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NEWS BRIEFS

Window blinds recalled

The government has recalled 500 million horizontal window blinds sold over the last decade because their cords are responsible for strangling 130 babies and young children since 1991. The problem was first addressed in 1995 when repair kits were provided to consumers and getting the blinds industry to redesign its products. About 55 million horizontal blinds are sold each year.

Civil Rights leaders honor activist Hosea Williams

ATLANTA — Coretta Scott King, Dick Gregory and other SCLC veterans and Civil Rights workers reunited in Atlanta to honor activist Rev. Hosea Williams in the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church. Williams was known for his "Feed the Hungry" campaign, which now serves 115,000 people.

Kissinger leaves hospital after heart attack

Henry Kissinger, former U.S. Secretary of State and Nobel Peace Prize winner was released from the hospital after suffering a heart attack last week. Kissinger, 77, suffered a "limited heart attack". Besides his work in government, Kissinger also worked as an on-air foreign policy expert for ABC television, wrote a syndicated newspaper column and was a lecturer.

Missouri widow accepts senate bid

Jean Carnahan, 66, said she would accept the appointment to the U.S. Senate if voters choose her late husband in next week's election. Carnahan is the widow of Democratic Missouri governor Mel Carnahan, who died in a plane crash near St. Louis while campaigning. If appointed, Jean would fill the seat for two years. After two year the seat would be filled by election.

Hackers break into Microsoft Network

Hackers broke into Microsoft Corp.'s computer network and tapped some of the software giant's secrets. Hackers used a new style of hacking using a stealthy program called a worm to slip past computer defenses. The break-ins were discovered but not before some software source code was exposed. There was no word whether the code was stolen, only that it had been "viewed."

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Residents upset over unfair lending practices

Protests held at Countrywide, Fannie Mae

By Janel Burrell
Assistant Editor

Countrywide Home Loans and Fannie Mae came under attack recently during protest marches by angry clients held outside their offices.

About 20 families, mostly residents of the Las Haciendas neighborhood of Dallas, were represented in the march outside the Countrywide complex, located at 6400 Legacy Drive in Plano. The protestors were victims of alleged illegal foreclosure and eviction methods practiced by Countrywide. Marchers were lead by Debra Kroupa, executive director of the United Housing Program, and longtime housing activist.

"We just want straight answers from Countrywide. There is not accountability with them, there is no documentation (available to the families)," said Kroupa. "Countrywide has mismanaged several of these accounts.

Countrywide denies these allegations, and in a written statement says, "Countrywide does not engage in illegal foreclosures, illegal evictions or illegal escrow practices. In fact, we go to extraordinary lengths to help people who are in financial trouble to work out their situations in order to help them stay in their homes. Indeed, it is in no one's interest, and particularly not in our interest, to foreclose on any homeowner

since we lose money on foreclosures."

So how do they explain the families' allegations and

gated through legal counsel. Alvarado presented a statement from Countrywide advising her of an increase in

Alvarado. "My initial payment was for \$680 per month. Then I got a statement saying I now owed

Countrywide is indeed not responsible for the increases, as lenders have no control over property values and tax rates.

Kim Lott, a Countrywide employee who handles the "Work-Out" program for clients says there are several opportunities available to these homeowners.

"Our main goal is to try to keep them in the house. If they would just call us we can help them," said Lott.

In a written statement Countrywide states that they have "worked diligently to resolve any potential issues and answer questions for these homeowners." To assist in resolving the issue, the statement says that Countrywide had "taken steps to assist the homeowners by providing them with payment options not typically available."

Those options include spreading the repayment of adjusted property taxes over 60 months, instead of the usual 12-month schedule. Countrywide representatives also stressed the importance of truly understanding the homebuying process and the mounds of paperwork involved.

No Countrywide representatives addressed the crowd during the march. Countrywide is the nation's largest independent mortgage lender with 2.7 million customers and more than 500 offices across the country.



Protestors march in circles outside the Countrywide Complex in Plano. About 20 families, alleging illegal and unethical business practices on the part of Countrywide Home Loans and Fannie Mae, participated in the protest..

Photo by Stan R. Davis

protest?

Jumana Bauwens, public relations director for Countrywide, says they are confused about the picketing because both groups have interacted through legal counsel and settlements have been reached. The company admits to being involved in one matter with a homeowner that resulted in litigation. Elida Alvarado and her husband are the homeowners whose matter has been miti-

her monthly mortgage payments. She says her initial contract with Countrywide provided she pay \$780 each month in payments and after the notice was issued, that figure jumped to \$1,040. This increase and others are the result of adjusted property values appraised by the Dallas Central Appraisal District and increases in tax rates.

Gracie Gutierrez says she is in the same predicament as

\$1,000 a month." Gutierrez is a single parent living on a fixed income and does not know how she will pay the increase. "I've worked so hard to get a home. That was my dream. Now I don't know what I'm going to do," said Gutierrez.

Alvarado says after contacting Countrywide she was told that they were not responsible for the increase in tax figures. According to Bauwens and city officials,

Plano Celebrates Fall

City of Plano provides safe alternative to traditional Halloween

The Plano Police Department, Plano Fire Department and Plano 9-1-1 joined forces this Halloween to provide area children with a fun-filled night. In its 11th Annual Kids Night Out, the sponsors set up festivities at Plano Market Square Mall. City representatives say the Kids Night Out event provides a safe alternative to traditional Halloween festivities, including door-to-door trick-or-treating, which accounts for many injuries and accidents.

Over 12 organized the event, which featured appearances by McGruff the Crime Dog, fire clowns and an animal exhibit. Last year over 1,000 children ages two to 14 attended the event. City officials are expected a larger turnout this year and were ready to handle the holiday crowd.

iday crowd.

Old Towne Neighborhood throws Fall Fest Celebration

In another fall celebra-

Harrington Library, the Fall Festival welcomed area residents to participate in two hours of fun, including face painting and costume contests. Garrison Gardens, City of Plano Arborist and City of Plano Landscape Architect were on hand to provide residents with advise on landscaping or gardening. Representatives from several city departments were also available for questions regarding city services.

In 1999 the Plano City Council adopted the Old Towne Neighborhood Plan which outlines a strategy of addressing the concerns of the residents of Old Towne as expressed through a neighborhood survey and public meetings.



Plano resident Steve Ogden thrills youngsters with his reptile companion during the 11th Annual Kids Night Out at Plano Market Square Mall.

Photo by Maggie Ybarra

tion, the Old Towne Neighborhood celebrated the first annual Fall Festival. Held on the lawn of the

Local businessmen named international laureates

DALLAS (PRNewswire) -- Blackboard's Michael Chasen, president and co-CEO, and Matthew Pittinsky, chairman and co-CEO, will be honored as young innovators this weekend by the Kilby Awards Foundation. Chasen and Pittinsky join seven other international laureates in receiving the prestigious award, including fellow technology leader Linus Torvalds, the computer scientist who wrote the Linux operating system.

"Matthew and I are both honored and humbled to become recipients of such a prestigious award and join the ranks of such innovators as Steve Wozniak and Vinton Cerf," Chasen said. "The real recipients are our role models, Blackboard's employees and the loyalty and enthusiasm of our customers who are changing education through the Internet."

"We founded Blackboard with a vision to transform the Internet into a powerful environment for teaching and learning," said Pittinsky. "This award is a testament to the significant impact that technology and the Internet has had on education. We look forward to upholding the tradition of excellence set by Jack Kilby and to continuing to better the e-Learning sector and enhancing learning for all generations."

Along with its Blackboard 5(TM) software

solution, Blackboard offers a complete online teaching and learning environment within its Web site. Professors, teachers and anyone else with a Web browser can use Blackboard.com to create courses for free as well as the site's Resource Center, an online research area that provides information in more than 250 academic disciplines. Academic clients include Cornell University, Georgetown University, Florida State University, the University of Tennessee and Harvard Law School.

Victoria Downing, chairman of the Kilby Awards Foundation, said, "We are delighted to add Michael Chasen and Matthew Pittinsky to the Kilby Circle of Laureates. The Kilby Laureates, like Jack Kilby, epitomize the power and impact of the creative spirit."

Chasen and Pittinsky will accept their medals Sat. Nov. 4 from Jack Kilby, the man who invented the integrated circuit over 40 years ago and recently received the Nobel Prize in physics for his contribution to the computer revolution, at the public Awards Ceremony 4-5:30 p.m. at the Hall of State, Fair Park, Texas.

Kilby Laureates are recognized for making significant contributions to society through science, technology, innovation, invention and education.

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McKinney ISD launches online community

MCKINNEY, Texas (PRNewswire) — McKinney ISD is taking an unprecedented lead in the public school arena to fundamentally shift the manner in which technology impacts teaching and learning. The McKinney I.S.D. along with its private sector partner, Tetrapoint Inc., has created Power-ED. Power-ED is a non-profit, interactive and online community of teachers, designed to provide educators with customized teaching tools at no charge. The primary objective of Power-ED is to effectively leverage technology in a way that saves time for teachers and directly impacts student achievement. The official launch of the program will be announced at a district "kick-off" meeting in the McKinney ISD Administration Building.

"We believe that in order to prepare our students to be competitive in a global economy, the comprehensive integration of technology must occur everyday, in every classroom," states Dr. David Anthony, MISD Superintendent. "Now is the time that public education must take the lead to ensure that we have the resources we need," Anthony adds. "Our partnership with Tetrapoint will ensure that our resources are on target, because Power-ED's development is driven

by our educators."

According to Rock Carter, President and CEO of Tetrapoint Inc., the power of information technology remains significantly underutilized in the public school system. "A recent survey showed that 6 out of every 10 teachers have a difficult time locating educational software and websites that are relevant to their classroom needs," Carter explains. "Power-ED eliminates this difficulty by providing teachers with one central place to locate and organize all relevant education resources. In fact, when teachers join Power-ED, they can tell us what resources they are looking for and we can do the research for them," Carter adds.

Power-ED is the first public/private partnership of its kind — a privately funded program developed by teachers for teachers — with the goal to create a sustainable, customizable and scalable model for instructional technology in public education. Power-ED gives teachers access to valuable tools such as grade and subject specific lesson plans, professional development resources, and classroom management and assessment tools. In addition, Power-ED provides teachers with the ability to share information and collaborate with educators worldwide.

Seeking Cover: Seniors look for medical assistance in next president

By Garrison Jackson

(NNPA) — Beverly King's mother, Hattie Mae Welch, is 88 and suffers from Alzheimer's. It is a dreadful disease that turns most memories of people and experiences into a devastatingly blank slate, and is one of the saddest things that can happen to a family. For several weeks over the summer, mother and daughter toured the south, visiting relatives one last time before Mrs. Welch no longer recognizes them.

In May 1998, King, who had been living in Texas since 1987, relocated her mother from upstate New York, so Welch could live closer to her and King's sister Delphia. By November, both King and her mother were living in upstate New York.

Why? "When I got her down there I had such difficulty trying to fill prescriptions and find doctors, and I got so discouraged," says King. "In New York, she sees a regular doctor and has everything she needs," including supplemental insurance paid by the state that covers anything Medicare won't.

