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On the Homefront:

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 from Friday September 27 through October 20, with the opening day parade at noon on Friday 27, downtown Dallas. For a schedule of daily events visit www.bigtex.com

The 7th Annual Sounds of Class on the UTD Campus, Saturday September 28, features music, a family festival and a fireworks finale. Children's carnival and live music 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Pops Music by the Richardson Symphony Orchestra 8:00 - 9:15 p.m. Free admission. Sponsored by The City of Richardson, UT Dallas. The campus can be reached from W. Campbell Road in Richardson. For more information call 972-883-6259, or visit www.soundsclass.org.

Saturday, September 28, The Plano Symphony Orchestra Opening Night at The Eisemann Center, Richardson, at 8:15pm. The PSO celebrates its 20th year, and is joined by the Plano Civic Chorus and Laurie Gayle Stephenson, Steve Amerson, and Blake Davidson. Featuring the songs of Puccini, Bizet, Rodgers & Hammerstein, Lerner & Loewe, Andrew Lloyd Webber. For tickets contact the Symphony at 972-473-7262.

The Links, Inc., United Negro College Fund, and Boys and Girls Clubs of Collin County host a 2002 Walk For Education, Saturday September 28, at Ferris Plaza Park, 400 S. Houston Street (at Young), Dallas. Registration begins 7:30a.m., walk begins at 9:00 a.m. - 5K Walkathon, 1 mile Kiddie Walk, College Fair hosted by DMCBA, and food, fun and entertainment. Registration: \$25, \$5 for the Kiddie Walk. For more information call 972-234-1007, or 972-263-4114.

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The Cottonwood Arts Festival, October 5 and 6, at Cottonwood Park, Beltline and Coit 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

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McKinney's St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church Celebrates Its Pastor's 19th Year of Faithful Leadership

By: Monica Thornton

Members of St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church in McKinney are thankful to God for their Pastor, Reverend Charles S. Wattley, a man they celebrated on Sunday September 22, 2002, as being totally submitted to doing things God's way.

Family, friends, and spiritual mentors gathered together for a celebration worship service and luncheon, in honor of Pastor Wattley's 19th Anniversary of being shepherd of the church. They came together with singing, dancing, praise music and laughter. They came together to read the Word of God, and they came together to acknowledge Pastor Wattley's faithful leadership.

The choirs of St. Mark, visiting churches St. James and Mr. Pisgah,



Guest Speaker
Pastor Cecil Smith

lifted the roof off the church with their individual styles of praising God in song and music. And with the touch of the music group 'The Posse', anyone who missed this celebration missed a musical blessing filled with God's presence.

Sister Albertine Glaude of St. Mark gave opening remarks, saying to Pastor Wattley, "I thank God for having a Pastor like you." She said God's people have been instructed to rejoice, from the book of Deuteronomy to the book of Luke.

"We gather to celebrate baby showers, promotions, commemorations, over the hill parties, but this Sunday, our season of celebration goes to our Pastor," she said. "Pastor, you epitomize Ephesians 4:

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The City of Allen Demonstrates Excellence in the Purchasing Division

By: Felicia Coleman

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

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

In 2001, the City of Allen Purchasing Division was awarded the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement by the National Institute. MON-The Gazette interviewed City Manager Herbert Miller, Jr.

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

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

What type of work have you done previously?



I began my public purchasing career with the City of University Park in 1983. In 1987, I took a position with the University of North Texas Housing and Residence Life

Department. In 1989, I was recruited by the City of Plano and served as Purchasing Supervisor for approximately 8 years. During my employment with the City of Plano we established a small, minority and woman-owned business program that was very successful. I was recruited by the Dallas Fort Worth International Airport Board (DFW) in 1997. I served as Purchasing Manager at DFW for 3 years. Currently, I am Purchasing Manager for the city of Allen, Texas one of the fastest growing and progressive suburban cities in the metroplex. During my many years of assisting local, small, minority and women owned businesses on how to conduct business with government agencies the small business bug hit me in 2001. My wife and I formed a corporation and started a small business. We are owners of a

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Update Thornton House Plans Coming Together to Give the Project a Firm Foundation

By: Monica Thornton

Over the past five months, members of the Steering Committee for the Thornton House project have met with local companies and each other to bring together the necessary expertise to form a firm foundation to move the project forward.

And at a recent Steering Committee meeting, members sought a way to solidify plans not only for moving the house, but more importantly, for how the house will be used once moved. Already in the works are grant applications, the mission statement for the project and the name for the house.

As the project has progressed so has the vision for the purpose of the house. What started out as a possibility for a historic African American house museum has grown into the potential for a museum set up with a kitchenette, a classroom, library, and the hopes of attracting national and international exhibits reflecting the diversity of the world, and each cultures contributions.

This in itself has brought about further issues. Not only is the committee looking at other

possible sites for the house than first suggested (the site originally looked at is at Avenue I and 12th Street), but an annex may have to be built onto the house to accommodate the vision that the Steering Committee has. Ron Williams, Committee Chair and owner of the Thornton House, said an architect has already drawn up plans for an annex, and Engineers and Architects, Evans and Associates are looking at the plans for feasibility.

But in order for any plans to be feasible and be approved, the committee determined that local and counties entities such as Plano Independent School District, The Plano Public Library and the City of Plano be contacted to discuss ways they could fit such an idea into their individual curriculums.

"We need to let people know how we can use the facility to help other programs," said Bob Marx of Evans and Associates. "We need an outline and proposal to present to different entities, and we need to establish a programming committee to let the entities and the committee know each others needs. We have an

idea as to the needs of the museum, but every museum is different."

Mr. Williams said Evans and Associates have helped coordinate the project, simplifying the schedule and identifying areas that need urgent attention. And as the house has to be moved from its present site at Ave H and 13th Street in Plano before the end of November, he said it is critical that everyone comes together and does what they say they will do.

Mr. Marx added that his company has already met with the City of Plano and DART to discuss alternate sites for the house to be moved to and they are in the process of conducting soil tests at different sites. But he said to tie the pieces of the project together it was imperative that a Board of Directors is formed, and potential positions within the museum be identified.

This was something all the committee members were passionate about, and they agreed that they have an immediate need of a Board, a Director, and the identifying of staffing and volun-

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Mr. and Mrs. Larry Jagours. Mr. Jagours is Collin County's NAACP President

NAACP Q&A Jagours Speaks Out

By Belinda G. Alexander

What does NAACP mean to Collin County communities?

During this Independence Holiday, American citizens have more reason than ever to observe and celebrate the values founded in the great USA. These ideas of freedom, prosperity and justice are called out in the Constitution.

