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On Saturday September 14, The Plano Community Forum hosts its 20th Annual Awards Banquet, at the Doubletree Hotel, Plano. The event showcase the Forum's 2002 Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship recipients and recognizes outstanding individuals, business owners, organizations and community volunteers who have made an impact in the Plano Community. Beginning at 6:30 p.m., with an auction followed by dinner and entertainment. Brenda Teefe Jackson of Channel 5 NBC News will MC the evening. Tickets are \$45.00, and all proceeds benefit the Scholarship fund. Call 972.578.0209, or 972.260.4206.

Opening Night! At the Charles W. Eisemann Center for Performing Arts and Corporate Presentations, 2351 Performance Drive, Richardson, Saturday, September 14, 8:30 p.m.

An Evening With Patti LaBelle and Mandy Patinkin This premiere event has been specifically created for the Center's opening by two of Broadway's most heralded performers, and will be their first performance together since starring in the Tony Award-winning musical "Boyz n the City" in 1980. Tickets include a post concert reception catered by the Radisson Hotel of Richardson, and dancing to the Bill Tollman Band. An optional pre-concert celebration dinner is also offered across the street at the Renaissance Dallas-Richardson Hotel. To Order Tickets Call 972.744.4656, visit the website at www.eisemanncenter.com

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Garland Trash Bash, Saturday, September 21, Audubon Park, 342 Oates Drive. Registration at 9 a.m. Pick up litter along Duck Creek in Audubon Park or another Garland creek of your choice. Trash bags and gloves will be provided. Wear old clothes and sturdy shoes and bring your own litter stick. Twenty cities are participating in this year's Trinity Trash Bash. If you plan to bring a group, please pre-register. Entertainment, refreshments and awards at noon. For more information contact Jan DeLigh at 972-205-3864 or jdeligh@ci.garland.tx.us.

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Shiloh's BMW's

At East Plano's Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church there is an abundance of BMW's - Black Men Working, that is.

And MON-The Gazette would like to personally thank the Brotherhood of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church for allowing our staff access into their midst at their Christian Male Fellowship, held recently.

Their assembly had a strong turnout of Black men, gathering together in the name of God, quite a contrasting view of the perception of Black men being shiftless and unproductive. Far from this perception, in the midst of the Shiloh men, The Gazette found just the opposite - they found Black Men Working for their community, and doing it in the spirit of our good Lord.

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like to boldly challenge other churches and religious organizations within our market coverage area to invite us in to your special programs, so we can inform the community and further dispel the myth of the Black man being unproductive. We challenge you to invite us in to your special programs so we can show that the Black men of our community are productive and are concerned about their community. To contact MON-The Gazette



Pastor Isiah Joshua, Jr.

you can e-mail us at monedit@svbell.net, or by phone at 972.516.4191.

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The Thornton House Project Takes On a Life Of Its Own

By: Monica Thornton

Once the historical John Thornton house, in the heart of the Douglass Community of Plano, is moved to its new location, you will be able to stand in a room and hear the walls tell you the history of the community.

As plans move forward to move and renovate the house into an African American museum/cultural center, Chase Bank, local businesses and citizens are getting involved in the project in a collaborative pool of talents and financial resources to keep the black heritage alive, and to promote the city of Plano as a multi-cultural city, built with the sweat of many cultures.

At recent meetings of the Steering Committee for the house, it was decided that although the immediate goal is to move the house to an appropriate location within the community, the long-term goal is to preserve history by keeping it alive.

"If we don't do something to preserve this now (how we built our

country), history will be lost, includ-

Europe you have buildings standing for hundreds of years, but we're lucky to have a building standing for fifty years," he continued.

The Thornton house (built in the 1890's, and bought by African American slave cropper and real estate investor John Thornton in the early 1900's) became an issue when Greater New Birth Church in the Douglass Community bought the house and the land it presently stands on for the purpose of expanding the church sanctuary. Now the church has the funds to build, but no one wants the house to be demolished to make way for the sanctuary. As reported in a previous article, business developer, Ron Williams, stepped up and purchased the house from the church, a steering committee was formed, and now works are in progress to save this piece of the early history of Plano.

On September 7, Mr. Wall pre-

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Ron Williams, Chairman of the Thornton House Project

ing our cultures," said committee participant Sidney S. Wall, Jr., A.I.A. "We are a throw away society. In

Plano Community Forum Presents Its Scholarship Awards

By: Monica Thornton

The Plano Community Forum is hosting its 20th Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday September 14, at the Doubletree Hotel, Plano. The event begins at 6:30 p.m., with an auction, followed by dinner and entertainment by Harry "Keyboard" King. Master of Ceremonies for the evening is Brenda Teefe Jackson of Channel 5 NBC News.

This year's event will showcase the Forum's 2002 Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship recipients and will recognize outstanding individuals, business owners, organizations and community volunteers whose achievements have made an impact in the Plano community.

The Plano Community Forum, co-founded by Fred Moses and other Plano residents, is committed to raising money to provide scholarships for minority high school students in Plano. Mrs. Myrtle Hightower, spokesperson for the Forum, said that since 1983, they have awarded a total of \$116,000 in scholarships to 123 Plano High School students to assist them with their pursuit of further education. And

this year alone, \$12,000 in scholarship funds has been divided



between 11 of those students.

Funds for the scholarship are raised through the Banquet and through an annual golf tournament. To qualify for the scholarship Plano High School students must meet the Forum's criteria for G.P.A., community service, volunteerism, they must write an essay, and receive at least three recommendations from counselors and other people.

Mrs. Hightower said the Plano Community Forum encourages its members to be on Commissions and Boards in the Plano Community, and to also serve as mentors in the Plano school system.

The Plano Community Forum is proud to award \$12,000 through this year's Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship to the following recipients:

- Aasiya Ali, \$500.00, University of Texas, Major: Business;
- Ashley Koruthu, \$500.00, Austin College, Major: Pre-Dental;
- Crystal Chaumon, \$750.00, Prairie View College, Major: Communications;
- Robert Jordan, \$750.00, Morehouse College, Major: Political Science;
- Justin Blalock, \$1000.00, University of Texas, Major: Business;
- Tracy Ann Burnett, \$1000.00, Wake Forest University, Major: Psychology/Pre-Med;
- Ashley Burroughs, \$1500.00, Spelman College, Major: Chemistry/Bio-Med Engineering;
- Adesuwa (Tracy) Egharevha, \$1500.00, Duke University, Major: Psychology;
- Dionna Little, \$1500.00, Washington University, Major: Biology;
- Corrdia Nwanko, \$1300.00, Texas A&M, Major: Bio-Med Engineering;
- Autumn Shuler, \$1500.00, University of Houston, Major: Pre-Pharmacy.