Welch's monthly income is higher, prescription costs are much lower and she receives additional help such as food stamps and subsi-

dized housing and heating assistance. In Texas, Welch was forced to visit county doctors because other physicians would not accept Medicare, and the state does

not provide supplemental insurance. Texas gave her \$8.00 in food stamps. "To do what?" says King. "I'm too old to pull down a full-time job and I would have had to work for the rest of my life to support her. So, I took my mother back to New York and the state immediately reinstated her coverage."

With the rising cost of prescriptions, King is concerned about what she will face when she goes on Medicare in two years, although, she adds, "I am blessed because I retired from the government and will have supplemental insurance." Still, all around her she sees senior citizens in their 70s, and 80s even, working part time jobs to supplement their medical care and rent. "We need to take better care of seniors and children and make sure each has medical care whether they can afford it or not," says King. "I know we can give [able-bodied] people food stamps and welfare. Surely those who cannot take care of themselves need to be taken care of."



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Educating Your Children Without Going Broke

When your children are ready for college, will you be ready to send them? With college tuitions across the country rising year after year (and rising faster than the general inflation rate), the sooner you begin a monthly or yearly investment program, the more confident you can be that the money will be there. Here are some ideas to think about and discuss with your financial advisor.

A special account for each child. In the past, parents could set up a custodial account to invest for a child's education almost tax-free. The Tax Reform Act of 1986 restricted the tax advantages somewhat, but a custodial account under the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act is still worth looking into.

If your child is under 14, annual investment income (dividends and/or interest) up to \$650 in a custodial account will be tax-free; another \$650 will be taxed at the child's lower rate, with the excess over \$1,300 taxed at your rate. After your child reaches 14, all investment income is taxed at the child's rate.

Investments from which the income is tax-free need not be in a custodial account, since they already enjoy special tax treatment.

If you want to maintain control of the assets, you can set up an account in your name earmarked for college funding.

Slow but steady wins the race. If you have the chance to set up a college-funding account when your child is

born, then it's easy to use this rule of thumb: For each year of the child's age, make sure the account's current value is at least 5% of the current cost of the kind of education you want to provide. For example, if the current cost of four years at the school you have in mind is \$40,000 (be sure to include all costs: room, board, tuition, and expenses), and your child is 6 years old, the account's current value should be at least $6 \times 5\% \times \$40,000 = \$12,000$.

If you're starting later, you need to accelerate the process. For example, if you open your child's account when he or she is 8 or 10, keep an eye on college costs with a view to putting 10% of current costs into the account each year.

Perform this calculation each year. If the account is keeping up with college costs and your child's age, pat yourself on the back. If it's not, you can work with your financial advisor to make up the shortfall with any of the following kinds of investments, among others:

High-quality stocks. The prices of stocks, of course, do go down as well as up. But well-chosen stocks offer the opportunity for excellent long-term growth. In fact, stocks and stock mutual funds (discussed below) are the only types of security that have consistently beaten inflation over long periods.

You can make the ups and downs of the market work for you through an investment discipline called dollar-cost averaging. The idea is to invest the same

number of dollars every month (or every quarter, or every year), whether prices are currently high or low. The result is that you buy fewer shares when prices are high, more shares when prices are low. Over time, your average share price is likely to be lower than the average price of the stock over the same period.

Of course, you're still betting that the average share price when you sell will be significantly higher than the average price you paid. That's why it's important to choose high-quality stocks—stocks whose prices represent good fundamental value and are likely to move up strongly over the long term.

Mutual funds. Mutual funds investing in stocks can be a good long-term choice for college accounts. Here again, prices move up and down, so quality is important. Each September's first issue of Forbes is a special issue devoted to mutual funds. It includes the Forbes Honor Roll, which lists funds that have established good long-term results in both bull and bear markets.

Again, dollar-cost averaging can be a smart way to invest. You should also look for a family of mutual funds, to allow diversification as your portfolio grows.

Zero-coupon bonds. Zero-coupon bonds (also known as "zeros") are nothing more than a traditional bond with no interest payments. Rather than a semi-annual coupon, zeros are purchased at a deep discount

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Investing: Using money to make money

Investing involves using money to make money. The emphasis is placed on your overall investment objectives. What financial goals do you have? Surely you plan to live beyond your next paycheck. As an investment advisor I'm always intrigued by our spending habits. It's important to consider where we are coming from, psychologically, because it can strongly affect our attitude toward money. For instance, what we actually do with money tends to reflect our subconscious emotional needs more than our practical considerations. This would explain the fact that while we spend more than \$500 billion dollars per year, we invest less than 2% of that figure. This is critical because how you spend your money should be determined as much as possible by your short and long-term financial goals.

As a people, our history strongly colors our feelings about money. We've absorbed certain ideas about money and about ourselves

in relation to money. For example, most people simply view their paycheck as payment for the work they've done during the past week or two. In reality, the money from that paycheck is a potentially powerful tool to be used to improve your life. I say "potentially" because the choices you make determine the true value of those dollars. For example, two people make \$30,000 per year or \$2500 per month. Kara invests 10% of her paycheck. Ashley always has something else to do with her money. Five years later let's check in on them: Ashley has a closet full of clothes she no longer likes and CDs she considers outdated; however, she has seen every "important concert" in the past 5 years. Kara didn't go to all the concerts and she doesn't wear FUBU, Timberland, or Tommy. However, the \$3,000 per year she's been investing has only grown at 10% per year, thus, her reward for missing out on all the fun — an investment account with \$19,359.27 in

it. Folks, it's all about choices.

American schools teach a great deal about the economy, but very little about personal economics. In our society, money is a guarded subject. In the family setting we rarely talk about, nor do we study appropriate management techniques. However, we are quite adept at spending it. We are not uninformed people — we are misinformed. We've been led to believe that it is more important to look successful than to actually be successful. The way to change this problem is to arm yourself with the appropriate information. You have to literally change the way you think about money. You must think in terms of investment instead of consumption. Success is like science...if you create the necessary conditions, you'll get the desired results.

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Editorials

Education reform means more than vouchers

By Garrison Jackson

Don't get Joan Harrington started on public education reforms. As an educator in Boston's public schools for more than twenty years, she has formed an opinion or two.

The nation's schools need to undergo systemic changes, says Harrington.

"People are pointing fingers at each other, but it's the systems and policies that need to change. There are some excellent schools drowning in archaic systems. Policy drives education now rather than creativity."

One of her biggest gripes is that "this system is not based on any altruistic thinking or learning for the love of learning. Anyone who says so is foolish. The bottom line for children is: Get out there and produce. Get out into the game," she says. Many will have to go to work, the lucky ones will go to college. The problem, however, is that during these critical formative years, teachers have to deal with kids who have not eaten properly, some who haven't had enough sleep and others who are taking care of themselves because their par-

ents work or just can't care for them. "Johnny can't read because he can't focus," says Harrington.

And, certainly, teachers should be held accountable. But a carrot-and-stick approach of rewarding successful schools and denying resources to those that are troubled, she believes, is a very bad idea. "So you're going to make those who don't have even poorer. That's like saying 'You can't read, so now I'm going to take out both your eyes.'" Principals, she believes, feel like they're on the firing line, and are looking at teachers for answers to unrealistic situations. "For the first time in 25 years, principals are being held accountable." And they are not taking it well, she says. Hold her accountable, but smaller class sizes and some textbooks that were published in the last three years at least, would be nice.

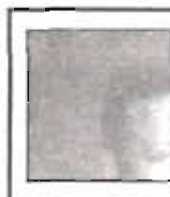
Boston recently averted a strike, but it was a close call. "It had nothing to do with [salary]," says Harrington. With so much focus on issues like standardized testing and accountability, "You can't

speak your mind [about such issues as class size]. You can't speak up for a kid or against a situation."

Vouchers? "Let me tell you something, what good is a [\$1500] voucher for a school that costs \$10,000? There is more to the concept of getting your kid into a private school setting than this piece of paper," cautions Harrington.

People have not thought about the additional costs associated with private education, such as transportation to the school's location and books.

"Teachers have been accountable and responsible for kids for years. And they have been asking for materials and support. Nobody's asking for a million dollars," says Harrington. "They're asking for bathrooms with doors on them. Can I have a fresh coat of paint [on the classroom wall]? Can I have either the books or paper for photocopying? And can I have the time with my students that I need to accomplish something. If you can get that as a teacher, you can get a lot done."



Ron Shaw

Inspiration

Don't Park Gen. 12:4,5

I am convinced that God's plan for us is to use us to add value to the lives of others. That is the secret to living a successful life. The key is not what we can get out of life but rather what we can add to the lives of others. If we are not adding value to the lives of others, what good is just having more for ourselves? What gives life significance is the fact that we each have the opportunity to give increasingly. Bill Withers once wrote a song that expressed what most seem to want to avoid. "Just keep on using me until you use me up." I have determined to make this my life's goal. To be used is the reason we are here.

In our text, Abram was called of God to leave his country, kindred and fathers' house and go to a place where God would show him. In Genesis 12:4 it says, "so Abram departed". In verse 5, it says again he departed. In verse 6, it says they passed through to the place of Shechem. In verse 8, it says he moved from there to the mountains of Bethel. Verse 9 says Abram journeyed still southward. This man was on the move. He did not park. I have found that most want to be blessed like Abram but do not want to do what he did to

be blessed. The discomfort of leaving familiar surroundings and familiar people and familiar places and the comfort and security of where we are often times keeps us from fulfilling God's ultimate plans for our lives. If you are going to be a blessing to people, you cannot afford to park where you are. You have to keep moving with God. If you want a better paying position in order to be a bigger blessing to your church (or whatever your purpose is) you can't get so settled where you are that you will not move when He says move.

Let me suggest three areas where you should place no parking signs in your life.

1. Your attitude

Ephesians 4:23 says our attitudes should constantly be changing for the better. If you never change your attitude, you will likely never change your actions and thus never change the results you get.

2. Your actions

This seems to be the churches greatest weakness. We love parking here. We have always had anniversaries and annual days and musicals. Perhaps it is time to move on from here. God wants to show us something.

That something is a better way to be a bigger blessing to thousands of people but we must move from what we been doing. The marching orders of the church do not say come but rather GO into all the world. If you want to be blessed, you have to get up from where you are and go. Seek and ye shall find. Faith without works is dead.

3. **Your acquisitions** The text says Abram took his wife, his nephew, his possessions and all his staff. I say, our stuff should be on the same mission we are on. Your money should be in pursuit of the same purpose you are pursuing. Your gifts and abilities, your time, your talent are all are part of your acquisitions. Do not park your stuff while you are pursuing God's plan for your life. Use your stuff in pursuit of that plan.

If we are going to survive in the next century, we must keep moving with God. Change is never comfortable but it is always certain. Like Abram, are you in motion? Or have you parked where you are and decided not to move on in life?

House passes bill aimed at cracking down on anonymous telemarketers

By Congressman Martin Frost

Your family probably knows this situation too well — just as everyone is gathered together for supper, the phone rings. You answer the phone not knowing who it may be, only to be greeted by yet another telemarketer aggressively selling a product you don't want and making it difficult to politely get off the phone.

At that point, many of us cease being polite and offer some choice words for this rude invasion of our family's privacy.

For that reason, many families have obtained "caller ID" devices designed to screen out unwanted solicitations. Nonetheless, many telemarketers have gotten around this screening by blocking their identification.

