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On the Homefront:

Quad C Theatre, part of Collin County Community College District, opens its 2002-2003 season with Anthony Burgess' 1962 novella 'A Clockwork Orange'. Performances are October 3-5 and 10-12 at 8 p.m., with matinees on October 6, 12 and 13 at 2:15 p.m. Tickets are \$8 general admission, \$6 for students and senior citizens. Admission is FREE with a donation of a large new stuffed animal for Adam's Animals, a non-profit organization that donates brand new stuffed animals to Medical City in Dallas. Call 972-881-5809 or visit www.quadctheatre.org.

Another year has passed, and here is the State Fair of Texas once again. This year's theme is 'The World in Motion'. The fair runs through October 20. For a schedule of daily events visit www.digtx.com.

Love & Logic Institute - Friday, October 4, 7:00pm-9:00pm, and Saturday, October 5, 9:00am-5:00pm, at the Plano Centre, Spring Creek and Jupiter Roads. The Love and Logic Institute provides parents with tips and techniques that make parenting fun and effective, instead of stressful and chaotic. Cost \$90. For more information or to register contact: The Love & Logic Institute, Inc. at 1-800-338-4065 or visit www.loveandlogic.com.

The Cottonwood Arts Festival, October 5 and 6, at Cottonwood Park, Beltline and Cox Roads, Richardson. Exhibiting the nation's finest arts, and this year is including a Performing Arts Stage, featuring Richardson's Repertory Company Theatre. Admission is free.

Saturday October 5, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Texas Stampede Collin County in the parking lot of Windhaven Plaza, 3601 Dallas North Tollway at Parker. Country Western music, kid's moon walk, face painters, pony rides and more. Benefits Children's Medical Center and the pediatric programs at UT Southwestern. Free admission, but costs for food and activities may apply. To get involved call 214-526-8874, or visit www.texasstampede.org.

Discovery Days at The Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, One Nature Place, McKinney, October 12 come to 'Spooky Science', enough to make you shiver, but not to scream. Investigate creepy crawlers commonly found in North Texas. Enjoy Halloween howling animals and calls, bat crafts, and more. Call 972-562-5566.

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Pastor Isaiah Joshua said the history of Plano must be written in the Sands of the Douglass Community

By: Monica Thornton

Pastor Isaiah Joshua of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Plano said he is proud to be a part of the Thornton House project as its significance parallels his belief that the history of African Americans in the community has to be remembered.

He added that he was unaware for some time of its importance as there was no historical marker in front of the house. But once the history of the house was brought to his attention, he said he immediately thought it would be a great idea to do something with the house.

Pastor Joshua's church sits in



the heart of the Douglass Community, and he said when members of his church approached him regarding the Thornton House project he spoke with his congregation, letting them know how important he thought it was to keep the house in the community and to let people come and see the history. His church had a petition sent out by the Thornton House Committee, and Pastor Joshua said he invited his congregation to sign.

"I said they could sign if they wanted to, and we got about six hundred to seven hundred signa-

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Dr. Pamela Johnson Prepares People For Peak Performance

By: Felicia Coleman

For more than 20 years Dr. Pamela B. Johnson has been helping people build their lives with her leadership and communication skills. She is a licensed professional practitioner, educator and corporate trainer, and in November she is continuing her legacy as she presents her leadership conference "Leadership Performance and Coaching" in Garland.

"This is for anyone in management, leadership positions, and even for church leaders," Dr. Johnson said.

Her daily life is busy, as she with people whose lives are impacted by substance abuse, HIV/AIDS, and relationship issues. Dr. Johnson is also an Associate Professor, teaching masters level courses in counseling and guidance, human behavior, and management development. She trains people in executive and managerial leadership skill development, cultural and gender diversity, bal-

ancing work and family life, and discrimination and harassment issues. Dr. Johnson also consults and trains company owners, executives, man-



agers, employees and vendors.

Dr. Johnson balances her time by teaching a couple of nights a week, doing training and develop-

ment during the day, and working one to two days a week in South Dallas with HIV/AIDS patients.

"I balance it all out with time. My family and I usually go fishing on the weekends. Going fishing usually relieves my stress," she said.

Dr. Johnson said her experience of leadership began in high school during the 1970's. In a predominantly white school, she tried out for the drill team. Out of 150 people, two African Americans made the drill team and she was one of them, and was even second in command. She said that is when she realized that anyone can become a leader.

"It set the stage for me. Given the opportunity, ability, skills and training anyone can be a leader," Dr. Johnson said.

She also assists in developing youth and preparing them for leadership. "If our children are leaders while they are young, then as adults

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Thornton House Public Archeological Dig and Attic Fair

19 October 2002 — 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Douglass Community - Avenue H and 13th Street

By: Monica Thornton

On Saturday October 19, 2002, come and dig into the past by joining the archeological investigations of one of the earliest house sites with the Douglass Community, at the Greater New Birth Baptist Church in Plano.

Geo-Marine, Inc., The Plano Conservancy for Historic Preservation, The Greater New Birth Baptist Church, the Thornton House Project, and the Plano Heritage Commission are conducting a Public Archeological Dig and an associated Attic Fair, in association with the preservation of the Thornton House.

Professional archeologists and historians will be present as you get the chance to have hands-on experience doing archeology. Help preserve this important segment of early Plano history, as you collect data that will complement the historical data of the African American community. Although Geo-Marine, Inc. will supply all digging equipment they do recommend you bring some cotton gloves. This is designed for adults and children ages 9 and older, but Duane Peter of Geo-Marine said there will be children's activities, including a sandbox dig for younger children.

The associated Attic Fair is designed to provide an evaluation of family documents, papers, mementos, photos and objects related to the African American lifestyle at the turn of the 20th century in Plano. Please bring items that will help tell the early history of the Douglass Community. No materials are being kept by the Thornton House Project, but will be examined by historians and archeologists on site, and scanned if appropriate. You need only bring yourself

and your gloves, as Chase Bank will be providing food and refreshments for the day.

This event is scheduled come rain or shine, as Peter said they are in the process of getting tents together in case of inclement weather. Excavation units are limited, and reservations for individuals or groups, for two-hour periods, are encouraged. For reservations, please call the Plano Conservancy for Historic Preservation at 972-941-2117, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

But if you want to get a closer look at the action, why not help out with volunteering for the day? Volunteers are needed in the following capacities:

- * Dig set-up (late afternoon on 18th and early on morning of 19th - 8:00 a.m.)
- * Traffic Direction and Control (in the parking lots)
- * Orientation assistance - help with orientation and hand out literature.
- * Excavation Assistance - will help professional archeologist direct excavators.
- * Artifact Display - will assist in oversight of artifact display and help answer questions.
- * Young children activities (story telling, making clay marbles, etc.)
- * Attic Fair - will help historians and archeologists to record objects and stories, ability to operate computer and scanner.
- * Closedown of site - removal of equipment, backfilling of excavation units (4 - 6 p.m.)

Please email the area(s) for which you could provide assistance, and the time period(s) that you will be available to: dpeter@geo-marine.com, or call 972-423-5480 (Geo-Marine, Inc.) and ask for Duane Peter or Michelle Wurtz.

A pre-dig meeting will be held for volunteers on Thursday October 10, at 7:00 p.m. at the Douglass Community Center.

