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On the Homefront:

Diamonds & Pearls will host its 3rd Annual Homecoming for the Women's Division of the Plano Chamber of Commerce, Friday, August 23, 8:00 p.m.-midnight, at the Harvey Hotel, in Plano. For more information contact Membership Director, Amanda Wilkinson at (214) 629-8015. To make reservations for the luncheon, contact the chamber at (214) 424-7547 or rspv@planoocc.org.

Disney's The Lion King, Broadway's Award-Winning Best Musical! Friday, August 30, 2002, at the Bass Performance Hall and Friday, September 13, 2002, at the Music Hall at Fair Park. For more information log onto: www.disneyonbroadway.com.

The Plano Balloon Festival September 20-22 needs volunteers to help at the largest balloon event in the State - The Plano Chamber of Commerce will soon be looking for volunteers to help run the information booth at the Community Credit Union Plano Balloon Festival. For more information on the balloon festival, visit their official Website at www.plano.balloonfest.org.

Garland Trash Bash, Saturday, September 21, at Audubon Park, Oates Drive. Pick up litter at Duck Creek or a Garland Creek of your choice. Trash bags and gloves will be provided. Wear old clothes, sturdy shoes and bring your own litter stick. Twenty cities are participating in this year's Trash Bash. If you plan to bring a group, please pre-register. Registration is at 9:00 a.m. Entertainment, refreshments, and awards at noon. For more information contact Jan Dolph at 972.205.3864 or jdolph@ci.garland.tx.us.

The City of Garland will host its Jaycee Jubilee at Central Park, August 31st. For more information call (972) 276-9366.

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The NAACP is working in Garland

By Lakeesha Joe

Mr. B.J. Williams, President of the Garland branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), will be the keynote speaker at the 12th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet, presented by The Garland Branch of the NAACP, on Saturday, August 31, at the Hampton Inn and Suites, at 7:00 p.m.

Since the age of thirteen, Mr. Williams has been involved with the NAACP. He has served as Chairperson of the Legal Committee, 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President. Mr. Williams has been President of the NAACP's Garland Branch since 1996.

"I started my career in the youth council of the NAACP in Shreveport, Louisiana," said Mr. Williams.

The NAACP, which is a non-profit organization, is built on the courage of thousands of people of all races, nationalities and religious backgrounds, who believe that all men and women are created equal.

On February 12, 1909 the NAACP was founded by a multi-racial group of activists, initially called the National Negro Committee. The founders of the organization were Ida Wells-Barnett, W.E.B. DuBois, Henry Moscowitz, Mary White Ovington, Oswald Garrison Villiard, and William English.

In 1910, facing much opposition, the NAACP began its legacy of fighting legal battles addressing social injustices.

The main focus of the NAACP since its inception has been the protection and improvement of the civil

and is the organization's legislative arm. It is also one of the main forces in the nation's capitol lobbying for civil rights.

The Legal Department of the NAACP operates with a mission focusing on class actions and other cases of broad significance and impact. More than twenty years ago it started a program strategy focusing on the private sector as a foundation for economic advancement for African Americans.

"My vision as President of the NAACP Garland branch is to leave the branch in better condition than it was when I got here, and to make sure that it is an agent for social change in the Garland community," said Mr. Williams.

The purpose of the Freedom Fund Banquet is to support the Garland branch and the national organization financially, and to award scholarships to deserving students.

Mr. Williams said that the banquet is used as an emancipation vehicle to recognize and award scholarships to African American students in the Garland area. Also during the banquet, Garland citizens are awarded for such things as Educator of the year and Bridge Builder of the year.

At last year's banquet, eight scholarships and ten thousand dollars in scholarship funds were awarded to African Americans students.

For more on information on the NAACP please contact your local branch.



rights of African Americans and other minorities. Its mission is to eliminate racial prejudice and to remove all racial discrimination through democratic processes.

The NAACP believes strongly that future leaders must be developed today and such development is ongoing in the youth and college division of the organization. Membership into the NAACP is open to anyone who believes in the basic principles of the organization.

The Washington bureau of the NAACP was established in 1941,

Reparations Rally a Big Step for Organizers



Nation of Islam Leader Louis Farrakhan, at the microphone, tells rally participants: "We need payment for 310 years of chattel slavery." Credit: Damon Lipscomb/NNPA News Intern

By Damon Lipscomb

NNPA News Intern

WASHINGTON (NNPA)- Now that a march for reparations has been held at the Capitol, attention must now be focused on lawmakers inside those corridors if the idea is to ever become a reality, march organizers say.

"Only Congress can do what we want done," Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.) told the crowd of several thousand last week. "We will get [reparations] by contacting every single member of the House of Representatives, every single member of the Senate."

Judging from the size of the

crowd, which had been predicted to be in the thousands, the pro-reparations movement will also need to mobilize the African-American community. Although Minister Louis Farrakhan of the Nation of Islam was present, many other Black leaders were not, including NAACP President and CEO Kweisi Mfume, Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr., Rev. Al Sharpton and National Urban League President Hugh Price.

Ibrahim Amin, who says he is a member of the Nation of Islam in Chicago, noted the contrast in the attendance at the Million Man March and last Saturday's turnout.

"During the Million Man March, you were lucky to get a spot on the mall where you could see the stage," he calls. "It's disturbing to see that when it comes to money, the Black elite wants to make sure that they're the only ones with it."

The fact that a national march could be organized around the issue of reparations was considered a victory within itself by some march organizers. Once championed by community activists, support has broadened to include prominent lawyers, educators and business people.

Demonstrators, though small

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LULAC Honors Businesses

Three local businesses of McKinney were honored for their contributions to LULAC.

Albertson's manager Chris Stephens, San Miguel's Grill owner Arturo Ibarra and Fisher Controls were honored by the McKinney League of United Latin Citizens Council 608. The three businesses supported LULAC's mission financially and have provided donations.

LULAC's President Harvey Oaxaca presented Albertson's manager Chris Stephens, Fisher Controls representatives Jim Nanez and Ed Herron and San

Ugarte and Linda Biscarro made hot tortillas and other dishes. LULAC Council 608 will hold its First Annual Education Banquet on September 24, 2002.

The banquet is held in conjunction with the "Diez y Seis De Septiembre." The goal of the celebration is \$12,000 for scholarships for graduating Hispanic seniors residing in McKinney, Texas.

For more information on the scholarship program or to give support, call 972-562-2419. For information on LULAC meetings, call 972-562-1800.



Celebrating 90 Years of Family and Fun

By: Monica Thornton
Mrs. Phemia Clement Tinner of Hamilton Park, and Mrs. Frankie Mae Clement of Garland will travel to their hometown of Paris, Texas this weekend to celebrate their mother's 90th Birthday, on Saturday August 24.