We should not be subjected to such invasions of our privacy. If telemarketers

want to call people at home, fine, but if they are going to take that liberty those businesses should have to clearly identify themselves.

Last month, we unanimously passed the "Know Your Caller Act" in the House of Representatives. This bipartisan legislation makes it unlawful for any person making a telephone solicitation to interfere with or circumvent a caller identification service from providing the call recipient with identifying information about the call.

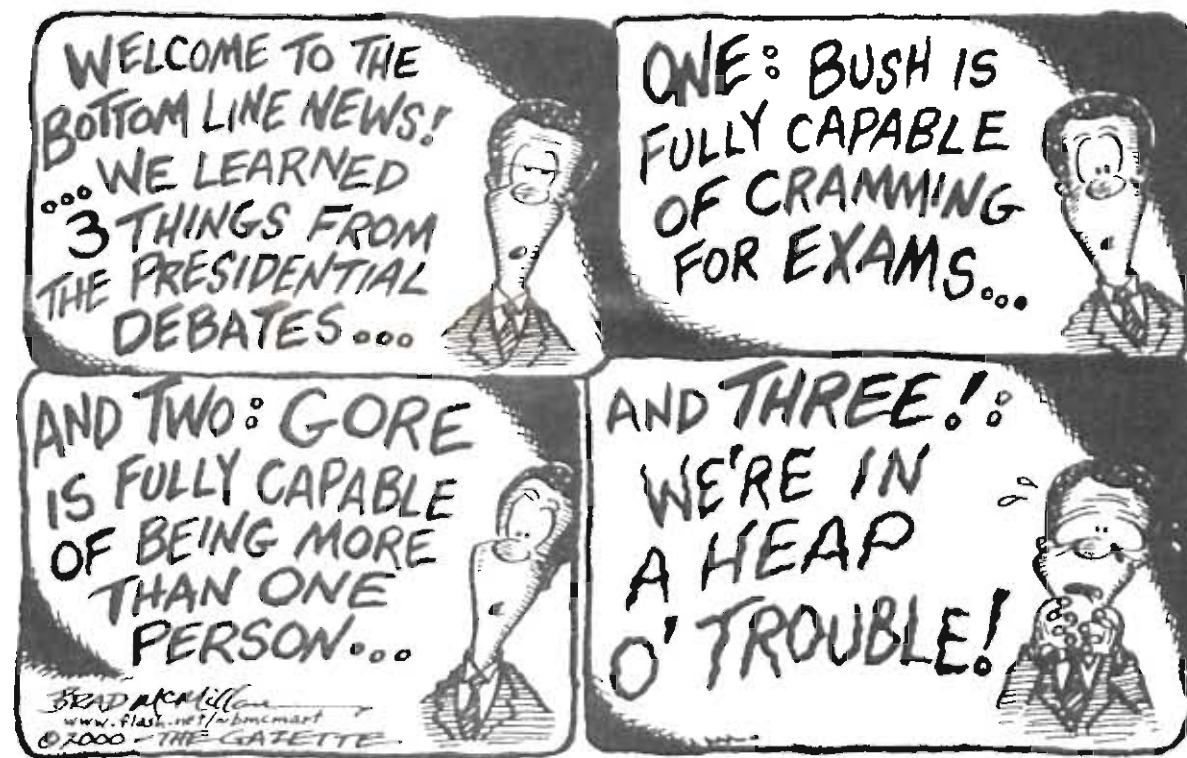
This is simple, common sense legislation that I know from personal experience would provide some relief to families fed up with the annoying telemarketer phone calls that seem to keep increasing.

Unfortunately, the Senate has not acted on the

Know Your Caller Act yet and there are few days remaining in Congress this year — we are already way passed the target adjournment date.

I sincerely hope that the Senate acts on the Know Your Caller Act before it is too late so it can become law this year. We all know that this is a problem that is not going away.

If the Senate does not act, I believe that both houses of Congress are sure to pass this legislation next year after another holiday season that is routinely interrupted by annoying and anonymous telemarketer solicitations. Let's hope we crack down on this invasion of our families' privacy sooner rather than later.



Capitol Watch

Independent candidate is ahead in the polls with kids

NORWALK, Conn. (PRNewswire) — Forget foreign policy and tax reform. Future young voters are more interested in seeing the next President of the United States tackle such "major" issues as creating longer recess at school, increasing weekly allowance, and allowing children to stay up later at night. And the Pepperidge Farm GOLDFISH, who "o-f-i-s-h-a-l-l-y" announced his candidacy for president in July, hopes to hook young voters by claiming he'll deliver on those issues if elected to the White House in November.

GOLDFISH has spent the past three months campaigning in 24 cities across the nation. From Connecticut to California, more than 42,000 kids cast their vote for GOLDFISH for our next president. Traveling in a 25-ft. gold limousine, the independent can-

didate spent much of his time listening to kids share the issues they most want addressed by the White House.

Here's what America's kids told him:

30% said they are concerned about what happens at today's schools and specifying

ically requested longer recesses, shorter school hours and no homework. 20% of the kids discussed snacking related issues — several expressed that all kids should receive free GOLDFISH crackers for lunch everyday. 15% are looking for mandated allowance increases. 9% of respondents want laws that permit them to stay

up past bedtime.

7% specified that there should be more holidays throughout the year.

5% asked GOLDFISH to lengthen gym class.

While the majority of the responses were humorous and light-hearted, a lot of kids demonstrated that they think about weightier issues. A handful of children asked that the future President of the United States promote world peace, end hunger, and make the world a place where all kids live happily.

Prior to starting his Listening Tour, GOLDFISH had stated his resolve to double the minimum weekly allowance for kids and lower the national voting age to 8 years old. Since the candidate's policy to lower the voting age may take many years to be approved by Congress, GOLDFISH made a campaign contribution to Kids Voting USA, a nonpartisan, nonprofit institution that encourages kids to participate in the election by visiting official polls on Election Day with their parent/guardian to cast their own ballot.



President Cheney?

It may be closer than you think; the consequences of an electoral college deadlock

WASHINGTON, (PRNewswire) — As the Presidential race nears its conclusion, new possibilities for an end result arise. Forget who "won" each debate. Forget who has the best strategies and is targeting the "right" people. Forget who wore what color tie on which occasion, because this year's presidential race is the closest in 40 years, and may come down to another kind of "tie" less acknowledged — but much more significant in scope.

Kyra Fischbeck, a lawyer covering public policy and federal election law matters in Washington, D.C., details what happens if, based on the Nov. 7 voting, the electoral college vote for President is tied, 269 to 269. According to Fischbeck, the following circum-

stances could occur:

• The election of the President would take place in the U.S. House of Representatives, which has happened only two times in our nation's history, in 1801 and 1825.

• Because each state has one vote, the members of Congress from each state would have to ballot amongst

themselves to offer one vote.

• To win in the House voting, the candidate must capture the vote of a majority of states, or 26. Although currently Republicans have a majority in more states than Democrats, neither party carries 26 states, and the Nov. 7 election could make

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Allstate Foundation supports Man-Made Mentoring program

Kristin Vinson, Allstate employee and Fort Worth community volunteer, presented a \$1,000 donation from the Allstate Foundation to Man-Made Mentoring. "Man-Made Mentoring is an excellent education and empowerment program," says Vinson.

"Programs like this make a visible difference in our community and I'm proud

or service purpose. Outings have included behind-the-scenes tours of DFW International Airport and Lockheed Martin, helping clean south.

Fort Worth, viewing art at the Kimbell Art Museum, playing frisbee on the Arts District lawn, and riding horses at Skyline Ranch.

The goal is to increase student awareness of oppor-



Allstate employee Kristin Vinson (female in center); Man-Made mentors Anthony V. Johnson, Marcus Hubbard, Greg Scott, and Eugene Perry (adult males); and Man-Made students/mentees.

Allstate supports it."

Man-Made is a mentoring and leadership development program that matches male mentors with students in the Fort Worth area.

The mentors in the Man-Made Program are a diverse group that includes business professionals, educators, college students, policemen, civil servants, and members of the NFL Alumni Association.

The Man-Made program goal is for minority youth in the inner city to achieve parity with the general population in the areas of school achievement, work experience, and positive realization of self-worth. Man-Made exposes youngsters to development opportunities through two major program areas: Man-Made Outings are Saturday field trips with an educational, recreational,

tunities beyond the boundaries of inner city communities.

Upcoming outings include a tour and football game at Texas Christian University in September and a drama class in October.

Youngsters accepted into the program will have an entrepreneurial experience with a start-up website business.

Through weekly training sessions, the group will design a business plan and watch their company grow. Students will be involved in all phases of the business cycle.

Mentors will have the opportunity to share their computer, engineering and basic business knowledge.

Adult males interested in volunteering with Man-Made should call (817) 536-0567.

Dallas Black Chamber selects Adam's Mark Hotel for its strategic partnership award

DALLAS - Adam's Mark Hotel and Resorts Executive Vice President Fred S. Kummer, III made a grand entry into Dallas.

One week he assumed the role of interim general manager. The next week he walked on stage to receive the prestigious Strategic Partnership Award presented by the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce.

The Strategic Partnership Award is presented to the corporate member who has played the most vital role in assisting the chamber in executing its mission. By receiving the 2000 award, Adam's Mark became the first winner to be recognized under the new category.

"As we continue to grow it became apparent that we needed to add new categories in our salute to members for distinguished services," said Reginald Gates, Dallas Black Chamber president and chief operating officer. "Adam's Mark has distinguished itself as an exemplary member by providing benchmark support for our expanding role in the hospitality industry." Adam's Mark teamed with the chamber to call attention to the acute shortage of college graduates who select the hospitality industry as a career path. The hotel presented a four-year scholarship through the chamber to a Paul Quinn College stu-

dent. The scholarship recipient entered the fall 2000 class at

Bureau and the City of Dallas to promote multicultural group meetings and

chamber

Henry Richards, sales manager for the multicultural group meetings market for Adam's Mark Dallas, serves on the chamber's Convention & Tourism committee and represents the hotel as a Team Dallas resource.

"This award is strategic for Adam's Mark too," Kummer said, "because it brings attention to our corporate citizenship and community service and we plan to use this honor to our competitive advantage."

Conveniently located downtown next to the DART rail line, Adam's Mark Dallas is the largest hotel in Texas featuring more than 1,800 guest rooms and 230,000 square feet of flexible meeting space.

The Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce is the oldest and largest black chamber in the nation. It has been providing constructive leadership to the Dallas/Fort Worth market since 1926.



Adam's Mark Hotel & Resorts Executive Vice President Fred S. Kummer, III (center) receives Strategic Partnership Award presented by Joe Walker (right), chairman, Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce. Also pictured (left) is Malcolm Robinson, outgoing chairman, Dallas Convention & Visitors Bureau.

the historical black college and university and will benefit from the Adam's Mark scholarship through 2004. The hotel has also agreed to provide the student paid summer internships for practical training as a work-study component. Upon graduation, the student will be offered a position with Adam's Mark.

"This award and recognition is very special to us," said Fred S. Kummer, III, adding, "we are proud of our Dallas property for distinguishing itself in community outreach and leadership service in its market. We will definitely transfer our best practices for community partnering in Dallas to the other 23 markets we serve."