This time of celebration also appears to be accompanied by times of terrorism, economic crisis, racism and a growing threat to basic American civil liberties. As smart and responsible citizens, Americans have rights and responsibilities that can enable and insure every individual enjoys the promise and lives the dream.

An undesirable truth in the great USA tradition is the higher incidence and occurrence for persecution and prosecution of African Americans and 'people of color' in during times of tension. For this reason-more than ever before, the time is right to stand up for every American citizen's basic rights. The NAACP has always offered a base of recourse and a place of resource in the pursuit of equality, education and justice for those citizens and neighborhoods often overlooked.

The NAACP, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, is the oldest Civil Rights Organization in the United States of America. This association has a history of support, strength, pride and activism in communities of color. Growing communities like Collin County

and it's Plano-McKinney area once enjoyed a vibrant branch of activity through strong NAACP membership. The membership and once strong voice of the people seems to have faded where membership once flourished.

In an effort to revive and reactivate pro-activism, the NAACP North Texas chapter is working to regain responsible members. and to that unify neighborhoods of color toward growth and prosperity 53 year-old Larry Jagours is the current president of Collin County's NAACP. He 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."

A recent conversation, in which Mr. Jagours shared a plan of 'inter-action' and update on projects for the area NAACP, went as follows:

Alexander: When did you first become interested in the NAACP?

Mr. Jagours: In 1986, I met Mr. R.G. Coffield who was with the McKinney NAACP branch. This was the first strong branch of the association for Collin County. I admired and respected Mr. Coffield style of leadership.

Alexander: What do you remember about your NAACP in earlier days?

Mr. Jagours: At one time each city had an active branch - but they became dysfunctional and

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Elaine and Arlita Thornton as they appeared in September, 1982 upon hearing the news that the City of Dallas bond proposal had been approved, paving the way for construction of the \$12.5 million South Dallas Cultural Center. Photo by Randy Eli Croft, Dallas Morning News.

South Dallas Cultural Center struggle revisited

By Sanford A. Sims
La Vida News Staff

"That building is going to look good - really good," Artist Thornton told staff writer for The Dallas Morning News, Debra Martine way back in 1982. "Getting that center was a long struggle, but when it's built, Black artists in Dallas will finally have a place to call their own."

Thursday, September 26, 2002 marks the 20th anniversary of the announcement by

The City of Dallas Park and Recreation Department to build the South Dallas Cultural Center, located on the northeast corner of Fitzhugh Avenue and Robert B. Cullum Boulevard, near Fair Park.

From the beginning of their time together (35 years), Artist and Elaine Thornton have always possessed a love and deep concern for the arts.

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11-12*, and for that Pastor, we celebrate you."

She also thanked him for pushing the congregation to develop further, saying his sermons inspire them and build them up "until we actually feel as if we could soar on the wings of eagles."

And for a special thank you, Sister Glaude's nine-year-old daughter, Toshira, performed a praise and celebration dance.

Echoing Sister Glaude's sentiment, Minister Faggett said Pastor Wattlely is a visionary.

"I've watched him these last 15 years, and I've seen how God has really used him," said Minister Faggett.

Delivering the sermon was Pastor Cecil Smith of Mount Pisgah Baptist Church in Dallas. Pastor Smith, who has pastored for 30 years, has been a mentor to Pastor Wattlely. Pastor Smith's wife, Joyce, said they have known Wattlely for about 12 years, and that he preached their 30th Anniversary celebration.

"We care so much for him, my husband has been a mentor to him," said Mrs. Smith. "He's loving and giving, and he makes my husband feel good."

Even though this was a celebration, Pastor Smith didn't let the congregation off with a soft sermon. Rather, he challenged the congregation to not just sit and watch Pastor Wattlely and let him carry the load, but to help him carry our his vision for the church.

"Seek first the kingdom of heaven. It ought to get out of your head and into your heart, and into your body, and then you can become a witness," said Pastor Smith. "The church needs bona fide witnesses. You do need witnesses, you want St. Mark's to keep growing."

Pastor Smith said people watched Christ when he was crucified, to see if he was going to do what he said he would - to rise up in three days. And to Pastor Wattlely, he said that the congregation watches him to see if he is doing the things he said he would. But he admonished them to stop watching the Pastor, and start watching Jesus.

"Every time you watch Jesus, you get a little more joy in your heart. So instead of watching the preacher, watch God, there's nothing better than watching the King of Kings," said Pastor Smith.

Deacon Stan and Sister Earnestine Driskell thanked Pastor Smith for the message, thanked Pastor Wattlely for reading and teaching the word of God.

"We implore you to continue to stand on the word of God, no matter how hard headed we get. We thank God for allowing you to be our pastor. We love you very dearly," Deacon Driskell said.

This love was demonstrated as gifts were presented to Pastor Wattlely from parishioners and from his ministry team. Joking, hugging and laughing, the congregation at St. Mark's openly expressed their love for their pastor. And in turn, Pastor Wattlely expressed his love and appreciation for his congregation and ministerial staff.

"St. Mark's, you don't know how my soul bubbles over with all that you do," said Pastor Wattlely.

Before adjourning to the luncheon prepared especially for the celebration, Pastor Wattlely thanked his mother, father and brother for being there for him, and continued to thank his congregation for their cooperation over the years. He implored them to catch the vision to grow in God and reach others with His word.

"God has a time and a purpose," he said. "If you catch the vision I will be where I'm meant to

be, doing what I'm supposed to do."

And under Pastor Wattlely's leadership this can happen, as members of the church said Pastor Wattlely pushes them to go higher and higher, and gives them the opportunities to grow in their talents.

"He pushes us to go beyond ourselves," said Special Events Coordinator, Gail Hogan. "He's an inspirational leader. He's been an inspiration to my life and my girls. He's a God send."

Cynthia Allen, owner of catering company Sweet Tooth, agreed with Ms. Hogan, saying they were both able to use their gifts for the celebration, Ms. Hogan by bringing everything together for the day, and herself by catering the event.

Sylvia Devers, Church Administrator, said Pastor Wattlely was a driving force in her recognizing her gift to work with children. She said she then got her degree and now teaches math and writing in Plano Independent School District.

"He's a friend, a wonderful spiritual leader," Ms. Devers added.

Church member Deborah Dill was born and raised in the church, saying, "this is my home church." She said she is blessed to have Pastor Wattlely as her Pastor.

"He's impacted the church in a great way, he's brought a lot of ministries into the church," Ms. Dill said.

Brothers Paul and Kenny Hardin both attend St. Mark's. Paul has been a member for a year and a half, and is the bass player in the music ministry. He said he's enjoying every minute of being associated with the church.