Tickets for the banquet are \$45 each and all proceeds benefit the scholarship fund. Please call 972-578-0209 or 972-260-4206.

Remembering September 11, '2001—'2002: Is Hindsight really 20/20?

By Belinda G. Alexander

Oh Say can you see, by the dawn's early light...bombs blasting, smoke spewing, people running, tears flowing, dust choking out the light of day—CHAOS?... But our Flag was Still There! Whether it was Pearl Harbor, Oklahoma City or New York City... attack on our homeland is an attack on our sense of identity, value and moral self-concept. One year later, the words are the same—but the meaning is somewhat different...And our flag is Still Here!

We acknowledge that our national heritage of deep, rich diversity has often led us to 'crazed squabbles' like siblings out of touch with that basic glue that truly binds us and makes the bond unbreakable. That same binding and bonding has been known to have a chokehold that sometimes has brought senseless acts and shameful deeds. This anger, hurt and pain is often experienced by family...but the flag was still there.

A nation whose history is dotted with regretful occurrences like the forced isolation of great Native American tribes — this land's first caretakers. A shadowed time when those with brown skin and yellow skin were cheap disposable labor by which to build a new nation and to discard those who fell in exhaustion along the way. A time when the senseless lynching of black men on quiet backroads of southern American towns— emphasized the message— 'to be white was right and being brown, yellow or any skin tone in the spectrum fading toward black was sometimes a deadly legacy.' The fact that something like this has even been allowed as a sign of time taints the idea and challenges the importance of hindsight history. Still we came — to be the Land of the Free and the Brave! The dead were honored, tears were shed, we marched demanding justice...we envisioned a better day, we voted and looked ahead to a better America with justice for all...And the flag was still there.

On April 18, 1995 we faced the shocking reality that a so-called American patriot could and did plot a massive deposit of explosives on a business American street next to a building filled with workers, children and fellow citizens. In a moment of blinding retaliation—All Hell was released for just one moment. One moment that in hindsight seems like an eternity—and the heartache will resonate throughout time...but nation pulls together to say we will not forget and we will always honor the memory of precious lives lost... And the flag was still there.

The infamous Tuesday of September 11, 2001 ushered an eager, sugar-caffeine enhanced rush hour army of commuters into another routine morning...life became everything but routine... From still slumbering West-Coast cities to freshly simmering Texas townships up to the bustling East-Coastal toll calls in a World where business ruled the day...Routine was being redefined. Envy, jealousy and the malignancy of unbridled hatred attached itself to planes and targeted the symbol of American Free Enterprise in

a Free World. The effort to extinguish the Spirit failed! An enduring faith and determination has been borne from ashes of agony...we chose to stand tall anyway!

Even in the misguided maniacal acts of those who seek to justify the killing of innocent people in the name of a Holy War or a God—the dream continues. In spite of those who condone indiscriminate annihilation of friends and loved ones—the spirit lives on. The Dream prevails beyond tears, agony, and a relevance of empowerment and refusal to give up on that which our nation stands to represent. Daring to dream and to follow that dream beyond darkness into a new dawn is the spirit evident was taking shape... And the rocketing glare was overwhelming...this nation under One God—diverse but not to be divided... But the FLAG IS STILL THERE.

Despite, beyond and in the face of all the confusion, anger, pre-judging and aimless hatred and silly suspicions... the idea was still there, the land was still there, and the essence of the image still stands tall in the Heart of America. A flag to wave over the horizon welcoming in those who dare to dream and commit to work toward a day for a better life where the first step into the rest of your life begins with a dare to dream. A place where newcomers from far-a-way lands arrived by ship, shackles, servitude and sheer might.

The birth of this new nation took place over hundreds of hard, brittle bittersweet journeys by many determined ancestors who decided that the only way to go was full strength ahead. Into the blinding light, heat, dust, famine and hardships to raise a flag, plant an idea and sow seeds of hope—to finally realize a dream unlike any other... And the flag was still there.

Recognizing the dream is not to deny the trial, challenge and mistakes experienced along the way. Realizing the dream is not to say that "We the People" are by any means closer to perfection nor that perceived as flawless and without fault.

The American dream—to finally make that great connection across, beyond and in spite of the unseen divide — the essence of the America Spirit lives in the face of adversity because we draw strength from our Diversity... And the FLAG IS STILL THERE...our nation under GOD never again to be divided in a wonderful Dream in a land known as the United States of AMERICA!

When Remembering September 11, '2001—'2002... Is Hindsight really 20/20? The fact may be that we are 'suffering' from a progressively serious case of 'post-traumatic astigmatism' — in the distance, things appear somewhat blurred and distorted. To correct that vision do we need glasses, or maybe it will help just to get closer to the subject and closer to one another. The idea, the spirit, the American dream is much more than religion or race— It is a dream that lives because of diversity and is strengthened by adversity...AND THE FLAG IS STILL HERE!

Men's Fish Fry at Shiloh Baptist Church



Left to right Charle Brooks, John Holland, and Grady Dunbar



Back Row: Left to right Barry Lewis, Wesley Price, Joe Davis, and Neal Piggins.
Front Row: Left to right Dwain Price, James Tucker, J. Taylor, and Lee Roy Young.



Wilbert Johnson and Ben Thomas at the table



Andrew Patterson and Carl Fields conversing and enjoying their food.



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Gershom Davis and his son, Nicholas Davis

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THE TRUTH CLINIC

The Williams Sisters: You Gotta Love 'em

Oh! What a Night. What a Night It Was. And I do not mean the hit song recorded by The Dells in the 1950s. I am referring to the pageantry, drama, and excitement of the United States Open women's tennis championship at Arthur Ashe Stadium last Saturday.

And again for the fourth time in the last five grand slams, at the center piece of all this extravaganza stood two statuesque ebony queens, Venus and Serena Williams, the dominant dynamo of modern tennis.

The sisters showed the world on prime time TV that it is not just what they can do on the court but they understand who they are. Sisters first, who truly care about each other and then the two best female tennis players in the world.