Besides the Paul Quinn scholarship, Adam's Mark teamed with the chamber, Dallas Convention & Visitors

tourism. The collaborative efforts of Team Dallas has led to the National Bar Association choosing Dallas for its national convention in 2001 and the National Dental Association agreeing to bring its 2002 convention to the city.

"It's noteworthy that Adam's Mark received the chamber's first Strategic Partnership Award," said Malcolm Robinson, managing partner of the law firm Robinson, West & Gooden, P.C., and outgoing chairman, Dallas Convention & Visitors Bureau. "Adam's Mark Dallas has worked with the city, bureau and the chamber since coming to Dallas in 1997. Their commitment has been consistent and ongoing."

The hotel continues to provide technical assistance and share resources with the

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On The Move

Plano fireman receives rescue award

The City of Plano Fire Department's Fire Training Manager, Ron Moore, was recently selected as the recipient of the International Association Of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Harvey Grant Excellence in Rescue Award.

Sponsored by Fire-Rescue Magazine, Holmatro Industrial & Rescue Equipment, and Mosby Publishing, this prestigious award is presented in honor of the late Harvey Grant and his pioneering devotion to the extrication and rescue field. Its purpose is to acknowledge present-day "innovators" whose new ideas and creativity will benefit rescuers and/or victims for years to come.

Ron Moore was honored in a ceremony at the International Extrication Competition and Learning Symposium in Louisville, KY on October 14, 2000. The IAFC Harvey Grant Excellence in Rescue Award is



Ron Moore

presented annually at this event.

Moore's past accomplishments and positions include serving as Director of Education for PRIMEDIA Workplace Learning of Carrollton, TX. At PRIMEDIA, he was responsible for curriculum design and content of the video-based training

materials on both the Fire & Emergency Television Network (FETN) and American Heat Video Productions. As a Contributing Editor to Firehouse Magazine, Moore writes the monthly University of Extrication Series, the largest circulated and most widely read source for current vehicle technology, rescue procedures and extrication information among fire and rescue services. He has also presented his advanced vehicle rescue seminars to emergency responders across the United States. Moore has written the text Vehicle Rescue & Extrication, a top seller in the industry.

At the Plano Fire Department, Moore's responsibilities include the development, delivery, and evaluation of fire and rescue training programs for the 283 member ISO Class 1 fire department.

UT Austin scientist builds new semiconductor structure atoms at a time

Dr. Archie Holmes Jr. likes to think small. In fact, he likes to think in microns.

Holmes, an assistant professor of electrical engineering at The University of Texas at Austin, is experimenting with various semiconductor materials - built one layer of atoms at a time. To get an idea exactly how small this is, visualize a human hair. It takes 150 microns, or more than 200,000 layers of atoms, to make up the width of a human hair.

Holmes and his colleagues work in a huge "clean room" at UT Austin's Microelectronic Research Center, where they develop materials that are used in building complex structures designed to improve the performance of optoelectronic devices.

Holmes' work with the devices could result in faster Internet access, sharper television images and cheaper, better computers.

"I'm basically developing materials to make communications better," explained Holmes, who received his bachelor's degree in electrical and computer engineering from UT Austin in 1991 after graduating from Round Rock High School. He earned master's and doctoral degrees in electrical and computer engineering from the University of Southern California at Santa Barbara.

Holmes and his colleagues use Molecular Beam Epitaxy (MBE) to fabricate semiconductor structures. MBE creates a low-pressure environment where atoms are focused into a beam and directed toward another piece of semiconductor (called a substrate) that acts as a framework for the construction of semiconductor material structures.

To control the accuracy of the structure, one micron of atoms is laid down per hour onto this framework, eventually building up a crystalline structure. When the crystalline

structure is fabricated into a device, it can be used in a system that carries information down an optical fiber via infrared light.

Holmes' research group, teamed with UT Austin electrical engineering professor Dr. Joe Campbell, received international recognition a year ago when they demonstrated the world's fastest photodetector that operated at a wavelength of 1.55 microns.

The 1.55-micron wavelength represents the wave-

length of next-generation

fiber-optic communications systems. The significance of this development is that it allows optical fibers in telephone lines to transmit much more information over long distances.



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Holmes' research group was cited in the American Physical Society's Physical Review Letters for describing the structure of "quantum dots." Quantum dots are a special clustering of semiconductor materials believed to offer the speed and cost savings needed for the next generation of fiber optics and computer systems.

These "dots" are far smaller than microns. In fact, they are 20,000 times smaller than the diameter of a human hair. Thus, characterizing, or describing, their shape and positioning required painstaking care and highly sophisti-

cated equipment.

Holmes, whose other "hat" is developing young engineers, has the gift of simplifying the description of his work to its commonly understood use.

"As engineers, we need to share what the benefits of engineering and scientific exploration are," he said. Holmes said part of that means learning to communicate more effectively about what engineers do, acknowledging that engineering is sometimes hard to explain to those not already in the know.

"My test when I was a graduate student teaching classes was always: 'How would I explain this to my Mom?' It's not a challenge to explain it in esoteric terms, but it is in terms that everyone can understand," he said.

He currently works with a group of graduate students at the microelectronics lab and teaches junior-level semiconductor devices classes. "Being a professor was what I always wanted to do," Holmes said.

Holmes believes engineering is an excellent degree, even if a student eventually plans to go into law or medicine or some other discipline. "The skills that you learn - how to analyze a problem, how to be a part of a team - are valuable in any future endeavor," he said.

He's a firm believer that an engineering degree is "about as versatile a degree as you can get. It helps you think critically." He carries that message to youngsters in public schools, where he extols the virtues of an engineering degree. "I show them a lot of 'wow' stuff, like the electronic tongue (developed by UT Austin engineers and chemists). It helps get their creative juices flowing and, pretty soon, they're wondering if an electronic nose would make sense. They begin to see the applications."

Northern Exposure

Dallas company announces higher third quarter earnings

DALLAS (PRNewswire) -- Radiologix, Inc., the nation's leading provider of radiology services, today announced third quarter financial results for the period ended September 30, 2000.

Compared with the same period in 1999, service fee revenue increased 20 percent to \$62.5 million versus \$52.2 million. Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization and rent, inclusive of income from joint ventures ("EBITDAR") grew 23 percent to \$24.8 million compared to \$20.1 million in the comparable period. Earnings before interest,

taxes, depreciation and amortization, inclusive of income from joint ventures, net ("EBITDA") grew 12 percent to \$17.2 million versus \$15.3 million, and net income increased 11 percent to \$4.2 million compared to \$3.8 million in the comparable prior year period. Diluted earnings per share were \$0.20, based on 22.1 million average shares outstanding, compared to \$0.19, based on 21.2 million average shares outstanding for the comparable 1999 period, reflecting a higher share base and rising interest costs.

Mark L. Wagar, Chairman

and Chief Executive Officer of Radiologix said, "Radiologix is pleased to have exceeded consensus earnings expectations."

These results reflect the continued steady growth of our base business and improvement in volumes and related revenues at our Questar centers."

Radiologix, Inc. has called a special meeting of stockholders on November 21, 2000, to consider and vote on the previously announced recapitalization with an affiliate of Saunders Karp & Megrue, LLC.



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Wellness Briefs

MDA offers free flu shots
The Muscular Dystrophy Association is offering free flu shots in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area for people who are affected by any of the more than 40 neuromuscular disorders covered by MDA programs. People registered with MDA are available for free transportation. For more information or to set an appointment for a free flu shot, call Susan Newton at 972-480-0016.

Vitamin E reduces levels of heart disease

Studies done at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas show that a high intake of the antioxidant vitamin E reduces levels of a predictor of cardiovascular disease called C-reactive protein, or CRP. Vitamin E can help reduce heart disease and stroke in diabetes by reducing inflammation caused by white blood cells.

Children may exhibit signs of depression

Children of parents with bipolar disorder, or manic-depression, have a high risk of being diagnosed with a similar disorder later in life. Studies show that symptoms of the disorder may be evident in children as young as 10. The high-risk children were more likely to display symptoms of mania, depression and oppositional defiant disorder.

Home birth may reduce child's intelligence

Denmark studies have found that babies who are born at home rather than a hospital or clinic tend to have lower IQs. The report suggests this is due to the fact that babies born at home may not get enough oxygen during labor and may affect a child's later mental development.

Scientist find evidence of Arthritis cure

British scientists have announced what they say is the first evidence of a cure for rheumatoid arthritis. The cure focuses on the role of B-cells, white blood cells that defend the body against viruses and bacteria. B-cells accidentally make antibodies that attack healthy tissue causing arthritis. The doctors have found a way to destroy B-cells using drugs.

Early Alzheimer's diagnosis not always signal to stop driving

HARTFORD, Conn. (PRNewswire) — A person diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia does not necessarily need to stop driving immediately, according to gerontologists with The Hartford Financial Services Group, a leading provider of auto insurance for drivers over 50. The Hartford, working in collaboration with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Age Lab, has developed the first, comprehensive guide to help persons with dementia and their caregivers make important decisions about driving safety.

"As more people are being diagnosed earlier and with today's better medications, we're finding many patients who can still drive safely for a period of time. In the first stages of Alzheimer's or dementia, most people are living vital, active lives despite some mild impairments in skills," said Beverly Hynes-Grace, vice president of corporate gerontology for The Hartford.

"But as the disease progresses, it affects cognitive functions critical to driving, such as making quick decisions, judging distances and solving problems. Families need to base their decision on observed driving behavior over time."

Currently, there is no single reliable test to determine whether or not a person with Alzheimer's disease should be driving.

"Families grappling with this problem have had few resources to turn to," said Hynes-Grace. "This emotionally trying decision is further complicated by the ten-

dency of people with dementia to overestimate their driving abilities."

Approximately four million Americans currently have Alzheimer's disease or a



related dementia. That number is expected to jump to 14 million by 2050 unless a cure is found.

Hynes-Grace emphasized that the disease is different from other changes in later life that can affect driving, such as diminished eyesight or slowed reaction times. "Older adults who don't have dementia typically can accurately assess their driving on their own and make appropriate changes to the way they drive," she said.

"We wanted to help families maximize the independence of the person with dementia while at the same time minimize the risk of driving accidents," said Hynes-Grace. She noted that The Hartford, which has been providing auto insurance to members of AARP since 1984, had received many customer requests for help in dealing with a parent's or spouse's driving behavior. "We created our guide to provide realistic, practical tools to help make decisions, from monitoring driving behavior to limiting and ultimately stopping driving," she said. "We found that families could ease their loved one's transition from driver to passenger by taking a series of progressive steps," said Joseph F. Coughlin, Ph.D., director of MIT's Age Lab, which assisted in the

development of The Hartford's guide. "These include limiting driving to daylight hours or familiar, lightly traveled roads, enlisting friends and relatives to provide transportation, or arranging for groceries and other necessities to be delivered."

Coughlin emphasized that even the most routine trips probably involve important opportunities for social interaction and communication with friends. Horace B. Deets, executive director of AARP, said, "While there's no doubt that people with advanced dementia must not drive, the issue isn't so clear-cut for those in the early stages. The issue of driving is a difficult balancing act between maintaining independence and ensuring safety."

