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The Plano Community Forum Receives Support From Plano at its 20th Annual Awards Banquet

By Monica Thornton

The Plano Community Forum held its 20th Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday September 14, 2002, at the Doubletree Hotel, Plano. This year's theme was "Proudly Serving Our Community and Country", a theme echoed by the large turnout of support from local businesses and services.

The Forum is a non-profit community based organization, founded December 10, 1981, and incorporated in 1989. Its mission is to provide scholarship opportunities for minority students graduating from Plano schools, and to promote cultural enrichment and community involvement. The Forum's membership is composed of civic-minded men and women, who are involved in every aspect of the Plano community. The Forum holds three

fund raising activities throughout the year, with the Annual Awards Banquet being the major function. Mistress of Ceremony for the occasion was Channel 5's Brenda Teele-Jackson. She said the theme for the occasion was appropriate as "this is at a critical time, because as a community we have a heightened awareness of serving, for while the terrorists intended to bring us down, they did just the opposite, they brought us together."

And on Saturday night, over 300 people came together



Forum President, Pat Humphress (left) presents President's Award to Brenda McDonald and Julius Chambers.

to show their support for the Plano Community Forum (PCF), amongst them were citizens representing themselves, the Mayor of Plano, Plano City

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Hembry Ready to Serve Dallas County as Treasurer

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 commu-



nications 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

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The NAACP — A History of Patriotic Activism

By Belinda G. Alexander

Dreams of Freedom and Prosperity America was born out of the burning desires of common people to attain and experience a life and land of basic freedoms and rights. The idea of prosperity, choice of worship and a governing democracy lured settlers to America from many distant lands.

Wars were fought and many lives were sacrificed for the right to live in equality and pursuit of happiness. It would appear that the great Constitutional "forefathers" intended this glorious dream was the right of all Americans; however—this was not always true for former slaves and their descendants. After much war and debate between the Northern and Southern states over slavery and economics, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863.

Although the proclamation was declared, many states disregarded it.

Most Black Americans or "colored" people (early America) still were not free to safely pur-

sue that great American dream. Ethnic isolation and racial discrimination was common prac-



tice, especially in the South. People of color needed a strong voice and respectable representation. Thus the NAACP was formed.

Trouble at Home

Poor treatment of "colored" citizens was common practice in the South, however, in 1908 a race riot in Lincoln's hometown of Springfield, Illinois, was the "igniting" spark. Historical accounts described a horrific mob of "good" citizens went on a two-day race riot. Blacks were attacked, beat and killed and chased out of town. The NAACP became a beacon of measure and defense in such

times of person threat and tragedy to America's Black families.

A New Foundation

As a new organization, NAACP was committed to helping to right social injustices. When called on, The New York Evening Post Company president backed the organization. They chose Lincoln's birthday, February 12, to open the campaign because it most appropriately represented a beginning of new freedom and patriotism for the colored population. The "Call" was issued for a meeting using the concept of creating an organization to be an aggressive watchdog of "Negro" liberties. [Resource: "How The N.A.A.C.P. Began" -By Mary White Ovington; 1914 print.]

Organizing a Smart Defense

On the 100th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birthday, February 9, 1909, sixty prominent black and white citizens issued "The Call" for a national conference in New York City to renew "the struggle for civil and political liberty." A distinguished group of black leaders added their voice to the movement. A



Guest Speaker Rev. T.J. Denson of Macedonia Church in Lewisville

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church Thanks God for its Pastor and Friend

By Monica Thornton

The congregation at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church believes that its Pastor, Rev. Isiah Joshua, Jr., is God's gift to their church. And on Sunday September 15, 2002, the church celebrated Pastor Joshua's 8th Anniversary as Pastor of the church, with the theme "God's special gift to Shiloh according to His heart."

And the occasion was celebrated with thanks to God for sending them Pastor Joshua, joining the church in celebration and praise was Pastor Denson and the Macedonia Ministries family, with the Reverend Denson giving the sermon "How can we know God's Heart?"

Master of Ceremony, Deacon Curtis Ford was on fire for the Lord, and said he will praise the Lord through dance and song. He wasn't the only one on fire that day. The voices of the Shiloh Mass Choir were so hot as they praised God in song, the very walls of the church couldn't contain them.

Between singing members of the congregation

gave thanks to God for Pastor Joshua, as he was honored as a Pastor and friend. Pastor Joshua joined the church in 1981 and served as Associate Pastor preceding his calling to become Pastor of the church. He formed many friendships before taking position as Pastor, becoming in effect, a Pastor to his friends.

Deacon Irice Jones said Pastor Joshua is truly "a friend that became my pastor." He said Pastor Joshua mentored his children where he served as Youth Minister. Jones, who has been a Deacon at the Church since 1986, said he has an amazing relationship with Pastor Joshua.

"You truly will not meet an individual used by God like him," said Jones.

Another friend of the Pastor's is Reverend Ralph Hallway, who said he believes God gave them their friendship.

"If somebody's going to make a friend for me, surely I want to be God the Father," he said.

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Garland's Pastor Roosevelt Griffin Celebrates 26 Years of Service

On Sunday, September 29, the St. Mark Baptist Church of Garland (601 Rowlett Rd.) will be celebrating their Pastor, Rev. Roosevelt A. Griffin's 26 years of service.

Pastor Griffin is the founding Pastor of St. Mark. His love for God, extensive biblical knowledge, visions, leadership skills and a caring spirit has grown the membership into a strong church, serving the Garland community. Under his leadership, the members are able to participate in various training programs, Bible classes, numerous auxiliaries/committees, Sunday School, prayer and praise services, mid-week services, and three Sunday worship services.

Pastor Griffin shares his ministry with his dynamic, multi-talented wife, Linda Lorraine, and son, Reuber

Lad. Reuber is a junior at Garland High School and a gifted and spiritual-filled musician, sharing his skills and talents in the music ministry of the church.

Rev. Madison, Pastor of the St. Mark Baptist Church of Dallas, will be the guest speaker for the 2:00 p.m. Celebration Service on September 29. The power of the Lord is unleashed when these two St. Mark church families come together for worship.

The regular Sunday services will also be held; 8:00 a.m. Hour of Power Worship Service, Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m. and the special 3:00 p.m. Celebration.

The public is invited to come and fellowship in this day of appreciation.

Reuber Lad, Linda Lorraine, and Pastor Griffin

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Council members, Plano Police Chief and Assistant Police Chief, President of the Collin County Community College District, President of the Plano Chamber of Commerce, President of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Alpha Iota Iota Chapter, and Presidents and other representatives of non-profit organizations the Kiwanis, Lions Club, Boys and Girls Club of America.

"The turnout is really good, it's about what we expected," said T.J. Johnson, Vice President of Activities for the PFC. "We typically get good support from other non-profit organizations."

Ms. Johnson said when she and her husband moved to Plano in 1986, they looked for an organization to be involved with that worked primarily with the African American Community, and that really made a difference.

"I found the Plano Community Forum, and realized it was an organization that I could quickly get involved with," she added. "I also like the fact that it was an organization recognized by the community at large. And because Plano is such a mobile community, you can give back to the community almost immediately with the Plano Community Forum."

Mayor of Plano, Pat Evans, who has lived in Plano since 1972, said she went to Law School with T.J. Johnson. She said she has known a number of wonderful members of the Forum, and has attended the banquet in previous years, adding that she has a lot of respect for the group.