Their mother, Mrs. Helen Gulley Clement, was born Saturday August 24, 1912 in Wolf City, Hunt County, to Mr. & Mrs. John (Frankie Adams) Gulley. She was raised and educated in Paris, Texas, and she married Mr. Solomon Clement on December 1, 1927.

They had three children, two girls and a boy, with the oldest child, Euphemia (Phemia) being born in their house. Only the daughters are still living, the boy, Nathan Charles (N.C.), died March 13, 1987.

Phemia and Frankie Mae said the grandchildren have planned the birthday celebration, being held at Mrs. Clement's home church in Paris, Texas, Solid Rock Baptist Church. Phemia said her mother told her she is so excited she has hardly slept.

Still in good health, except for some arthritis, Mrs. Clement and her daughters enjoy life together,

and have had fun over the years playing pranks on each other. One of their most memorable is when Frankie Mae and Phemia pretended to run out of gas on the highway.

"Mother thinks that when her tank gets half full she's on empty," said Frankie Mae.

So one Sunday after their mother had repeatedly told her

daughters to put gas in the car before they made a trip out onto the highway, Frankie Mae said she and Phemia decided to play a prank on her. Frankie said their mother went to church so they quickly went and filled up the gas tank, but pretended to their mother that they hadn't. When they were on the road, Frankie said every gas station they passed she made a point to tell her mother that she forgot to get gas, and eventually she made the car slow down to a complete stop on the highway.

"She was mad, she said well I'm not walking, I'll stay here until you go get some gas," laughed Frankie.

In her hometown of Paris, Mrs. Clement is known to everybody as the 'lady who sits on the



Mrs. Helen Gulley Clement

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in number, came from across the country. They carried signs reading, "They Owe Us" and "Apologize White America."

Addressing the crowd, Farrakhan said, "We're not begging White people, we're not asking White people, we're demanding what's justly ours. We need payment for 310 years of chattel slavery."

For the past 13 years, Conyers has introduced a bill in Congress calling for a special commission to study the impact of slavery to make recommendations for appropriate remedies. But that bill has never made it out of committee. Undaunted, Conyers told the NNPA that he plans to introduce his bill again in January.

He said that although he was disappointed with the turnout, he expects to be successful. "When the King Holiday [bill] was introduced, 90 percent of the people were against it," he said. Similarly, he expects reparations to follow that same path. "More African-Americans need to pressure their congressmen."

As Conyers pursue reparations in the legislative arena, Black attorneys have already begun to pursue the issue through the courts. "The Jews in the Holocaust and the Japanese in World War II received financial compensation and an apology for their mistreatment," Harvard Law Professor Charles Ogletree, one of the attorneys working on behalf of reparations, told supporters at an earlier rally held by N'COBRA, the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America. "We're not talking millions, we're not talking billions, we



The National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America brought supporters from around the county to the Millions for Reparations Rally. Credit: Damon Lipscomb/NNPA News Intern

are talking trillions of dollars."

Reparations supporters said they seek compensation not only for more than two centuries of slavery but the additional century of government-sanctioned segregation.

An increasing number of

countries, including the United States, have issued apologies and paid cash settlements to groups that have been wronged in the past. The United States, for example, publicly acknowledged that it was wrong to imprison Japanese-Americans during World War II, and paid out \$1.2 billion to the families of those who were interned. Canada, Austria and Germany have also awarded reparations and apologized for past misbehavior.

Many opponents of reparations assert that not all African-Americans are in need of reparations, especially the wealthy. Rather than allowing individual payments to become an impediment, some reparations supporters say they favor community-wide money as compensation, some of which could be used to provide scholarships to Black students.

"I think we deserve reparations because this country was built on the lives of Africans," says Njinga Conway, one of those in attendance. "We have rights. We deserve to get paid for our slave labor like the Jews have been paid, like the Japanese have been paid."



Thousands attended the reparations rally, not the millions that organizers expected on the Washington Mall. Credit: Damon Lipscomb/NNPA News Intern

NAACP Announces Voter Empowerment and Registration Campaign at The Village of Eastgate

The NAACP Garland Branch in partnership with the Theta Alpha Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. will conduct a Voter Empowerment and Registration Campaign 10:00a.m.-2:00p.m., Saturday, August 31, 2002 at the Village of Eastgate Apartment Complex Activity Center, 1765 Plaza Drive at E. Northwest Highway, Garland, Texas (1/2 mile north of I-820 Freeway). Any resident of Dallas County may register to vote at this event. For more information, you may call (972) 381-5044.

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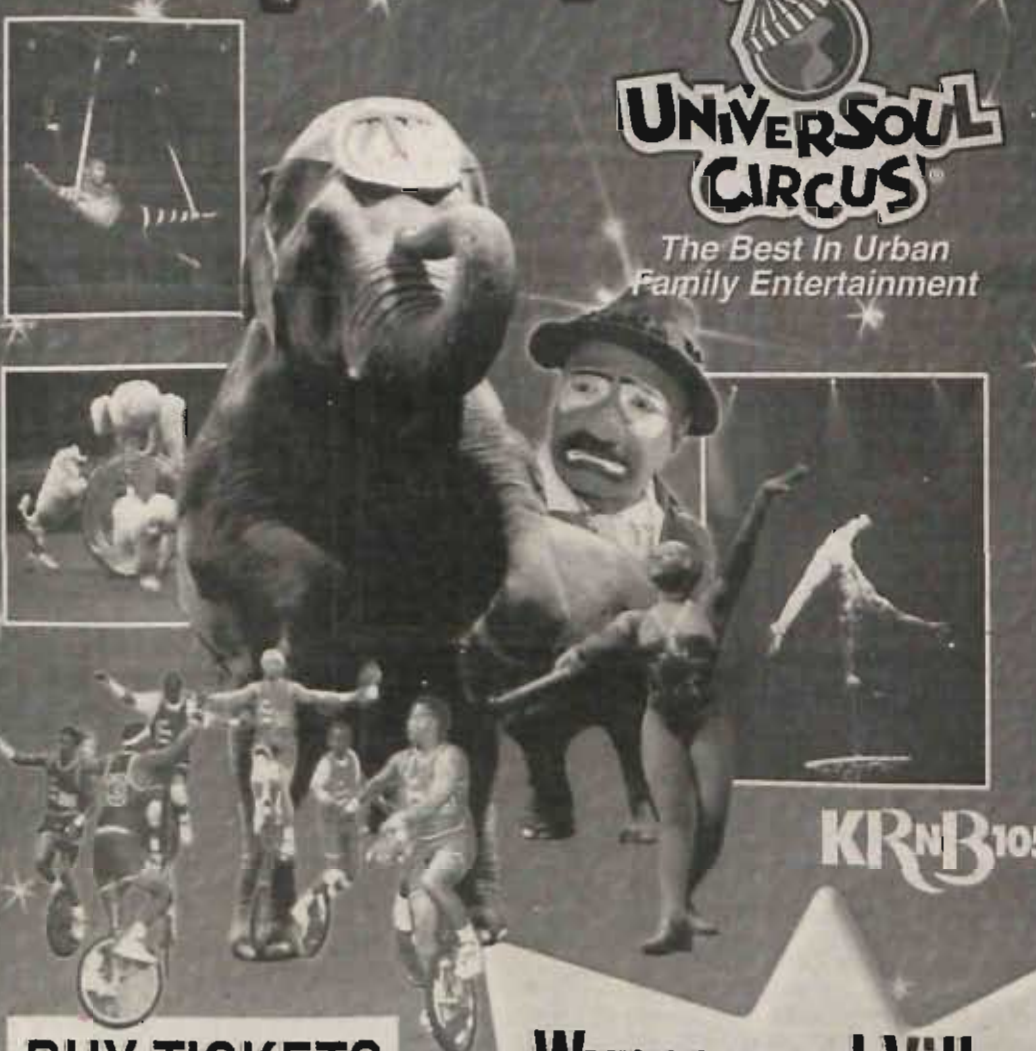