Finding Value in Layoffs and Cutbacks

By Belinda G. Alexander

In the aftermath of the September 11 anniversary, we hear pink slips, corporate finances, falling stocks, employee loss, layoffs, cutbacks, downsizing, rightsizing. Chances are, if you mention any of these words at any place during any given moment these days you will be in a common conversation. In Texas there were over 50,000 jobs lost just in the month of July. Dallas-Fort Worth continues to be hit hard with new announcements almost daily of cutbacks in what was once a booming job market. The Plano-Richardson and North Dallas area once known as a top technology and business corridor is fast becoming a real-estate chasm echoing, 'VANCAN-CIES'-Empty-Office Space Available.

No matter how hard you try, it is difficult to swallow the news of being added to the long list of companies who are downsizing. Even the most resilient positive thinkers can experience moments of 'dazed stun' before regaining balance from being hit

with the news. "YOU are now UNEMPLOYED-You No Longer WORK Here. Clean out your desk and turn in your badge!"

Economic challenge is a dominant topic all over Texas, around America and throughout the world. And the consensus that "You are not alone" is not a very comforting phrase, especially when it comes to Americans and the jobless 'state of the union.' It appears that we are being divided, cutback, downsized and put out to a crowded pasture of job seekers, trying hard to hold on to our self-esteem. But one fact remaining is that no matter how diligent your search, even with a positive attitude and aggressive strategy, unemployment is still on the rise.

The department of labor reports that 118,000 people lost their jobs in August 2002. This reflects a 46% increase over July. Those individuals in the growing unemployment lines have an up front view of the situation. High unemployment figures may be reflected in the corporate profes-

sional population more than any other group.

The picture of working America is changing. The best way to survive and succeed in this picture is to adjust your viewpoint and basic worth practices rather than work practices. The idea of 'strength in numbers' in relation to layoffs is not very encouraging. Still, we can find solace and inspiration in the comments of others in the employment line who have found themselves in the job seekers 'club.' Never have so many worked so hard to find work.

After almost 20 years at a major medical company in the Dallas-Fort Worth elite business community of Las Colinas, I was kindly informed, "You are not being fired—it's just your position, that has been discontinued." Was that supposed to make the pill easier to swallow?—Nope, it seemed to be stuck halfway down my throat! I looked at the personnel rep as he twitched on the edge of his seat. This news teased my ears as it began to

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Starks Appointed to Business Advisory



Officials from the National Republican Congressional Committee announced that Mr. Cecil Starks has been appointed to serve as an Honorary Chairman on the Business Advisory Council (BAC) in recognition of valuable contributions and dedication to the Republican Party.

Starks will serve the state of Texas and is expected to play a crucial role in the Party's efforts to involve top business people in the process of government reform. Starks has also been presented with the Council's prestigious National Leadership Award.

The BAC is part of the National Republican Congressional Committee, and is dedicated to making sure that small businesses have a voice in Washington.

Starks, who has long supported Republican ideals, particularly debt reduction and tax reform, will be a significant member of the Council.

Starks also serves on MON-The Gazette's Advisory Board.

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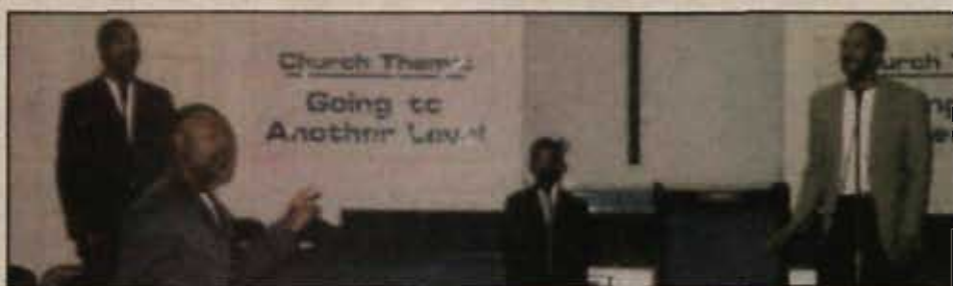


Garland's St. Mark Male Chorus

L-R: Herman Smith, Michael Jones, John Murray, Lee Collins, Benjamin Brooks, Frank Johnson, Robert Christian (Drummer) and Rubin Griffin (piano - not shown)



"The Gospel Spirits" - Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church of Farmersville
L-R: Reverend Billy Jones and James Jones



North Dallas community Bible Fellowship of Richardson
L-R: Steve Motow, Bryan Jones, Dominique Jones and Stan Shephard



"The Gospel Spirits" of Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church of Farmersville
L-R: JoAnn Benton, Reverend Billy Jones, James Jones and Tim Jones



The Gospel Humoneers of Dallas

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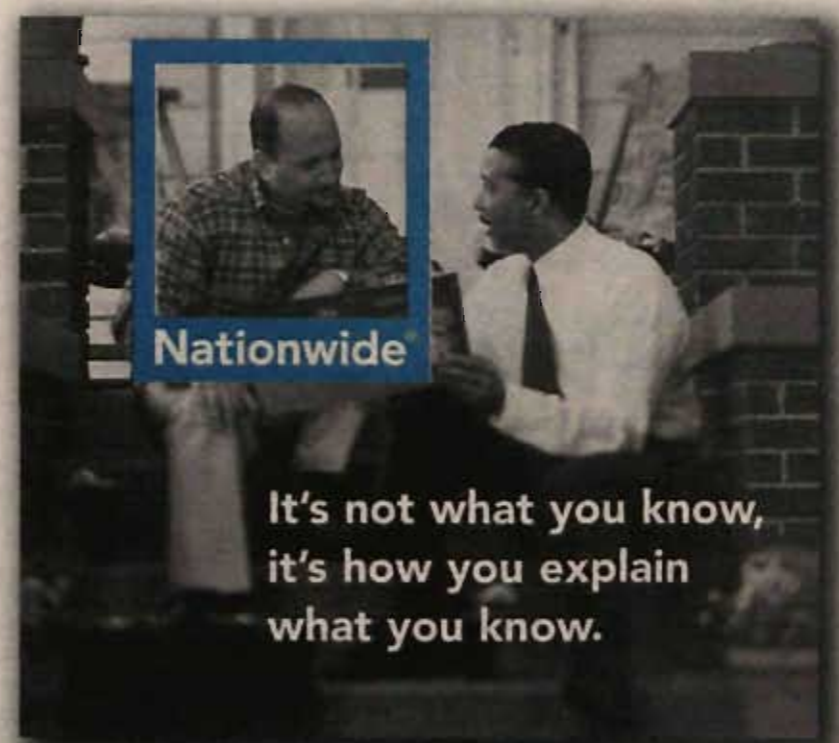
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FREE MULCH

The City of McKinney is offering free mulch on a first come-first served basis. Residents can help themselves to the free mulch, which is available in front of the Juanita Maxfield Pool 1701 N. McDonald St.

The mulch is useful for use in gardens and flowerbeds to help retain moisture and provide a decorative cover. The mulch can also be used for minor erosion control. For questions please, call 972-547-7385.



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Around The Town

On-going

Nature Stories at Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, every Saturday at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Stories and themes differ from week to week and are hosted by the Heard Nature Store staff. They incorporate music, nature crafts and nature walks. Free with general admission. For topics and more details call 972.562.5566.

City of Garland Council meetings, every 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Located at 200 North Fifth Street, Garland.

A Circle of Sisters - a newly forming circle of readers' book club in Frisco/McKinney/Allen and surrounding areas. For those interested in thought-provoking discussions on various literary accomplishments with a focus on African-American authors. Anyone interested in joining please email to: mygroove2@yahoo.com.

October 3-6

The Plano Children's Theatre presents the musical 'How to Eat Like a Child and Other Lessons in Not Being a Grownup'. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays, 7:15 p.m., and Saturday and Sundays at 2:15 p.m. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door. 1301 Custer Road, Ste 832, Plano. Call 972-422-2575.