The former was obvious during the opening ceremony when Aretha Franklin started to sing "America." Separated from each other by the umpires platform, Serena walked around it to be near Venus so they could share and enjoy the majesty of the opening ceremonies together.

The latter raises questions. How can they be cold and calculating when a sibling is across the net?

Against the rest of the world, they take an aggressive, do what it takes approach. Against each other, critics say, they play polite tennis.

The match itself was electric at times but anti-climatic for the tournament. In the end, Serena's mobility and power won her a third straight Grand Slam championship as she defeated Venus 6-4, 6-3.

The true depth and dynamic of the sisters was exhibited in the tournament semifinals.

Venus was paired against the Frenchwoman Amelie Mauresmo. Mauresmo had backed Venus into a three break point advantage in the 10th game of the third set. The crowd was cheering vociferously for Mauresmo. Asked about this after the match, Venus said, "I don't know. At least I wanted myself to win."

The next four points were nothing short of miraculous. Even with a blistered right palm, Venus detached herself from the partisan crowd and her own emotions. She seemed to go robotic and mechanically unleashed serves, some of which exceeded 120 m.p.h. Defenseless, Mauresmo was forced to use her racket as a shield rather than a tennis racket. At the conclusion of this furious flurry Venus not only won the set but the match and advanced into the finals.

A few hours later, Serena experienced comparable problems in her semifinal match with former champion Lindsey Davenport. Down by 5-2 in the second set, Serena ran off five straight games with a formidable mix of might and mind. In the 10th game of the second set, Serena was facing three set points on her serve. She found that something extra that is the hallmark of all champions and bounced back. With an ace, a service winner, and a crushing forehand winner, Serena held off Davenport and won the second set and the match.

Lindsey paid her tribute to the sisters. "Most amazing thing in sports" the fourth-seeded Davenport said. "And they don't have teammates to help them along."

You cannot stop the two of them, only delay them, until

something like injury or a more fascinating field of endeavor catches their attention.

The United States Tennis Association and all the other major host organizations need to think about changing the rules when the Williams sisters advance to a final. Instead of forcing them to play each other to determine a champion why not just recognize them as co-champs, give them both the trophy, total the first and second prize money and split it between them. Then let them play a challenge exhibition match. More than likely with the stigma of championship removed the fans will see a better overall display of their phenomenal skills.

And why haven't the public relations experts grasped the opportunity for a media event like no other? Visualize a stretch limo pulling up to one of the grand award events in New York or Hollywood. The door opens and out steps Tiger Woods accompanying Venus and Serena. No romance, just the Triumvirate of Country Club sports out together for a festive evening while letting fans bask in the glow of American sport's King and Queens.

The tennis world is lucky to have the two sisters, even though their love for each other may impact the urgency of their championship matches. Just two African-American siblings who have challenged and conquered the tennis establishment with a mix of mind and might never seen before and perhaps never again.

Ya Gotta Love Em!!

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BLACKONOMICS

The \$30 Million Rip-off

By: James Clingman
Here's a great deal. Steal \$30 million, and move on to the next project to steal millions more. What a country! More specifically, what a city! And once again this fiasco, this obvious, in-your-face, we can do whatever we want, rip-off, happened in none other than Cincinnati, Ohio. The latest public relations nightmare for this city is centered on the largest unsubsidized housing complex, Huntington Meadows, the 640 families who reside or resided there, and how they have been and are being treated like herds of unwanted animals. Of course 99% of the persons living there are Black, and they have been intimidated, coerced and threatened in an effort to get them to move off this 65 acres of prime land in the middle of the city. And some still ask, "Why is there a boycott of Cincinnati?"

I don't know if you heard about the runaway cow that caused the authorities to expend hundreds of hours and numerous resources to capture after it obstinately eluded police in a park for a week or so. That cow, when finally caught, was named, celebrated, given a free pass from the slaughterhouse, and sent out of town to spend the rest of its life on someone's farm in New York. Well, the folks at Huntington Meadows have not been treated even half as well as that cow was treated by this city's authorities—and, dare I say, "leaders."

The residents at Huntington Meadows, despite the media and others preferring to divert our attention away from them, represent another aspect of this city's lack of strong leadership. They have been caught in a vice being turned by greedy, non-caring, dishonest, malevolent, land barons, politicians (and others, I'm sure) who only want to recapture prime land now

occupied by Black people.

I am very concerned about the fact that our politicians, especially the Black ones, are not speaking out on what many consider to be the biggest heist in Cincinnati's history—a \$30 million heist. The owners and managers of Huntington Meadows have received millions in subsidies and tax credits since 1997. They concocted a scheme to get the residents out, first through mass evictions, which was fought and won by the residents in January 2002. Then they came up with another scare tactic by calling in their own consultant to do a "health check" of the property. After determining there were problems with mold and asbestos in some of the buildings, problems that can be fixed, of course, the company put hazardous warning signs on the doors and windows of the complex, scaring the residents, postal workers and the utility meter readers who, in turn, refused to come on the property.

The Cincinnati Health Department came in after that and did its own study and, while it found a few problems, its report said those problems did not rise to the level that would call for evacuation of the property.

The plot thickens.

Then there was a court hearing and an agreement decided upon without the consent of the residents. That "agreement" called for the residents to move out by Sept. 3, 2002, and receive \$500.00 to help with relocation. Remember, the residents were being evicted for no fault of their own and yet were not allowed to give their input on the decision that was made on their behalf. Here's the catch, as there is always a catch. The residents, by taking the \$500.00 would have to sign an agreement that waived their rights to file lawsuits "forever" in case something comes up in the future with their

or their children's health. The residents, by signing the document, also waived their rights to go to court to plead their individual cases for adequate relocation assistance, which cost much more than a measly \$500.00. By the way, the checks bounced when some of the residents cashed them.

Crazy, isn't it?

There is too much to disclose in this one article, but suffice to say that the \$30 million given to the companies has not been accounted for through audit. The same company has a history of doing the same thing in other Ohio cities, and only one politician, a white County Commissioner named Todd Portune, has called for an investigation. He has since been silenced.

Hmmm.

You would think that if this city is willing to expend some 1,200 hours investigating a one-car accident, if the sheriff's department is willing to assign 12 investigators to find out how that automobile was damaged, and if the prosecutor is willing to convene a special grand jury to indict the highest ranking Black police officer for alleged lying about the damage to that car, then surely you would think they would waste no time investigating a \$30 million rip-off.