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THE TRUTH CLINIC Spotlight On REPARATIONS

By James W. Breedlove

The Millions for Reparations rally held last week on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. focused the spotlight on compensating blacks in the United States for two centuries of slavery and discrimination. Although police and rally organizers gave no official estimates, the turnout was modest by Washington standards.

But organizers called it an important moment for a largely grass-roots movement that has gained momentum over the last several years. Supporters said evidence of the raised interest in reparations are the lawsuits filed in federal courts in New York and New Jersey against companies profiting from the slave trade and a lawsuit planned against the federal government.

There is a reparations divide in America and even within the black community. Representative John Conyers, a Democrat from Detroit, who did attend the rally criticized other members of Congress for their lack of support for reparations. He has backed a bill that calls for a federal commission to examine slavery's impact and make recommendations for appropriate remedies. The legislation has been introduced in every legislative session since 1989, but has never even been debated.

Reparations discussion is a problem because it relates to the most sensitive question in America - the question of race. Nobody wants to talk about it at the national level. Candidates run from the subject. But this is a subject that cannot be permitted to slip through the cracks as we struggle with efforts to make America a true democracy.

Conyers' legislative proposal merely calls for congress to engage

in a discussion at the Federal legislative level. That is, without developing a reparations plan or moving forward with a specific remedy or solution for reparations. Just engage in a study, a search for the most understanding that would put together the facts, the law, the precedence, and the history associated with the lingering effects of slavery. Then a decision could be made on what to do.

Some advocates argue that the enslavement of blacks in America lasted 246 years and was followed by a century of legal racial segregation and discrimination as reason enough for reparations. There are also plenty of contemporary examples of reparations. The Luxembourg Agreement of 1952 obligated Germany to pay reparations to Jews in Germany and to the half million who had settled in Israel. And Japanese-Americans who were put into camps during World War II received an apology plus reparations from the United States.

Florida recently apologized and paid \$7 million reparations for the state's sanction and involvement in the 1923 Rosewood riots. Oklahoma took similar action with respect to the Tulsa riot of 1921.

Detractors bristle at the notion of paying blacks for slavery. They fervently believe that the passage of three civil rights bills, numerous affirmative action statutes, court decisions that guarantee civil rights and civil liberties protections, and massive government spending on business, education, housing, health and social programs for blacks have done much to right the historic injustice of slavery and its legacy.

But these objections don't alter the fact that slavery was a morally

monstrous system that wreaked severe pain and suffering on America, generated stupendous profits for bankers, industrialists, and big landowners, saddled many blacks with the horrific legacy of poor schools, a drug and crime plague, high rates of prison incarceration, family deterioration and racially-isolated neighborhoods.

There is obviously as much emotion for reparations as there is against reparations. But it is difficult to understand the intransigence for not wanting to study the issue and report on it. The true facts just might make reparations much less of a touchy question for many Americans. It is the only way to begin to get the memory and pain of slavery behind us and move forward in mutual trust and respect.

One of the major impediments to a meaningful reparations discussion is the question of how would reparations be paid? Reparations do not necessarily imply cutting a check for everyone who can demonstrate a degree of African ancestry. One prominent reparations advocate, Randall Robinson, has proposed a publicly funded trust for education and other programs of uplift for the portion of the black community still outside the social and economic mainstream of America.

An excellent summary of facts and precedence pertinent to a comprehensive discussion of reparations has been compiled by Robert Westley in his Boston College Law Review treatise **MANY BILLIONS GONE: IS IT TIME TO RECONSIDER THE CASE FOR BLACK REPARATIONS?**

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

'eWomenNetwork Converge on FRISCO for Conference'

By Belinda G. Alexander

"I believe that we all have a unique purpose that I like to call our 'Glow.' When you help others find or expand their Glow, yours will further expand! Each of us lead very hectic and fast-paced lives, and yet we made a decision to carve out this moment in time to participate together in this Conference—so let's 'Ready, Set, GLOW!'" Sandra Yancey, founder and CEO of eWomenNetwork Inc. and its online network, eWomenNetwork.com, shared her vision and belief in giving to receive at the second annual eWomenNetwork International

and cheese as they visited the exhibits and tables of fellow eWomen businesses throughout the facilities.

SHOWCASING SUCCESS

Some exhibits at the conference included among many—the following successful members:

Kim Donaway has been a successful business owner for almost two decades. She owns a pest control company, is a valued Lexus International associate and a Life Development Coach. Kim said, "This conference has been a wonderful experience and networking facility."

vived through tough times. They have two children—Briana 11, and Ryland, 6 and will celebrate their 25th wedding.

Sandra's business background includes 15 years at Mead Corp. in Dayton and extensive consulting for Fortune 100 and 500 companies such as Levi Strauss, The Wall Street Journal, AT&T and Coca-Cola.

Kym's business skills proved successful in his Dayton advertising agency for 15 years. He moved the family to Dallas in 1995 to pursue a new business.

The Yancey's combined business experience and talent to create eWomenNetwork together, debt-free!

They embraced the vision, even in a declining economy of dot-coms. The Web site launched in September 2000 and the goal to attract 30 members in three months was met—tenfold—with 300 members by the end of that year! The Web site had 4.5 million hits by March 2002! As the president and marketing guru, Kym devotes his expertise and energy to marketing and advertising eWomenNetwork. He attributes much of eWomen's success to the ability of he and to Sandra fulfill specific roles without overlapping. "Sandra adds balance to the business and family while I focus on the marketing," Kym explained. "The eWomen concept celebrates the unique giving and supportive approach of women doing business."