"I enjoy it so much I drive 100 miles a week to be here as I live in Terrell," Paul Hardin said.

His brother, Kenny, said Pastor Wattlely is a pastor that has a vision, and believes deeply in what he's trying to achieve. Not only do the brothers enjoy attending at St. Mark's, but also Kenny's nine-year-old daughter said she also enjoys the children's ministry.

One ministry that Pastor Wattlely brought into the church is the Single's Ministry. Sister Alice Kelly helps coordinate the Single's Ministry. She said it focuses on Biblical teaching and fellowship for the single members. Ms. Kelly stressed that it is not designed for singles to find a dating partner, but rather to grow in God and be with people of like mind.

"People here come into the single's ministry looking for people who are living the same way they are, it's all about Biblical teaching," she said.

Minister Henderson has been a member of the church for nine years, two years as a Deacon, and four years as a minister. He is currently the Assistant Director to the Sunday School, and is teaching a program called "Ten Steps to Christian Maturity," which he said is a Bible study dealing with Biblical teaching (putting the Word into practice), rather than doctoral teaching.

Minister Henderson said the church has seen tremendous growth under the leadership of Pastor Wattlely. When they started, he said they had the seating capacity, but not enough people to fill the space. Now, he said, they have to continue to expand to accommodate everyone.

"God has blessed the church," Henderson said. "Under the leadership of Pastor Wattlely we've had great growth. It's a big family."

St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church is located at the corner of Wilcox and McDonald Streets in McKinney. For more information regarding the church and its programs please call 972-542-6178, or visit: www.stmarkmissionary@aol.com.



Pastor Charles Wattlely with his escort, Miss Jaileen Thomas



Praise Dance Tribute done by Toshira Glaude



Sister Alice Kelly



Ceremony Leaders Deacon Warren and Sister Albertin Glaude



The proud mother, Martha Wattlely



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Minister Willie Faggett



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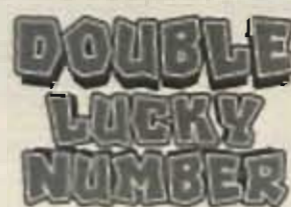


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THE TRUTH CLINIC

A Possible Shell Game for Black Farmers

By: James W. Breedlove

Last week Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman announced additional initiatives to strengthen programs aimed at serving minority and disadvantaged farmers as part of the Department of Agriculture's ongoing efforts to address discrimination concerns of black farmers. The question: Is it real or is it Memorex?

Racial discrimination against black farmers is not new. Their plight is documented from the Emancipation in 1865, when under authority of the Confiscation Act of 1861, General William Sherman issued Special Field Order 15, granting to each freedman possessory titles to forty-acre homesteads on the Georgia and South Carolina coasts. This should have been the foundation of economic freedom for black farmers, but after a promising start, it turned out to be a nightmare.

Initially, there was an increase in black land ownership with blacks holding three million acres in 1875. This rose to eight million acres in 1890 and 12 million in 1900. The peak year of black land ownership was 1910 when blacks owned an estimated 15 million acres, with 175,000 farms fully owned, 43,000 partially owned, and 670,000 share cropped.

In 1920 fourteen percent of all farms were African American. By 1950, black land ownership had declined to 12 million acres, and in 1969 it was down 54 percent to 5.5 million acres. Between 1982 and 1992, the number of black farmers in the United States dropped from 33,250 to 18,810. By 1999, less than 18,000 African American farmers, out of a total 1.9 million U.S. farmers, owned less than 1 million acres.

This dramatic loss of black-owned farmland was the result of a combination of historical dis-

crimination and financial lending policies that ostracized black farmers from government assistance programs. In a report released by the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) in 1997, 91.4 percent of the farm loans went to white farmers while only 2.3 percent to black farmers.

In February 1997, former Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman validated case after case that revealed the dismal record of racial discrimination, neglect, and abuses by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The Civil Rights Commission, which studied the problem in the 1980s, said that black farmers wait far longer for loan decisions, and are more likely to be rejected for loans than their white counterparts. USDA investigators found that white farmers typically waited 84 days for loan decisions, while black farmers' average wait was 222 days, only to be rejected at a rate three times that of whites. Over the years, black farmers have protested and demonstrated against this egregious discrimination.

In 1990 the first lawsuit was filed against the federal government on behalf of black farmers. However, the legal effort floundered when plaintiffs attempted to add substance to the lawsuit by making it into a class action suit.

Finally, in 1997 the Timothy Pigford versus Glickman class action lawsuit was filed, with over 1,000 black farmers participating. The suit charged that racist practices of USDA lending agencies had materially harmed black farmers. They sought \$3 billion in compensation. The case covered claims from 1983—the year the department's office of civil rights was disbanded and thousands of records lost or destroyed—to 1997, the year after the office was restored. In January 1999, the USDA and

attorneys for the farmers reached a tenuous out-of-court settlement. The agreement called for forgiveness of the plaintiffs' government debts and a one-time tax-free \$50,000 disbursement to each farmer.

The historic Pigford versus Glickman settlement was proclaimed by the media as a major civil rights victory which would atone for past injustices to black farmers. Instead, it has turned out to be a treacherous nightmare. Tens of thousands of black farmers were encouraged to file liquidation claims, then told by claims adjusters that their claims were denied and the discrimination which they alleged did not occur.

Continued advocacy and legal action led by the Black Farmers and Agriculturalists Association has resulted in the current initiatives announced by Secretary Veneman. They include increasing USDA efforts to stop and reverse the decline in black farm ownership; to ensure that the full range of farm loan and benefit programs are available to minority farmers; fair and timely action on loan applications; expanded technical assistance; diversity training for all employees; suspending foreclosure and administrative offset actions for borrowers with pending discrimination claims; expedited resolution of pending claims; and establishing an Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights.

The cards are now on the table, but extreme diligence is still required. Detrimental sleight of hand has been perpetrated on black farmers in the past by the government. It must not happen again.

James W. Breedlove

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

You and Yourself

By Unknown

It is rewarding to find someone whom you like, but it is essential to like yourself.

It is quickening to recognize someone as a good and decent human being, but it is indispensable to view yourself as acceptable.

It is a delight to discover people who are worthy of respect, admiration, and love, but it is vital to believe yourself deserving of these things.

For you cannot live in someone else. You cannot find yourself in someone else. You cannot be given a life by someone else. Of all the people you will know in a lifetime, you are the only one you will never leave nor lose.

To the question of your life, you are the only answer. To the problems of your life, you are the only solution.