"This scholarship program is a wonderful fit to the community," said Mayor Evans. "It plays a special part in their lives, and when I get the chance to meet the kids (scholarship recipients), I'm always thrilled."

Also in attendance was Helen Macy, Executive Director of Plano Housing Authority, and city council members Sally Magnuson, Shep Staehl, Scott Johnson, Ken Lambert, and Steve Stovall, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem, who said he and his wife attend the banquet almost every year. He said Evelyn McKnight and T.J. Johnson (both Executive Officers with the Forum) initially invited them.

"We've both served on boards of commissions, and found this organization offered a great opportunity to serve and give back to the community," Mr. Stovall said.

A special partner of the Forum, Omega Psi Phi, Alpha Iota Iota Chapter, was also in attendance. Ms. Johnson said the only criteria they had to meet to partner with the Forum, was that all monies collected had to go to scholarships. This is something that Omega President, Mr. Julius Chambers, is proud to be a part of, as he said, his fraternity is already involved in awarding a \$1000.00 scholarship to a high school student. He said they also conduct an annual talent search, with a recent winner going on to compete in the 5 State competition for violin. He said the fraternity is committed to cooperating with the Forum in its fund raising events, as they are also committed to serving the community and uplifting the youth. "You need to have the Plano Community Forum," he added.

And there's probably no organization more visible in the Plano Community than the Plano Police Department, who were represented by the Chief (Greg Rushin) and Assistant Chief at the banquet. Assistant Chief, Stephen T. Nagy, said it is important for the Plano Police Department to be involved with the Forum, as they can give each other feedback. He said the Forum can bring with it diversity, and as a diverse city, Assistant Chief Nagy said it is important to get feedback from all areas.

"I grew up in New York City, so I knew at a very young age the importance of getting input from diverse groups, and that is what the Plano Community Forum can provide the city," Nagy added. He said the Police Department also is involved with the Martin Luther King activities sponsored by the Forum. Nagy said he has spoken at the parade and likes to be personally involved in the activities.

"One of the Police Department's keys to success is outreach to the many different groups in the City of Plano," said Nagy. "Plano is a diverse community, and the Police Department tries to interact very well within it."

Also working well within the Plano community is the Plano Chamber of Commerce, with President Brad C. Shanklin in attendance at the banquet. He said supporting the Forum is in line with the Chamber's goals of networking, providing education and opportunities for small businesses.

"Clearly this is something we want to take a more active role in," said Shanklin.

He said he has lived in Plano for five and a half years, but has only been President of the Chamber of Commerce for two months. He said this is wonderful for the students at a young age to be given such an opportunity, "and hopefully these students will come back to Plano after university, and be a part of the Plano work force."

Representing the face of education in Collin County was Cary A. Israel and his staff. Israel is President of Collin County Community College District, and was awarded the Forum's 2002 Community Award. According to the Forum, Israel's belief in actively engaging students in the community and government inspired over 800 students to donate 12,000 hours of time to community projects this last academic year through the college's Service Learning Program. Israel said he is eager and happy to be involved with the Forum.

"We try to be really active with the Forum, not only with the annual banquet, but with hosting the Martin Luther King activities," Israel said. "We're really trying to get the college involved."

Also involved in education is Plano Elementary School Principal, Mrs. Louise Davis, who said she is a great supporter of the Forum and attends all the fund raising events.

"I'm so busy with my school that I haven't had the opportunity to join the Forum, so I at least like to show my support through my presence and my dollars," said Mrs. Davis.

Another group involved with the education of young children is the Boys and Girls Clubs of Collin County. Director, Ms. Sharon Watson, said this was her first introduction to the Forum, and is excited to be a part of the activities. She said the Forum supports the children in the Boys and Girls Clubs through volunteering with mentoring and tutoring. She said it is great to be able to support each other.

"I hope our kids will be scholarship recipients themselves," she added.

Skip Jenkins, Plano School Board member and Past President of the Plano Rotary Club, said the Rotary has bought a table at the banquet for at least the last six to eight years. He said that as a result of attending the Forum's banquet, the Rotary Club invited Myrtle Hightower of the Plano Community Forum, to join the Rotary.

"We work very closely with Myrtle and make sure we're involved in the community and the Forum," Jenkins said.

Like the Forum, the Rotary Club is also community and service oriented, and raised over \$275,000.00 to build the new Plano Children's Medical Clinic, in East Plano. Mr. Jenkins said the Rotary Club International also took on the project of eradicating polio, "and we're about three years away from that."

Apart from mentoring children, the Rotary Club has also adopted three elementary schools in Plano, Jenkins added, and it recognizes students that are exemplary citizens.

Also attending the banquet were members of the Plano Kiwanis Club.

"We're proud to be partners in several ventures that have proven to be successful for both groups (the Forum and Kiwanis), and the City of Plano," said Don McKnight, Past President of the Kiwanis.

Mazzei Moses, Vice President for membership for the Forum, and member of The Links, Inc., said there are a lot of people in the Forum who are also members of other non-profit and civic organizations, and added that the Forum is working really hard to be a liaison with all the organizations.

President of the Plano Community Forum, Patricia Humphress, said she was delighted with the way the evening turned out.

"When you're working on this it seems crazy, but it all came together," she said. "Brenda (Teale-Jackson) has done a super job of keeping everything going, and our supporters have come out in numbers for us."

Ms. Humphress said she now would like to see some of the recipients and other people coming on board with the Forum.



Tobi Hicks (center) with Parents Nathan and Pinkie Hicks.



Plano Mayor Pat Evans



Collin County Community College President Cary Israel and his Wife, Trudy.



Left to right: Gregory Rushin, Plano Chief of Police, Jimmy Dismuke of D.J. Dismuke, Stephen Nagy Assistant Chief of Police, and Brad Shanklin, President of Plano Chamber of Commerce.



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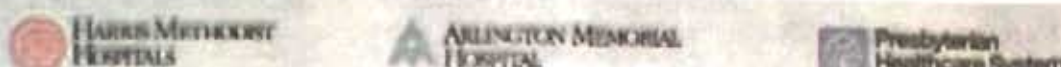
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Plano Community Forum's 2002 Award Recipients
From left to right: Carly Louis McCoy, Co-Owner, Carly's Hair Salon - Business Award; Dr. Cary A. Israel, President of Collin County Community College - Community Award; Brenda Teale-Jackson, NBC Channel 5 News Anchor; Tobanna Hicks, Allen High School Student and MNC-The Gazette news writer - Youth Award; Horace "Sat" Satisfied, State Farm Insurance - Civic Award.

Plano Community Forum 2002 Awards

Civic Award winner, Horace Satisfied said his award had a lot to do with his involvement with the children of Plano. He said he mentors and tutors kids at the Douglass Community Center every week, talking with them about accountability and respectability. He added that he would like to thank State Farm Insurance Company for their donations.

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Teaching Our Children About Terrorism

In the weeks leading up to the anniversary of 9/11 there was much concern on the part of thinkers, scholars, educators, parents, academics, and psychologists about what to tell our children and how to tell them.

And as usual when it comes to teaching our children there are conflicting opinions from the education community on the best way to deal with the issue of 9/11 and terrorism.

One school of thought seems to focus on teaching multiculturalism, sensitivity, peace, diversity, understanding, and tolerance. Another insists the priorities should be history, civics, freedom, democracy, and patriotism.