October 4

Plano Chamber of Commerce, 13th Annual Mini Golf Tournament and Road Rally, at Putt-Putt Golf and Games, 17717 Coit Road. Check in 1:15 - 1:45 p.m. Go-Kart Race 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Chamber family night 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. To participate, or to sponsor prizes call 972-424-7547, or e-mail: info@planocc.org.

October 5

Your Computer & the Windows Environment - Basic Intro to Computer classes offered from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Mesquite Public Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive. No computer experience needed. Registration required for all classes: call 972-216-6734.

Cruise Fair, from 11:30am-3pm, at the Plano Centre, Spring Creek and Jupiter Roads. Informative seminar on various cruise vacations with special offers. For more information contact Harold E. Oldham, Jr. at 972.294.2001 or visit www.bestcruisevalues.com

October 5 - November 10

The Dallas Arboretum's "Dallas Blooms Autumn - A Harvest of Cultures Celebration". Every Saturday and Sunday, with children's activities, artisans and musicians. Located at 8617 Garland

Road, Dallas. For more information contact Karen Griggby at 972-731-0547.

October 5 - January 5, 2003

Secrets of Aging exhibit explores the science behind the universal experience of aging. Exhibit is divided into four major themes: Body, Mind, Society and Longevity. Admission is included with museum's regular exhibits admission, \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$5 for children 3-12. Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday noon to 5:30 p.m. For more information call 817-255-9300, or visit www.fortworthmuseum.org.

October 7

First day to pick up an entry form for the Heard Natural Science Museum's 3rd Annual Coloring Contest. There are two age categories: 3-6 years, and 7-10 years, with first and second place prizes for each. Deadline for entries is October 31. Call 972-562-5566, or visit www.heardmuseum.org.

October 8

Newcomer Friends of Greater Plano meet from 10 a.m. - 12 noon for social time and program. Keynote speaker is Dallas Morning News Columnist Steve Blow. Held at SMU at 5236 Tennyson Parkway, west of Preston Road. For

more information call Yvonne Macredie at 972-612-4845.

Aglow International Plano/Richardson - Aglow Community Lighthouse held at the Plano Centre, Spring Creek & Jupiter Roads, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. An interdenominational network of caring women (men are welcome also), designed to reach women and let them know that God's truth and love is relevant and meaningful today. Admission is free. Contact Deborah Wheeler at 972.422.2632 or visit www.aglow.org

October 9

The Nasher Sculpture Center and the Dallas Symphony Orchestra announce 'Proverb', a 60 foot high, red steel sculpture by Mark di Suvero, to be installed next to the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center. The three year loan will be erected by the artist.

October 10

The Salvation Army Annual Estate Planning Series at the Plano Centre, Spring Creek and Jupiter Roads. 11:30a.m.-1:30p.m. for lay people only. There will be case studies discussing new planning options created by the CARE bill. And from 2p.m.-4:15p.m. a fast-paced teleconference will update professional estate planners. Attendees receive 2 hours CFP, CPA,

CLA and 2.25 CTFA credits. Admission by RSVP only. Contact Mary at 800.569.1765

October 11 and 12

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 available at additional cost. For more information call 972-548-6900.

Thin Within 1st Annual Conference at the Plano Centre, Spring Creek and Jupiter Roads. Thin Within is a Bible-based, non-diet weight loss program. Oct 11 from 5p.m. to 9p.m., and October 12, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., reception 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Admission is \$49 for members, \$89 for non-members. For more information contact Bill Demberckyj at 877.729.8932 or visit www.ThinWithin.org.

October 11 - 13

Dallas Comicon - Friday, October 11th, 2002 from 3pm to 7pm Saturday, October 12th, 2002 from 10am to 6pm Sunday, October 13th from 1am to 4pm. Comics, comic artists and more. Admission is

TBD. For more information contact Ben Stevens at 972.420.8639 or visit dallas-comicon.com.

October 12

Shop 'Til You Drop Mystery Dinner sponsored by First United Methodist Church at Dyer Hall.

Live and silent auction. 6:00 p.m. For more information: 972-529-9628.

October 13

'Work at Home' Job Fair, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at LaQuinta Conference Center, 825 N. Watson Rd, Arlington. Meet over 45 company representatives that can show you how to be successful while working at home. Free admission, free parking. Free 60 minute 'Work at Home' seminar (please RSVP to 888-395-6661). To be an Exhibitor or for more information call Tom Jones at 972-422-2314.

October 16

Celebration of Enterprise Business Expo with 100 exhibitors. Held at the Plano Centre, Spring Creek & Jupiter Roads. Admission is Free. The Celebration of Enterprise Awards luncheon is \$30 per ticket Luncheon 11:30am - 1pm and Business Expo 1pm-6pm. For more information contact Inside Collin County Business at 972-612-2425 or visit www.insidetxbiz.com.

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THE TRUTH CLINIC WAR!!! What Is It Good For?

By James W. Breedlove

WAR. What is it good for? Edwin Starr asks the question in his hit song from the 70's. The answer then was, Absolutely Nothing. And as the Bush Administration turns up the rhetoric on attacking Iraq the question is beginning to arise again. WAR. What is it good for? The administration has provided no concrete benefits for war during the ongoing domestic and international debate.

At least Starr told why WAR did nothing constructive. He despised it because it means destruction of innocent life. War brings tears to thousands of mothers' eyes, when their sons go off to fight and lose their lives. War was nothing but a heart breaker, only benefiting the undertaker. War has caused unrest within the younger generation. It has shattered many a young man's dreams. Made him disabled, bitter and mean. War is an enemy to all mankind. Life is too short and precious to be fighting each day. War can't give life, it can only take it away.

Bush wants sweeping authority from Congress to move against Iraq or any other country in the Middle East he considers a threat. Most Americans agree that Congress should support the president in his effort to disarm Iraq, but to issue a blank war check seems foolish. One senator said "there appears to be a gap in the facts possessed by the executive branch and the facts possessed by the legislative branch."

Congress is publicly divided on the issue. It may be tempting politically to give the president what he asks for now, but haste

can make waste as the experience of Vietnam has shown. The constitutional war power of congress, once delegated to the executive branch, is difficult to reclaim. Consider that congress had to override President Nixon's veto in 1973 to negate the War Powers Act.

Senator Robert Byrd (D-W. VA) said, "We must not be hell-bent on an invasion until we have exhausted every other possible option to assess and eliminate Iraq's supposed weapons of mass destruction program. We must not act alone. We must have the support of the world."

As the head of the world's most powerful nation, why is the President so intent on leading the country to war instead of using our vast resources to lead the world to peace? Do not the prophecies of wars and rumors of wars as signs of the last days present a viable wake up call? It seems as humankind becomes more troubled and fearful they assume the worst and eventually the angry, hostile, aggravated hateful condition is accepted as the rule and reactions are based on this acceptance.

Man is mistusing his free will and God given energy to fill the earth with monstrous miscreations entirely of his own making as a result of being willing to accept less than his divine destiny. He is removing himself from God, although continuing to give lip service to God. He is attempting to build entire complex civilizations by using judgement based on troubled appearances.

Science is building a power crazed war machine in a frenzied pace to keep up with reciprocal

dangers: real or imaginary

Following the dictates of unwise leaders we continue to languish in the midst of conflict in a wondrous planet that we ourselves continue to make a living hell. Instead of seeking our higher calling we grovel in our own grotesque creations of death dealing weapons, sacred monuments marking blood stained battlefields, rousing words and music designed to stir up the young men to march off to kill and be killed, guided missiles designed by unguided men, and secret defense systems that only a select few know about, while the taxpayer who pays for it stays in the dark.