Strategy

DALLAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP PLEDGES \$2.5 MILLION TO ADDRESS WORKFORCE HOUSING NEEDS IN DALLAS



L to R: Jon Edmonds, Foundation for Community Empowerment; Phillip Williams, Vice President of Buckner; Doug Hutt, Bank of America; Albert Martin, Fannie Mae Foundation; Don Williams, Foundation for Community Empowerment and Chairman Emeritus, Trammell Crow Co.

Foundation for Community Empowerment, Fannie Mae Foundation and The Enterprise Foundation lead the effort with 12 other local organizations participating.

DALLAS (September 19, 2002) - The future of fit and affordable workforce housing in Dallas changed dramatically today as fifteen local corporations and foundations gathered to announce and celebrate a new partnership. The Dallas Community Development Partnership proposes to strengthen local community development corporations (CDCs) and community housing development organizations (CHDOs) as they build fit and affordable workforce housing for the Dallas community.

The Foundation for Community Empowerment (FCE), Fannie Mae Foundation and The Enterprise Foundation

organized the Partnership that has already raised \$2.5 million to support this effort. The Bank of America Foundation, along with the Hobbizelle Foundation, Washington Mutual Foundation, JP Morgan Chase, TXU, Bank One, Northern Trust, Guaranty Bank, Wells Fargo, The Dallas Foundation, Compass Bank, and Bank of Texas, have made multi-year pledges.

"This is the right initiative at the right time," noted Doug Hutt, Bank of America's head of private bank and private client services for Dallas and Fort Worth. "We made the decision to contribute immediately."

The City of Dallas Mayor's Task Force on Affordable Housing, chaired by Don Williams, founder of FCE and chairman emeritus of the Trammell Crow Company, estimated that Dallas needs an

additional 20,000-30,000 units of affordable workforce housing. "As other cities have shown," Williams said, "nonprofit CDCs are the most effective organizations to begin the process of neighborhood revitalization and to build fit and affordable workforce housing." The Partnership will provide selected CDCs with operating support and training during the next three years as they begin to produce the housing that Dallas needs.

Affordable housing, according to a Fannie Mae Foundation study conducted by Hart/Teeter, is a much more important issue to the American public than previously understood. The study found that 41 percent of working Americans believe the lack of affordable housing is a very or fairly big problem. The survey, conducted May-June 2002,

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Tobi Hicks Experience at MON-The Gazette

By: Tobi Hicks

Spring of this year I began writing for MON-The Gazette as a staff writer, and I was assigned to write for the following four sections of the paper: "On The Homefront," "Wellness," "Ethnic Notes," and "Around the Town." Articles I especially enjoyed writing were "Garland's Star Spangled Fourth 2002," "The Plano Children's World Learning Centers Annual Puttin' on the Hits," Jamaican activist Marcus Mosiah Garvey, "The Plano Community Forum Golf Tournament," and "Madame C. J. Walker, Pioneer and Industrialist."

I have absorbed an enormous amount of information while writing for MON-The Gazette. Having the opportunity to get real world experience has enhanced my skills, and will help me become a better journalist. During my tenure at the paper I have had the opportunity to see the entire process of bringing a paper to press. My time at MON-The Gazette has been a great experience. I have enjoyed each and every moment. I feel I have been given a great opportunity to learn and share my writing with others. For that I am grateful. My fellow employees and



boss, Thurman Jones, have made my time at MON-The Gazette one I will never forget.

On The Move

Called to minister to those in need

By Lakeesha Joe

If you want to be motivated, inspired, mentored, ministered to, or even taught to read, you may want to have a chat with one of Dallas' Outstanding Volunteers.

Marilyn Giles, who was named one of Dallas' Outstanding Volunteers, is the owner of Christ and Common Sense, which is a non-denominational Christian activities consulting service that has offered teaching preaching and motivational speaking since 1991. So, not only is Ms. Giles volunteering at various places throughout the city of Dallas, she is also sharing her spiritual wisdom, through Christ and Common Sense, with those who want to hear.

In July 1987 Ms. Giles began her career as a licensed and ordained minister. In 1991 she graduated from the Southern Bible Institute in Dallas.

Ms. Giles says that she was not looking to get into the ministry business, but when she received what she calls a command from God to preach she knew that she had to follow the desire of her soul.

"He told me to go and preach," says Giles. "I knew in spirit that it was what I had to do. The calling just would not go away."

About the first three years of being in ministry was horrible according to Giles. There was opposition because I was a female minister, but I was also feeling



sorry for myself because of how people treated me.

Giles says that being in ministry is much better now that she has earned her spiritual muscles.

Being an ordained minister has lead Ms. Giles to become a motivational speaker. As a motivational speaker, she has spoken at various churches, schools, colleges, universities, and other organizations throughout Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana.

During her speaking engagements, Ms. Giles says that her message to all her audiences is taking personal responsibility for the things that happen in your life.

"I can identify with the message of personal responsibility because I had to take personal responsibility in my own life," Giles

says. "There were things that happened in my life that caused me to feel sorry for myself and I was hurt over those things, but I had to take personal responsibility in order to change my life."

At her speaking engagements, workshops, retreats, etc., Giles, through her knowledge of the word of God, helps her audiences see that life can be awesome when you find a way to conquer personal issues, obstacles and excuses and attempt to invest you life in a positive way in service to others. Giles is definitely living the message that she relays to her audiences through her outstanding volunteer work and her relationship with Christ.

Ms. Giles says that God has given her the wisdom to break down her message in such a way that even kids will remember.

As an outstanding volunteer, Ms. Giles gives almost 200 hours of her time to the Dallas Can Academy's Families for Learning Center as a mentor for teenage mothers, which is a charter school that enables at-risk young people to complete their high school education or meet the requirements to receive a GED.

The girls at Dallas Can Academy can definitely relate to their mentor because she has been through what they are going through. Ms. Giles grew up in poverty in South Dallas. At the ten-

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

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

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self serve laundromat called Spin City in East Plano.

Hopefully, one day I will have a chain of laundromats providing a clean, comfortable and convenient location for our customers.

Which school did you graduate from?

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

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

Responsible for the centralized automated procurement function required to support efficient operation of the city. Last year alone, the purchasing department was involved in the expenditure of over \$22 million dollars. The average purchase order amount was approximately \$2,500.00. With these numbers I believe purchasing can and has made an impact in the local, and surrounding business community.

What is procurement?

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

What are your plans for the Purchasing Department?

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

What are your long term goals professionally?

To establish a nationally recognized, award winning purchasing department.

What awards have you received?

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

iation of Public Purchasing Officers.

Do you have a family?

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

What are your hobbies?

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

Where are you from?

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

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

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

Are you involved in organizations/community involvement's?