It would seem that our children need what both sides are proposing. There are far too many young people who are confused or ignorant about the history of this country, other cultures, and what it really means to be an American.

It is easy for the children to assume that hard work and effort gains passage to the middle class; to assume that women and men of every race can vote; to assume freedom of opinion and that people of various religions can live together as neighbors.

Perhaps these assumptions are a given to the young. The old know this ideal is not achieved at times. Similarly, because America is a young nation, some easily take our civilization as a given. Older nations, by contrast, have seen their great cities toppled, the beliefs and assumptions of generations overturned overnight. There is nothing inevitable about our civilization-nothing inevitable about American individualism, or freedom of move-

ment and social mobility, or our civil rights. All can be undone.

William J. Bennett, former Secretary of Education, wrote in a recent New York Times editorial that children ought to learn about America. They ought to learn about the ideals upon which she was founded and toward which she has striven to grow and improve.

They should learn about America's maverick path in 1776, declaring independence and establishing a republican government, our struggle for a workable constitutional democracy, and our subsequent internal battles to live up to our own ideals. They would also learn about the nation's failings and the constant struggle to live up to the credo that "all men are created equal" and the hope that we stand for "liberty and justice for all."

Children ought to learn about right and wrong. For too long, so-called sophisticates have said that right and wrong are matters of personal preference, of one's own standards. Teachers and society must be willing to say that there are moral absolutes.

But in the flurry of conflicting dialogue three important issues seem to have been overlooked. We need to teach the children to think, to be responsible citizens and to understand the dire consequences of being complacent.

Our future generations will not likely face situations that are a cookie cutter replication of what is being dealt with today. The threat to our freedom may not be instigated by the Al Qaeda or one of its derivatives. Who knows where or when the next Osama or Hitler may appear.

Thinkers, if they are well grounded in what America is all about, will be able to look at the facts and make objective decisions instead of emotional reactions. They must also understand that all of the enemies of freedom are not external.

Responsible citizens must understand that the freedom we enjoy did not come easily and every one has a responsibility, if freedom is to survive, to be involved, to be informed, to vote and to question elected officials about decisions they make.

A key reason that Al Qaeda operatives wreaked havoc on 9/11 was that almost no one among our political and cultural leaders believed that our national security was seriously threatened. America, for the most part, had been lulled into a sense of complacency while focusing on the superficial, mundane and "get mine at any price" philosophy. We assumed that our system of capitalism had mesmerized the rest of the world. Our children need to know and understand what a lack of vigilance can do.

But the school alone cannot teach values and build character. In the final analysis our children also learn from observing the actions of adults. If the elders break the laws, do not bother to vote, do not inform themselves on public questions, and look upon public questions from a purely selfish motivation, with a view as to how they will personally benefit, then it is safe to predict that the children will do the same.

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Project: The Thornton House

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, including our cultures," said committee participant Sidney S. Wall, Jr., A.I.A. "We are a throw away society. In 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 share 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 presented 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 pro-

gram 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.



Ron Williams, Chairman of the Thornton House Project

Digging Into the History of Plano

By: Monica Thornton

Archaeologist 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 archaeology 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 archaeologists 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 participating 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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Always Create Your Own Dreams and Live Life to the Fullest

by: Susan Polis Schutz

Dreams can come true if you take the time to think about what you want in life. Get to know yourself. Find out who you are. Choose your goals carefully. Be honest with yourself. Always believe in yourself. Find many interests and pursue them. Find out what is important to you. Find out what you are good at. Don't be afraid to make mistakes. Work hard to achieve successes.

When things are not going right, don't give up - just try harder. Give yourself freedom to try out new things. Laugh and have a good time. Open yourself up to love. Take part in the beauty of nature. Be appreciative of all that you have. Help those less fortunate than you. Work towards peace in the world. Live life to the fullest. Create your own dreams and follow them until they are a reality.

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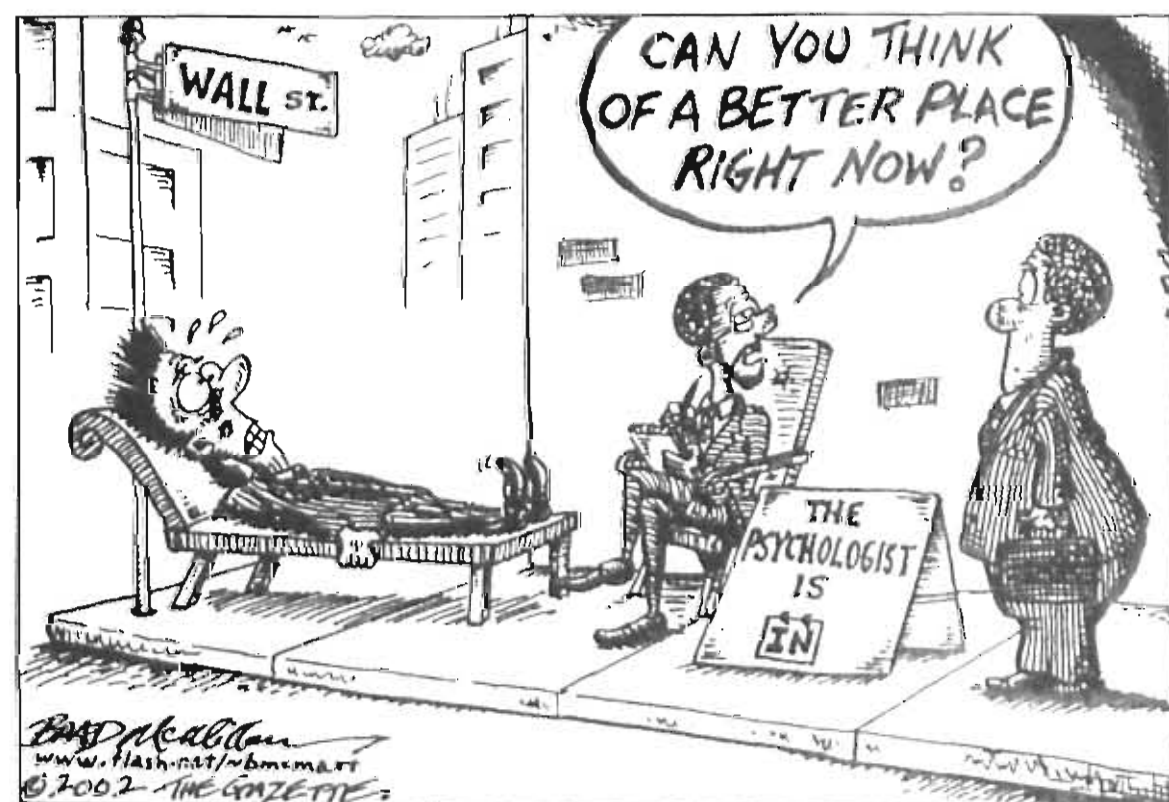
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Is the sky clearest on the day it is most blue?

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!

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Alpha Phi Alpha and Church's Chicken Sign Development Agreement

BALTIMORE, Sept. 16, 2002 (PRIMEZONE) — Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the nation's oldest fraternity established for college-educated African American men and Church's Chicken(TM), one of the world's largest quick-service chicken restaurant concepts, are taking on an historic initiative to stimulate economies in underserved communities by offering franchising opportunities to members of the fraternal organization.