The Yancey's have a sincere awareness of minority issues because of their own diversity in ethnic backgrounds. Sandra notes that her Hispanic heritage and Kym's multi-ethnic background qualify them as a 'true all-American family.' She is dedicated to the importance of highlighting success of women and minorities. Kym has a special talent for identifying the right message for a target audience. Sandra's great sense of direction and what works for women in business combined with that to make a great formula for business success.

The eWomenNetwork has a formula and atmosphere to facilitate worldwide success for its associates. Plans for network expansion beyond the United States and Canada will target more English-speaking countries. Members enjoy an outstanding online format that supports a worldwide networking showcase for their businesses. Regular communications and monthly events help to enhance the dynamics for business potential. An eWomenNetwork television show is also being discussed for the future.

Sandra has a weekly eWomen Network radio show, airing from 8 to 9p.m. Sundays WBAP-AM (820) in Dallas. Regarding the eWomen vision, Sandra Yancey says, "Our network is the number one resource for connecting and promoting women and their businesses. We're women of intention, sharing leads, contacts, resources and tips to help other women achieve their professional dreams. We are women helping women!"

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Capitol Watch Retail Electric Competition Will Thrive in Texas



Don Whaley Op Ed

There is talk in Texas that retail electric competition will be a failure. Critics point out that 1) consumers will not enjoy the benefits promised by the 2002 legislation that opened up the Texas retail electric market, and 2) Texas will suffer the same fate as other states that tried to usher in electric competition, most notably, California.

Yet the simple truth is that Texas consumers, even those who have not switched to a new retail electric provider, are already paying lower rates — at least six percent lower than they would have been.

Some other states tried to deregulate retail electric markets and have, for the most part, failed. However, those failures were due to situations or conditions that do not exist in Texas. Speculation about the

eventual success or failure of retail electric competition in Texas, which is still in its infancy, should not be based on comparisons with markets where conditions are significantly different.

The true measures of success should rest on consumer benefits, quality of service, and the reliability of the power supply. There is little question that our state's legislators and regulators put in place a new competitive framework that can assure those measures will be met.

Will Deregulation Work in Texas?

Yes, electric deregulation can, and will work in Texas. The rules in Texas for electric competition are vastly different from those of other states, and they were established to favor the consumer. Moreover, Texas has an abundant supply of electric power to meet consumer demand.

When the Texas Legislature and the Public Utility Commission

of Texas moved to deregulate the retail electric market, they trusted the free market and created a system where competition can thrive — truly benefiting the consumer.

A Prime Example of Success

We should not look to California to determine the success of electric competition in Texas. Rather, the United Kingdom is a prime example of how well retail electric competition can work. Our parent company, Centrica plc, was born from the deregulation of the U.K. natural gas market in 1997, when retail competition first took hold there. The United Kingdom was the first in the world to deregulate its energy markets and is a benchmark for success.

The Texas and U.K. markets are very similar in size and power consumption, which is why Centrica has come to Texas to compete. And Texas can be just as suc-

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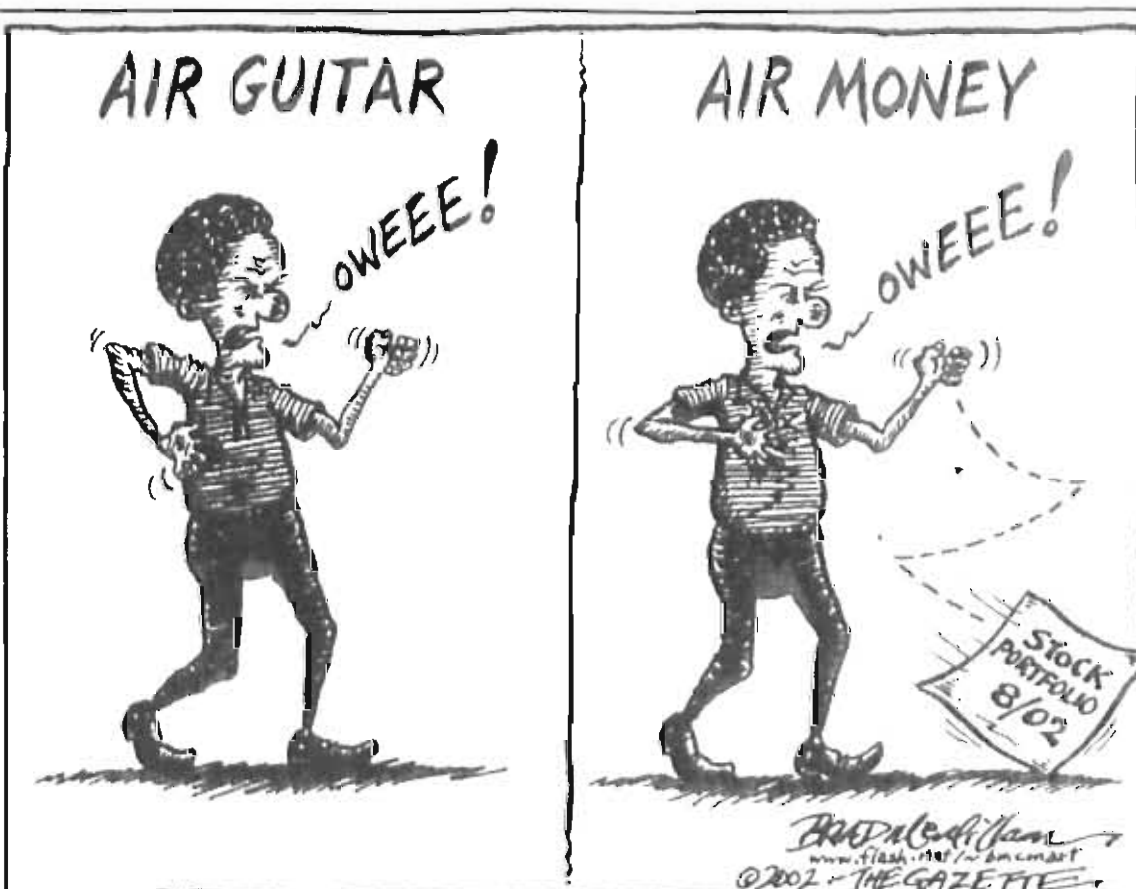
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Is the sky clearest on the day it is most blue?

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

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

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



There may be days

There may be days
when you get up in the morning
and things aren't the way
you had hoped they would be.

