use and assaulting two women. Since then Rick James has been released from prison and is a much more mellow person.

Since he was paroled from Folsom State Prison -- after serving less than two years -- James has been busy trying to combat drug abuse, mostly by speaking to school-age children about the dangers of addiction.

"I regret more than anything my drug abuse and my addiction," says James, who admits he was addicted to cocaine.

And after bedding by his count "thousands" of women, James, 50, has settled down with dancer Tanya Hijazi, 27 (whom he married in December 1997 after an 11-year relationship), and their 5-year-old son, Tazman. "I'm too old to do crazy things anymore," says James. "Before, I'd just smoke dope and have sex. I never knew if it was day or night. Now I go to bed at 11 and get up at 7. I don't have aluminum foil on my windows anymore."

Now "clean and loving it," James has returned to the music scene with Urban Rapsody, his first new album since 1988's Wonderful. "I thought about doing an acoustic album, to pour out my heart, to get all self-indulgent," he says. "But that would have been too soul-searching. It might have been a downer."

"THUMBS UP!"

Roger Ebert, EBERT & ROEPER

MARTIN LAWRENCE



RUNTELDAT

MTV FILMS and RUNTELDAT ENTERTAINMENT PRESENT "MARTIN LAWRENCE LOVE: RUNTELDAT" STARRING SEAN LAMPKIN WITH NICHOLAS CULPO, RICHARD HOPPER, DANNY DUNN, AND MICHAEL CAGE AND MONITA SENGUPTA. PRODUCED BY MARTIN LAWRENCE, ROBERT LAWRENCE, AND VIKI TOSTLER. WRITTEN BY MICHAEL HARRARD, BETH HARRARD, DAVID CAGE, AND LINDSEY JONES. DIRECTED BY DAVID HAYES.



The All New
Club Diamonds
Proudly Presents
Hollywood Enterprises
International Talent Search Tour 2002

The Show begins ... **BE THERE!!!**
Every Thursday
Doors open 7:00 p.m. • Showtime: 8:30

Location:
Club Diamonds
3304B W. Camp Wisdom
Dallas
(Totally Remodeled)

For More Information:
www.hollywoodenterprises.com
or call the Hotline:
(817) 355-5004

75 CENTS DRINKS and Draft Beer
Spinning the Wheels of Steel: DJ Smash
It is the Stage and the Place that Set the Stage for Such Talent as:
Steve Harvey, Cedric The Entertainer, and Rinaldo Ray.
THERE WILL BE HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS IN CASH & PRIZES GIVEN AWAY LEADING UP TO THE GRAND FINALE!
Co-Sponsored by: **MON-The Gazette**
Thank You For Your Support:
Jive Records, Sony records, Motown, Def Jam, and Warner Brothers.

On Stage at NextStage at Grand Prairie:

Aug.-Dec. 2002

Marc Anthony
August 17

Blue's Clues Live!
September 13

Jaci Velasquez
December 14

Ticketmaster
972-647-5700

Fair Park Music Hall

Aug.-Dec. 2002

My Fair Lady
August 6 to 18

42nd Street
August 20 to September 1

The Lion King
September 13 to October 20

Fort Worth Dallas Ballet's
December-03 Season
December 23 to December 27

Ticketmaster
972-647-5700

SMIRNOFF MUSIC CENTRE

Aug.-Sept. 2002

Melissa Etheridge
August 9

Lenny Kravitz w/ Guests
August 15

Yes
August 17

Rush
August 19

Lil Bow Wow B2K
featuring IMX
August 24

Ozzfest 2002
September 8

Creed
September 24

Ticketmaster
972-647-5700

Bass Performance Hall
August-September, 2002 Events

FOREVER PLAID
Thursday August 8, 2002 - 8:30 pm
Friday August 9, 2002 - 8:00 pm
Saturday August 10, 2002 - 2:00 pm, 8:00 pm
Sunday August 11, 2002 - 2:00 pm, 7:30 pm
Tickets: 817-665-6000

THE NEVILLE BROTHERS
Monday August 12, 2002 - 8:00 pm
Tickets: 817-665-6000

MICHAEL BOLTON
Tuesday August 13, 2002 - 7:30 pm
Tickets: 817-665-6000

ERASMUS FESTIVAL
MIGUEL IBARRA-BEDOVA, CONDUCTOR
Thursday August 15, 2002 - 8:00 pm
Friday August 16, 2002 - 8:00 pm
Saturday August 17, 2002 - 2:00 pm, 8:00 pm
Sunday August 18, 2002 - 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm
Tickets: 817-665-6000

DISNEY'S THE LION KING
Sunday September 1, 2002 - 4:00 pm, 6:30 pm
Tuesday September 3, 2002 - 8:00 pm
Wednesday September 4, 2002 - 8:00 pm
Thursday September 5, 2002 - 8:00 pm
Friday September 6, 2002 - 8:00 pm
Saturday September 7, 2002 - 2:00 pm, 8:00 pm
Sunday September 8, 2002 - 1:00 pm, 6:30 pm
Tickets: 817-665-6000



Mercedes-Benz E-320

The limits of performance are found in extremes. For Mercedes-Benz, only the supercharged intensity of the racetrack is sufficient to test

their performance systems. And because their engines win on the track, you know they'll perform wonders in the E320 -- even in the most demanding of conditions. Register for your Online Portfolio and enjoy a personalized Mercedes Experience

At Mercedes-Benz, design is not about following trends. It's about individual character. Since they recognize that exceptional people demand exceptional quality and style, all Mercedes-Benz vehicles are fashioned to set Mercedes-Benz drivers apart from the crowd. And now, with more custom options than ever before, every E320 is truly a reflection of personal style and taste.