Yes, Past President of The Public Purchasing Association of North Central Texas, Past President of the National Forum For Black Public Administrators-North Texas Chapter, Member of DFW Chapter of the National Institute for Governmental Purchasing, Member Institute of Supply Management, and Texas Purchasing Managers Association (affiliated with TML-Texas Municipal League).

What do you like most about your job?

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

What do you dislike most about your job?

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

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teer positions. Mr. Williams said there are already people in mind for the Board, but he would still like other people to come forward. As part of the Board, they agreed they need a diversity of talents and experience, such as someone strong in the community, someone with legal experience, financial experience, someone with a knowledge of historic house museums or possibly someone from another museum.

"This is a massive project, one that you are thrust into," said Mr. Williams. "But here is the opportunity to make a difference in the community. I'm very passionate about this project."

The Steering Committee itself had a diverse representation at the meeting. Among others were Duane Peter, Archeologist with Geo-Marine, who are conducting an archeological dig at the present site of the house on

October 19; Maggie Sprague and Russ Kissick, co-founders of the Plano Conservancy for Historic Preservation; Mae Ricks, Historian; and Karin Tucker of Plano, member and one of the founders of the Plano Symphony Orchestra.

Mr. Williams thanked not only the people present at the meeting for their time, but all the companies that have come forward to help in the project, including Chase Bank, at no cost to the Thornton House Project. Every Saturday in October, representatives from Chase Bank will be at the house to clean the site, as part of their commitment to the community.

If you are looking for an opportunity to do something in the community that will change your life, and change the face of Plano, call Ron Williams at 972-880-7100, or the Plano Conservancy for Historic Preservation at 972-941-2117.

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In compliance with 49 CFR Part 26 of Federal Register Rules and Regulations, the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Authority's (DART) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation goal for all Department of Transportation (DOT) related contracts for fiscal year 2003 is set at 34%. Copies of the detailed plan containing the goals and rationale are available for the next thirty (30) days from this notice between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the address listed below. DART will accept specific comments for the next forty-five (45) days regarding the plan and its goals and rationale. You may obtain a copy of the plan and submit your comments to:

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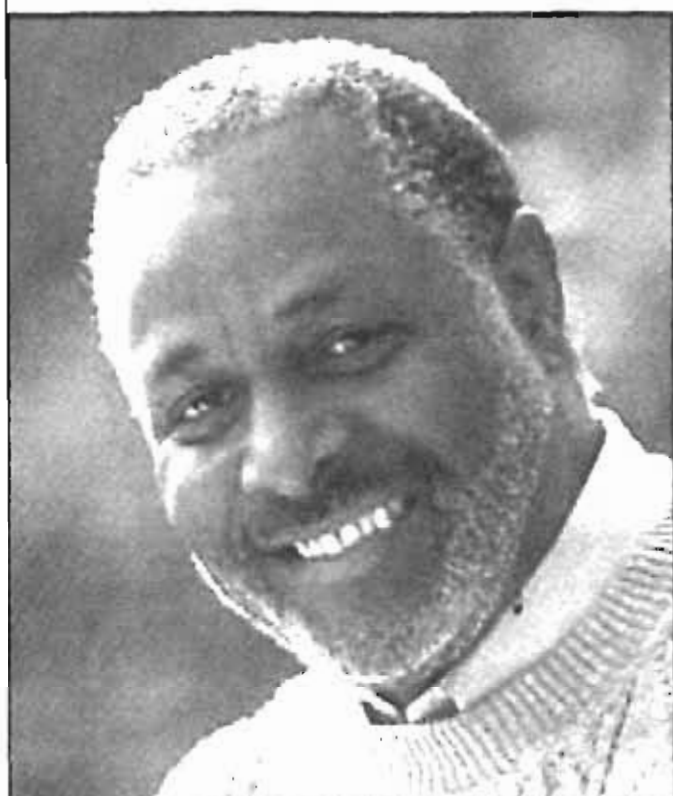
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It was an historic day when the groundbreaking took place for the South Dallas Cultural Center in the summer of 1984, spearheaded by the efforts of Artist and Elaine Thornton.

Pictured (l to r) are Artist Thornton; Dallas Mayor, A. Starke Taylor; Dallas Councilwoman, Diane Ragsdale; Dallas Park Board President, Billy Allen and Rev. O.T. Austin.

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Both paint and write, and both are actors of stage and screen. Upon completion of the South Dallas Cultural Center in 1986, Art and Elaine founded the Artist and Elaine Thornton Foundation for the Arts, which today sponsors an array of thespian and artist projects.

Art Thornton says that the idea for the South Dallas facility began in 1978 when he and his wife, along with other Dallas actors and artists, saw an exhibit at a Black cultural center in Austin that Artist said, "looked so good we decided we were going to have one, too."

Upon their return to Dallas, the Thorntons got busy. Originally, they envisioned four cultural centers: South, East, West and North Dallas. Through numerous meetings with community leaders and concerned citizens, Art and

Elaine were able to secure a signed petition with the following names:

Mae Meck, Arthello Beck, Patricia Benjamin, Robert Carter, Clyde Clark, Dr. Emmitt Conrad, Tony Davis, R.L. Dockery, Dickie Foster, Russell Foster, R.A. Hester, Roosevelt Johnson, Charles A. Jones, Artist Thornton, Elaine Thornton, A. Dean Watson and Anne Williams.

In the spring of 1978, Art Thornton presented the petition to Dallas City Council members. "I told them I know a large amount of city money went to the Dallas Theater Center and Theatre Three, and that I wanted a place to express Black culture," Thornton said.

They were "very receptive to it," but told him that community development funds — which are administered to cities through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) — could not be used to construct new

buildings. Art then asked city officials to place the cultural center proposal on the \$25 million 1979 city bond election.

Again he was turned down. "There were already a lot of items on the bond election list and, although they (city officials) favored the idea, they were afraid it wouldn't pass," Art told LaVida News - The Black Voice. "Then the city got a new mayor and city manager, and I had to sell the idea all over again."

In the spring of 1982, the Thorntons, with the help of business and political supporters, were finally able to convince city officials to include the center in the Park and Recreation Department's \$12.8 million bond proposal. "We had contacted places for location of the South Dallas Cultural Center, and one of the places was New Jerusalem Baptist Church, under the leadership of Rev. Piper," relates Artist. "He was going to donate the old site for the location of the cultural center."

"At this point, City Councilperson Lucy Patterson intervened and said, 'As much effort y'all put into getting this cultural center, it should be built from the ground up.' We're grateful for Mrs. Patterson's input and her insight in getting a cultural center for our community."

When the bond passed, \$1.5 million was appropriated for the South Dallas Cultural Center and a Black-owned Dallas architectural firm, Haywood Jordan and McCown, was selected to design the 16,980 foot facility. All told, Art Thornton met with four City of Dallas mayors (Wes Wise, Robert Folsom, Jack Evans and Starke Taylor) before the South Dallas Cultural Center's groundbreaking was achieved.