That's when you have to
tell yourself that things will get better.
There are times when people
disappoint you and let you down,
but those are the times
when you must remind yourself
to trust your own judgments and opinions,
to keep your life focused on believing in yourself
and all that you are capable of.
There will be challenges to face

and changes to make in your life,
and it is up to you to accept them.
Constantly keep yourself headed
in the right direction for you.

It may not be easy at times,
but in those times of struggle
you will find a stronger sense of who you are,
So when the days come that are filled
with frustration and unexpected responsibilities,
remember to believe in yourself
and all you want your life to be,
because the challenges and changes
will only help you to find the goals
that you know are meant to come true for you.

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Billie G. Meador, the
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in maximizing your long-term
investment returns, reducing
your income taxes, or maximiz-
ing your investment income, you
should plan to attend this

informative class," Meador says.

The workshop will begin on
September 16 and continue
through October 14. Classes
will meet one night per week
from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and
will be held at Courtyard Center
Campus of Collin County
Community College.

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FINANCIAL FOCUS "Circuit Breakers" and "Collars" Help Stabilize Stock Trading

Stock prices will always
fluctuate — daily, monthly and
annually. You need to accept
this reality if you're going to be
a long-term investor. But you
do have some protection from
extreme volatility — in the
form of "circuit breakers" and
"trading collars."

These strange-sounding
terms refer to mechanisms
designed to restrict "program
trading" on the New York
Stock Exchange. Program
trading is a system of buying
and selling stocks based on sig-
nals from computer programs,
usually sent directly from a
stock trader's computer to the
market's computer system.
Using this technique, major
traders can buy and sell huge
amounts of stocks in an
instant.

Program trading was at
least partially blamed for the
stock meltdown in October,
1987. Consequently, trading
restrictions — such as circuit
breakers and trading collars —
were launched to prevent pro-
gram trading from sending the
markets into turmoil.

Each quarter, the New
York Stock Exchange sets new
circuit breaker levels, which
represent the thresholds at
which trading is halted. Circuit
breakers are triggered by 10
percent-, 20 percent- and 30-
percent drops in the Dow
Jones Industrial Average, based

on the Dow's average closing
values of the last month of the
previous quarter.

To understand how circuit
breakers work, consider the
thresholds set for the second
quarter of 2002:

- A 1,050-point drop in the
Dow before 2 p.m. would have
halted trading for one hour; if
the same drop had occurred
between 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.,
trading would have been halted
for only 30 minutes. And if the
1,050-point threshold had
been reached after 2:30 p.m., it
wouldn't have stopped trading
at all.

- A 2,100-point drop in the
Dow would have halted trad-
ing for two hours if the decline
had occurred before 1 p.m.,
but only one hour if it had hap-
pened between 1 p.m. and 2
p.m. And if the Dow had fallen
2,100 points after 2 p.m., trad-
ing would have been halted for
the day.

- A 3,150-point drop, at
any time, would have halted
trading for the rest of the day.

As you can see, circuit
breakers are fairly easy to
understand. But trading collars
are a bit more complex.
Trading collars restrict index-
arbitrage trading, a strategy
that professional traders use to
profit from the difference in
value between stock indexes —
such as the S & P 500 — and
"futures" contracts on those

indexes. So, for example, a
trader might buy the less
expensive S & P 500 futures
contract while simultaneously
selling the more expensive
underlying stocks of the S & P
500 index. Often, the price
difference between the index
and its futures contract is only
a few cents. But because these
traders — or "arbitraders" —
trade such huge numbers of
contracts at the same time,
they can make big profits. And
heavy arbitrage activity can
greatly affect stock prices.

Just as it does for circuit
breakers, the New York Stock
Exchange sets new trading col-
lar trigger levels every quarter.
If the Dow Jones Industrial
Average falls or rises a certain
number of points, trading col-
lars go into effect to restrict
index-arbitrage trading.

Circuit breakers and trad-
ing collars may seem far
removed from your everyday
investment activities, but these
restrictions are there for your
benefit. You can't stop market
volatility — but at least you
know it won't be allowed to
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Jean Toomer



Jean Toomer (1894-1967)

By Tobi Hicks

Fair-skinned, straight-nosed, straight-haired, African American Nathan Eugene Pinchback Toomer was born in 1894 into a world dedicated to defining individuals - their intellect, ability, lifestyle, their very nature - on color. Where did he fit? That one question plagued him all his life as it did most of the Harlem Renaissance writers. Toomer, along with his fellow

writers, shared what W.E. B. DuBois called the African American's "double-consciousness," that awareness that any black would be seen first as an embodiment of all the stereotypes of what being black meant, and then as an American and as an embodiment of all the stereotypes of what being American meant.

Toomer felt that this was ridiculous, because his olive complexion made most strangers think he was white American or French or Spanish. When he was mistaken for anything other than black, he found he was generally treated better than when people knew he had black ancestry, yet he was still the same man. But Toomer didn't waste time wondering why his thoughts and ideas were more respected when he was thought to be white, nor why his behavior was judged more harshly when he was thought to be black. Rather, he didn't label himself as anything but Amer-

ican, and he tried to convince the rest of America that only by erasing racial prejudices could America be a true free democracy. Sadly no one listened to Toomer.

As a writer Toomer had been forgotten until a resurgence of interest in African American literature during the 60s and 70s. Toomer's novel *Cane* (1923) was rediscovered and Toomer was named one of America's finest African American writers, something he would not have liked.

Toomer thought that getting in touch with his "Negro side" was the reason for the success of *Cane*. *Cane* is a collection of short stories, character sketches, poems, songs, and a record of the life of blacks in Georgia. In it, Toomer showed how the soil, the scent of cane, and the Georgia dusk were regenerators and nurturers of the African American soul while the want of money, material positions, and sex are elements that can unbalance the soul and cause destruction.

West Nile Virus Information

August 15, 2002

West Nile Virus (abbreviated WNV) is a viral infection of wild birds and mammals that can be spread to people by infected mosquitoes.

WNV is similar to several other animal viruses that can be spread by infected mosquitoes. These insect-borne viruses are collectively called arboviruses (arthropod-borne viruses) and include St. Louis encephalitis (SLE), Eastern Equine encephalitis (EEE), Western Equine encephalitis (WEE), and Venezuelan Equine encephalitis (VEE).

WNV has been recognized as a distinct viral disease since the late 1930's. Outbreaks have been reported in Africa, Israel, and Eastern Europe.

West Nile virus was first reported in the US during an outbreak in New York City in 1999. There were approximately 62 confirmed cases and seven deaths. The infection occurred again in 2000 in New York City, but with fewer cases.

This disease-causing virus has now been confirmed in 31 states, including Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas.