Curly's Hair Salon

711 East 18th St.

PLANO

Stylist/Barbers Wanted

Booths Available for Lease

Salon in Location 20 years

Contact: Curly

972-423-6013 • 972-881-0130

Help Wanted 972-606-7351

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



LOOK NO FURTHER! HOBBY LOBBY

Store Management Opportunities

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

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

Qualified candidates must apply online at:
www.hobbylobby.com

Church Directory

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

Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church

1308 Wilcox Street, McKinney TX
Pastor Charles S. Wattley



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

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

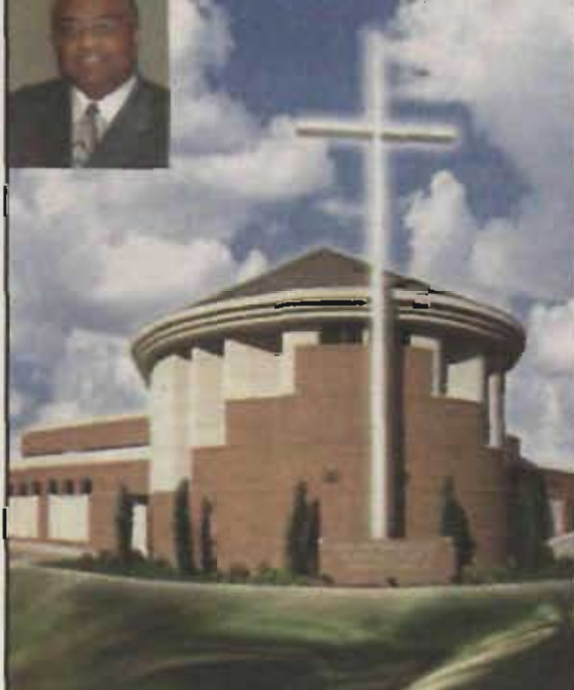
Friendly Fellowship with A Family Focus

For More Information Call
972.542.6178
www.saintmarkbc.com
stmarkmissionary@aol.com

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

920 E. 14th Street Plano, TX

Pastor Isaiah Joshua, Jr.



FANNING THE FLAMES OF OUR FAITH

FANNING THE FLAMES OF OUR FAITH

Sunday Worship Services 8AM & 11AM

Monday 7PM Youth, Brotherhood, Mission & Young Adult Ministries
Tuesday 7PM Bible Study & Men's Choir
Wednesday 7PM Mid-Week Service
Thursday 7PM Mass Choir

For more information call (972) 423-6695
www.shilohbaptistchurch.org

Mt. Olive Church of Plano

A Church Called to Unite the Body of Christ

740 Ave. F #303
Plano, TX 75074

A Non-denominational Church for all Nations



Pastor Sam Fenceroy



Minister Gloria Fenceroy

Standard Announcements

Sunday School9:30 AM
Worship Service10:45 AM
Men & Women Ministry1st & 3rd Mondays 7:30-8:30 PM
Leadership Meeting2nd Mondays 7:30-8:30 PM
Marriage Enrichment & Singles Ministry4th Mondays 7:30-8:30 PM
Deliverance from IssuesTuesdays 7:30-8:30 PM
Mid-Week ServiceWednesdays 7:15-8:30 PM
Youth Bible StudyWednesdays 7:15-8:30 PM

Radio Broadcast Station 1040AM-KGGR
M-F 10:25-10:30 AM

For More Information: (972) 633-5511 or E-Mail
slfenceroy@aol.com

Around The Town

August 5-8

The Dallas Children's Advocacy Center and the Dallas Police Department host the Crimes Against Children Conference, the nation's largest educational forum for professionals dealing with physical and sexual child abuse, at the Hyatt Regency in Dallas. For more information contact: Rita Cox or Melissa Cleave at (214) 399-6888.

August 8

Boncoson the Clown will make an appearance at the Allen Public Library, at 301 Century Parkway, at 10:15 a.m. Admission is free and open to children of all ages. For more information call (972) 727-4191.

August 10

The Plano Repertory Theatre presents Jeff Harnar, world-renowned cabaret star, for his one-man show "The 1959 Broadway Songbook", at the Courtyard Theatre. Mr. Harnar is recognized as one of the brightest stars on the national vocal stage. Ticket prices are \$60 for reserved seating, \$75 for priority seating, and \$100 for priority seating with special clesser reception and private post show concert. Call the Plano Repertory Theatre boxoffice at (972) 422-7464 for tickets.