Today, the cultural center houses office and exhibit areas, as well as a multipurpose auditorium with a stage for theater and dance productions.

Many of those who enjoy exhibits and productions at the South Dallas Cultural Center, including yours truly, fail to realize the struggle it took to get it finally completed in the spring of 1986. The same way we must be reminded that many of the freedoms we enjoy today (desegregated schools, equal employment and fair housing) were the result of long struggles by courageous leaders like Martin Luther King, Jr., Thurgood Marshall and Roy Wilkins, we must be cognizant of the long struggle Artist and Elaine Thornton waged to bring a cultural venue to Blacks in South Dallas.

In fact, as a direct result of the Thornton's efforts, two additional cultural centers have been opened: The White Rock Lake Bath House Cultural Center in 1981 and just recently The Latino Cultural Center.

Let's not forget!

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The Dallas Chapter of the National Association of African Americans in Human Resources (NAAHR) has partnered with the Urban League of Greater Dallas to provide Human Resources services to the organization through their community outreach program.

"Our chapter is a melting pot of the skills and competencies that support a partnership with the Urban League and this is an opportunity for us to make a difference with African Americans and others in the community," said Glenda

K. Shelby, president of the Dallas Chapter.

NAAHR will support training, job skill efforts and provide HR executives on loan as part of the partnership. The group will also co-host an Employers Conference that will focus on human resources management for middle to small businesses.

"This partnership will assist us in further expanding and enhancing our employment services," said Dr. Beverly Mitchell-Brooks, President and CEO of the Urban League.

Allen Early Childhood PTA sponsors Garage Sale

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shows that job loss (36 percent) and crime (23 percent) were also big concerns. Affordable health-care was the only other issue of equal importance. See www.fanniemae.org for the full report.

"Housing is where it all starts. The absence of enough fit and affordable housing in communities has far-reaching implications, affecting everything from the need for emergency services to school attendance and test scores and ultimately, to an available workforce," said Albert Martin, regional program director of Fannie Mae Foundation. "Now it is Dallas' turn to address the same issues that have been recognized and addressed in other major cities across the country."

Dallas CDCs rely on a vari-

ety of funding sources from national foundations to church groups to individual philanthropists. The approximately 28 registered CHDOs and many CDCs in Dallas have created new housing developments, single-family, multi-family and elderly-oriented housing, provided infill housing, rehabilitation work, financial counseling services, social services such as computer training and tutoring for teens and summer camps for children, and much more. Many of Dallas' CDCs have produced significant results.

"In addition to Dallas benefiting from more stable neighborhoods, this will be a dream come true for many hard-working families," said Lorenzo Little, Enterprise Dallas office director. "We are going to be creating opportunity for new homeowners and tenants who are concerned citizens who care

about their community and their neighbors."

The Dallas Community Development Partnership will administer funds to qualifying CDCs based on criteria that have end results as the most important measuring stick. An Allocation Committee that is made up of representatives from the partnership will review applications. The \$2.5 million that has been raised for this effort will be made available throughout a three-year time-frame, which begins now.

"I want to congratulate these corporate and civic leaders who have put housing on the top of the priority list in Dallas," Williams said.

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der age of 15, while her mother was in the hospital having open-heart surgery, her stepfather raped her. Ms. Giles also raised three sons as a single divorced mother.

"The girls relate to her so well because Marilyn has walked in their shoes. We teach our kids that a please and thank you coupled with a smile will open many doors. When they see Marilyn, they understand what we are talking about," said Deborah Abernathy, executive director for Dallas Can Academy.

Ms. Giles says that she shares that same message of personal responsibility with the teenage mothers that she has been mentoring at the Dallas Can Academy since 1996.

Ms. Giles also gives 160 hours of her time to L.I.F.T., as a Reading Readiness instructor, which is an organization that teaches adults to read. After the students leave Giles' reading readiness class, which is the lowest level literacy class at L.I.F.T., they are ready to enter the more mainstream literacy classes.

Cheryl Parker who is the Program Director at L.I.F.T. says that Giles is really special to her

students because she listens and shares her spiritual wisdom.

When you talk with Ms. Giles for just 15 minutes you are truly inspired and you get an idea of how motivated and inspired her audiences are after spending a day listening to her spiritual preaching and teaching.

"During my workshops and seminars, I let people ask whatever questions they want to ask and then I take them to the bible and help them apply what they have read to their lives," says Giles.

What is truly rewarding for Ms. Giles is the overwhelming response she receives from the people whom she has ministered to at one of her speaking engagements or workshops or the students that she has mentored or taught to read.

"I get stacks of letters and cards from people telling me how they were helped, through my ministering, in their marriages, on their jobs, and in their personal lives.

Through Giles' ministry, Christ and Common Sense, she is dedicated to the mission of transforming the world, one life at a time.

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were either revoked or disbanded. The last branch operated in Plano up to 1998 and it was disbanded due to non-function.

Alexander: What is your platform / outlook for the Collin County branch?

Mr. Jagours: I would like to see a strengthening of membership throughout Collin County. A resurrection of the high level of participation as was in a former NAACP 'lifetime' would be great. If we can get members back on board this would benefit the community. In 2000 this area experience healthy growth with the added enthusiasm of younger folk. That positive effect was lost as those young people graduated and moved on. A revitalization of this sort would be wonderful.

Alexander: What is your timeline for accomplishing these changes?

Mr. Jagours: I envision a stronger area branch to move forward from this NAACP election year as it comes to completion. Regardless of who the incoming president will be - I would like to see our youth get back on a track similar to the strength years ago.

Alexander: Just how do you plan to get the plan things on track?

Mr. Jagours: This can only come to be if there is buy-in and support from the school district and community for educational programs. One such program was the NAACP 'Back-to-Basics.' The student's concept and skills in Reading, Writing and Arithmetic was reinforced in this program. This was a kind of Academic Olympics by which students learned the value and gained the confidence of mastering these critical areas of education.

Alexander: Do you see this as a

benefit for the African-American and lower income neighborhood?

Mr. Jagours: Yes, this will benefit the whole Collin County area by supporting the education of more responsible and success prone citizens. If this program were offered to elementary students, the advantage of competition and participation between schools districts would further raise the level of accomplishment. There is a serious lack of competency in Math, Writing and Reading for a majority of the community's students. If we can focus on an early plan to enhance the mastering of these skills, everyone will benefit. This program is patterned after the NAACP ACT project that focuses on education as an Olympic of the minds.