Announced at Alpha Phi Alpha's 2002 economic development conference in Las Vegas, this first-of-its-kind agreement calls for the development of 20 Church's Chicken franchise restaurants over the next five years. The franchises initially are planned for the Washington, DC; Baltimore, MD; Cleveland, OH; Cincinnati, OH; and Columbus, OH metropolitan areas. Each location would be owned and operated by members and investment groups within the fraternity and the community at large.

"We have the power to make a difference in our individual communities," stated Harry Johnson, Alpha Phi Alpha National President. "Through financial support, business training and education, coupled with the backing of the Small Business Administration (SBA), we will be offering individuals an opportunity to create jobs in areas in need of economic stimulation."

The overall goal of Alpha

Phi Alpha and Church's Chicken is to identify persons possessing keen business acumen and quick-service restaurant experience and assist them by providing the training, development and other resources needed to open a successful restaurant franchise.

"We see this as a wonderful opportunity to deepen our involvement in the communities we serve," said Hala Modellmog, Church's Chicken President. "Alpha Phi Alpha will be an important conduit for sourcing future franchise partners to Church's and because of their long-standing tradition of leadership and excellence, I'm confident this partnership will be extraordinarily successful," added Modellmog.

Supported by the SBA, the program also will offer participants the opportunity to receive business development training from that agency. Upon course completion, SBA trainees will have access to an 85% financial guarantee on any business loan taken out to fund their franchise. According to SBA Michigan Director Eugene Cornelius, the added incentive will encourage individuals who might lack initial resources to pursue ownership options through this program.

"President Bush has encouraged us (the SBA) to identify and assist qualified individuals who may need additional support in reaching their entrepreneurial endeavors," stated Cornelius. "This unique marriage between the non-prof-

it, corporate and governmental structures of our society is a fulfillment of the President's vision of economic empowerment for all Americans in the new millennium."

Founded on December 4, 1906 at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY, Alpha Phi Alpha has continued to supply voice and vision to the struggle of African-Americans and people of color around the world, through civil rights, educational enhancement and leadership by example. The Fraternity has long stood at the forefront of the African-American community's fight for equal rights through leaders such as W.E.B. DuBois; Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.; Martin Luther King, Jr.; Thurgood Marshall; Paul Robeson; and many others. True to its form as the "first of firsts," Alpha Phi Alpha has been interracial since 1945.

Church's Chicken, a division of AFC Enterprises, Inc. (Nasdaq:AFCE), focuses on serving high quality food at a value price while utilizing its new tagline, Full Flavor, Full Pockets, Full Life(TM). Menu specialties include Southern-style chicken and side items such as corn on the cob, okra, mashed potatoes and gravy, and signature Honey Butter biscuits. Church's Chicken has more than 1,500 locations worldwide driving system-wide sales of approximately \$900 million in 2001. Visit Church's Chicken on the World Wide Web at www.churchs.com.



John Dudley

Sir John Templeton is the legendary founder of the Templeton mutual funds. When he speaks, listeners often ask, "When is the best time to invest?" He invariably replies, "Whenever you have the money." And history bears him out.

Here are some of the reasons why many investors have avoided the stock market over the past 55 years:

- * Great Depression
- * Pearl Harbor
- * Assassination of President Kennedy
- * Vietnam War
- * All-time-high interest rates in early 1980s
- * Iraqi invasion of Kuwait

You can always find a reason to stay away from stocks—if that's what you're looking for.

But here's something the media haven't reported: In the ten years from 7/17/87 to 7/17/97, the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 320%—not counting reinvested dividends!

The media seldom report such long-term trends. But to the intelligent investor, long-term trends are far more important than day-to-day events.

When you invest in any kind of security, you do face risks. The most obvious is loss of money. But there are other kinds of risk as well—risks that affect all investments—like the loss of purchasing power.

When is the best time to INVEST?

For example, in 1959, \$100,000 would have bought 33 top-of-the-line Oldsmobiles. Today, that same \$100,000 will only buy four top-of-the-line Olds. That's a dramatic loss of purchasing power—but it represents an average annual inflation rate of only about 6%. That's the return your 1959 investment would have had to produce, after taxes, to have its original purchasing power today.

Obviously, putting your money under a mattress, or in a CD, is seldom enough to keep up with inflation—to say nothing of the additional erosion of taxes.

Why do most investors fail to meet their investment goals? There are three main reasons:

- * They have no plan.
- * They select the wrong funding vehicles—investments that don't keep up with or outpace inflation and taxes.
- * They let their emotions influence their decisions.

The secret to successful investing is not timing the market, but time in the market.

By investing the same amount of money at regular intervals, you can avoid the temptation to time the market.

This powerful long-term investment technique is called dollar-cost averaging. It helps you buy more shares when prices are low, fewer when prices are high.

Dollar-cost averaging in itself doesn't ensure a profit. If

you have to sell your shares at a time when their price is lower than the average price you paid for them, you'll have a loss. But dollar-cost averaging does reduce the price you have to get to break even.

As mentioned earlier, you can always find a reason to stay away from stocks. But over the long term, the stock market has continued to rise, preserving and enhancing investors' purchasing power. For more information on how investing in stocks and stock mutual funds can help you reach your financial goals, talk with your financial advisor.

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COLLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Small Business Development Center Offers Sessions on Small Business Finance

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC), an affiliate of Collin County Community College District, is partnering with the Allen Chamber of Commerce to present a business to business workshop, 11:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Friday, Sept. 20 at the Hilton Garden Inn, 705 Central Expressway in Allen. This seminar brings together a group of experts to help business owners

learn some basic ins and outs of business finance, funding solutions, tax issues, putting a good business plan together and other business issues that affect their bottom line.

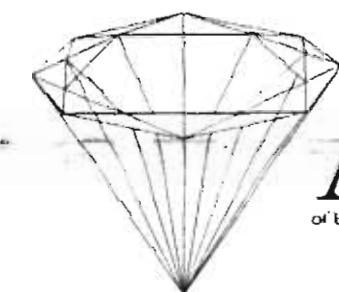
Workshop leaders and topics include Howard LaMunion - Product/Service Definition & Business Strategy, Wayne Millsap and Chuck Langenhop - Business Plan Workshop, Michael Signorelli - SBA & Bank Financing, Michael Theimer - Alternative Business Funding, Griff Moore - Business Accounting & Tax

Issues, Ed Fox - Payroll Issues & Outsourcing Options, Kat Tidd - Franchise Issues & Options and Michael Cameron - Contract, Patent & Intellectual Property Issues.

The workshop fee is \$55 and includes lunch, all seminars and handouts. For more information or to register, contact the Allen Chamber of Commerce at 972-727-5585. For more information about CCCCD's Small Business Development Center call 972-985-3770.

Black Telecom Employees Association Hosts Golf Tournament

The Alliance of Black Telecommunication Employee's Inc. - Dallas Metroplex Chapter is proudly hosting their 8th Annual Golf Tournament. This year it will be held at Mesquite Municipal Golf Course, Mesquite, Texas on Wednesday, October 30, 2002. Mesquite Golf Club offers many challenges that the most seasoned golfer will enjoy. This is an ideal opportunity to help your Marketing Team/Sales Force strengthen business partnerships as well as close some top opportunities. The Golf



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Tournament is also an ideal means to reward top performers within the branch.