And some still wonder why there is a boycott in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Inspiration

Meanings

by: Unknown

Standing for what you believe in,
Regardless of the odds against you,
and the pressure that tears at your resistance,
... means courage.
Keeping a smile on your face,
When inside you feel like dying,
For the sake of supporting others,
... means strength.
Stopping at nothing,
And doing what's in your heart,
You know is right,
... means determination.
Doing more than is expected,
To make another's life a little more bearable,
Without uttering a single complaint,

... means compassion.
Helping a friend in need,
No matter the time or effort,
To the best of your ability,
... means loyalty.
Giving more than you have,
And expecting nothing,
But nothing in return,
... means selflessness.
Holding your head high,
And being the best you know you can be
When life seems to fall apart at your feet,
Facing each difficulty with the confidence
That time will bring you better tomorrows,
And never giving up,
... means confidence.

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sented the steering committee with a time-line he has developed for the project, starting at the meeting date of September 7, and going through moving the house, to a proposed Museum grand opening date in April 2003. He said the time-line consists of 106 steps covering meetings, the strategic planning phase, pre-design, design, pre-construction, construction and post-construction.

Calling upon the expertise of all present at the meeting, Mr. Wall said, "we need to know and make an evaluation of this to ensure tasks are on a realistic time frame to get the house moved by the date needed." The house needs to be moved by the end of November.

Evan Evans of E. Evans Associates, Inc., an Architectural, Engineering and Planning Company brought on board to consult with the project, said the role of his company would be from a technical standpoint to assist Mr. Wall in validating the time-line, and developing a program of needs.

"We will develop a program of needs, with the total effort," said Mr. Evans, "we will assign preliminary costs to each item on the program, then submit back to the committee."

Part of the plans for the house move include establishing a suitable location within the Douglass Community that meets all city codes and that will suit the structure and purpose of the house. Mr. Evans added that his company is in talks with R.L.K. Engineers, who are providing them with a proposal.

House owner, Mr. Williams, said he has met with the City of Plano, and they are giving full support.

And giving financial support is Chase Bank, who, Mr. Williams said are thrilled and excited to be a part of the project. He said Chase Bank will match all volunteer contributions. Mr. Williams added that additional sponsors to Chase Bank will be needed, both at individual and corporate levels.

During the process of planning for the move, other committee members have been commissioned to keep records (Juanita Austin), and to be involved with research. Mae Ricks, Ben Thomas and Doris Freeling answered the call on this one. Ms. Ricks, who attended the black high school where the Douglass Community Center now stands, said she used to pass by the Thornton house every day on her way to school.

"I came out right by the house, and would see Wallis 'Bud' Thornton (John Thornton's son) sitting on the porch," she said.

Ms. Ricks said she is already doing research for a book she is writing on the history of African Americans in the Plano community, and during her research she contacted the Thornton family, some of who live in California. She said the family will be sending her photos and other pieces of family history, which will eventually be placed in the museum/cultural center. Ben Thomas added that he is also in contact with the Thornton family in California, having been taught by one of them at the black school in the Douglass Community.

It was also agreed that an Historian is needed to verify authenticity of facts and for logging anything collected. All articles written, all paperwork handled for the process of turning the Thornton house into a museum will be kept to go into the museum.

The consensus of the meeting was that the committee wanted to make sure the community knows this project is not just a black/African American project.

"This is for the city, even the county as a whole," said Ben Thomas.

And Maggie Sprague of the Plano Historic Conservancy said "it makes good sense from an economic standpoint as it promotes tourism".

Any corporation, large or small, any group or individual citizens willing to commit in any way to the project can contact Mr. Ron Williams at 972.880.7100.

Digging Into the History of Plano

By: Monica Thornton

Archeologist Duane Peter, who is assisting the Steering Committee, saw the Thornton House project as an opportunity to dig deeper into history, and has gotten permission from Greater New Birth Church (owners of the property) to conduct a public archaeological dig on the site.

Mr. Peter, who currently works for Geo Marine in Plano, has been in archeology since 1972, and was the Director of the technical report on the excavation and educational curriculum undertaken by Geo Marine for the Freedman's Cemetery in Dallas. He said there are several archeologists at Geo Marine who are willing to participate in the excavation.

The dig is scheduled for Saturday October 19, and Mr. Peter said it will go from about 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. He said the public is invited to attend and participate, and he is participation by local schools.

While it is known that there is a well on the property, Mr. Peter said he is hoping the dig will give further insight into the way of life at the turn of the twentieth century.

He said they will have an orientation station set up for all attending on the day of the dig, and Geo Marine will provide the tools. He added that he recommends bringing gloves to protect your hands if you are interested in participating.

Mr. Peter said there will be at least half a dozen excavation units set up, and the digs will go on an ad-hoc basis, although he would like to sign up groups ahead of time.

For more information contact Duane Peter at 972-527-7372.