Alexander: What is the current leadership doing to raise individual and NAACP awareness?

Mr. Jagours: Raising awareness with NAACP has been the most challenging effort for this leadership. The many different personalities and often different agendas have lead to a falling away of membership and willing leaders in the community. As I come to the end of my third consecutive term as Collin County NAACP president the challenge has grown more trying. My goal is still to be the best leader I can and to help get this area back onto a positive track of service and success in the community.

The Final Questions and Answers to:

Will the Collin County branch survive the challenge of diversity within?

What can be done to avoid the fatalistic downfall of personal agenda?

What is the real importance of joining NAACP?

UPCOMING:

Further conversation with area NAACP members reveals serious issues but effective answers.

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.

Collin County NAACP Consent Form

I, _____ do hereby consent to place my name in nomination for the position of _____

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

All consent forms to seek office must be postmarked no later than close of business October 11, 2002. All forms must be mailed to: NAACP of Collin County #6165
P.O. Box 2313
McKinney, TX 75070
Attn: Nominating Committee

Consent forms can be picked up from the following locations:

MON-The Gazette
6100 Avenue K, Ste. 105
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Allen Community Baptist Church
1501 S. Jupiter Rd.
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(Wednesday & Thursday, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon)

McKinney Driving School
345 Industrial Blvd. Ste. C
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NAACP GARLAND BRANCH SETS ELEC- TION 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.

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.

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Arts & Entertainment

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Opening September 27

Reese Witherspoon is America's new sweetheart. Her charm and wit made *Legally Blonde* a surprise hit — she's getting \$15 mil for the sequel — and she's a natural for this romantic comedy. Witherspoon, a Nashville, Tenn., native, plays a country gal who leaves her bumpkin husband for New York, where she reinvents herself as a socialite. When a wealthy suitor proposes, she returns home for a divorce but finds herself having second thoughts.

The Tuxedo



Starring Jackie Chan, Jennifer Love Hewitt, Jason Isaacs, Debi Mazar, Peter Stormare, Mia Cottet
Opening September 27

Think Inspector Gadget for fans of martial arts. Jimmy Tong (Jackie Chan) is a New York City taxi driver hired to be a chauffeur for millionaire Clark Devlin (Jason Isaacs), who also happens to be working on a top-secret mission for the U.S. government. But when Devlin is knocked out of commission, Tong slips into Devlin's experimental new tuxedo, loaded with high-tech gadgets, and soon finds himself in the strange world of espionage, paired with an equally inexperienced secret agent (Jennifer Love Hewitt).

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2002 International Talent Search Nears To Grand Finale

By: Felicia Coleman
Recently, Hollywood Enterprises for Art and Entertainment kicked off its semi-grand finale in the 2002 International Talent Search. Talent from all over the United States took the stage to display their talents. People from the audience placed money in a tip jar located near the stage when they liked what they heard. Record producers, promoters, managers, and agencies were present to observe the entertainment. John Daniels a.k.a. Hollywood, founder of Hollywood Enterprises for Art and Entertainment, took the stage and said "Doesn't it make you feel good to see young people doing something positive. When I see a young person trying, I try to get in behind that young person and help that young person."

The performers who took the stage qualifies for the grand finale. Hollywood Enterprises for Arts and Entertainment serves to recognize local talented artists and provide them with a climate to showcase their



talents. Hollywood said that the idea of his entertainment business came from a club owner 11 years ago. In 1993 when actor/comedian Steve Harvey had a talent search event, the following week Hollywood a jam packed talent search event, breaking Harvey's record.

Hollywood presented MON-The Gazette publisher Thurman Jones with gifts including a RCA pocket color TV. "I want to pay special tribute to those who make positive energy in our community and The Gazette is proud to be a sponsor and part of this. I want to say to these aspiring talented individuals to go on and live your dreams."

The 2002 International Talent Search grand finale will be on Saturday, October 26, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. The event will take place at Club Diamond located at 3304B W. Camp Wisdom in Dallas. For more information call the hot line at 817-355-5004 or visit www.hollywoodenterprises.com.

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THIS WEEK: A Closer Look at Patti Austin

TRIBUTE TO ELLA FITZGERALD WITH PATTI AUSTIN Oct. 11-13 Patti Austin brings her magnificent voice to the Meyerson in a special tribute to Ella Fitzgerald. Richard Kaufman conducts the DSO.

To her credit, Patti Austin's ability to explore almost every genre of music has ensured her the kind of longevity reserved for the entertainment world's true survivors. The daughter of a jazz trombonist and god-daughter of musical legends, Quincy Jones and Dinah Washington, the New York-born singer first hit the stage with Washington at the tender age of four, debuting at the world-famous Apollo Theater in Harlem. Patti was a recording artist for labels like Decca/Coral, RCA and United Artists during her teen years. Her hard-to-find recordings remain revered and sought after by soul music collectors, particularly in Europe and Japan.

After numerous television appearances, more solo recordings and a three-year international tour as a headlining club singer, Patti returned to New York and began employing her vocal skills in the lucrative studio world by doing background vocal sessions and jingles. "The first session I did was for James Brown's hit 'It's a Man's World' and when I got a nice juicy check from that, I said, 'Hey, let me do some more of this stuff!'"

It wasn't long before Patti became known as the undisputed "queen" of the new York jingle and session scene. Her voice has been heard on literally hundreds of commercials, behind everyone from Paul Simon, Cat Stevens and Joe Cocker to Bette Midler, Roberta Flack, Luther Vandross and Diana Ross.

Inevitably, Patti's musical talents emerged from the background and moved into the spotlight. After a short span with Columbia Records, Harry Belafonte's former musical director Bill Eaton brought Patti to CTI Records in 1975. She made four acclaimed albums for the company, including the milestone *End Of A Rainbow*, *Havana Candy*, *Live at the Bottom Line* and *Body Language*.

At the beginning of the '80s, Quincy Jones gave Patti exposure to a wider audience through her participation on his best-selling albums *Stuff Like That!* and the Grammy-winning classic, *The Dude*. In 1981, she signed with Jones' Qwest label. Her debut album for the label, *Every Home Should Have One* included the chart-topping "Baby Come To Me," a duet with then label-mate James Ingram. The pair reprised their success in 1983 with the Oscar-nominated "How Do You Keep the Music Playing?" which they performed at the Academy Awards. Patti would later perform another Oscar, golden Globe and Grammy-nominating song, "The Girl Who Used To Be Me" (from the film *Shirley Valentine*) on worldwide television.