The 2001 Alliance Golf Tournament was a tremendous success! The feedback con-

firmed that the tournament presented the perfect atmosphere to build and/or maintain business partnerships. The 2002 Tournament will be hosted by The Alliance and we are committed to promoting professionalism as well as helping organizations such as yours entertain existing and perspective clients.

The annual tournament helps support our scholarship fund and community activities, which are the main thrusts of The Alliance. The Dallas Chapter of The ALLIANCE, with the help of sponsorships such as yours has awarded scholarships to deserving high school students over the last five years. In 2001, due to your donations, we were able to award scholarships to 5 local high school seniors and provide Christmas gifts to over 25 children at one of our local Boys and Girls Clubs. Our goal for 2002 is exceeding all prior yearly scholarship donations!

More good news: The ALLIANCE is a 501c corporation and all your donations will be tax deductible.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO PARENTS ABOUT MARIJUANA

Did You Know?

Marijuana puts kids at risk. It is the most widely used illicit drug among youth today and is more potent than ever. Marijuana use can lead to a host of significant health, social, learning and behavioral problems at a crucial time in a young person's development. Getting high also impairs judgment, which can wreak havoc on teens in high-pressure social situations, leading to risky decision making on issues like sex, criminal activity or riding with someone who is driving high.

And don't be fooled by popular beliefs. Kids can get hooked on pot. Research shows that marijuana use can lead to addiction. More teens enter treatment for marijuana abuse each year than for all other illicit drugs combined.

This fall, America's youth will hear a new message about marijuana, thanks to collaboration among federal agencies, public health organizations, educators and concerned parents. The initiative will inform young people that using marijuana has real consequences and can put their futures at risk. It will teach them that the dangers of marijuana are not overblown and must be taken seriously. Most of all, this campaign will dispel the myths about marijuana by concentrating on the facts.

Time and again, kids say their parents are the single most important influence when it comes to drugs. So this message needs to start with you. Kids need to hear how risky marijuana use can be. They need to know how damaging it can be to their lives. And they need to begin by listening to someone they trust.

To learn more about marijuana and how to keep your kids drug-free, please visit www.theantidrug.com or call 800-788-2800.

Then talk with your kids. Together, we can help them separate the myths from the facts.

Signed,

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CBS-11 Brian Custer Lives His Childhood Dream

By: Felicia Coleman

Brian Custer was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio. As a Broadcast/Journalism major and English minor, he graduated from Hampton University. Mr. Custer began his television career in 1994 at WSYX-TV Channel 6 in his hometown Columbus, Ohio where he covered city hall. "In 1997, I told my agent that I wanted to work in Dallas because I've been a Cowboys fan as a kid and I wanted to work in the city. A few months later, Channel 11 called my agent and here I am", he stated. Mr. Custer left Columbus in July of 1997, and came to CBS-11 to cover city hall. In February of 1998, he was promoted to weekend anchor. In June of 2000, he was promoted again to sports anchor and moved in CBS-11 award winning sports department.

For two years, Mr. Custer have anchored sports at CBS-11. In June, ESPN offered him a anchoring job. "It was a dream come true because I've always wanted to work for ESPN and it was flattering that the worldwide leader in sports thought so much of my work and that they wanted me to join their team. It has been the biggest decision in my life, but I decided to stay here in Dallas for right now because I've got so much more work to do here", he said.

Mr. Custer have always wanted to be a sports broadcaster, even as a child. He reminisced about when he was a kid interviewing himself in the mirror and turning down the sound



Brian Custer and Felicia Coleman of MON-The Gazette

of the game on television and then trying to mimic the announcers and calling the games. His biggest influence on

his life is his grandmother because of her kindness, spirituality and her unconditional love. Dick Vitale (ESPN

Broadcaster) inspired Mr. Custer. He said, "I would watch him do games on ESPN when I was in junior high and high school and I thought, I want to get paid for watching sports." In high school, Mr. Custer got an internship at the NBC affiliate in Columbus and when he went to college, he got a job anchoring Hampton's football and basketball games.

Mr. Custer is a life member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, board member of the Holmes Street Foundation (a home in South Dallas that does great work, helping minority boys who are addicted to drugs and alcohol), a member of the National Association of Black Journalists and a former member of the Dallas/Fort Worth Association of Black Communicators. Mr. Custer is married and will celebrate his one year anniversary in September. He enjoys working out, playing basketball, golf, reading, comedy and giving motivational speeches.

Mr. Custer stated, "For those who goals are to become successful I would encourage them to never give up on their dream, no matter what people say. Also stay dedicated, work hard and remember that God is not going to give you what your looking for until you're in a position to receive it. Working for sports is a dream come true because I've always been a huge sports fan, especially the Cowboys, and I get to interview, meet and sometimes befriend my childhood heroes."

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RONALD C. PARKER SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, HUMAN RESOURCES FRITO-LAY NORTH AMERICA

A Texas native, Ron Parker earned his undergraduate degree in Political Science from Texas Christian University in 1976.

In his current role as Senior Vice President, Human Resources, Ron is responsible for all Human Resources programs related to Frito-Lay North America. Prior to his present position, Ron was Vice President of Headquarters Human Resources, where he directed all Human Resources efforts for Compensation, Benefits, Risk Management, and Staffing & Diversity. Frito-Lay North America is a division of PepsiCo Inc., and, with Frito-Lay International, comprises a \$10.5 billion company that is involved in the production and distribution of world-wide snack foods. Frito-Lay is the world leader in the selling of fun foods. Ron is a member of Frito-Lay's Operating Committee, responsible for reviewing and approving all capital projects, as well as the Senior Staff for the Company.

Ron began his career as Assistant to the Vice President at American Quasar Petroleum. He then moved to

the staff of Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, as Assistant Director of Athletics in charge of national recruitment. He joined an emerging petroleum services company, the Western Company of North America, where he focused on national recruitment and employee development. In 1982, he joined Pepsi-Cola Bottling as Human Resources Manager and went on to hold a variety of Human Resources positions, such as Director Human Resources, Vice President of Human Resources Pepsi-West, Vice President Employee Services, Vice President HQ Human Resources and Vice President Corporate Human Resources - PepsiCo.

Ron is a Board member of the Executive Leadership Council, the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Parents' Council of Wake Forest University, International Board of Visitors and Board of Trustees at Texas Christian University.

Ron and his wife Paula reside in Plano, Texas and have three children, Jonathan, Michael, and Lauren.

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voice to the movement. A key player among these was W.E.B. DuBois. DuBois had also served as an intellect for black professionals to form the Niagara Movement, which was very similar to the NAACP purpose he was. The agenda for aggressive action moved him to join. Another important member was Ida Well-Barnett, a young journalist, whose eloquent editorials focused national attention on the epidemic of lynchings. Participants at the conference agreed to work toward the abolition of forced segregation, promotion of equal education and civil rights under the protection of law, and an end to race violence. In 1911, that organization was incorpo-



Mr. Ben Thomas of Plano

rated as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People - the NAACP.

FOUNDERS included great citizens such as Mary White Ovington, Dr. Henry Moscowitz, Oswald Garrison Villiard, William English Walling, Ida Wells-Barnett and of course —W.E.B. DuBois.

This brave group led the "Call" to renew the struggle for civil and political liberty.