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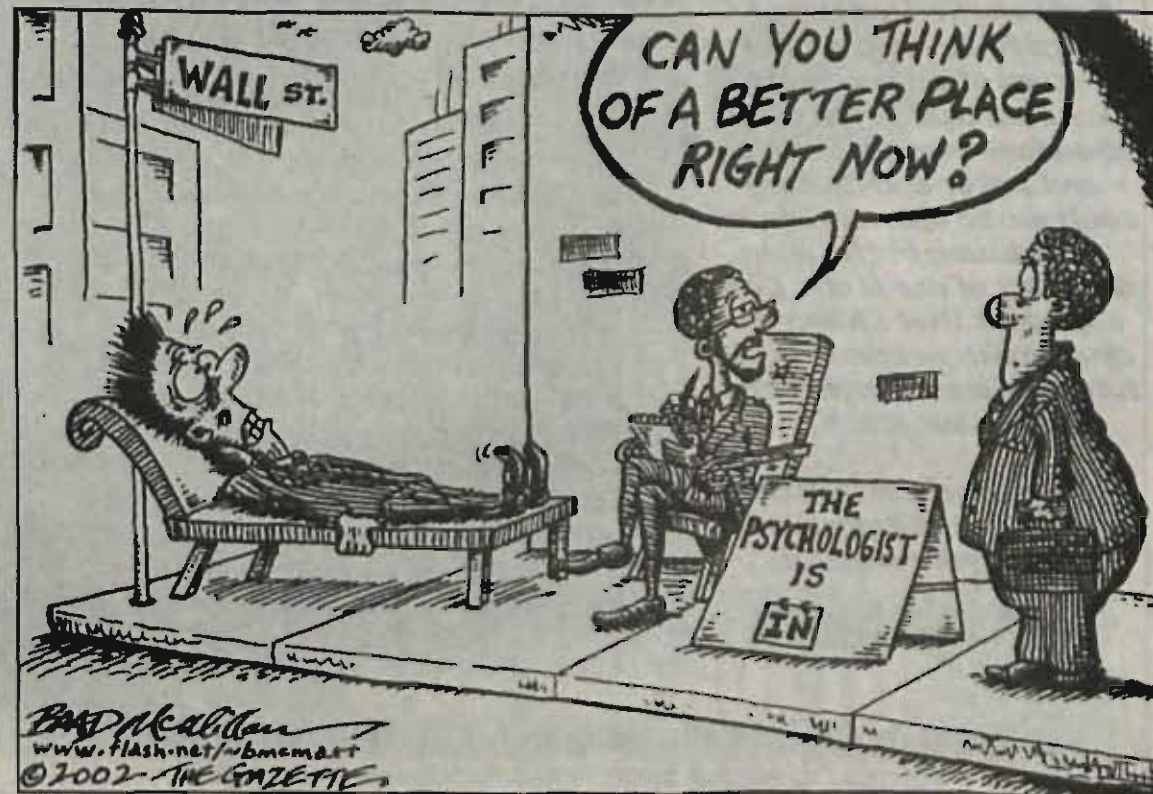
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Is the sky clearest on the day it is most blue?

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-

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Hembry Dallas County's First African American Female Treasurer Candidate

By: Felicia Coleman

Lisa Hembry is the first African American woman to run for Dallas County Treasurer. Bill Melton, current Dallas County Treasurer and a friend of Hembry since 1984, is her mentor.

"I received a call from Bill Melton. He told me that I should run for Treasurer and he offered to mentor me through the process. It was a gift," Hembry said.

Hembry graduated from Southern Methodist University (SMU) in 1975, with a BS in Political Science. In 1992, she earned a marketing certificate from Cox School of Business at SMU. Hembry is also licensed in commercial real estate. Hembry's professional background includes 11 years of experience in broadcast communications, including serving as public affairs director of KRLD radio, news director of KKDA, and as an independent communications consultant for national companies and political campaigns.

She also served as director of marketing for The Staubach Company where she generated multi-million dollar transactions and provided leadership on major corporate real estate accounts. Hembry has been involved in government and public service throughout her career.

"I've always been interested in politics," Hembry said. "I began as a Radical but I became educated about the Republican Party. I've been a Republican since the late seventies."

Hembry has served on the board of directors and the executive committees of the Dallas Historical Society, the Dallas Museum of Art, the Metropolitan Dallas YMCA, the African-American Museum, Goodwill Industries of Dallas,

Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Research Foundation, the Women's Council of Dallas and the Dallas Visual Art Center, among others. She also served as a telethon co-host for the Leukemia Society of America and the United Negro College Fund.

Currently, Hembry is Chief Executive Officer for the Dallas Historical Society, the oldest historical organization about Dallas founded in 1922. She

Americans have the opportunity to make changes. We have to be educated and vote smart. If we are not at the table when the decisions are made, we cannot make a big impact. The history has been distorted to have us believe things that are not true. The Republican Party represents economic independence and less government dependence."

If elected Dallas County Treasurer, Hembry said that she plans to continue the work of Bill Melton, incorporate direct deposits to eliminate paper and to establish a system allowing people to pay property taxes and other county fees by credit card.

She said, "I am in the down ballot (lower ballot) and that is what people do not pay attention to. I hope that minorities will vote for the individual and not for the party."

IMPORTANT VOTING DATES

September 6, 2002 - First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail

October 7, 2002 - Last Day to Register to Vote

October 21, 2002 - First Day of Early Voting (may begin on Saturday the 19th or Sunday the 20th - if ordered by the Elections Administrator or County Clerk)***

October 29, 2002 - Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received not Postmarked)

November 1, 2002 - Last Day of Early Voting (November 5, 2002 - General Election

***County Clerk/Elections Administrator, City Secretary, or authority ordering the election other than county or city, may order early voting to begin on the preceding Saturday or Sunday.



Lisa Hembry will be on the ballot for the Treasurer's office on November 5, 2002.

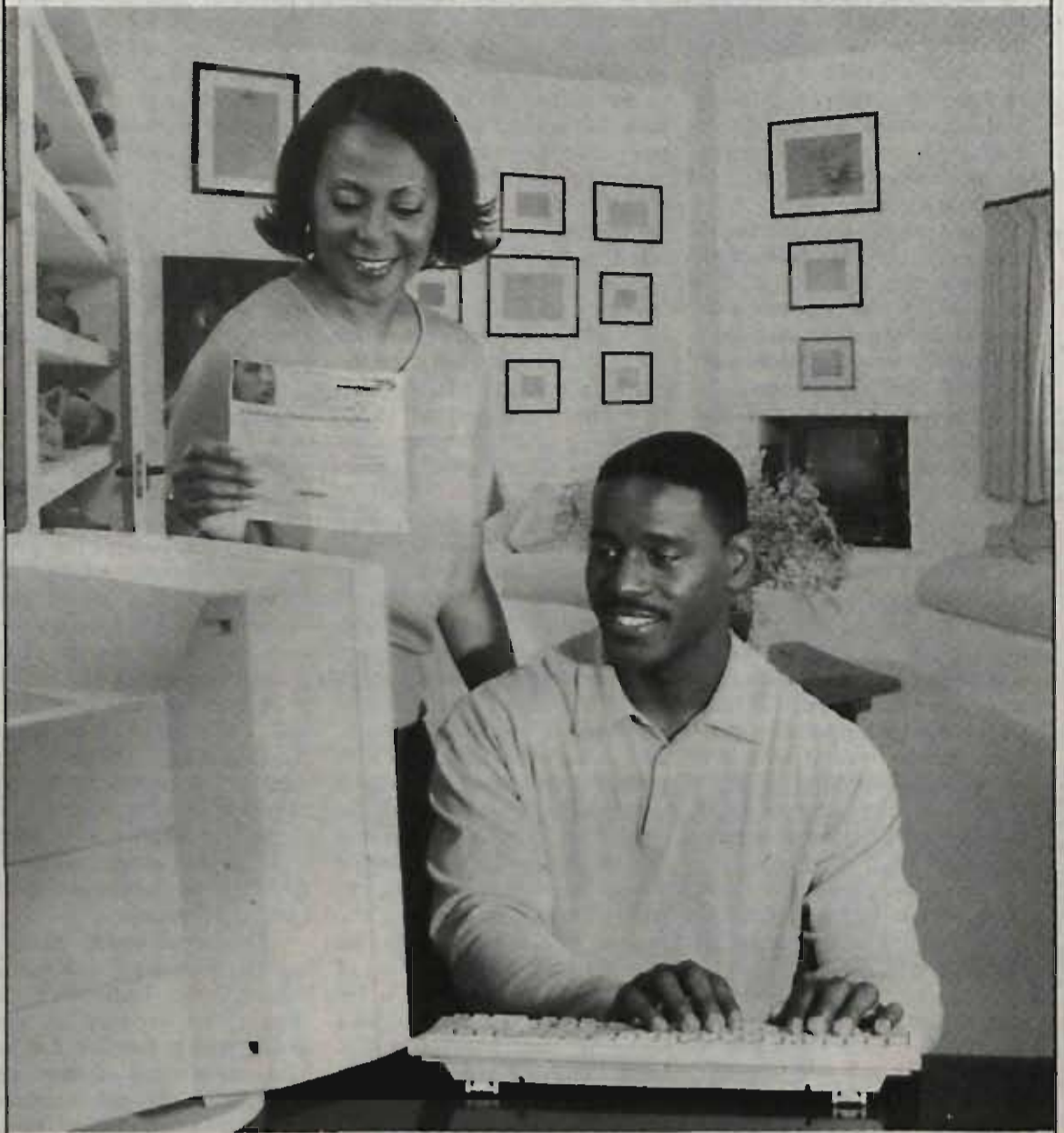
restored the Dallas Historical Society financially by decreasing the debt by 94 percent.