And the cycle continues with visionless leaders encouraging unprincipled scientists to create more imperfect systems to replace previous imperfect systems that were supposed to give us immunity from the evil forces of the world.

Then we seek solace in visiting and commiserating at our spacious cemeteries, crowded to overflowing with those that died for causes that are difficult to explain. We love to bedeck the graves with great arrangements that soon wither, thus putting death upon death. We seem to be intent on propagating death, destruction, devastation, disease, deficits, depressions, disaster, and desperation; all under the banner of WAR.

Is this progress? How can you have progress based on fear? Again the question. WAR!!! What is it good for?

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

On Living by : Unknown

"If I had my life to live over again,
I would try to make more mistakes next time...
I'd try not to be so damned perfect;
I'd relax more, I'd limber up.
I'd be sillier than I've been on this trip;
In fact, I know of very few things I'd take quite so seriously;
I'd be crazier ...and I'd certainly be less-hygienic;
I'd take more chances ... I'd take more trips ...
I'd climb more mountains ... I'd swim more rivers ...
And I'd watch more sunsets;
I'd burn more gasoline;
I'd eat more ice cream - and fewer beans;
I'd have more actual troubles and fewer imaginary ones.

You see, I was one of those people who lived prophylactically and sensibly,
hour-after-hour and day-after-day;
Oh, that doesn't mean I didn't have my moments.
But if I had it to do all over, I'd have more of those moments.
In fact, I'd try to have nothing but wonderful moments, side-by-side.

I was one of those people who never went anywhere without a thermometer,
a hot water bottle, a gargle, a raincoat and a parachute;
If I had it to do all over again, I'd travel lighter next time.

If I had my life to live all over again,
I'd start barefoot earlier in the spring
and I'd stay that way later in the fall;
I'd play hooky a lot more;
I'd ride more merry-go-rounds, I'd pick more flowers,
I'd hug more children,
I'd tell more people that I loved them.
If I had my life to live over again;
But, you see, I don't."

Finding Value
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sink in. As we sat looking at each other in one of H.R.'s strategically located offices, I ventured a glance out the window. Then the sun seemed to suddenly blast in...I smiled in acceptance, thinking, "this is the beginning of a time of enlightenment for me regarding my career, the myth known as 'job stability' and the growing importance of personal value."

I no longer had a job there...Ok—what was the appropriate thing to do now? Should I bolt out into the streets and yell the news to everyone, should I sit or calmly wait to be escorted to the door or would I be dragged out screaming and crying? It was surprising to see that the bearer of bad news was probably just as puzzled as to what would be the appropriate way to show me the door. It was decided that I could show myself the door—so that is what I did. That was over ten months ago. My Life is getting better everyday!

Financial security and benefits are very important to me as single parent to a teenage son. And I believe my mindset and job search strategy during this time is critical to the outcome. How we choose to act and react as individuals during stressful times greatly influences our chances of recovery, survival and success. I am fortunate to have spiritually supportive friends and positive associations to share helpful experience and encourage my search. The stories and experiences of my fellow unemployed allow me to gain network information and to spread the word to help others make better decisions in the hunt for new jobs. An important question to ask is—Should I look for another job or should I seek my purpose to work?

Bernard Jacks holds advanced degrees in Engineering and Business Management. He has worked in the Defense industry for the last 3 decades. This 48-year-old professional found himself being laid off for the third time in 2 years. Jacks

had already begun re-evaluating his daily commutes to companies in Plano and in Richardson. For several years he taught weekend and evening classes at area Universities. But what was once a worthwhile part-time job and financial supplement is now his new full time career. The experience has proven to be a winning arrangement for Jacks, and the long daily commute is certainly not missed.

The best jobs can be found if we take a close look at what may have once been a hobby, part-time job or personal interest. The answer comes when we figure out how to get paid for what we already have skills and desire to do.

In December 2001, Pam Jacobs, a single professional in her early thirties expected to hear news about cutbacks, just not that she would be one of those cutback. She had successfully navigated the career track at a major insurance corporation for almost ten years. What had appeared to be a regular staff meeting was actually where she and others learned was told that they were on the layoff list. Ms. Jacobs was caught off guard with the news, as were several of her co-workers. "I had been concerned about how I would be able to layoff someone working in my group. The situation turned out to be very different, because someone had to break that news to me!"

Although the layoff was unsettling for Ms. Jacobs she has found opportunity to pursue a once part-time venture. She refocused the corporate momentum into a cosmetic consulting business with her two sisters. Jacobs has decided that this time of corporate layoff and cutback will not be a time of cutback for the job search or new business opportunities. Her daily schedule of interviews, training and networking will place her well on the road to professional resuscitation or reincarnation. An increased sense of personal worth can be seen in her approach on finding the right

job for her new lease on making a living.

Are job seekers becoming the largest growing professional group in America? Numbers support this observation as we look at the disproportion of job-seeking professionals as compared to companies hiring. Political and economic forecasters insist that this is just a reflection of a natural trend of business adjustment. It will all turn around soon, that is what 'they' say. But many of those affected may differ with this opinion.

Although the economy and job atmosphere is proving to be a challenge for many family providers who are capable and skilled professionals, a strong sense of empowerment is found in approaching the situation in a direct and positive manner. When affected by layoffs, what is really the best way to handle the news? Much can be learned from the stories of those who are living the experience. For some this a sensitive subject to talk about but many others can be helped in the process.

If you find yourself in the 'unemployed' population, an important question to ask is, "Do I just want a good job or rather identify my skills that work for greater good?" When we discover the secret of finding work from within, the payoff is more than a paycheck.

The most successful results can be seen by those who look at losing that cozy corporate identity as an opportunity to grow 'new wings'. No matter what the economists say, unemployment lines continue to grow. It looks like the only really positive change will be our attitude toward our job search—do we look for a job that pays a salary and serves our immediate purpose, or do we look for work that pays in worthwhile service for ongoing purpose. The idea is complex for the individual, but the ideal can make life more complete for many.

Living through a layoff tries and tests your ability to make do. See Finding Value page 4

Black Telecom Employees Association Hosts Golf Tournament

The Alliance of Black Telecommunication Employees, 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 Tournament is also an ideal means to reward top performers within the branch.

The 2001 Alliance Golf Tournament was a tremendous success! The feedback confirmed 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 thrust 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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Is the sky clearest on the day it is most blue?

While you ponder that thought we would like to announce that Minority Opportunity News, Inc., formerly a Dallas based renaissance community tabloid, founded in 1991, has relocated to Plano, Texas, and changed our name to MON-The Gazette. In addition to moving our offices to Plano, our editorial coverage has also shifted to encompass Dallas' Northern Corridor. The Northern Corridor is clearly the fastest growing region in Texas, if not in America. MON-The Gazette believes that the engine to continue this growth is the airport expansion in McKinney, which is the largest and most visible of many area opportunities. As always, and true to tradition, MON-The Gazette will be there carving a world of opportunity for those seeking to provide quality services. Should you dare to expand your quest for economic parity outside the southern region or just want to know what is going on up north-

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

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

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with much less. If you are able to make it through the experience, many of those living 'extras' become less valuable. Tight finances force us to cut waste and re-define priorities. Self-evaluation and realization is now possible. This can open up the doors to renewed work in worth value, purpose and paychecks!