The 12-page At the Crossroads offers clear, practical advice on how to assess driving behavior and features a Warning Signs Worksheet to note dates and incidents of good and poor driving practices. Early signs include trouble navigating turns, driving at inappropriate speeds, confusion at exits, getting lost in familiar places, hitting curbs, parking inappropriately, increased agitation or irritation when driving, confusing the brake and gas pedal and stopping in traffic for no apparent reason.

Alzheimer's Disease, Dementia and Driving Do's & Don'ts

- Do ...**
- Begin planning early.
 - Involve the person with dementia.
 - Observe driving behavior over time.
 - Get support from professionals who can help.
- Don't ...**
- Put off discussing driving.
 - Overreact to one minor occurrence.
 - Offer to act as a co-pilot.

Voices of experience say seatbelts are lifesavers

They have rolled, tumbled, flipped, run off the road. Their autos have been scraped, dented, crushed and burned.

They have felt sore, seared, angry and thankful. But they all survived auto crashes.

Sandy Bruskewitz of Round Rock, just north of Austin, was alone in her car, making a left turn. Another vehicle ran a red light, hitting her at 55 miles an hour, head on. "I believe the car was full of angels to save me," Bruskewitz said. "The seat belt, harness, air bags and car structure saved my life. What made me buckle up? My children always insisted on it. I walked away with bruises and a reminder of how precious life can be."

Bruskewitz's use of safety equipment helped prevent serious injury or death. In 1998, several thousand other Texans were not so fortunate. In that year, 3,576 people in Texas were killed and another 338,661 received injuries in motor vehicle crashes.

"It's important to know that of the people killed in a motor vehicle crash, when we know the data, almost half were not restrained by a seat belt," said Johnny Humphreys with the Disease and Injury Prevention Bureau at Texas Department of Health (TDH). Humphreys also points to the fact that motor vehicle crashes are the number one killer of children age 14 and younger with 219 children losing their lives in crashes in 1998.

"What we have found is that if a driver is unbuckled, 70 percent of the time children in that vehicle will not be buckled in either," he said. "But if a driver is using a seat belt, a child also will be buckled in 90 percent of the time."

Every day, Texans attest to the fact that, when used properly, seat belts along with child safety seats and air bags are lifesavers. Some of these people belong to the Texas Safety Belt Survivors Club. This group, which is sponsored by TDH's Safe Riders Program and the Texas Department of Transportation, recognizes crash survivors who credit

safety restraints with preventing serious injuries or saving their lives.

Dixie Cooper of Houston remembers a missing stop sign and the car that hit her "right where I was sitting. He should have stopped." Cooper was pried out of her auto and flown to a hospital. "There were four children in the front seat of that other car, none with seat belts on. A 2-year-old girl was killed going through the windshield."

What made Cooper decide to buckle up? "I knew it could save my life."

Everyone who joins the Texas Safety Belt Survivors Club receives a certificate and a pin. There are no meetings, fees or dues. Many members choose to tell others what happened to them.

Diana Washington of Arlington tells of the time in 1995 when a produce truck crashed head on into the passenger side of the car she was in. "My three daughters, my husband and I had our seatbelts on," Peggy Womack walked away from a crash with nothing but a red scrape on her forehead. "I was driving in my car, buckled in. I was hit on the passenger side, lost control and veered left, hitting a concrete wall going 55 to 60 miles an hour," Womack said. "There was no hitting the windshield, no broken glass."

A drunk driver ran into Leland Vance of Wills Point in 1989. "I was driving alone on the way to work, about 10 or 11 p.m. I lost control. The other driver had two prior DWIs," Stephanie Locke of Red Rock says her family buckles up out of habit and because it's the law. "In July we ran off the road due to weather conditions and hit a tree." And Jacquelyn Brooks had just picked up her daughter after work when a car ran a stop sign. "It crossed into my path. I hit the vehicle driver's side front wheel. Yes, we both were buckled."

The Texas Transportation Institute reports safety restraint use in Texas by drivers and front-seat passengers at 77 percent in 1998," Humphreys said. "This figure has been rising

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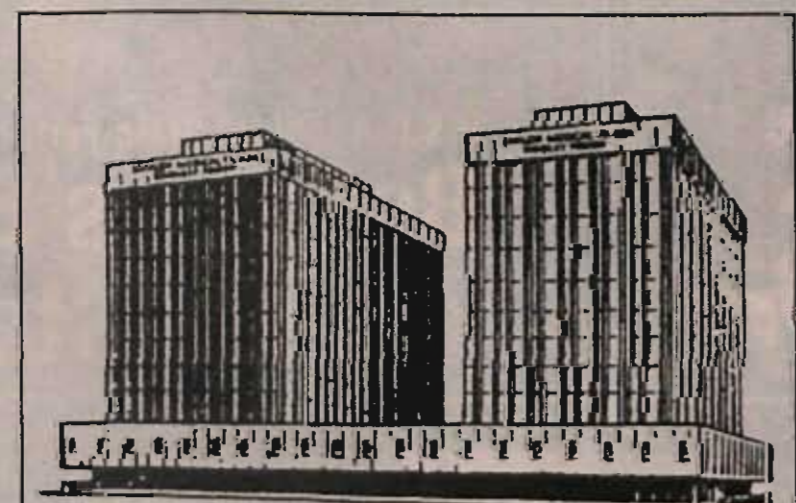
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An even more startling concept lies in what happens if no candidate wins a majority of states by Jan. 20, 2001. In this case, Fischbeck states, the Vice President-elect, picked by the Senate, will become President.

"...Imagine this unfolding scenario — the House is deadlocked, the District of Columbia sues the United States in order to win its right to vote during the

process, and January 20 rolls around. The result? Dick Cheney is President, ready to pick his Vice President. Would he choose George W. Bush?

Would Bush's nomination pass both Houses of Congress if the Democrats have a majority in the House? And if so, would Cheney then resign so that Bush could become President? Hopefully the state of affairs will never have to come to this.

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A Mother's Lament

By Garrison Jackson

October 11, 2000, marked what would have been the 24th birthday of Kenneth Langston Van Doren, II. But on November 11, 1995, he received four bullets in the head, courtesy of some young kids who were running around a Chicago neighborhood shooting randomly. Kenneth, who was simply helping a friend move, was walking down a flight of stairs carrying a TV. Hours later, he was dead.

His mother, Jaquie Algee, thinks that guns are too readily available.

Once upon a time, she says, people resolved disputes using their tongues or their fists. "But for our youth in particular, guns are a means to diffuse their anger, frustration and disagreements," Algee charges. "They are now the weapon of choice."

According to Algee, who is now the southeast regional coordinator for the Million Mom March

Association, neither Bush nor Gore has taken a strong enough stand on gun control. "They are scaling the fence and this is too important. [Their stands] may impact voters' decisions, but it's just that important," she says. The changes Algee would like to see include much stricter licensing and registration regulations, and limits on gun purchases.

"As long as people can go to shows and shops and purchase multiple amounts, the streets will be flooded."

Both Gore and Bush have been cowards on this issue, Algee believes. "It is a grave issue, or should be, to all of us, no matter what party you affiliate yourself with," says Algee. "The safety of our community and children should be right at the top of the list along with Social Security, prescriptions and education, because if we don't have our youth to further our communities, none of those things will matter."

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***Every Friday Morning -- 7:30 a.m., Business Interchange, chamber building

Friday, October 27 -- 9:15 a.m., Ribbon Cutting, Do-It-Yourself Pest & Weed Control, 1120 E. Parker, Ste 110

Tuesday, October 31 -- 4:00 -- 6:00 p.m., Trick-Or-Treating -- Chamber Style at Legacy & Independence (watch your e-mail for updated lists of new/existing members at that intersection; ambassadors receive points for call-

ing on businesses in that area during this time)

Wednesday, November 1 -- 7:30 a.m., Government Relations Program featuring Congressman Sam Johnson, chamber office

Friday, November 3 -- 9:15 a.m., Ribbon Cuttings, Curly Art Free Style Art and NimbusTea.com, Holiday Inn -- Plano (get double points for attending!) Exhibit on November 3rd, 9:00 a.m. -- 7:00 p.m. and November 4th from 9:00 a.m. -- 3:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn

Wednesday, November 8 -- 4:00 p.m., Education and Workforce Development Committee meeting, chamber office

Thursday, November 9 -- 4:30 -- 5:30 p.m., New Member Reception, Harvey Hotel, 1600 North Central Expressway

Thursday, November 9 -- 5:30 -- 7:00 p.m., Power Networking, Harvey Hotel, North Central Expressway

Friday, November 10 -- 9:15 a.m., Ribbon Cutting, The Color

Studio, 1820 Coit Road, Ste 120 (Southeast corner of Coit & Park)

Friday, November 10 -- 11:45 a.m., Ambassadors Club Meeting, chamber office

Monday, November 13 -- 11:30 a.m., Promote Plano Committee Meeting, chamber office

Wednesday, November 15 -- 7:30 a.m., Board of Directors Meeting, chamber office

Wednesday, November 15 -- 11:30 a.m., Women's Division, Glen

Eagles Country Club

Friday, November 17 -- 9:15 a.m., Ribbon Cutting, Plano Pets, 1120 E. Parker Road, Ste 112

Saturday, November 18 -- Ribbon Cutting, Bank One at Frankford & Preston (details TBA)

Friday, December 1 -- 12:00 -- 4:00 p.m., 2nd Annual "Strike Up Business" Bowling Tournament

Friday, December 1 -- Christmas in Downtown Plano

Thursday, December 14 -- 11:30 a.m., Quarterly Membership Luncheon, Plano Centre, featuring State of the City Address from Mayo Akers, the ATHENA Award and the Plano Economic Development Awards

Tuesday, January 23 -- Plano Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting, Harvey Hotel (luncheon - watch your newsletter for more details)

City of McKinney

Membership Luncheon

A Dialogue: Ebby Halliday and Huntley Paton
Tuesday, November 14, 2000; 11:30-1:00
Eldorado Country Club
\$15.00-Chamber Members, please RSVP by Friday, November 10, 2000

Ebby Halliday of Ebby Halliday Realtors and Huntley Paton, publisher of the Dallas Business Journal will speak on the trends of the real estate market, the changes in demographics as they relate to supply and demand, and the need for housing in all price ranges as economic growth reaches all North Texas communities.

As an advocate for business, The Chamber is involved in issues that are all tied to affordable housing; hiring, retention, transportation, education and training of employees. McKinney faces workforce shortages due to the lack of affordable housing. Join us for this important dialogue as Ebby Halliday, a renowned leader in Metroplex real estate, and Huntley Paton, an authority on business trends, share their ideas and experiences. Plan to be in attendance for this informative presentation!

Chamber Relocation & Business Referral Guide Arrives

Watch your mailbox for the 2000-2001 Chamber Relocation & Business Referral Guide, it's on the way! The 2000-2001 edition is new and improved and includes over 800 Chamber member investor products and services. Also included are community demographics, relocation information and beautiful photos of McKinney. We hope you continue to utilize the Guide for referrals, and be sure to tell businesses that you got their number from the Guide.