To prepare for the Treasurer election on November 5, Hembry said, "I'm meeting as many people as possible. I'm relying on my personal contacts to win the election. Also, I will have the assistance of Bill Melton."

The majority of Africans American are Democrats. Hembry feels that many African Americans are misguided and uneducated about the Republican Party.

She said, "We as African

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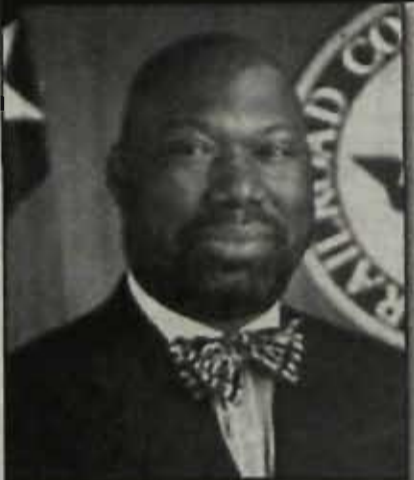
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The City of Allen Demonstrates Excellence in the Purchasing Division

By: Felicia Coleman

As Purchasing Agent for the City of Allen, Texas, Herbert Miller, Jr., CPPO, CPPB, CCA is responsible for the procurement of items required to operate and maintain the city.

Through competitive bids/proposals, the purchasing division is responsible for procuring the items required at the best value, optimum delivery, and total overall quality to meet the requirement of the requisitioning departments.

In 2001, the City of Allen Purchasing Division was awarded the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement by the National Institute.

MON-The Gazette interviewed City Manager Herbert Miller, Jr.

How long have you been Manager Of Purchasing in the city of Allen?

Since December 2000. I was charged with establishing a centralized purchasing office by the City Manager, Mr. Peter Vargas in December 2000.

What type of work have you done previously?

I began my public purchasing career with the City of University Park in 1983. In 1987, I took a position with the University of North Texas Housing and Residence Life Department. In 1989, I was recruited by the City of Plano and served as Purchasing Supervisor for approximately 8 years. During my employment with the City of Plano we established a small, minority and woman-owned business program that was very successful. I was recruited by the Dallas Fort Worth International Airport Board (DFW) in 1993. I

served as Purchasing Manager at DFW for 3 years. Currently, I am Purchasing Manager for the city of Allen, Texas one of the fastest growing and progressive suburban cities in the metroplex. During my many years of assisting local, small, minority and women owned businesses on how to conduct business with government agencies the small business bug hit me in 2001. My wife and I formed a corporation and started a small business. We are owners of a self serve laundromat called Spin City in East Plano.

Hopefully, one day I will have a chain of laundromats providing a

tion of the city. Last year alone, the purchasing department was involved in the expenditure of over \$22 million dollars. The average purchase order amount was approximately \$2,500.00. With these numbers I believe purchasing can and has made an impact in the local, and surrounding business community.

What is procurement? Procurement means purchasing or buying. There are 3 parts of procurement: 1) Buying, 2) Contract Administration (annual contract) and 3) Warehouse (materials management).

What are your plans for the Purchasing Department?

To establish a small emerging business assistance program. Which will encourage the participation by local, small, minority and woman-owned businesses in the procure-

ment activities of the City of Allen.

What are your long term goals professionally?

To establish a nationally recognized, award winning purchasing department.

What awards have you received?

In 2001, the purchasing department received the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement sponsored by National Association of Purchasing Managers, California Association of Public Purchasing Officers, National Purchasing Institute, and the Florida Association of Public Purchasing Officers.

Do you have a family?

Wife-Tomeji Miller, Son-Rodney 13 years old and Daughter-Taylor Simone 3 years old.

What are your hobbies?

Spending time with my family, reading, working out, and attending church.

Where are you from?

I am from Chicago. I joined the army and went to California, Korea, Germany, and Texas. I've been in Texas since 1979. The Logistics in the military is what I found interesting and then became involved in purchasing. I've resided in East Plano since 1989.

Are there special programs to get the word out about purchasing opportunities?

You can go to the City of Allen's web site at the following web address: www.ci.allen.tx.us

Are you involved in organizations/community involvement's?