NAACP addresses problems by non-violent means. It counts on sources and coverage by the press, voters awareness and, and a persistent use of legal and moral persuasion even in the face of blatant and violent racial hostility. The NAACP, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, is the oldest Civil Rights Organization in the United States of America.

Uprising Leadership

The NAACP is a network of more than 2,200 branches covering all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Japan and Germany. They are divided into seven regions and are managed and governed by a National Board of Directors. The NAACP is headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland. Total membership exceeds 500,000. Kweisi Mfume is the President and Chief Executive Officer and the official spokesperson for the NAACP. The Chairman of the Board is Mrs. Myrlie Evers-Williams.

NAACP Programs

The following is a summary listing of NAACP National Office activities. Research, development, and implementation of these programs is coordinated by professional and administrative staff.

- * A C T - S O (Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics)
- * Armed Services & Veteran Affairs
- * Economic Development
- * Education
- * Health
- * Labor
- * NAACP Henry Lee Moon Library & Archives
- * Religious Affairs
- * Voter Education
- * Youth & College Division

The following departments

handle national operations:

- * Branch and Field Services
- * Membership
- * Legal Department
- * Public Relations

The NAACP Washington Bureau represents one of the primary forces in lobbying for civil rights in the nation's capital. The Bureau's activities are directed primarily at the Congress, the

Executive Branch and government agencies. [Resource: NAACP National Homepage]

A Wake-up Call to Membership

NAACP historically stood for strength, pride and activism in communities of color. The once strong voice of the people seems to have faded close to extinction in some areas where membership once flourished. Plano and McKinney were once key areas of activism and involvement for the NAACP organization. The NAACP North Texas chapter is working to regain that unified strength and membership it once enjoyed.

Mr. Larry Jagours of McKinney and Mr. Ben Thomas of Plano represented those cities on a NAACP membership awareness session at 2002 a Juneteenth celebration. These men have a strong history of dedicated community activism. They reflected on how the NAACP played an important part in the early Black communities.

As current president of Collin County's NAACP, Mr. Jagours said, "In order to grow, we need a renewal of membership with emphasis on the importance of young people in the Plano and surrounding area. Today, more than ever, there is a need for community to unite in action and ownership."

Mr. Ben Thomas is a dedicated and seasoned representative from the McKinney office. He reiterated concerns on wavering membership by saying, "NAACP was once the only place Blacks could go to be heard in the community. Today we have lost touch with our roots of education and value of serving together. The area has exploded in growth. A revived membership is important today



Mr. Larry Jagours of McKinney
Collin County NAACP--President

more than ever to ensure that the black neighborhood is part of the prosperity!"

Upcoming Important Questions and Answers:

What does NAACP mean to the Collin County communities?

What is the current leadership doing to raise NAACP awareness?

What is the real importance of joining NAACP?

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Diversity Issues Discussed at Conference

Garland, Tx - September 16, 2002 -- Community leaders, business people and other Garland citizens shared their ideas with Mayor Bob Day and the Garland City Council during the "We the People" Conference, September 14, 2002. The purpose of the conference was to bring together members of Garland's diverse community to discuss their common goals.

Conference attendees heard from various experts about the City's changing demographics, and the opportunities and the challenges those changes present. Dallas educator and Hispanic community leader Rene Martinez recounted some of the racial challenges Dallas has faced since the early 1970s. He explained how gatherings such as the "We the People" conference could help people of different cultural backgrounds connect personally and affect change for entire communities. He urged the conference attendees to seize the things they each have in common and forge lasting relationships.

Dallas businesswoman Joyce Foreman shared her experiences with the Dallas Together Forum. Ms. Foreman told of her early days on the Dallas Chamber of Commerce board and of the established businessmen who mentored her about how to get things done. She reminded the conferees that they have an opportunity to learn to share their culture, their experience

and their power. She urged them to form a cohesive group, to stay together, and to work together.

State demographer Dr. Steve Murdock focused on the makeup of the area's population at present and in the future. Dr. Murdock said Texas is growing at a faster rate than the rest of the nation, and expects the state's growth rate to continue ahead of the rest of the nation during the next few decades. By the year 2040, Dr. Murdock projects the state's population to increase by as many as 15 million people or 142%. The state is expected to become even more diverse in terms of race, age and socio-economic status. Dr. Murdock says Garland is growing at a much slower rate than the state or Dallas County as a whole. But he said the demographic changes would likely reflect the statewide trends.

Conference participants formed small groups to discuss specific topics such as economic development, public safety, housing and work force issues, education, and transportation issues. Following the brainstorming sessions, each group presented a list of issues and recommendations. Conference delegates agreed a permanent commission or board should be formed to address Garland's changing ethnic, age and socio-economic demographics and the impact of such diversity on the City.

CCCCD Hispanic Students Form Young Adult Council

Collin County Community College District's Hispanic students take the initiative to create a recognized student organization under the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC). The student organization, CCCCCD-LULAC Young Adult Council, will provide representation for the nine percent of our student community who are Hispanic.

"The benefit of a LULAC group is that it brings students together who share a cultural background. These students will also be able to bring attention to and support of the needs of Latin American students at CCCCCD," said Lisabeth Lassiter, student organization advisor. LULAC is a driving force behind significant

advancements and improvements to the quality of life for Hispanics across the country. Collin County Community College District serves more than 37,000 credit and continuing education students annually and offers more than 100 degree and certificate programs in a wide range of disciplines.

In addition, the CCCCCD is a partner to business, government and industry, providing customized training and work force development. For more information regarding the CCCCCD-LULAC Young Adult Council, contact club representative Elicia Garcia at eliciabbygr1101@aol.com or call Lisabeth Lassiter, club advisor at 972-377-1627.

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He said that as their friendship developed they fertilized it with trust, then they had to learn each other, in order to understand and help each other. He added that "a man is known by the company he keeps," and he is proud to keep company with Pastor Joshua.

"He's a talker, and I like to hear him talk, he's real," said Rev. Halliway. "Everyday he has the same

Sister Gwendolyn Brooks thanked Pastor Joshua for his role as shepherd of the flock.

"The shepherd's primary task of caring for the sheep is leading them in straight paths," she said. "The sheep are only in danger if when they leave the shepherd. The shepherd has to exercise control, and he has to be patient, gentle and firm as he watches over the sheep. Pastor Joshua is that shepherd, and we have come to honor you, the one who has faithfully led this flock."

Sister Kathy Daniel, Administrator at the church composed a special light-hearted graphics presentation (complete with childhood photographs) for the church, on the life of Pastor Joshua. He was born March 1951, and was called to the ministry in 1963. He was ordained in 1977 by Pastor

Joseph Stanford, and became a member of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in 1981, taking role as Pastor in 1994.

Pastor Joshua is respected by long-time members and new members alike. Mrs. Louisa Davis, an Elementary School Principal in Plano, has only attended the church for a couple of months, but already has ample respect for him.

"I think he's wonderful, he's so reachable, accessible, responsive and hands-on,"



Sister Kathy Daniel
"A Power Point Synopsis of the Life of
Pastor Isiah Joshua, Jr."

message, the message of love. And he's always telling me that whatever is happening, God will work it out."

Reverend Halliway thanked God for Pastor Joshua's generosity, and for his faith. He said Pastor Joshua has shown him that faith works by seeing him use it. He added that if Pastor Joshua says he will do something, then he does it.

"I give God all the glory, and I thank God for you," said Rev. Halliway to Pastor Joshua.