As of the date of this bulletin, there were 11 confirmed or probable human cases of WNV in Texas, with three of them (classified as probable) in Dallas County. The zip codes of the Dallas County cases include: 75230 - the area including Medical City Hospital; 75089 - Rowlett; 75180 - Balch Springs; and 75218 - the area near White Rock Lake.

WNV is now considered a naturally-occurring infection of birds in the US. Several species of mosquitoes can become infected while feeding on infected birds. These mosquitoes can then inject the virus into other warm-blooded animals (like other birds, rodents, dogs and cats, horses, etc.) and people. Rodents, dogs, and cats do not routinely show symptoms and may not be affected by this virus. Some species of birds (specifically blue jays and crows) seem especially susceptible. The presence of dead or dying blue jays or crows in a community may be an early warning sign to the presence of WNV in the wild bird population and in mosqui-

toes. Equines (horses and donkeys) are also affected by this virus. The disease can be fatal in equines; however, most horses which develop disease recover fully.

Disease experts with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia report that only a fraction of the population of mosquitoes in an area experiencing a WNV outbreak are actually carrying the virus. Additionally, the majority of people who are exposed to WNV through the bite of an infected mosquito will not become ill (an estimated one percent of exposed persons go on to develop illness).

Of the small minority of exposed people who develop WNV symptoms, it is generally those persons over 50 years old who experience the most serious form of West Nile virus infection (note: two of the three probable Dallas County cases are under 50 years of age). Specifically, persons over 50 are more likely to develop an infection of the covering of the brain and spinal cord (meningitis) or an infection of the actual brain itself (encephalitis). Of the group that develops meningitis or encephalitis, previous outbreaks have shown that as many as 11 percent may progress to a fatal form of the disease, with persons 70 years of age or older being at highest risk.

The Garland Health Department (GHD) has shipped approximately 20 blue jays and crows to a federal testing lab. One jay from northwest Garland has tested positive for WNV. At this time, the GHD requests that citizens report the presence of dead or dying blue jays or crows by date and address. The federal testing lab has asked that Dallas County refrain from shipping additional birds, since numerous birds from Dallas County have already tested positive. Reports of dead jays or crows should be made to the GHD at 972-205-3460. To properly dispose of dead birds on your property, simply turn a plastic trash bag inside out, grab the bird with the inverted bag, and turn the bag right-side out. Tie the bag and place it in the green trash can for disposal. Please wash hands with soap and warm water after handling any dead animal (not

for prevention of WNV, but to protect against bird mites or bacteria).

The GHD collects live mosquitoes from throughout the city and ships them to the Texas Department of Health (TDH) laboratory in Austin for testing (for all known US arboviruses). As of August 9, 2002 no positive mosquitoes have been found; however, several mosquitoes from other parts of Dallas County have tested positive for this virus.

The GHD also keeps several flocks of chickens in various parts of Garland. On a periodic basis, health officials draw blood from the "sentinel flock" chickens and send the specimens to Austin for testing. None has, thus far, tested positive for WNV.

The GHD controls mosquito populations in three ways. Environmental Health Specialists (EHS's) require property owners who possess breeding sites (containers of water or standing water) to remove the breeding sources. EHS's also treat standing water (a control method called larviciding) with agents which kill immature mosquitoes (the larvae or "wigglers"). To reduce adult mosquito populations, the GHD sprays a low-toxicity pesticide from a truck-mounted, low-volume sprayer (a control method called adulticiding).

The GHD has analyzed technical and toxicological data on essentially all known, currently-available EPA-approved mosquito adulticides. The only pesticides the GHD uses for spraying are those which contain man-made derivatives of pyrethrins (e.g. resmethrin or permethrin). These formulations, when mixed and sprayed according to label directions, are considered by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to be safe with respect to adults, children, and pets.

Truck spraying is performed either in the period 10:30 pm to 2:00 am or the period 3:00 am to sunrise. The active ingredient in the spray (resmethrin or permethrin) is generally toxic to mosquitos only when the pesticide droplets are suspended in air. After dropping to the ground, this non-persistent pesticide decomposes in sunlight and in contact with moisture in less than

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weather if good, her mother sits on her porch and talks with her neighbors.

Mrs. Helen Gulley Clement said she is thankful to God for her 2 daughters, 10 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and 6 great great grandchildren, and a

porch on 7th street. Frankie Mae said that if the

wonderful life. The youngest of the great great grandchildren is two and a half years old.

Family and friends will be given special keepsake bookmarks with Mrs. Clement's favorite scripture, Psalm 100 and her picture and a personalized writing pen.

MON-The Gazette wishes Mrs. Helen Gulley Clement a Happy 90th Birthday.



Family members to attend birthday party for Helen Gulley Clement who turns 90

BACK ROW (L to R): JoAnn Solomon, Frankie McFadden, Shirley Tarpley, Phemia Tinner, and Ruena Allen.
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24 hours. The insecticide used by the GHD is considered by many public health agencies as the safest mosquito adulticide currently available.

The GHD strongly urges Garland residents to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes. Prevention strategies include:

- Limit outdoor activity near dawn and dusk
- When outdoors during peak mosquito activity, consider wearing long pants and long sleeve, loose-fitting shirts
- Treat exposed skin with a repellent that contains the active ingredient DEET. Always use repellents and insecticides according to label

directions, and avoid getting repellent into the eyes.

- Ensure that window screens fit tightly and are in good condition.
- Eliminate any containers in your yard that can hold water (e.g. tires, cans, flower pots holding free-standing water, clogged rain gutters)
- Report to the Health Department any properties that contain neglected swimming pools or that contain stagnant water bodies

Symptoms of West Nile Virus infection in people include:

- Fever, Headache, Muscle aches, Confusion, Nausea, Rash, and Stiff neck -The incubation period for WNV (the time period between being bitten by an infected mosquito and showing the first symptoms)

varies from three days to 15 days. Arboviral illnesses like West Nile and St. Louis encephalitis generally appear in people from June through November. Anyone who experiences symptoms consistent with WNV should see a physician as soon as possible.

As with most viral infections, there is no specific medical treatment for West Nile Virus infection. Hospital treatment is supportive.

For additional information on West Nile Virus or other public health issues, please call the Garland Health Department at 972-205-3460. The Centers for Disease Control has extensive information on West Nile Virus and other diseases at its website: www.cdc.gov

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Don't let size or age fool you. When it comes to Lil Bow Wow, good things come in small packages.

The pup from Columbus, Ohio is only 14, but Lil Bow Wow's been rhymin' since he was five years old. His big break came when he got up on stage and started rapping in between acts on the Chronic Tour rap concert when he was only six. Lucky for him, the top dawg himself, Snoop Dogg was really impressed and gave him the nickname Lil Bow Wow.