Yes, Past President of The Public Purchasing Association of North Central Texas, Past President of the National Forum For Black Public Administrators-North Texas Chapter, Member of DFW Chapter of the National Institute for

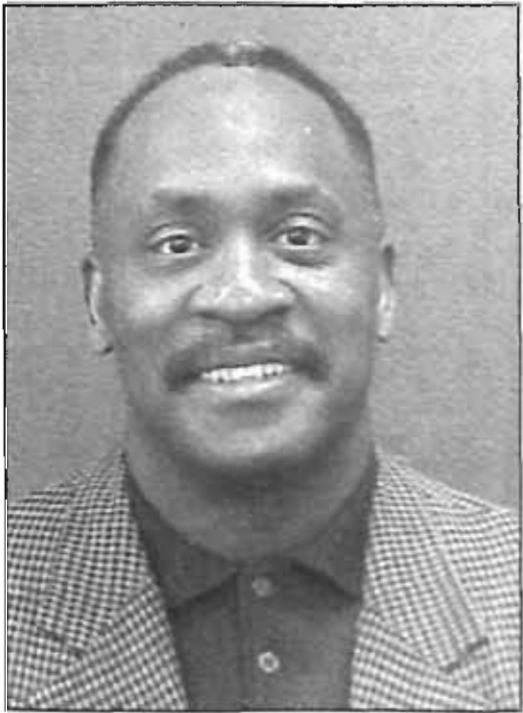
Governmental Purchasing, Member Institute of Supply Management, and Texas Purchasing Managers Association (affiliated with TML-Texas Municipal League).

What do you like most about your job?

The ability to help other people navigate through the myriad of policies and procedures involved in public purchasing where they can then compete and win government contracts. This allows me to make a difference in the lives of the citizens and the business community that I serve.

What do you dislike most about your job?

I enjoy my chosen profession. I am truly blessed. I believe every problem we face on a daily basis creates an opportunity to make a difference.



Herb Miller
Allen Purchasing Agent

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Which school did you graduate from?

University of Texas at Dallas in 1989 with a degree in Public Administration.

What is the role of the Purchasing Department in the City of Allen?

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Coined the 90/10 Anniversary Celebration, the black-tie gala will be held at the Omni Mandalay Hotel (Los Colinas), 221 East Las Colinas Boulevard, Irving, Texas. The Jarvis Christian College Board of Trustees and executive officials at the College have invited everyone to come and be a part of this spectacular celebration. The event will also serve as a fund-raiser for the College and a silent auction will precede the program and dinner that begins at 7 p.m. The program will culminate with an evening of tributes, fun, entertainment, surprises and laughter.

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is an expert on topics relative to higher education, equal education and employment opportunities, women's rights, due process, and issues relating to youth.

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While in the process of recording their fourth album, Eat a Peach, Duane Allman passed away at the age of 25. A motor cycle accident took the life of arguably the most talented guitarist of the day. The band continued on and released eat a peach, which included the hits "Melissa", "Blue Sky", "Little Martha", and "One Way Out".

The following year, the band then released its most successful album, Brothers and Sisters. This album includes the classics: "Ramblin' Man", "Southbound", and "Jesse James".

Just when things seemed to be going great for the band, tragedy again struck. Berry Oakley, the band's innovative bass player, was killed in a car accident just a block away from where Duane had died almost exactly a year to the day earlier.

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THIS WEEK: A Closer Look at Angie Stone



There's nothing like southern comfort. Vocal siren Angie Stone knows this and abides by it and delivers it through her music as only a southern belle could. Her sophomore release, Mahogany Soul (J Records), is a melodic equation that poetically calculates the varying components of love, romance, men and relationships. Her bass-heavy first single "Bootha" is an ode to African-American men from all walks of life. And while Stone's richly-crafted 1999 platinum solo debut, Black Diamonds (Arista Records), earned her a seat in the industry's growing caucus of socially-conscious songbirds like Fiyah Badu, Lauryn Hill, Jill Scott and India.Arie, her multi-faceted career has long served as a blueprint to shaping the sound of today's "neo-soul" music.

Since she was a teenager, the Columbia, S.C., native's musical evolution has afforded her fruitful gigs like singing jingles for household products like Afro Sheen and Budweiser; serving as a member of R&B groups Sequence and Vertical Hold; playing saxophone for Lenny Kravitz; and penning hits for Mary J. Blige and D'Angelo (her ex-beat and father of their four-year-old son, Michael D'Angelo Archer II). But Stone didn't get her props until 2000, when she received a Soul Train Music Award. "I've been in the business a long time," said Stone in accepting her award. "It's nice to finally get the recognition." With a million-plus albums sold, Stone is also finally getting her due: Angie Stone plays Dallas live in concert with Luther Vandross and Gerald Lavett at the Smirnoff Music Centre tomorrow night.

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Around The Town

September 12
The Plano Chamber of Commerce is seeking door prizes for the following fund-raising events to benefit the chamber: 13th Annual Mini Golf Tournament and Road Rally, set for October 4; Annual Membership Drive, set for October 29 to 31; and 4th Annual Striking Up Business Bowling Tournament. Networking event set for December. Items such as give-aways, door prizes, team prizes, motivational prizes and top producer prizes are welcome.

September 12 - September 29
The Plano Repertory Theatre presents "A Chorus Line" running from September 5 to 29. Opening night is Saturday, September 7, at 8 p.m. Performances are held at the Courtyard Theater, 1517 H Ave., Plano. Shows are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. Adult tickets are \$20 to \$42, depending on the day. Children 18 and under, including college students with valid ID, are half price. Discounts are available for senior citizens 62 and over, and groups of 12 or more. For more information, contact 972-422-7460 Monday to Friday from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. or purchase tickets online at www.planorep.org.

September 12
Director of Theatre at Collin County Community College (Plano), Brad Baker, was named the 2002 recipient of the Region 6 Teaching Excellence Award by the National Association of Teachers of Theatre. As one of seven regional winners, he is a finalist for the National Teaching Excellence Award, which will be conferred at the organization's national conference in March 2003. For additional information regarding Brad Baker or Collin County Community College Theatre Department, contact Brad Baker at bbaker@cccc.edu or 972-881-5679.

September 13 and 14
MCKINNEY THEATRE at MCKINNEY SQUARE MEAL presents a murder mystery, "Mind Over Murder," Friday and Saturday evenings through October 12. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Show begins at 8:00 p.m. Reservations not required, but seating is limited. Located at 213 E. Louisiana St., downtown. Admission: \$12 adults, and \$10 senior citizens and children under 12 years. Dinner is available at additional cost. For more information call 972-548-6900.