TIPS ON FINDING YOUR WORTH, WHILE SEARCHING FOR WORK:

- 1) Take inventory of your skills, talent, hobbies and interests.
- 2) If you could work it, what is your dream job?
- 3) List the organizations and businesses associated with that job.
- 4) Attend meetings and volunteer with related jobs.
- 5) Share your interests and availability in specified areas.
- 6) Don't overlook the value and importance of spiritual support.

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Professionals and individual businesses providing specialized skills are in growing demand. Education, Healthcare, Public service and Personal services offer many different opportunities for individuals to work and succeed. Don't wait until you loose your job to seek your worth. Find your personal value and make life really work.

Belinda G. Alexander
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NAACP GARLAND BRANCH SETS ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Garland Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has set Tuesday, November 26, 2002, for the bi-annual Election of Officers and at-large members of the Executive Committee.

The election will be held during the general membership meeting at the Garland Activity Center, 713 Austin Street, Garland, Texas. Any member in good standing may be a candidate for office. A "member in good

standing" is defined as one whose membership is current as of one hundred and eighty days (180) days prior to the meeting and who lives or works within the Branch's jurisdiction. In order to sign a nominating petition, or be elected to the Election Supervisory Committee, a member must be current as of thirty days prior to the October meeting.

For more information, you may contact Ethel Carter, Branch Secretary at (972) 381-5044.

Article V NAACP Constitution Election of Officers and Executive Committee

Section 1 Organization Meeting (New Branch)

(a) The officers and members of the Executive Committee elected at the Organization meeting of the branch shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualify.

(b) Following the chartering of a new Branch by the National Board of Directors, the National Office shall cause an election to be held of the members of the new Branch. Should the election take place during an even numbered year, the officers and members of the Executive Committee elected at this time shall not be required to stand for election again until the next Branch election year.

Section 4 Nominating Committee Election

(a) In even numbered years there shall be elected at the September membership meeting of the Branch and Nominating committee composed of not less than five (5) nor more than fifteen (15) members of the Branch in good standing, provided that not more than two (2) shall be officers of the Branch or members of the Executive Committee.

Duties of Nominating Committee

(b) The Branch Secretary shall call the organizing meeting of the Nominating Committee. The first meeting of the Nominating Committee shall be held no later than ten (10) days after its election.

Reporting of the Nominating Committee

(c) The nominating Committee shall submit a report in writing at the October General Membership Meeting of the Branch. This report shall consist of the names of those persons qualified to fill existing Branch offices (one name for each office) and to be members of the Executive Committee (at least ten (10) names and up to twenty-four (24) names).

Nominations by Petitions

(d) At said October Membership Meeting of the Branch, additional nominations may be made for all officers and elected members of the Executive Committee by written petition signed by three (3) or more members of the Branch in good standing as of the time of the meeting. No one shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee or by petition without having first obtained his/her written consent.

Collin County NAACP is now accepting nominations for the 2003-2004 Term

The Adult Branch of the Collin County NAACP is now accepting nominations for the 2003-2004 term of office. Members that are in good standing are eligible to run for office. Consent forms must be postmarked by the close of business on October 11, 2002. For more information pertaining to the nomination process, see Article V of the NAACP Constitution.

Section 9 Eligible Voters

The number of eligible voting members of the Branch shall be established before the voting begins. Upon proof of qualification, all eligible voters shall receive and sign for one ballot each and thereupon immediately proceed to vote secretly. The right to vote is personal and shall not be exercised by proxy. No absentee ballots may be cast.

Section 11 Members in Good Standing

Members in good standing shall be eligible to run for office or vote in Branch election. For the purpose of running for office, a member in good standing is one whose name appears on the roll of the Branch as a bona fide member of the Branch at least one hundred and eighty (180) days prior to the date nominations are made who lives and/or works within the branch jurisdiction. For the purpose of being elected to the nominating Committee or the Election Supervisory Committee, signing a nominating petition or voting in Branch elections, a member in good standing is one who has been a bona fide member of the Branch for at least thirty (30) days prior to the date the election is held or the nominating petition is filed. For all other purposes, a member in good standing is one who has paid the requisite minimum membership fee to the Branch.

Section 13 Life Members, Life Subscribing Members, and Members-at-Large

In order to run for Branch or vote in office or vote in Branch or State Conference elections, unaffiliated life members subscribing and members-at-large must be actively affiliated with the Branch at least one hundred (180) days prior to any meeting at which they are nominated for office. They must be actively affiliated with the Branch at least thirty (30) days before any meeting at which they seek to vote. The term "Actively Affiliated" means that the individual must have requested in writing, that his/her membership be transferred to the branch. The request must be made directly to the National Office. The National Office must notify the Branch in writing within thirty (30) days of receiving notification.

Collin County NAACP
Consent Form

I, _____ do hereby consent to place my name in nomination for the position of _____ With the Collin County NAACP Adult Branch for the 2003-2004 term of office.

Signature of Nominee

(Please print the name beside each signature)

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Date _____

*For more details concerning the nomination process, please see Article V of the NAACP Constitution.

All consent forms must be postmarked no later than close of business on October 11, 2002. All forms must be mailed to: NAACP of Collin County #6165 P.O. Box 2113 McKinney, TX 75076 Attn: Nominating Committee

Consent forms can be picked up from the following locations:

MON-The Gazette
6100 Avenue K, Ste. 105
Plano, TX

Allen Community Baptist Church
1901 S. Jupiter Rd.
Allen, TX
(Wednesday & Thursday, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon)

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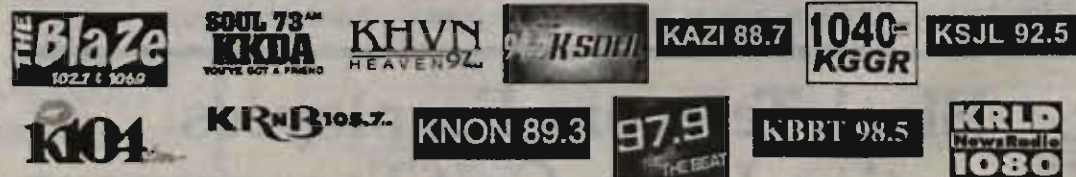
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LEGAL NOTICE

African Americans and other non-Caucasians could get benefits in a settlement about Metropolitan life insurance policies sold before 1973.

A settlement has been proposed in a class action lawsuit about whether, before 1973, Metropolitan charged more to insure African Americans and other non-Caucasians than it charged to insure Caucasians. People included in the settlement could get cash or other valuable benefits, like increased insurance.

benefits. A detailed notice has more information about the settlement benefits. You can get one by calling or going to the website.

HOW DO YOU GET THE BENEFITS?

If you're in the settlement, send in a claim form to get benefits. The detailed notice package has everything you need. Just call or visit the website below to get one. Claim forms are due by April 23, 2003. You don't have to have your policy number, but it will help Metropolitan find the policy to see if it qualifies. If you're not sure your policy is included, you can file a claim anyway. Filing a claim doesn't mean you'll get benefits.

Are you in the settlement?

For any Metropolitan life policy below, insuring an African American or other non-Caucasian:

- 1 Were you ever insured under one? OR
- 2 Did you ever own one? OR
- 3 Were you paid a death benefit from one?

The Metropolitan life policies are:

- > "Industrial" policies sold door-to-door from 1901 through 1964. (Less than \$1,000 coverage; premiums collected door-to-door)
- > "Ordinary" policies sold from 1901 through 1972. (If sold at higher than standard rates)
- > "Ordinary" policies sold from 1960 through 1972 with \$4,500 to \$5,000 of coverage. (With an "M" in the policy number)

Did you say yes to one of the questions? Or, do any questions apply to a family member who died? If so, you could get benefits.