Business After Hours

Hosted by Bob Tones Ford
Thursday, November 9, 2000; 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Chamber members and guests are invited to attend a very special Business After Hours and Grand Opening on Thursday, November 9, 2000 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Bob Tones Ford, Exit 40 at Louisiana St. and Central Expressway. Bob Tones Ford is pleased to host a Grand Opening/Business After Hours to premier their brand new Pre-Owned and Service Facility, an addition to their growing Fr dealership in McKinney. Special guests from Ford Motor Company and Ford Credit will be on hand as well as terrific refreshments and lots of great door prizes. Please make plans to attend and bring a friend. Don't forget to bring plenty of business cards and brochures.

Ambassador News

September Team of the Month
Captain Terry Graves, Diet-Center
Kevin Slay, TXU Electric & Gas
Glenda Mounger, Beauticontrol Cosmetics
David Redding, Allstate Insurance
Becky Thompson, A.G. Edward & Sons, Inc.

Ambassador of the Month
Glenda Mounger, Beauticontrol Cosmetics/Josh's Auto Body

The next ambassador meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 7 at the American Red Cross Meeting Room. Thanks to Golden Corral for sponsoring a free lunch for our team of the Month. To find out more about this fun and active group, call Ambassador President Peggy Broughton at 972-529-2210.



City of Richardson

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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, November 8
7:30-8:30 a.m. EarlyNet -- No Reservations Required!
Castle at Canyon Creek (2700 Custer Parkway)
Richardson Fire Department Academy Program
Doug Hale, Richardson Fire Academy
Cost: \$3.00 for all attendees

Thursday, November 9
11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. 18th Annual Business & Industry Appreciation Luncheon
Sponsored by: Richardson Chamber of Commerce and Richardson Rotary Clubs
Speaker: F. William Conner, President of eSolutions, Nortel Networks
Richardson Civic Center - 411 Arapaho Road, Richardson, TX
RSVP to brandi@telecomcorridor.com or call 972-234-4141.

5:00-7:00 p.m. PM CONNECTIONS
Hosted by AXA Advisors (12377 Merit Drive, Suite 1500)

Bring lots of business cards and lots of guests! No cost.

Wednesday, November 15
7:30-8:30 a.m. EarlyNet -- No Reservations Required!
Castle at Canyon Creek (2700 Custer Parkway)
SUPER NETWORKING TABLE EXCHANGE
Bring lots of business cards!!! - Cost: \$3.00

11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. T B C Environmental Technology Forum
Topic: Real Estate and Brownfield Property, Acquisition Divestiture
Scott Deatherage, Environmental Attorney & Shareholder, Thompson & Knight, LLP
Holiday Inn Select - Richardson (1655 N. Central Expwy)
RSVP to barbie@telecomcorridor.com with payment by 12N, Tuesday, November 14
\$12.00 RCC/TBC Members, \$17.00 Non-Members

Friday, November 17
11:15 a.m.
Reservation Check-In and "Connections 2000" opens
TBC 3rd Friday Technology Luncheon - sponsored by Thompson & Knight, LLP

Speaker: Anthony B. Perkins, CEO/Editor-in-Chief, Red Herring Communications, Inc. Clarion Hotel - Richardson (1981 N. Central Expwy.)
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Wednesday, November 22
7:30-8:30 a.m. No EarlyNet
Have a Happy Thanksgiving Holiday!

Tuesday, November 28
11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. R C C Small Business Roundtable
Holiday Inn Select - Richardson (1655 N. Central Expwy)
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Wednesday, November 29
7:30-8:30 a.m. EarlyNet -- No Reservations Required!
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"Network or Networking?"
Bill Wallace, Ackley Financial Group
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Sports

Arena football to add six more teams for 2001 season

CHICAGO, (PRNewswire) -- Arenafootball2's Board of Directors approved today the addition of six new teams into the league to begin play in the 2001 season. Baton Rouge, La.; Columbus, Ga.; Lincoln, Neb.; Peoria, Ill.; Rochester, N.Y.; and Wichita, Kan. will all begin play in March 2001.

With these additions, arenafootball2 is now up to 27 teams mostly located in the Midwest and Southeast regions, further demonstrating its commitment to grassroots football.

"We are thrilled to have these six new teams in the fold for the 2001 season," said af2 Executive Director Mary Ellen Garling. "To have four AFL owners as well as two proven sports operators, all with a successful track record, adds a tremendous amount of credibility while allowing us to further our goal of bringing the game of Arena Football to small to mid-sized communities through coast to coast expansion."

Baton Rouge, La. will be operated by Peter "Woody" Kern of the AFL's Tampa Bay Storm. This is Tampa Bay's second team in arenafootball2. Tampa Bay also is operator of the expansion Lafayette Roughnecks. Arena Football veteran Dave Whinham will serve as the team's General Manager and will run operations down in Baton Rouge. The team will play at the Riverside Centplex on the campus of LSU.

The Columbus, Ga. franchise is owned and operated by Columbus Professional Football Club, LLC, a group of investors consisting of businessman Ed Randle, John Kehoe and Mike Sammond. Sammond, who helped launch the af2's Birmingham Steeldogs last season, will serve as team's President and General Manager. The team will play at the 7,600-seat Columbus Civic Center.

The 10,000-seat Blue Cross arena will be the new home of the Rochester, N.Y. af2 franchise. The AFL's Buffalo Destroyers and Rochester Sports Enterprises, LLC will operate the team. Mark Hammister will serve as Owner and Allan Vella will be President. Tim Pelozo will run the day-to-day operations as General Manager. The Buffalo Destroyers of the AFL had one of the most successful start-ups of any expansion team averaging over 12,000 fans per game in their inaugural season back in 1999.

Lincoln, Neb., Peoria, Ill. and Wichita, Kan. are the first three cities from the former IFL to be approved into arenafootball2. The IFL was

acquired by arenafootball2 on October 20 in an asset purchase and sale agreement. Lincoln, Neb. franchise is co-operated by local businessman Andrew Cheeseman and Mike Works. The Lightning had a successful 10-4 season last year and were co-divisional champions in the IFL. Joel Hupp will serve as the team's General Manager and the team will play in the Pershing Auditorium.

The Peoria, Ill. team will be operated by Orlando Predators Entertainment ("OPE"), the owners of the AFL's ArenaBowl Champion Orlando Predators. Jeff Bouchy will serve as the team's President. The Peoria Pirates of the IFL went undefeated and won a championship last year. The team will play at the Peoria Civic Center.

The AFL's Oklahoma Wranglers will operate the Wichita, Kan. franchise and will play at the 9,686-seat Kansas Coliseum. The Wranglers' front office will lend their Arena Football experience and their man-

agement expertise to the af2 team, working directly with the organization's local staff.

The af2 completed its inaugural season with 15 teams primarily located in the southeast. Over 800,000 fans walked through the turnstiles in af2 arenas with an average attendance of 7,239 fans per game.

The af2 was one of only three other professional sports leagues to fill its buildings to over 70 percent capacity. Five af2 players were either signed by or invited to NFL training camps, while three af2 players were signed by the CFL.

All 15 teams from last season will be back to compete in the 2001 season.

The af2 Championship game, ArenaCup 2000, was nationally televised on TNN to over 300,000 households and was played at The Mark in Moline, Ill. before a sellout crowd of 9,201 fans. The Quad City Steamwheelers finished off a perfect 19-0 season with a 68-59 victory over the Tennessee Valley Vipers.

Jordan golf tournament to be held in January

(PRNewswire)--The Ocean Club, Paradise Island, Bahamas and Michael Jordan announced that the inaugural Michael Jordan Celebrity Invitational (MJCI) will take place at the Ocean Club resort on January 11-14, 2001. "I am confident that this event will become one of the premier celebrity golf tournaments in the world," said Michael Jordan. "I look forward to hosting serious celebrity golfers at the beautiful and new Ocean Club Golf Course for what will be a fun-filled weekend of festivities."

The MJCI will feature 36

celebrity golfers from sports and entertainment and amateur participants, including event sponsors and representatives of the Bahamian corporate and local community competing in two separate events. The event will consist of a two-day Celebrity-Am, pairing one celebrity with three amateurs and a two-day "Celebrity Pairs." The players will compete for a total purse of \$250,000. The event has designated donations of \$300,000 for the Ronald McDonald Houses of North Carolina and \$25,000 for a Bahamian charity.

Seventy-Eight nominees make Pro Football Hall of Fame preliminary ballot

CANTON, Ohio, (PRNewswire) -- Sixty-one players, seven coaches, and ten contributors make up the modern-era nomination list for the Pro Football Hall of Fame's Class of 2001. First-year eligible nominees include former Washington Redskins wide receiver Art Monk and Los Angeles Rams offensive lineman Jackie Slater. Coaches nominated in their first year of eligibility include Jimmy Johnson, Bill Parcells, and Dick Vermeil.

To be considered for Hall of Fame election, a nominated player must have been retired at least five years. For a non-player, there is no mandatory retirement period, but a coach must be retired before he may be considered. A contributor, who is a nominee who has made outstanding contributions to pro football in capacities other than playing or coaching, may still be active in his pro football career.

In addition to Monk and

Slater, other nominated players who are eligible for the first time include wide receiver Gary Clark, offensive linemen Chris Hinton and Bart Oates, and linebackers Carl Banks and Wilber Marshall.

The Pro Football Hall of Fame's Board of Selectors, by a straight plurality vote will reduce this extensive preliminary list to a much smaller final ballot for election. The final ballot will consist of 14 modern-era finalists and one recommended candidate of the Hall's Seniors Committee. The Seniors Committee reviews the qualifications of those players, coaches, and contributors whose careers primarily took place more than 25 years ago. Their nominee, who was announced earlier this summer, is former Boston Patriots and Miami Dolphins linebacker Nick Buoniconti.

Two modern-era nominees, former Pittsburgh

Steelers wide receiver Lynn Swann and former Los Angeles Rams defensive end Jack Youngblood are automatic modern-era finalists in 2001 because they finished in the top six in the voting for the Hall's 2000 class, but were not elected.

The list of 15 finalists will be announced approximately 15 days prior to the Selection Committee's annual meeting, which will be held on January 27, 2001, in Tampa, FL, the day before Super Bowl XXXV. The Class of 2001 will be determined at the annual meeting with the results being announced at a formal press conference immediately following.

Although there is no set number for any class of enshrinees, the current ground rules do stipulate that between four and seven new members will be selected each year.