September 13 - 15
Back to Grandma's Attic - at the Plano Centre, Spring Creek and

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September 14
On Saturday September 14, The Plano Community Forum hosts its 20th Annual Awards Banquet, at the Doubletree Hotel, Plano. The event showcases the Forum's 2002 Marlin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship recipients and recognizes outstanding individuals, business owners, organizations and community volunteers who have made an impact in the Plano Community. Beginning at 6:30 p.m., with an auction followed by dinner and entertainment. Brenda Teele Jackson of Channel 5 NBC News will MC the evening. Tickets are \$45.00, and all proceeds benefit the Scholarship fund. Call 972.578.0209, or 972.260.4206.

The City of Garland will host a "We the People" Conference on September 14 at the Jerry Andrews Pavilion at Firewheel in Garland, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It will focus on the needs of Garland City residents including: safe, attractive neighborhoods; economically stable business climate; and easy access to local government. Tom Dunning, who organized "Dallas Together" is the featured speaker. Due to limited space, the conference is by invitation only. Any Garland citizen can submit ideas, questions, or concerns by e-mail at WeThePeople@ci.garland.tx.us, or by contacting their city council representative.

Mesquite City Animal Shelter will sponsor a remote pet adoption at Petco, 1500 Town East Blvd., Saturday September 14, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. For information call (972) 216-6283.

The third annual "KidFish" will be held September 14th from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at City Lake Park, Mesquite. The event is free and there will be something for all ages. Call

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September 14 and 15
Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary presents its annual Birds of Prey Festival, featuring raptor programs, hands-on science activities, food vendors and entertainment. Fun for all ages. For more information: 972-562-5566 or www.heardmuseum.org.

September 16, 17, 18
Hold My Hand Program at McKinney Memorial Public Library, for children ages 18 - 35 months. Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, 10:35-10:55 a.m. The Hold My Hand Program includes sharing books, flannel board activities, puppets, finger plays and songs. Located at 101 E. Hunt, McKinney.

September 16 and 17
On My Own Program at McKinney Memorial Public Library, for children ages 3 - 5 years, Monday & Tuesday 10:30 - 11:00 am. The programs include sharing books, flannel board stories, draw and tell stories, puppets, finger plays, songs, and movies. Movies are 5-10 minutes in length and are usually based on a book or classic fairy tale age appropriate for 3-5 year olds.

September 17
Plano Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Membership Luncheon - Tuesday, September 17, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Plano Centre, Spring Creek & Jupiter Roads. The luncheon will feature Ronald C. Parker, Senior Vice President, Human Resources, Frito Lay North America as the keynote address; and the Opportunity 2002 Minority Enterprise Development Celebration Awards. Sponsored by: TXU, City of Plano, Verizon and Telecom Electric. Admission \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members. For more information contact Chamber Office at 972-424-7547, or visit www.planocc.org.

September 18
The Junction - Wednesday, September 18, 2002 at 7pm-9:30 pm. The Junction - A monthly series of performances of Americana music (folk, blues, jazz, country) by a variety of artists held at the PLANO STATION, just east of the DART Downtown Plano Station. Parking available in the Eastside Village Garage, Haggard Park and J Plaza parking lot. Admission: \$10 per person at the door (no advance sales) For more information contact Jim Wear at 972.941.5202

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September 21
32nd Annual Concours d' Elegance sponsored by the Jaguar Owners Association of the Southwest will feature a showing of Jaguars dating from 1936 to 2003. The show will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6:30 to 10 p.m. Trophies will be awarded in all categories and a live jazz band from the University of North Texas will be present. The Greyhound Adoption League of Texas, Inc. (G.A.L.T.) will also showcase dogs. Following the show there will be an awards banquet and social at the Doubletree Hotel at Legacy. The banquet is open to everyone, but does require reservations, at \$35 per person. Deadline for reservation packages is September 18. For registration packages to the show and banquet reservations, please contact David Nichols at 940-484-9279.

Run for the Children - located at 15650 Addison Rd, Addison. Starting at 7:45a.m. for the 1 Mile Kids Fun Run and 8am for the 5k. Tom Thumb presents the annual 5k Run for the children and 1 Mile Kids Fun Run that benefits "Wipe Out Kids" Cancer, a non-profit organization. Kids (10 and under) run for \$10, adults run for \$25 on race day, \$20 if they register on 9/18-20, and \$16 if they register by 9/13/02. There are awards for the best male and female winners of the 5k, and kids receive a goody bag for completion of the 1 mile. There is a discount for companies, schools, or organizations that register 25 participants for \$350. They also have a chance to win the Spirit Trophy donated by Bachendorf's and passed on annually. Contact Michelle Duca, www.wokc.org, mduca@wokc.org, or 214-987-4662 for more info.

September 24 and 26
College Tuition Strategies - Tuesday, September 24 and Thursday, September 26, from 7pm to 9pm. Held at the Plano Centre, Spring Creek and Jupiter Roads. Do you have a child that is a sophomore or junior in high school? Would you like to save up to 30% in college costs? Find out how "tax benefits equal tax scholarships". Receive as our gift "153 Strategies to Cut College Costs" (written by Rick Darvis, CPA & Ron Them, RCF of College Funding Inc.) Admission is free. Contact 1.800.828.0540 to reserve a seat.

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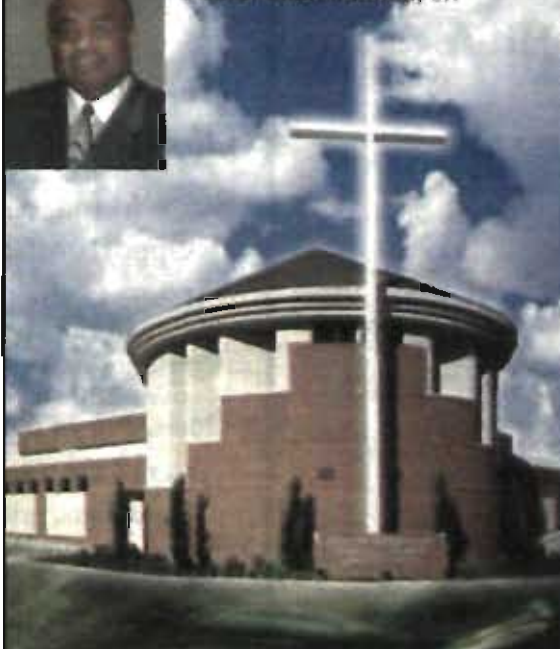
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