Did your neighbor have a policy? Tell them about the settlement.

Settlement benefits include cash payments or other valuable benefits, if you qualify.

Claim Forms are due by April 23, 2003.

WHO'S INCLUDED?

You could get benefits if you or a relative fits the description in the box to the right. Still not sure? Get a detailed notice at the website or by calling for free. If this settlement applies to one of your family members who died, you could get their settlement benefits. Many policies were sold door-to-door, perhaps in your old neighborhood. Do you know someone who had a policy? Let them know about the settlement.

WHAT CAN YOU GET FROM THE SETTLEMENT?

Generally, people who still have their life insurance coverage will get increased insurance benefits. If the settlement is approved, these people can ask for cash instead, but in a lower amount than the increased insurance benefits. People whose policies already paid a death or maturity benefit will get cash. Most people whose policies terminated for other reasons will get five years of free death benefit coverage, and some of them will get cash. For some policies, the settlement provides other additional

You may ask to appear at the hearing, but you don't have to. Find out more with a free call to 1-800-960-2381, by visiting www.lifesettle.com, or by writing to Settlement Administrator, Thompson v. Metropolitan Life, P.O. Box 61, Minneapolis, MN 55440-8511. Please do not contact the Court.

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Billie Meador

FINANCIAL FOCUS

What Does it Mean to be a "Long-term" Investor?

During times of market turbulence, you may hear how important it is to stay focused on the long term. But what, exactly, does it mean to be a long-term investor? And what can you do to become one?

To begin with, you need to set your long-term goals. For most people, these goals revolve around retirement. What sort of retirement lifestyle have you envisioned for yourself? Will you work part-time? Travel? Live in a vacation home for part of the year?

After you've clarified your goals, you need to quantify them. How much money will you need? You don't need to know the precise amount, of course, but you should come up with a good estimate. And, once you've got a number in mind, you'll need to determine how much you have to save and invest each year to reach that figure.

A qualified financial professional can help you develop an investment strategy that meets your individual

needs, goals, tolerance for risk and time horizon. But if you're going to be a successful long-term investor, you need more than that. You need discipline. You need patience. And you need the ability to persevere in the face of adversity.

What actions can you take to develop these traits? Consider the following suggestions:

Always keep your goals in mind. Every time you make an investment decision - no matter how seemingly insignificant - think about why you're investing. You may even want to use some visual "cues." For example, if you want to retire early, print your projected year of retirement on a card - and keep it on your desk. If you want to own a vacation home, cut out a picture of a house on a beach, and paste it on a folder containing your investment information. These types of things may sound simplistic, but they can serve as valuable reminders of

what you want to accomplish.

Ignore distractions. Basically, once you've established your personalized investment strategy, everything else is a distraction. Headlines about corporate accounting scandals are a distraction. Steep, short-term market plunges are a distraction. Your neighbor's tip on a "hot" stock is a distraction. They're all distractions - and there are hundreds and thousands more of them out there, too. If you can train yourself to ignore all these annoyances and focus exclusively on what you need to do to meet your goals, you will be putting yourself in the strongest possible position to get the results you want.

Chart your progress - but not too often. Clearly, it's essential that you know the headway you're making toward your objectives. But many people make the mistake of "checking their progress" far too often. Unless you're constantly buying and selling - which you wouldn't do if you were a

true long-term investor - there's really not much point in reviewing your portfolio every day, week or month. If you're always studying your investments' performance, you are unquestionably going to see things you don't like - and you might be tempted to make unwise changes. In other words, don't waste time studying reams of "snapshots." Instead, give the "big picture" time to develop. However, you may want to meet with your investment professional for a portfolio review at least once a year, or whenever you face a major change in your life or your financial situation.

As you can see, it's not always so easy to be a long-term investor. But, in the final analysis, the effort is well worth it.

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

Town Meeting Set for October 8

The City of Garland will broadcast its final Town Meeting of 2002 on Tuesday, October 8, 2002. The program, hosted by Michael Holden, District 1 Council member and Mark Monroe District 7 Council member, will be aired live on cable CGTV-16 at 7:00 p.m.

A call-in format allows residents from Districts 1 and 7 to ask their City Council representatives questions about their neighborhoods. Each Council Representative will give a "state of the district" message, then citizens can call 972-205-CITY with their questions and comments.

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

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- I authorized regulatory changes that reduce operating costs by an estimated \$7 million per year - funds that go back to Texas oil and gas producers, their employees, communities and school children.
- And, we fought to protect low income and senior citizen natural gas customers from having their winter service disconnected.
- Since taking office, the Commission has more than doubled its business with women and minority-owned companies without the use of quotas or set asides.
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- While chairing the Texas Alternative Fuels Council, I arranged for Prairie View A&M University to participate in the development of the nation's first original equipment manufactured propane-powered van.
- In 2000 and 2001, the Commission was recognized as one of the state's Top 10 Agencies in WUB participation.

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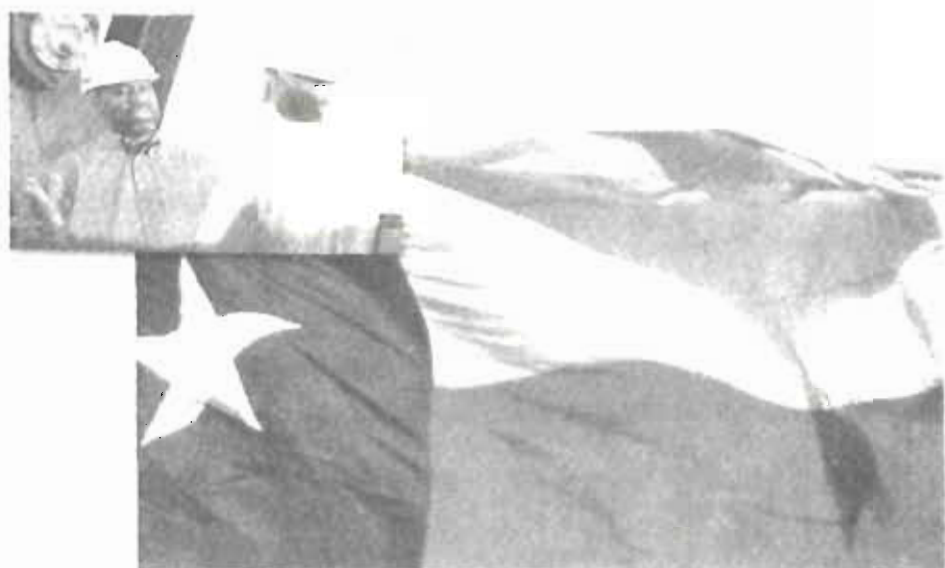
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tures," Pastor Joshua added. He said he has met with Ron Williams, who purchased the house from Greater New Birth Church, and he has a representative from his church, Doris Freeling, working with Williams. Ms. Freeling is also on the Research Committee for the house.

Pastor Joshua said that although not all of his congregation is from the Douglass Community, that they are a part of the community.

"We are a part of the community," he said. "The Douglass Community gave birth to the community and consequently we are a part," he said of his 14 to 15 hundred-member congregation.

Pastor Joshua is also a Principal at a school in McKin-

ney, and he said that as an educator he thinks the house could be a great museum for school children to visit and learn about the African American history.

He said McKinney has a beautiful historic area and he would like to see Plano keeping better records of its history. He added that he sees the Thornton House project as a great beginning to building Plano's history, with the the history of the Douglass Community as a cornerstone.