Patti signed with GRP Records in 1989, starting a four-year stint with the label by recording "Christmas-time Is Here" from Happy Anniversary Charlie Brown. Other top-selling recordings followed, including 1991's *Carry On, Love Is Gonna Getcha* (featuring the across-the-board hit "Through The Test Of Time"); *That Secret Place* and *Patti Austin Live* (recorded at New York's Bottom Line) which showcased her more-than-ample standup comedic skills and brilliant impersonations, in addition to capturing the kind of dynamic, live musical performance which has made Patti one of the most popular artists in the world.

Frequently seen on television, Patti's more playful side has been given full rein with guest appearances on shows like *Hangin' With Mr. Cooper*, *The Dr. Ruth Show*, *Joan Rivers and Arsenio Hall*. Most recently, she has appeared in a guest-starring role on the popular show *For Your Love* in 2000.

With a one woman, autobiographical show and a radio program of her own in the works, Patti Austin is busier than ever. While she spends a good portion of each year performing both in the U.S. and overseas, recording remains an essential component in a career filled with accomplishment and achievement. *Witness On the Way To Love*, an album that finds Patti Austin in a truly contemporary setting at the top of her game, musically, vocally and artistically.



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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.

Through September 29

The Plano Repertory Theatre presents "A Chorus Line" running through 29. Performances are held at the Courtyard Theater, 1517 H Ave., Plano. Show times: Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. and Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. Adult tickets are \$20 to \$42, depending on the day. Discounts available for senior citizens 62 and over. For more information, contact 972-422-7460, or purchase tickets online at www.planorep.org.

September 20-21

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September 26-29

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.

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.sportstanding.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 Body Building and Fitness/Figure Championships at the Plano Centre, Spring Creek and Jupiter Roads, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. Regional show including an all-day Health and Fitness Fair and Food Court. Admission: Pre-Judging: \$15.00 adults, \$10.00 children 12 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, 121 & Custer Rd, McKinney. An outdoor classical western concert including prominent Texas singer-songwriters. A joint benefit for the Samaritan Inn and the McKinney Symphony Orchestra. Concert: 8:00 p.m. Advanced ticket purchase. For more information or to purchase tickets visit www.symphonyontherange.com.

'Cruisin' to a Cure' Classic Car Rally and Dinner Dance - beginning at 11 a.m. at Chuck's Restaurant, 121 and Preston Road. The Dinner-Dance and Silent Auction begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Renaissance Hotel. Featuring a fifties tribute to Buddy Holly,

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September 28-29

WILD WEST FEST in Downtown McKinney, with a variety of artists, arts & crafts, live western music, historical reenactments, demonstrations, a children's game area and lots of good eats. Festival hours: Saturday, September 28, 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. and Sunday 29, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. For more information: 972-562-6880, or visit www.downtownmckinney.org, or email elynchdmda@aol.com.

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.

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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.

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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 Griggsby at 972-731-0547.

October 7

First day to pick up an entry form for the Heard Natural Science Museum's 3rd Annual Coloring Contest. There will be 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

Aglow International Plano/Richardson - Aglow Community Lighthouse held at the Plano Centre, Spring Creek & Jupiter Roads, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. An inter-denominational 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 19

Come out on Saturday, October 19th for a huge Garage Sale/Gift and Goodie Sale, sponsored by the Allen Early Childhood PTA. Starts at 8 a.m. and runs to 4 p.m. at the Pat Dillard Center (southeast corner of Bethany Rd and Jupiter Rd.) in Allen. Mark your calendars now! Lots of Garage Sale bargains! We'll also have many vendors selling tasty treats, great gifts, and bake sale items too! You certainly don't want to miss out on all the fun!

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A luxury mid-size sedan to be proud of. The 2002 Optima is Kia's top-line flagship. With it you can finally have the luxury sedan with all the styling, features and options you want, without the usual hefty price tag. Choose between the Optima LX or SE. Both models are available with a smooth and powerful V6 engine, the convenience of a 4-speed Sportmatic™ transmission and come with the protection of Kia's 10 Year / 100,000 Mile Warranty Program.

Styling
Clear-lens halogen headlights, chrome grille, tinted glass, body-color bumpers and mirrors are standard. The SE includes fog lights, alloy wheels, chrome door handles and bodyside moldings.

Features
Air conditioning, tilt steering wheel, six speakers with door mounted tweeters, power windows and door locks are standard. Keyless entry and alarm, driver 8-way power adjustable seat with lumbar support, power moonroof with tilt are standard on the SE.

Interior
Center storage console, rear seat armrest with storage and 60/40 split-folding rear seats are standard. Leather-wrapped steering wheel and gear shift knob, interior chrome door handles, brushed aluminum shifter gate and AM/FM/CD Cassette stereo are standard on the SE. The LX and SE V6 models include wood trim accents.

Power
The Optima's 2.4 liter DOHC 4-cylinder 16-valve engine produces plenty of zip. The LX and SE models offer the option of a more powerful 2.7-liter V6 engine. Both engines are equipped with multi-port fuel injection and meet Transitional Low Emission Vehicle (TLEV) specifications.

Safety
Dual front and side airbags, impact absorbing steering column, side-impact door beams, front and rear crumple zones, child restraint anchors and door locks, first aid kit and internal emergency trunk release are standard. Antilock brakes available on the LX and SE V6 models.

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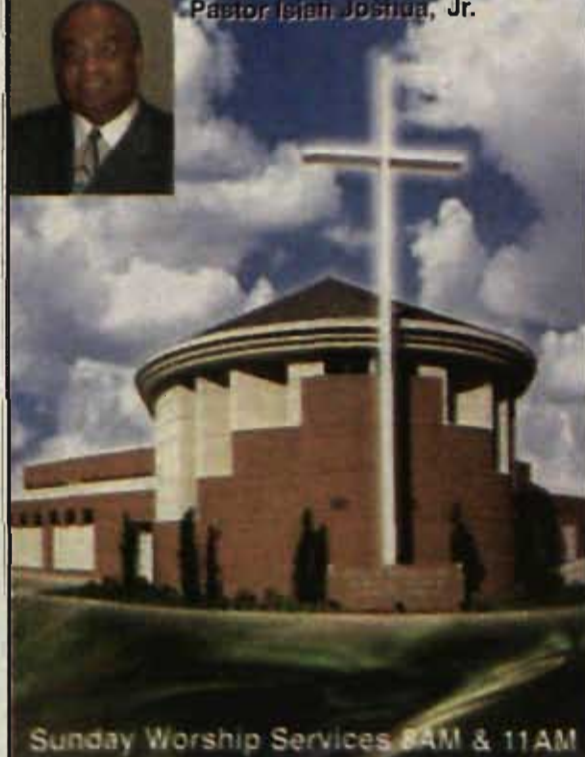
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.....4th Mondays 7:30-8:30 PM
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