Pastor Isiah Joshua, Jr.

she said. "He knows his parishioners, and he gets involved in all aspects of their lives. He's a real asset to the community."

Mrs. Davis added that she likes the church as a whole, and finds the people to be a warm, gregarious, loving body of people.

And Deacon Maceo, who has been a deacon at the church since 1986, said suc-

cinctly of Pastor Joshua, "he's a Pastor, a father, a brother."

The respect and love for Pastor Joshua was overflowing. The love for God could hardly be contained at this anniversary afternoon. And in November, the church celebrates 118 years of serving the community.

Shiloh's BMW's



Pastor Isiah Joshua, Jr.

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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See Fish Fry page 8

From page 1 Hembry

Executive Officer for the Dallas Historical Society, the oldest historical organization about Dallas founded in 1922. She 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 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."

County Clerk Elections
Administrator, City Secretary, etc.

authority ordering the election other than county or city may order early voting to begin on the preceding Saturday or Sunday.

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)***

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November 5, 2002 - General Election





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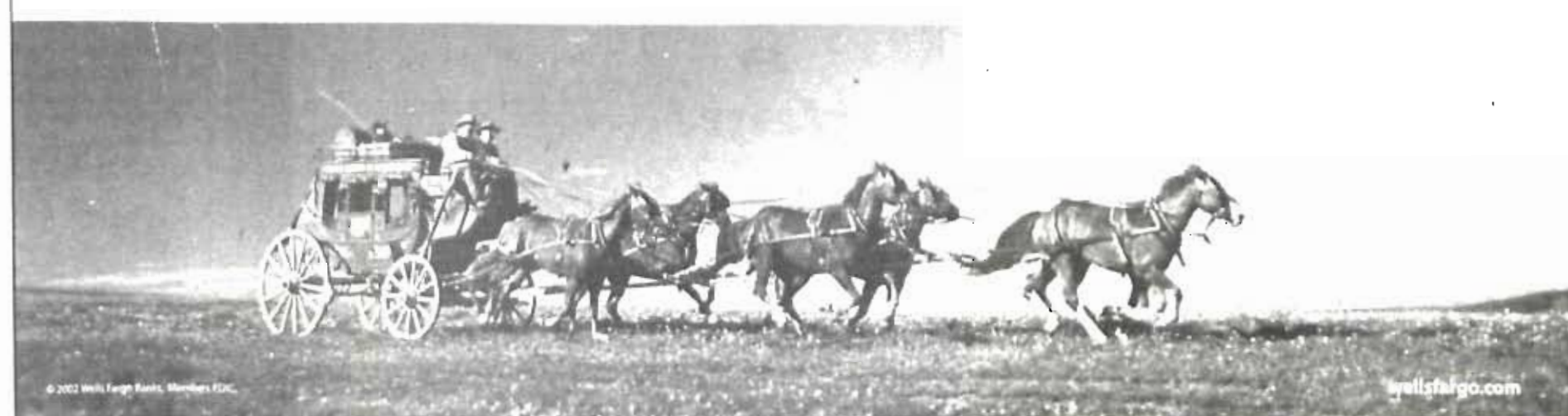
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Men's Fish Fry at Shiloh Baptist Church



Pastor Isaiah Joshua, Jr.



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Wilbert Johnson and Ben Thomas at the table



Choir Member Rodrick Thigpen



Gershon Davis and his son



Andrew Patterson and Carl Fields conversing and enjoying their food.



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

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District: Dallas

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DALLAS HOUSING AUTHORITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Housing Authority of the City of Dallas ("DHA") on behalf of its affiliate corporation, Supreme Affordable Housing, Inc., the general partner of Roseland Estates, L.P. (the "Partnership"), requests proposals from qualified organizations and individuals to provide tax credit accounting services for Roseland Estates, a 138-unit construction 138-multi family unit development financed by 9% low income housing tax credits. Seventy-five percent of the units will be restricted to occupancy by qualified low-income families and 25% will be unrestricted market rate units. Written proposals must be submitted by September 23, 2002.

Interested parties can obtain the Request for Proposals package from:

Supreme Affordable Housing, Inc.
c/o Riza Nolasco, CFO
Housing Authority of the City of Dallas
3939 N. Hampton Road, 2nd Floor
Dallas, Texas 75212
Phone: (214) 951-8425

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Release Date
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MPAA Rating
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Starring Antonio Banderas, Lucy Liu, Ray Park, Gregg Henry, Terry Chen, Aidan Drummond, Miguel Sandoval, Talisa Soto

The Banger Sisters



Release Date
September 20, 2002

MPAA Rating
R - for language, sexual content and some drug use

Two women who were friends and fellow groupies during their wilder rock-and-roll days reunite. Goldie Hawn plays a waitress who is excited to relive her wild past, while Susan Sarandon's character, a well-to-do socialite, seems to have something to hide.

Starring Susan Sarandon, Goldie Hawn, Geoffrey Rush, Erika Christensen, Robin Thomas, Matthew Carey, Eva Amurri

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Sept.-Dec. 2002

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September 28

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Sunday October 13, 2002 - 2:00 pm
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Saturday October 19, 2002 - 8:00 pm
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Saturday October 26, 2002 - 8:00 pm
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JON NAKAMATSU, PIANO
Wednesday October 30, 2002 - 8:00 pm
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THE SMOTHERS BROTHERS
Thursday October 31, 2002 - 8:00 pm
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THIS WEEK: A Closer Look at Olivia Newton-John

Olivia Newton-John skillfully made the transition from popular country-pop singer to popular mainstream soft-rock singer, becoming one of the most successful vocalists of the '70s in the process. The transition itself wasn't much of a stretch — her early '70s hits "I Honestly Love You" and "Have You Never Been Mellow" were country only in the loosest sense — yet the extent of her success in both fields was remarkable. As a country singer, her first five charting singles all went Top Ten in the U.S.; as a pop singer, she had no less than 15 Top Ten hits, including five number one singles, highlighted by "Physical," which spent ten weeks at number one in 1981-1982. Newton-John's sweet voice suited both country-pop and soft-rock perfectly, which is what kept her at the top of the charts until the mid-'80s. After 1984, she was no longer able to reach the Top 40, partially because of shifting musical tastes and partially because she was unable to successfully record sexy dance-pop, no matter how hard she tried. Nevertheless, her '70s and '80s hits remained soft-rock and adult contemporary staples into the '90s, when she was no longer recording frequently.

Although she was born in Cambridge, England, Olivia Newton-John was raised in Melbourne, Australia, where her father was the headmaster of Ormond College (her grandfather, Max Born, won the Nobel Prize for physics). Newton-John entered a television talent contest, winning the grand prize of a trip to London, England. Once in London, she formed a duo with Pat Carroll, another Australian-based vocalist, and tried to work her way into the music industry.

Though her partnership with Carroll was short-lived — Pat was sent back to Australia once her visa expired — Olivia was making inroads in the business. Following Carroll's departure, Newton-John recorded and released her first single, a version of Jackie DeShannon's "Till You Say You'll Be Mine."

Olivia Newton-John will be performing Saturday, September 28th, 8:00pm at Bass Performance Hall.