"The history of Plano must be written on the sands of the Douglass Community, it is the history of Plano," he said.

In McKinney, Pastor Joshua said that a Baptist Church was moved and is now the Wedding Chapel of Chestnut Square.

"It could have been torn down, but it was moved downtown to the square and is now a

wedding chapel," said Pastor Joshua. "Having seen that happen, I can connect with what we could have here in the Douglass Community."

For the project to be a success he said it is important to talk with people in and from the community who can help re-capture the history.

"There are people in the community that I can go to and ask them about the history, such as Ben Thomas, Brother James Washington, and the Drakes," he said.

Pastor Joshua added that he wants continued involvement in the project as he wants to know where the house will be moved to and how it will be utilized.

"I just want to see the project go forth, to help us tell the history of the community," said Pastor Joshua.

Collin County Historical Society Commissioners Court Votes \$20,000 Challenge Grant for Historical Society.

The Collin County Commissioners Court appropriated a \$20,000 "All-Or-Nothing," "Dollar-For-Dollar," operating challenge grant for the Collin County Historical Society.

To qualify for these funds, the Historical Society must raise \$20,000 in operating funds. Qualifying donations include all levels of memberships and Corporate Partnerships as well as foundation grants and fund raising events.

"CCHS is very grateful to the Commissioners Court for this grant," said Board Chairman Gerry Batte. "This grant will significantly help CCHS to grow its membership base because each new membership dollar generates another dollar through the Challenge Grant."

"The Challenge Grant provides an excellent opportunity to introduce many individuals and corporations to the Historical Society and the important educational work we do in Collin County," said Chairman Batte.

"These funds will be used to support the Society's mission, which is to collect, preserve, exhibit, and interpret Collin

County History," said Director, Donald Hoke. "Thanks to the Commissioners Court Challenge Grant, we'll have a better elementary school education program, better adult programming, and better collections care."

CCHS has already begun to match the Commissioners Challenge. CCHS is applying to some 25 foundations for support of the Challenge Grant, many of whom have already been contacted. The Challenge Grant will be promoted in a new membership form, in the Society's newsletter, on a sign in the History Museum, through the education program, and with a series of direct mailings to individuals and corporations this fall.

"We will be aggressively marketing both the Challenge Grant and the Historical Society this fall," said board member, Judge Nathan White. "Over the past 18 months, the Society has made great progress. Now is the time to build on that progress by bringing the greater Collin County community into the Society."

The First National Bank

Southwest in Frisco and the Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home in McKinney are the first new Corporate Partners under the Challenge Grant. They join seventeen existing CCHS Corporate Partners including Experian, Ebby Halliday Realtors, Legacy Bank, Independent Bank, Jim Wilson Architects, Encore Wire, Timber Blinds Mfg., Don Day & Co. and the law firm of Gay, McCall, Isaacks, Gordon, & Roberts among others.

Those individuals and corporations interested in preserving and teaching Collin County History are encouraged to contact the Historical Society immediately at (972) 542-9457 donhoke@collincountyhistory.org and ask for Dr. Donald Hoke, the Director.

For Additional Information: Collin County Historical Society, Inc. Collin County History Museum 105 N. Chestnut @ Virginia Streets McKinney, TX 75069-4301 (972) 542-9457 (972) 542-4594 (FAX) www.collincountyhistory.org Donhoke@collincountyhistory.org

PLANO BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS RECEIVES SPECIAL PROGRAM

Good News for Boys & Girls Clubs of Plano, Douglas Branch. The Links, Inc., Plano North Metroplex Chapter, Kicks off Special Programming for Boys & Girls Clubs of Plano.

The Links, Inc., Plano North Metroplex Chapter, has chosen Boys & Girls Clubs to be the recipient of its special 'Effective Personal Leadership Program'. The Douglas Recreation Center was the setting for a special "kick off" workshop held recently. The workshop, "The Seven Habits of Highly

Effective People", was presented by Link Carolyn Martin, who led a fast paced, interactive presentation for the participants and their parents.

The program is designed to present teens with an opportunity to "test drive an occupation" and more by providing them with career selections and hands-on experience, exposure to events, role models, technology, and activities that will enhance cultural exposure, academic performance and social skills.

To achieve this objective,

members of the chapter will spend the next eight months with this targeted group, providing special programming, activities, computer classes as well as tutoring them at the Douglas Recreation Center. This program also incorporates a partnership with Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and will end in May 2003.

A spokesperson for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Plano said they feel fortunate to be selected for this special programming by such a dynamic group of ladies, who will provide diversified role models for the youth.

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they will know they have the potential to be a leader," she stated.

Dr. Johnson serves on the board of directors for AIDS Arms Incorporated, and is also President on the board and directors for North Central Texas Health Development Corporation. She also volunteers for various organizations in the HIV field, the Red Cross, and churches.

Dr. Johnson enjoys all three of her occupations because she likes to see people grow.

"I like to see people grow inside and increase their self esteem, self worth and view of the world. We all have goals and I want to help people understand what is blocking or stopping them from achieving their goals," she said.

Dr. Johnson's seminar "Leadership Performance and Coaching" will be held November 8 & 9, 2002, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Select, at 11350 LBJ Freeway and Jupiter Road. By registering early, the cost for the two day seminar is \$195. For more information call 972-997-8225.

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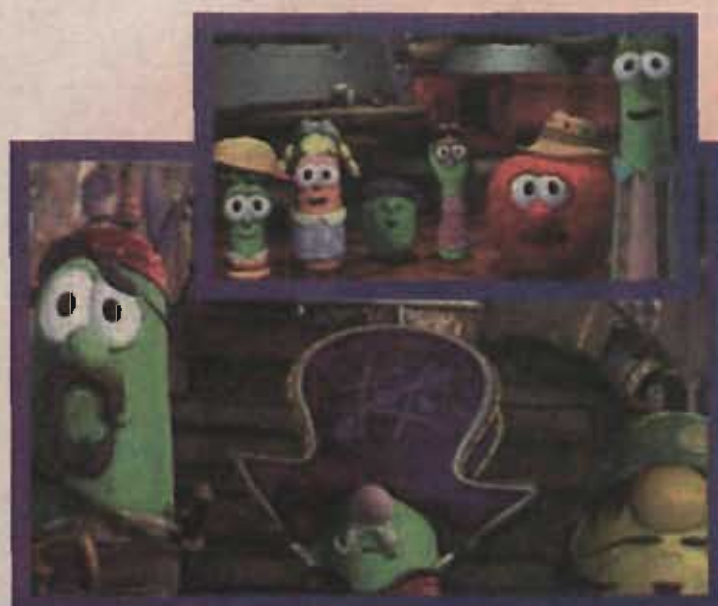
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Thomas Harris' 1981 novel, *Red Dragon*, introduced readers to Hannibal Lecter; this film adaptation finds FBI agent Will Graham (Edward Norton), the man who originally put the sinister doctor behind bars and almost lost his life in the process, coming out of retirement to track a new killer. Graham soon realizes that the best way to track the killer, nicknamed the Tooth Fairy (Ralph Fiennes), is to get inside his mind, and he turns to his old nemesis, Hannibal "The Cannibal," for help in solving this most grisly series of murders.