August 10

The City Animal Shelter sponsors a remote pet adoption at Petco, 1500 Town East Blvd., from 12:00pm - 4:00pm. For more information call (972) 216-4283.

August 10

Historic Florence Ranch Homestead is open for tours, from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., 1424 Barnes Bridge Road. For special tours call (972) 216-6468.

August 10-11

The Kids' Expo will be at Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway, from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. and Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The Kids' Expo 2002 is the place to come for a day filled with children's activities, entertainment, and parent resources. Check out the silent auction benefiting with the Annis Open Children's Foundation. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$3 for children 3-12 years of age, and free admission for children under 2 years and under. For more information contact Allyson Rohrer at (972) 758-7328 or log on to www.TheKidsExpo.com.

August 12

Join visual artists from across the metroplex in the Rehearsal Hall at 10:00 a.m. Come and share techniques and discuss the visual arts. For more information call (214) 410-7090.

August 9-10

Women of faith - celebrate your faith at the sensational Life Conference presented by Women of Faith. It will be a wonderful time of laughter, learning, and fellowship as these amazing speakers share from their hearts about the power of living a life overflowing with love of God.

August 10

Summer Wellness Series-Let's Chew the Fat about Stress Conference, held in Don Rodenbaugh nasorium Conference Room, 110 E. Rivercrest, at 7:30pm. Admission is free. Guest speaker, John Pettit, has 22 years of experience as a competitive lifter and coach, and has worked for the Nautilus Corporation for the past four years. For more information call (972) 747-4150.

August 13

Aglow International- The Plano and Richardson Aglow Community Lighthouse will be held at Plano Centre, at Spring Creek and Jupiter Roads from 7:00pm - 10:00pm. It is a network of caring women (men are welcome also). This interdenominational outreach is designed to reach women and let them know that God's

truth and love is relevant and meaningful today, quest speakers share a relevant Biblical teaching or testimony of how God has touched their life. Admission is free. For more information contact: Deborah Wheeler at (972) 422-2633 or log on to www.aglow.org.

August 14

You're invited to The Heard Museum Guild's Member Recruitment Brunch. Are you interested in the rewarding and fun experiences the Heard Guild has to offer? Then join The Heard Museum Volunteer Guild's brunch, friendship and fun "Summer Soiree" to find out more. It starts at 10:00 a.m. and will be held in The Heard Science Resource Center at The Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary, 2000 Nature Place, McKinney, TX. Attendees are encouraged to wear a hat prizes will be awarded for the best. Reservations are required. Admission is free. For more information call (972) 562-5566, ext. 221.

August 15

The Heard Museum will display a new Van Landingham Photography

Exhibit. The Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary presents a look at nature through the camera's eye with award winning published photographs. L.E. Van Landingham. His expert's eye-view is featured in the new Van Landingham Nature Photography Exhibit on display from August 15-September 10. This exhibit is free with regular admission to the Heard Museum. \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 3-12 years of age, and senior citizens (64+); children under 3 and members are admitted free. The Heard Museum is open Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Saturday from 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Summer Saturday has extended hours through August 31st only) and from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. For more information call (972) 562-5566 or log on to www.heardmuseum.org.

August 15

The Plano Chamber of Commerce invites you to join them at the Business After Hours Reception welcoming their new president, Brad Shanklin, at the Blue Mesa Grill, at 8200 Dallas Parkway, Plano (south-east corner of Tollroad and 121) on Thursday, August 15, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. R.S.V.P. by August 13th by calling: (972) 424-7517, Ext. 230, or log on to rsvp@planoocc.org.

August 17

The Tampex Totally You Tour 2002 will be in Dallas, Texas, at Fair Park. Come out and have a big time in this big city! Special guests include Soujah, Queen Latifah, Mocha Lee, 97.9 the heat's, and Alfredo. Live musical performances by Ruff Rinz, doors open at Noon. For more information call (314) 373-8000.

July 21 - August 21

Let's Celebrate Women! The Irving Arts Center announces A Celebration of Women in Midlife and Beyond: Photographs by Jayne Wexler, a stunning photographic exhibition of 60 photographs on display in the Irving Arts Center's Main Gallery. The exhibition celebrates the health, beauty and well being of 60 women in their middle years and beyond. Consistent with Wexler's keen eye for detail, the women are photographed in settings that define their lifestyles. Women look into the eye of the beholder with full recognition of their individual charisma. Clear, sharp images distill personality, moments of joy, playfulness, sobriety, maturity, and reminiscence. No admission charge for the galleries and Sculpture Garden. The Irving Center is located at 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd. (one mile north of 183). For more information, please call the Irving Arts Center at (972) 252-7558.

Community Calendar Sponsored by Southwestern Bell Telephone

Your friendly neighborhood
global communications company.SM



Southwestern Bell