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6. QUEEN OF THE DAMNED	6. NATIONAL LAMPOON'S VAN WILDER
7. SHOWTIME	7. SHOWTIME
8. THE SWEETEST THING	8. THE SWEETEST THING
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10. IN THE BEDROOM	10. COLLATERAL DAMAGE

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4. LORD OF THE RINGS: FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING	4. HIGH CRIMES
5. MICKY'S HOUSE OF VILLAINS	5. LORD OF THE RINGS: FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING
6. RETURN TO NEVER LAND	6. NATIONAL LAMPOON'S VAN WILDER
7. QUEEN OF THE DAMNED	7. ALL ABOUT THE BENJAMINS
8. SCOOBY-DOO MEETS BATMAN	8. BEHAVIOR DOGS
9. JIMMY NEUTRON: BOY GENIUS	9. THE SOPRANOS: THE COMPLETE THIRD SEASON
10. A WALK TO REMEMBER	10. THE SWEETEST THING

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Through 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 19

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September 20

Chestnut Square Historical Park Front Porch Fridays. Join in a volunteer project and then enjoy dinner on the porch of the Dulaney House. Chestnut Square Historical Park is a unique museum village-a collection of seven historic houses and buildings dating from the 1850's, and includes the oldest house in McKinney and a 1900's store. For more information visit www.chestnutsquare.org, or call 972-562-8790.

September 20-21

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. 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 21

Mexico 2000 Folklorico Dance School presents "Mexico Vivo!" at the PAC. Call 214-342-2072 for more information.

Singer Songwriter LaDonna Goetz at the Plaza Theatre - www.ladonnagoetz.com. Tickets are \$16, and will be available at the door.

September 23

McKinney Storytelling Guild presents, "Children's Stories", at 7:00 p.m. in the historic Foote Chapel of Chestnut Square located on the SW corner of McDonald St. (Hwy 5) and Anthony St. Free, donations accepted. For more information call Adah Leah Wolf at 972-548-7186, or email eflat@attbi.com.

September 24

Nicholson Memorial Library System and Baylor Medical Center at Garland co-sponsor free seminar on "Diabetes" at the Central Library, 625 Austin, Garland, from noon to 1:00 pm. Call 1-800-422-9567 for more information.

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 Davis, CPA & Ron Thiem, RCF of College Funding Inc.) Admission is free. Contact 1.800.828.0540 to reserve a seat.

September 27

Ethics Class for CPA's at the Plano Centre, Spring Creek and Jupiter Roads from 9am to 11am. This is a basic 2-hour board-approved ethics course, required every three years. Contact Valdes Based

Management, Inc. at 214-553-8255 or vbm@airmail.net.

September 27-29

McKinney Girls Softball Association Fast Pitch Qualifier USSSA Tournament at Wilson Creek Softball Complex. 10-U, 12-U & 14U. For more information contact City of McKinney Athletics Department and Hotline: 972-547-7485 /972-547-9452, or www.sport-standing.com.

September 28

The Links, Inc., UNCF and Boys and Girls Clubs of America co-host a 5K Walkathon. All proceeds go to UNCF. The Walkathon begins at Ferris Park, near Houston and Ervay Streets, downtown Dallas. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., and the walk begins at 9:00 a.m. There is a 1K walk for children. Registration is \$25 per person, or \$100 per group. Children 8 and under are free.

2002 NPC HEART OF TEXAS BODYBUILDING AND FITNESS/FIGURE CHAMPIONSHIPS - held at the Plano Centre, Spring Creek and Jupiter Roads from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. This is a Regional show and includes an all-day Health and Fitness Fair, a Food Court, and, Swords and Nils Anderson Trophies as well as other prizes. There is also a Powerlifting Meet and a light show. This event includes bodybuilding, women's fitness and figure as well as IFBB bodybuilding and fitness pros. Last year this event was sold out, so get your tickets early. Admission: Pre-Judging: \$15.00 for Adults, and \$10.00 for Children 12 years and under. Evening Show: \$35 for VIP and \$25.00 for General Reserved. For more information contact Prince M. Harrison at 972.247.1539 or email: prince@optimumfitness.com or visit www.optimumfitness.com.

McKinney Symphony Orchestra presents "A Symphony on the Range", at Craig Ranch. This is an outdoor classical western concert featuring prominent Texas singer-songwriters Randy Foster, Jack Ingram, Kelly Willis, Bruce Robison and Allison Moorer, in collaboration with full classical symphony. Emcee: Cactus Pryor. A joint benefit for the Samaritan Inn and the McKinney Symphony Orchestra. Presented "in concert" with McKinney's downtown weekend event, Wild West Fest, an Americana Weekend in McKinney.

Concert: 8:00 p.m. Craig Ranch located at 121 & Custer Rd. Advanced ticket purchase. Pre-order picnic dinners. For more information or to purchase tickets visit www.symphonyontherange.com.

September 28-29

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Third Annual Shakespeare on the Square presented by Garland Civic Theatre - A Second Stage production of "Twelfth Night". Admission is free. For more information call 972-485-8884.

September 30

Garland Firefighters Foundation Golf Tournament at the Firewheel at Garland. For more information call 972-205-2264.

October 4-5

Love & Logic Institute - Friday, October 4 (7:00pm-9:00pm), and Saturday, October 5 (9:00am-3:00pm) at the Plano Centre, Spring Creek and Jupiter Roads. Love & Logic Institute Presents, in partnership with Region 10 Education Service Center and Texas PTA, Parenting With Love & Logic, with Jim Fay and Dr. Charles Fay. Parents with children of all ages, have fun while learning easy-to-learn techniques that will help your kids: make wise decisions about drugs, sex and their friends; stop bickering and fighting with their siblings; do their chores without being reminded; go to bed the first time they're asked; not to be the victim of bullies. Cost \$90 (check, school purchase order, Visa, Mastercard & Discover) (\$10 of each paid registration will be donated to the Texas PTA). For more information or to register contact: The Love & Logic Institute, Inc. at 1-800-338-4065 or visit www.loveandlogic.com

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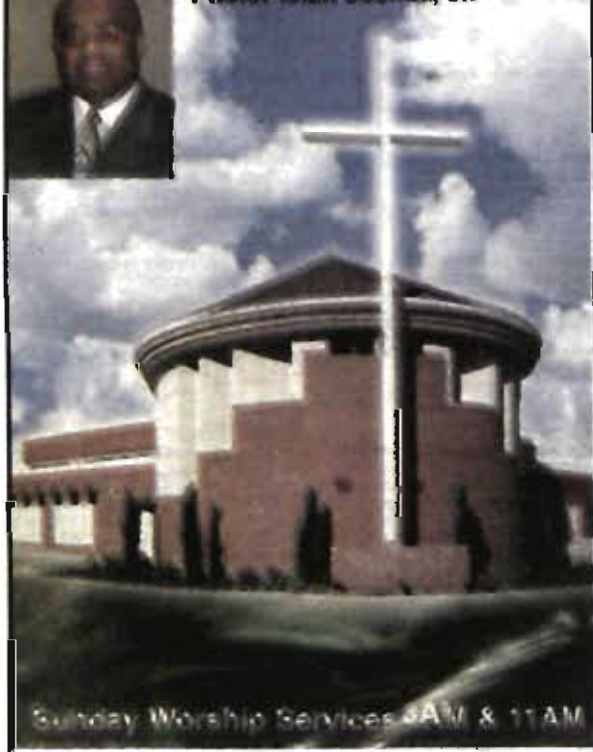
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