PRELIMINARY LIST OF NOMINEES FOR THE CLASS OF 2001 NOMINEES IN FIRST YEAR OF ELIGIBILITY

WIDE RECEIVERS Gary Clark, Art Monk	Pearson, Ahmad Rashad, John Stallworth, Lynn Swann	Karl Mecklenburg, Matt Millen, Jerry Robinson
OFFENSIVE LINEMEN Chris Hinton (G/T), Bart Oates (C), Jackie Slater (T)	TIGHT END Dave Casper, Raymond Chester, Todd Christensen	DEFENSIVE BACKS Gary Fencik (S), Jerry Gray (CB/S), Cliff Harris (S), Lester Hayes (CB), Jake Scott (S), Donnie Shell (S), Jack Tatum (S), Charlie Waters (CB/S), Roger Wehrli (CB)
LINEBACKERS Carl Banks, Wilber Marshall	OFFENSIVE LINEMEN Dave Dalby (C), Joe DeLamielleure (G), Russ Grimm (G), Bob Kuechenberg (G), Joe Jacoby (T), Mike Kenn (T), Jon Kolb (T), Mike Munchak (G), Rich Saul (C), Ron Yary (T)	PUNTER Ray Guy
COACHES Jimmy Johnson, Bill Parcells, Dick Vermeil	DEFENSIVE LINEMEN Elvin Bethea (DE), Dave Butz (DT), Doug English (DT), L.C. Greenwood (DE), Dan Hampton (DE/DT), Ed "Too Tall" Jones (DE), Harvey Martin (DE), Jerry Sherk (DT), Dwight White (DE), Jack Youngblood (DE)	CONTRIBUTORS Bobby Beathard, Tommy Bell, Jack Kent Cooke, Edward DeBartolo, Jr., Jerry Jones, Jerry Markbreit, Art Rooney, Jr., Jim Tunney, Ralph Wilson, Jr.
ADDITIONAL NOMINEES FOR THE CLASS OF 2001	QUARTERBACKS Ken Anderson, Archie Manning, Jim Plunkett, Phil Simms, Ken Stabler	
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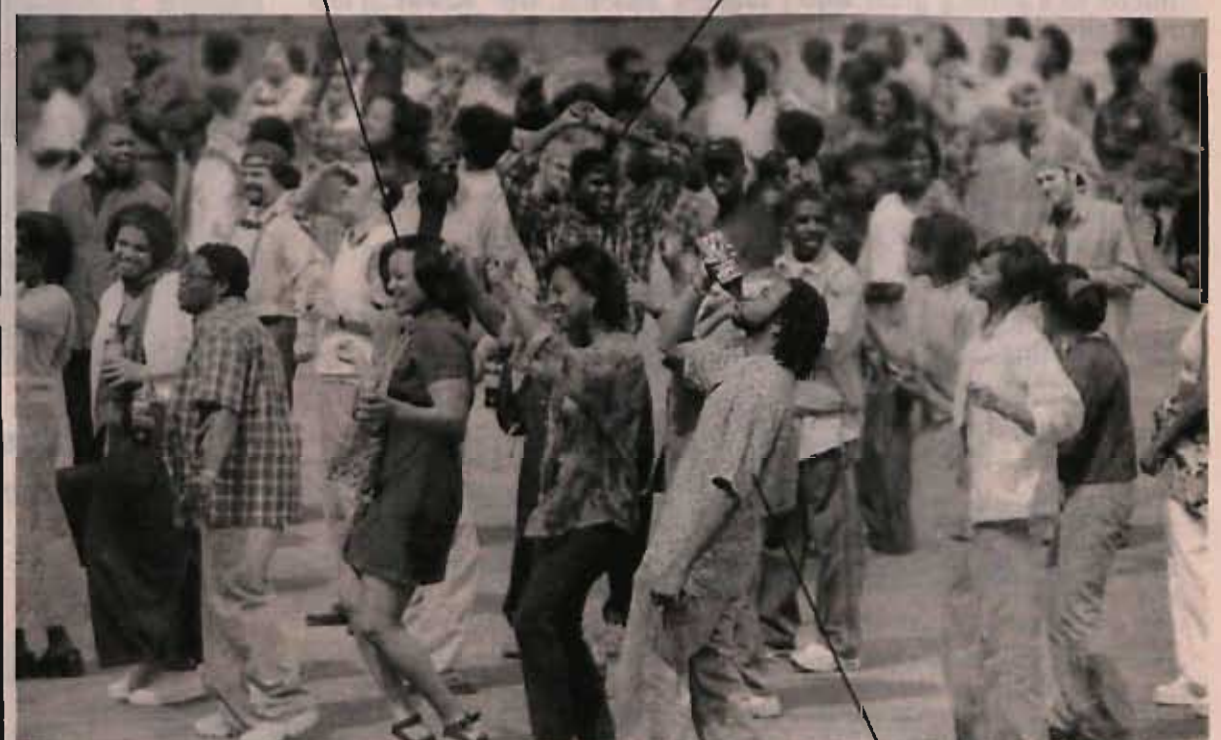
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Night Vibes

By Ché Hill

"An Experiment With An Air Pump," a play penned by British playwright Shelagh Stephenson premiered recently at the Kalita Humphreys Theater located in Dallas' Oak Lawn area. The play unfolds during the ending of the year 1799. It focuses on a family of four, two students and a lowly maidservant named Isobel, and at the same time it contrasts those individuals to modern day characters living in the same house in 1999.

Joseph Fenwick (Sam Tsoutsouvas) is a medical researcher who is training two young apprentices in the

field of science, which is enjoying a height of popularity. His wife Susannah (Caitlin O'Connell) is a borderline alcoholic that is love starved from her husband's overindulgence in his work.

However the actor/actress who undoubtedly gives the stellar performance is Kate Goehring in her portrayal of Isobel, the Fenwick's Scottish maidservant. Though she at the finale becomes the center of a tragic climax, the character of Isobel provides for much of the laughter with her dry humor and wit.

The play is well acted

despite a title that doesn't quite fit. The beginning has the audience viewing an experiment being conducted by Joseph Fenwick, and yet this is the most we see of science in the play, other than a brief display by Fenwick's daughter of making smoke come out of a hat she has donned.

Truth be told this is not a play that has much to do with science at all, but is more about relationships, and the roles of men and women in the 1700's contrasted by the modern day characteristics of gender roles.

Eyeing the Arts

By Stephanie Ward

The ArtCenter of Plano is the epicenter of cultural activity in the city. Nestled on the corner of 15th and Avenue K in downtown Plano, the center is home to the Plano Repertory Theatre and other performing groups. Its three galleries showcase the work of both emerging and nationally renowned artists.

On November 5, the center will install a new exhibit called "Image 2000" An International Juried Photography Exhibition curated by Patricia Richards of Plano and Frank Long of Los Angeles.

The show will feature photography by more than 80 artists from 15 countries around the world. The show will feature pictures ranging from New York's Central Park to the West Texas Sky to the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem.

One of the most exciting parts of this new show is a section on lomographs. The show's

curator discovered a group of photographers in various countries who were working with Russian-made Lomo Camera. This technique, less formal than studio or landscape photography, works on the premise that the camera should be ready to shoot at any time and that multiple pictures can be shot without any concern for framing the image. This should make for some unique angles and very interesting subject matter.

The curator got the idea to do the show after attending an exhibit in Hungary last year. She used the Internet to get most of the photographers to participate in the juried show. The show's curator hopes that those viewing the show will leave the gallery with a sense of seeing the world through the eye of these photographers' lenses.

The public is invited to a reception Nov 18 for the exhibit in all the ArtCentre galleries

through January 3, 2001.

The center is also gearing up for its annual fundraiser "Haute Arte Auction" on November 11. This year, they are hoping to raise over \$20,000 for the privately funded center. Auction chairperson Ann Davis said the auction will be an opportunity to purchase some outstanding artwork while having a wonderful time. For \$30 participants get general admission, hors d'oeuvres and desserts by Eddie Dean Catering and wine from Gallo. For those patrons that pay \$50, they get Sotheby-style seating with their auction paddle. The price of the art ranges from \$150 for work by emerging artists to \$4,500 for work from more nationally known artists. Most of the work is contemporary and comes in a range of mediums. If you're interested, call (972) 423-7809.

Grandma's - Recipe

In today's fast paced, health conscious environment, more and more families are searching for ways to balance taste, while not compromising dietary concerns. I have put together a menu that does just that. The good thing about this recipe is that there is absolutely no fat added.

ClayPot chicken:

Ingredients:

1-2^{1/2} pound chicken (fryer)
4 large baking sized potatoes
1 pound carrots
1 large Bermuda onion
1 pablona pepper
1 can cream of Mushroom Soup (16oz)
1/2 cup seasoned breadcrumbs
2 Tablespoon Soy Sauce
Coarse ground Black Pepper to taste
Zatarain Creole seasoning to taste
Garlic Salt (or Powder)

- Soak Clay Pot in water over night (a Dutch oven can be substituted, but do not soak).
- Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees
- Season with soy sauce, Creole seasoning, black pepper and garlic to taste (inside the cavity as well as outside).
- Peel and quarter each potato (lengthwise)
- Wash and scrape carrots and cut each into four pieces
- Peel and quarter onion
- Cut top from Pablona pepper, remove seeds and cut into six pieces.
- Place chicken in clay pot (or Dutch oven)
- Stuff inside with as many of the vegetables as possible. Place remaining vegetables around and on top of chicken.
- Sprinkle with breadcrumbs, cover and place in oven for 2 hours.

**** Do not uncover during the cooking process****

** Note** If using Dutch Oven, brush sides and bottom with 1/2 table-spoon Olive Oil.

- Remove chicken and vegetables from pot when done. De-bone chicken and place on a warm platter surrounded by vegetables.
- Drain liquid into saucepan, add Cream of Mushroom soup, stir and heat over medium heat until hot.
- Serve like gravy.

This one pan meal is delicious served with a crisp green salad, hot rolls and butter.

Damon and Smith star in film about golf, life

The golfing world today conjures up images of young men in their prime who seemed to have been born with a club in their hands. The style and grace with which they play the game makes them almost gods to some and the envy of others but respected by all.

In the DreamWorks film, "The Legend of Bagger Vance," directed by Robert Redford, audiences are introduced to a golfing great who has fallen from grace a bit and needs a little help back to the top.

"It's the classic journey of a hero who falls into darkness through some disconnect with his soul, and then of his coming back into the light with the help of a spiritual guide," said Redford.

The hero at the center of the story is the character Rannulph Junuh, played by Matt Damon. "Matt steadily improves in Robert Redford's 'The Legend of Bagger Vance,'" said Redford.

Damon, who, at least at this point in his life, doesn't have much of a mark on him, which is part of his appeal, Redford says. "I thought it would be interesting to put him in the part of this damaged young man and then watch him come back from that."

once-in-a-lifetime golf match against the greatest golfers of the day, Bobby Jones (played by Joel Gretsch) and Walter Hagen (Bruce McGill). But when Junuh finally agrees to participate, he discovers the stakes are higher than he realized.

The stakes are also high for Adele Invergordon, once the love of Junuh's life, who has organized the match in an effort to save her late father's vision: the Krewe Island Golf Resort, which he built before the Great

Depression destroyed the dream.

In steps Bagger Vance, played by Will Smith.

"Bagger is like a guardian angel. The nucleus of his relationship with Junuh is showing him that the power, the happiness of all of the things we search for externally, are inside us all the time. They're things you don't need to go find. The analogy in the film is the 'authentic swing,' which sounds like it's only about gold, but it's that part of every one of us that is the most real. It's very subtle," says Smith.

"The story of this golf match is a metaphor," Redford reflects. "No one knows better than a golfer that in the game of golf are contained all the lessons of life. But 'The Legend of Bagger Vance' is not just a golf story. It's about a character who loses his swing - his authentic swing - and has to find it again. We're all tested by adversity...and I suspect that all of us have at times hoped for someone like Bagger Vance to come along and help us through."

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Bagger Vance (Will Smith) and Rannulph Junuh (Matt Damon, right) take heart as Junuh's game steadily improves in Robert Redford's "The Legend of Bagger Vance."