By the time the lil' rapper was 13 he had worked on the soundtracks for Wild Wild West and Big Momma's House and was featured in magazines including People, Vibe and even Esquire. In 2000 Lil Bow Wow released his first CD called Beware of Dog which included the hits Bow Wow (That's My Name), which featured Snoop and Bounce With Me. The cool thing about Lil Bow Wow is that he doesn't sing profanity-filled lyrics like so many other rap acts do. In an interview on MTV.com he said "I feel real good about being a role model, because so many kids are looking up to me already. But I have to tell them that you can't be like me. You've gotta try to be better than I can be. You've gotta try to be yourself, really." Another reason to look up to Lil Bow Wow is that he gets above-average grades in school - even with his crazy schedule.

Aside from his own stuff Lil Bow Wow's also been featured on songs by Snoop, Will Smith and joined other artists on Destiny's Child's 'Jumpin' Jumpin' remix. Lil' Bow Wow is off to a great start at such a young age - at this rate he could be the next Snoop Doggy Dog!

Lil Bow Wow is changin' his name. Well, he's not exactly changin' it but he is droppin' the "Lil" part. From now on, this dog will be known as Bow Wow. Bow Wow, said on April 4, 2002, "You know what? Drop the Lil. Forget it. I'm Bow Wow. Besides, I'm growing up, I'm not little anymore (I just decided) two weeks ago. I really got irritable. It's all these lil' cats, forget it. I'm Bow Wow now. Everything is just Bow Wow, no Lil Bow Wow." Lil Bow Wow will be appearing at the Smirnoff Music Centre with B2K featuring IMX August 24th.



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Thursday September 5, 2002 - 8:00 pm
Friday September 6, 2002 - 8:00 pm
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Sunday September 8, 2002 - 1:00 pm, 6:30 pm
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Friday September 13, 2002 - 8:00 pm
Saturday September 14, 2002 - 2:00 pm, 8:00 pm
Sunday September 15, 2002 - 2:00 pm
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Saturday September 28, 2002 - 8:00 pm
Tickets: 817-665-6000

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Friday September 27, 2002 - 8:00 pm
Saturday September 28, 2002 - 2:00 pm
Sunday September 29, 2002 - 2:00 pm
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| 3. THE NEW GUY | 3. THE NEW GUY |
| 4. IN THE BEDROOM | 4. IN THE BEDROOM |
| 5. COLLATERAL DAMAGE | 5. SUPER TROOPERS |
| 6. DRAGONFLY | 6. DRAGONFLY |
| 7. JOHN Q. | 7. SUPER TROOPERS |
| 8. SUPER TROOPERS | 8. JOHN Q. |
| 9. CLOCKSTOPPERS | 9. CLOCKSTOPPERS |
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| 3. TARZAN & JANE | 3. THE NEW GUY |
| 4. DRAGONFLY 2 - RETURN OF THE COOLER | 4. SUPER TROOPERS |
| 5. COLLATERAL DAMAGE | 5. COLLATERAL DAMAGE |
| 6. JOHN Q. | 6. COLLATERAL DAMAGE |
| 7. A WALK TO REMEMBER | 7. JOHN Q. |
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Around The Town

Ongoing

The Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary in McKinney is looking for adult volunteer trail guides to lead nature hikes on the wildlife sanctuary for schools, scout groups, individuals or families. No previous experience is necessary. Fall trail guide training sessions led by Heard Museum naturalists will be held at the Museum on Saturdays from 9:00 am -12 Noon thru October 5th. Participation in all training sessions is preferred, and advanced registration is required. Interested volunteers please call Kelly Rypkema at the Heard Museum: (972) 562-5566, ext. 234. Fee is just \$5 for sharing the joy of nature with others.

August 22

Bestselling author, Mary Morrison will read from her latest work, *Never Again, Once More*, at Black Images Book Bazaar, 6:00 p.m.

August 23

Diamonds and Pearls will host its 3rd Annual Homecoming for the Women's Division of the Plano Chamber of Commerce, 8:00 p.m. to Midnight, at the Harvey Hotel, Plano. For more information contact Membership Director, Amanda Wilkinson at 214.629.8015.

August 24

The Dallas Metroplex Council of Black Alumni Associates will host its 8th annual Jimmy Walker Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament at the Mesquite Golf Course, 8:00 a.m. Registration at 6:30 a.m. Prizes given to the best team and longest drive. Proceeds support scholarships to Paul Quinn College and other historically Black colleges and universities, with a portion going to Carter, James Madison, Lincoln and South Oak Cliff High School programs. Please contact 972.412.5169, or email: dmcbaa@netzero.net.

August 24

Christmas in August - Embroidery Expo - from 8:30

a.m. - 5:00 p.m., at the Plano Centre, at Jupiter and Spring Creek Parkway. A full day of workshops and seminars on the latest in sewing knowledge from the foremost sewing experts in the Metroplex and throughout the country. We will have the latest in sewing machines, accessories, thread and notions as well as some great door prizes! Admission is \$5 Contact Denise Flagg at 214.370.4232 or visit www.carlssewcreative.com.

Annual Bugtussle Trek Antique car tour. For the 34th year, approximately 150 antique autos grouped by year of manufacture will head to Bugtussle, Texas! Cars arrive at 7:30 a.m. and depart at 9:00 a.m. from the Collin County Courthouse on Davis St., head north on Tennessee, east on Louisiana, north on Hwy 5 and across Hwy 380 through north Texas towns to Bugtussle! For more information: 1-972-772-4335.

McKinney Guitar Studio presents, Melanie Susuras, a 1999 Lillith Fair winner. Melanie has played guitar since she was nine years old. She's been influenced by a wide range of artists from Olivia Newton John to Mary Chapin Carpenter to Melissa Etheridge and Shawn Colvin. 210 N. Tennessee St., Downtown. \$15 per person. Reservations recommended. 7:30 p.m. For more information: 972-562-3993 or www.johnwynn.com.

August 24 - 25

Sci-Fi Expo - Saturday August 24th, 10am to 6pm, and Sunday, August 25th, 11am to 4pm, at the Plano Centre, Spring Creek and Jupiter Roads. Toys, comics, cards, celebrities and more! Admission is \$10 for weekend pass, \$5 kids ages 6-10. For more information contact Ben Stevens at 972.420.8639 or visit scifiexpo.com.

August 26

The City of Plano will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll

in the preceding year by 6.72 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted. The public hearing will be held on August 26, 2002, at 7:00 pm at City of Plano Municipal Center.