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THIS WEEK: A Closer Look at W. Eric Croomes



Poet and Essayist W. Eric Croomes

Poet and Essayist W. Eric Croomes will be the first to admit that he has undergone a profound change within the last five years of his life. "You might say I've experienced a personal and spiritual evolution," says the soft-spoken native of Phoenix, Arizona. Croomes decided to do what most people don't - he wrote a book about those experiences. The result is *Dance In The Dark, Poetic Reflections On Love And Culture*, a unique tapestry of mythological biography, self-help manual and philosophy. This is Croomes' debut book and it features poems and essays on love and culture in the African-American tradition. Specifically, Croomes explores how the individual is shaped by experiences with love relationships and culture. The two, he says, are inextricably bonded: "If we would be honest with ourselves in relation to what we want and desire in love relationships, and if we would become cognizant of the cultural context within which those relationships are grounded, I think we would greatly heighten our success. What I attempt to do is de-mythologize two accepted myths endemic to love and culture, the myth of failure in love and relationship and the myth of individualism."

To make his point, Croomes draws upon a not so traditional resource - African mythology. Croomes believes that traditional African culture and mythology offers many insights and pearls of wisdom regarding the themes of life. Two of those themes, love and culture, are examined through the mythological lens of Kwasi Benefo and Gassire the Soninke Warrior. "Kwasi and Gassire both offer divergent insights about how we tend to respond to the loss of love and about how we can become so ingrained with a self-centered drive to succeed that the very community suffers," says Croomes. But, he is careful to extract from his more traditional Christian moorings as well. Having earned a degree in religion and sociology, Croomes is appreciative of both. "I think what's important is openness. Being open to the beauty of your experiences - even if those experiences are of pain and brokenness - there is always something to learn, some invaluable insight that makes you better, stronger and more resilient for the next experience!"

In an era that has seen poetry become an overcrowded genre, Croomes is quick to point out that his book is a little more than just poetry. "*Dance in the Dark* is narrative poetics - poems and essays, or poetry and prose. My book is what I call, 'poemumentary'. It is experience fused with poetic lessons from those experiences." Croomes traces his book of poems and essays back to two experiences in particular: a relationship that turned sour and being "downsized" by an employer. But, as he learned, and as he shares in this provocative and insightful book, those experiences laid the foundation for a new future.

Dance In The Dark was published under Croomes' publishing imprint, The Apple Tree Publishing Group, of which he serves as Chief Executive Officer, and is available in area Black bookstores now!

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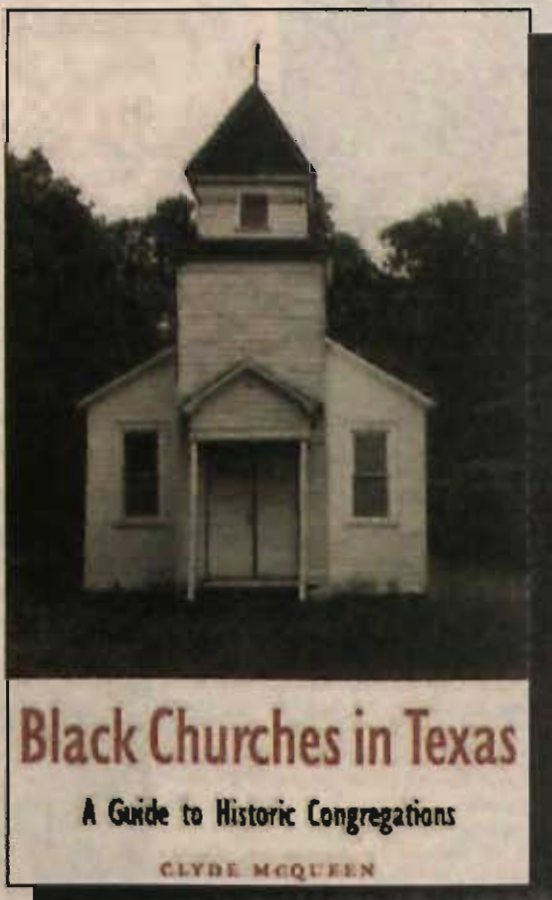
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Churches play a vital role in African American culture, and not just as houses of worship. They also stand at the center of the political, educational, and social lives of black Americans.

Clyde McQueen's interdenominational inventory of black churches surveys 375 churches organized between 1850 and 1886 and found in an area extending from present-day I-35 east to Louisiana and from the Red River to the Gulf of Mexico, which were the regions of Texas where African Americans settled during the period studied.

Many of these churches were, ironically, organized by people who professed to be Christians yet deigned to own other human beings. A number of the pioneer black preachers were taught to read and write by slave owners. McQueen's research shows how these churches nonetheless became thriving centers of religion, independent civic and social life, and freedom.

McQueen provides for each congregation the year it was organized, the county and town where it is located, an address or directions for finding it, and any other history available. All of this is based on information McQueen gathered from interviews, church bulletins, special church programs, historical markers, and building cornerstones.

The catalog is enhanced by photographs of sixty-four of the churches surveyed, and an introduction by William E. Montgomery places McQueen's work in broader historical perspective.

Historians will find this first documented treatment of the formation of black churches in Texas an indispensable contribution to a little-known but important field of Texas and African American history. All readers can use the guide to visit places of historic interest around the state.

CLYDE McQUEEN, who received his master's degree from Texas A&M University, is retired from the Soil Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. Since 1984, he has spent much of his time traveling and gathering information for this study. He lives in Temple, Texas.

Number Eighty-five:
Centennial Series of the
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Yesterday's Journey, an eight-member gospel group, comprised of members of the Sweet Home Baptist Church in Garland, TX, held a musical on last Saturday introducing their new group. The group was formed four months ago. The toe-tapping, harmonizing group of men enjoys singing about God and has hopes of reaching out to more and more people. Deacon Boris Jones is manager and founder of the group.

With a membership of about 250, Sweet Home continues to accomplish their goal of spreading The Word. "We have a mission society, and part of their mission is to go out and visit the sick," said Jones. Sweet Home Baptist Church, a ten-year-old church, founded by the late L.W. Wilson, father of the pastor, is a church that strongly believes in teaching The Word of God. "Our church is a loving church founded on The Word of God," said Jones. Jones, a faithful member of seven years, says that Sweet Home's pastor, Rev. D.L. Wilson, preaches firmly from the Bible.

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Sweet Home Baptist Church

Going to Another Level



"Yesterday's Journey" Sweet Home Baptist Church of Garland
L-R: (Back) Calvin Smith, Patrick Dawkins, Edwin Smith
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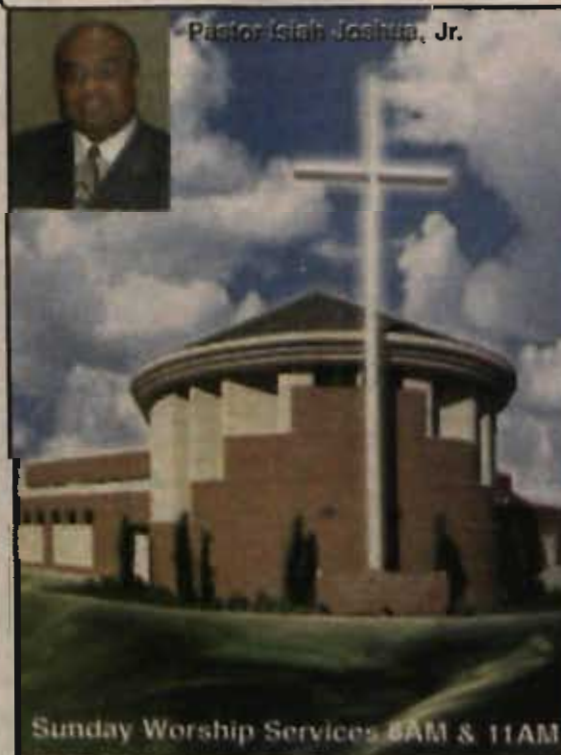
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