Aug 28

Tea & Conversation at the Heard - Craig House featuring a program by Terri Kurlan, owner of Noodles & Pans, the ultimate kitchen store and cooking school in McKinney. Enjoy delicious desserts and other delectable treats with afternoon tea. Reservations required. \$15 per person, \$10 for members of the Heard-Craig League. 205 W. Hunt St. 2:00 p.m. For more information or reservations: 972-569-6909, 972-542-5340 or email heardcraig@texoma.net.

August 31-September 1

CheerExpo - at Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway from 9am to 5pm. A cheerleading and dance expo/trade show for coaches and athletes of all ages! Everyone is welcome! Children 12 years of age and under must be accompanied by an adult. Cheerleading and dance companies, and related companies will be selling the latest products (including shoes, music, uniforms, apparel, jewelry, fundraising, props, etc), most at special event prices, and providing information on their services and events. Free classes for attendants. Admission \$10 for a one day pass, \$15 for a two day pass. For more information visit <http://www.cheerexpo.net>.

September 1-2

Jaycee Jubilee at Central Park, Garland, with Labor Day Parade on September 2 at 9:00 am. Call 972-276-9366 for more information.

September 4-7

The Marriage Boot Camp - at the Plano Centre, Spring Creek and Jupiter Roads from 6pm to 11pm. Improve mar-

riages by using interactive experiential games, drills, exercises, & competitions. Admission Charge: \$1,800 per couple, or contact for a sponsor. For more information contact: 972-699-8886 or visit www.themarriagebootcamp.com

September 5-7 and 12-15 Garland Civic Theatre presents "The Sound of Music" at the PAC. Call 972-205-2790.

September 7

The Grand Opportunities Fair - sponsored by DFW Community Newspapers, at the Plano Centre, Spring Creek and Jupiter Roads, 10am-6pm. Employment, Education, Financial Counseling and Service Provider Opportunities. For more information contact Marcia Jowers at 972.543.2212 or by email: jowersm@dfwc.com

September 9

SMU School of Engineering Networking Event, at the Plano Centre, Spring Creek and Jupiter Roads, 6:00pm-9:00pm. This is one in a series of networking events for current and prospective graduate students, alumni, faculty, and corporate professionals. It includes an information session for prospective graduate students, presentations by SMU faculty and industry leaders and an opportunity for networking. Friends and colleagues are welcome to attend. To RSVP for an event, email gradprograms@engr.smu.edu. For more information contact Ms. Rie Watts at 214-768-1403 or visit www.seas.smu.edu

September 10

Volunteer McKinney Center will hold its annual Volunteer Fair to help assist organizations recruit volunteers for their upcoming events. McKinney High School, 1400 Wilson Creek Pkwy. Time: 5:00-7:00 p.m. For additional information contact Volunteer McKinney Center at 972-542-0679 or www.volunteermckinney.org.

Don't forget to check out the animals at Garland Animal Shelter, 600 Tower Drive: 972-205-3570.

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cessful as the United Kingdom, where, today there is retail competition for both natural gas and electric service, producing great benefits for U.K. consumers.

- Consumers have saved more than \$1 billion since the deregulation of the U.K. electric market in 1998.
- Residential energy prices have fallen by roughly one third — 37 percent for gas since and 28 percent for electricity — since the deregulation of the respective markets.
- 88 percent of U.K. customers who switched natural gas or electric providers believe that switching is easy.
- Customer satisfaction is quite high, with only three percent of customers indicating they are unhappy with their service.
- Prices for U.K. residential and industrial customers are now among the lowest in Europe.
- U.K. electricity consumers are switching suppliers at a rate of 100,000 per week.
- The United Kingdom enjoys generous capacity margins in generation and more diverse energy sup-

plies today than ever before. **Give Deregulation a Chance to Work**

Deregulation has delivered on its promise to keep rates competitive and to protect consumers in the United Kingdom. Price is an important driver, but it's not the only one. Quality of service and flexibility are also key factors in the customer's choice to switch. In fact, many will tell you that electricity can't be differentiated and that you can't paint electrons red or green. Tell that to the competitors who offer different prices, different levels of long-term price guarantees (like fixed and variable rate mortgages), different levels of environmental impact from generation, and packaging with other essential home services — and have only just begun to compete.

Texas consumers deserve the chance to experience these same benefits. The Public Utility Commission and the Legislature deserve kudos for giving Texans the opportunity to choose their electric provider and enjoy the benefits of retail electric competition. Let's give deregulation a chance to work before we start writing the obituary.

GRAPVINE MILLS MALL TO HOST AUDITIONS FOR BLUES CLUES LIVE: BLUE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY! SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

WHO: Tera Bell, Radio Disney DJ NextStage at Grand Prairie Grapevine Mills Mall

WHAT: Blue's Clues Auditions

Young contestants will line up in large groups for the audition and they will sing along and dance to a favorite Blue's Clues tune! One lucky child and his/her mom or dad will get to join Blue, Steve, Paprika, Mr. Salt, Mrs. Pepper and, of course, Steve, as they search for clues to discover what Blue wants for her birthday. The theatrical presentation transforms the television show into three dimensions, stimulating kids' imaginations and senses while celebrating the wonder of learning. The show features an unprecedented level of interactivity from the moment the audience enters the theatre to the time it leaves.

WHEN: Sunday, August 25th, 2-4 PM

WHERE: Grapevine Mills Mall Food Court



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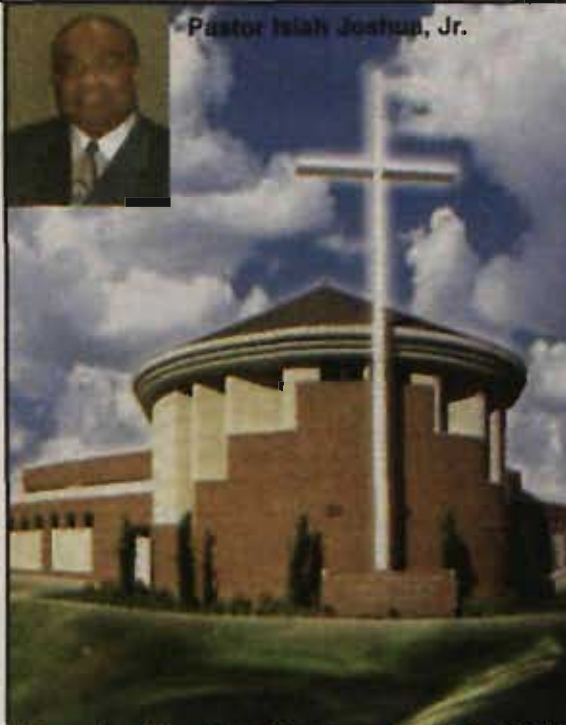
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