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Arts & Entertainment

EVENTS

November 1-19

Jubilee Theatre, 506 Main Street, Ft. Worth, presents "Ceremonies in Dark Old Men" by Lonnie Elder, III. For information or tickets call 817-338-4411.

November 1-December 2

Circle Theatre, 230 W. Fourth Street in Sundance Square, present "The Food Chain" by Nicky Silver. For more information or tickets call 817-877-3040.

November 2-18

The Fort Worth Theatre, 4401 Trail Lake Dr., presents "MacBird" by Barbara Garson with 8:00 p.m. performances. For information call 817-921-5300.

November 3-18

The Irving Arts Center presents "Singin' in the Rain" songs by Nacio Herb Brown and Arthur Freed, at the Dupree Theater, Irving Arts Center, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd. For more information or tickets call 972-252-ARTS.

The Dallas Symphony Orchestra presents a free concert at SundayFest at the Meyerson Symphony Center, with a one-hour concert beginning at 2:30 p.m. For more information call 214-692-0203.

Stephanie's Collection art gallery will hold its annual sale at the Caribbean Grill (the old New Orleans Seafood Parlor) from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. For more information call 214-752-5588.

November 7-8

Dallas Children's Theater, 2215 Cedar Springs Rd., Dallas, presents Dark Night Readings by playwright Laurie Brooks' "Deadly Weapons" at 7:30 p.m. For more information call Kate Blackstone at 214-978-0110.

November 8-19

Soul Rep Theatre, 3630 Harry Hines, Dallas, presents "Rhyme Deferred" featuring the Hip-Hop Theatre Junction. For show times and information call 214-521-5070.

November 9

Murphy Garden Club hosts Nelaine Migaura from Healing Gardens at 1:30 a.m. at Murphy Baptist Church, 411 S. Murphy.

Flutist Peter Phippen will hold a free concert at Cedar Valley College at 7:00 p.m. For more information call Benny Barrett at 972-860-8258.

November 9-11

The Nova Dancing Company will be featured in "Survival Song"/5th anniversary performances at the South Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 S. Fitzhugh Avenue at 7:00 p.m. For information or reservations call 214-559-3993.

November 9-12

Guest conductor Maximian Valdés leads the Dallas Symphony Orchestra and guest violinist Sarah Chang in the works of Falla, Sibelius and Rimsky-Korsakov in the Texas Instruments Classical Series concerts at the Meyerson Symphony Center. For show times and information call Kim Gifford at 214-871-4082.

November 11

The Irving Symphony Orchestra presents Sandy Duncan in "Together" with Maestro Hector Guzman at the Carpenter Performance Hall, Irving Arts Center, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd., at 8:00 p.m. For more information visit www.ci.irving.tx.us.

The Dallas Symphony Orchestra's Young Strings musicians will hold a recital featuring the Overture Division (elementary school students) at 11:00 a.m. in Horchow Hall at the Meyerson Symphony Center. For more information call 214-692-0203.

The Third Eye presents the 16th African Awakening Conference "A Great and Mighty Walk" at TBAAL, 650 S. Griffin Street, Dallas. For tickets and information call 214-428-1040.

The City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs invites neighborhood and community organizations to sample performances and exhibition in the Neighborhood Touring Program from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Dallas Museum of Art, 1717 Harwood. For more information call Ronnie Jessie at 214-670-3687.

November 12-February 25

"From Renoir to Picasso: Masterpieces from the Musée de l'Orangerie" in Paris will be on view at the Kimbell Art Museum, 3333 Camp Bowie Blvd., Ft. Worth. For more information call 817-332-8451.

November 13

The Dallas Southwest Osteopathic Physicians presents Kenny Rogers in Concert at the Morton Meyerson Symphony Center at 8:00 p.m., benefiting the National Council of Jewish Women. For more information contact Susan Jacobs at 214-965-9991, ext. 202.

November 15

LCSSO's Lone Star Youth Orchestra presents their Fall Concert with Maestro Attilio Lattanzi at the Theater in the Commons, Irving Arts Center, at 7:00 p.m. For tickets call 972-580-1566.

The Dallas Opera will add two performances of "Madama Butterfly" Nov. 15 & 18 at the Music Hall at Fair Park, beginning at 7:30 p.m. For information or



"King of Comedy" D.L. Hughley entertains audiences during his performance at the University of Texas at Arlington.

Photo by Stan R. Davis



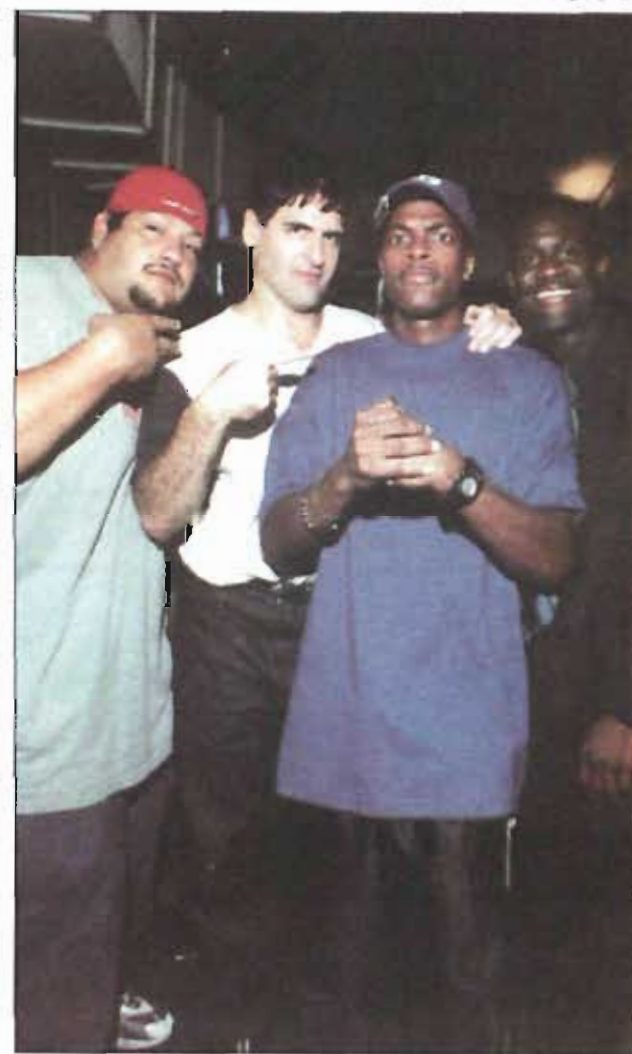
Fragrance industry mogul Oscar de la Renta accepts congratulations from a shopper during the debut of his new fragrance line in Foley's at NorthPark Center.

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Lake Highlands High School graduate and Olympic high jumper Erin Aldrich signs autographs for young fans at the Celebration of Summer Down Under event. Area Olympians were recognized for their achievements by Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk.

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Comedian Chris Tucker (center) is joined by (l to r) radio personality Big Craig, Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban, and Rufus Lewis at a post-game party celebrating the Mavericks season-opening victory.

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Dallas musician Linny Nance recently released his new CD entitled "On & Popping." The renowned composer, arranger, producer leads his own band Network, and has worked with artists such as blues greats Lucky Peterson and Yarbrough and Peoples. This latest CD is a fusion of jazz, funk, Hip hop, and R&B. It's currently being heard on 105.7 KRNB with Rudy V., during "The Quiet Storm," and can also be heard on KNON 89.3. In our next issue we'll feature a review of "On & Poppin."

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Around The Town

On-going

Technical positions are available for the 2001 season of N.M. Productions Theatre Company, Arlington. For more information call Michael Wehrli at 817-784-6671 or 972-680-4466.

International Student Exchange Programs is looking for area representatives to work with foreign high school exchange students. For more information call 1-800-473-0696.

The Dallas Mavericks Foundation is sponsoring the Mark Holtz Memorial Broadcast Journalism Scholarship for high school seniors pursuing a degree in Broadcast Journalism. Deadline for applications is December 1. For more information or applications call Jeremy Durcholz at 214-653-0293.

Scholarships in the Arts are available for students at accredited Texas High Schools sponsored by the Texas State Arts & Crafts Fair. Deadline for submission is February 1, 2001. For more information see your school counselor or call 830-896-5711.

November 3

The Hewitt Collection of African-American Art opens at the African American Museum, 3536 Grand Ave., Fair Park Nov. 3-Jan. 14. For more information call 214-565-9026.

The Lutheran Marriage Encounter couples are sponsoring a Marriage Encounter Weekend Nov.

3-5 for area couples. For more information call Herb and Betty Doller at 972-780-0920.

A roast honoring Dr. Terry J. Flowers will be held at the Hyatt Hotel, downtown Dallas, benefiting St. Phillips School and Community Center. For more information or tickets call 214-421-5221.

Victory presents the Dallas International Art & Antique Fair Nov. 2-8, at the International Pavilion at Victory, Woodall Rodgers Freeway and Field Street, Dallas. For more information call Carey Conner at 214-706-6000.

November 4

Brenham, TX hosts its Fall Festival of Roses Nov. 4-5 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at 9300 Lueckeymer Rd., Brenham. For more information call 979-836-5548.

Senior Citizens of Greater Dallas offers a free Long-term Care Insurance Forum at Scottish Rite Hospital, 2222 Welborn St., Dallas, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. For more information call Lynda Ender at 214-823-5700.

The 5th Annual KFC Texas Black Sports Hall of Fame Banquet and Family Day Sports Clinic will be held at the Wyndham Anatole Hotel, Dallas at 7:00 p.m. Twelve athletes will be inducted. For more information call Diana Marquis at 214-565-9026, ext. 307.

The TEMA Latino Music Awards

will be held at the Dallas Convention Center from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. For more information or tickets call 210-946-2556.

The Asian Charity Ball, Inc. presents the 2000 Asian Charity Ball at the Hotel Inter-Continental, 15201 Dallas Parkway, Addison, beginning at 6:00 p.m. For more information call 972-241-8250.

November 5

The Texas Historical Commission and the University of Texas Center for American History will host the annual Winedale Museum Seminar Nov. 5-16 at the Winedale Historical Center near Round Top, TX. For more information call 512-463-5756

November 6

1-Jobs.com will hold a Southwest High Tech Career Fair at the Hotel Inter-Continental, 15201 Dallas Parkway, Addison, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. For more information call Susan Schaul at 800-638-2232.

November 8

An Urban Job Expo will be held at the Bronco Bowl, Entertainment Center, 2600 Ft. Worth Ave., Dallas, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and 3:00-6:00 p.m. For more information call 972-570-8016.

The 6th Annual Central Dallas Ministries' Urban Ministries Prayer Breakfast will be held at the Wyndham Anatole, Chantilly Ballroom, Dallas, from 7:00-8:45

a.m.

The University of North Texas African Percussion Ensemble will present its annual fall concert at 8:00 p.m. in the UNT Music Building, at the corner of Ave. C and Chestnut Street in Denton. For tickets call 940-369-7802. For more information call Gideon Alorwoye at 940-565-4113.

November 9

Dallas Area Chi Omega Alumnae present the 23rd Chi Omega Christmas Market Nov. 9-11 at the Dallas Convention Center, Exhibition Hall A. For more information and tickets call 214-890-8131.

The Greater Dallas Asian Chamber of Commerce Women's Business Forum and Verizon will sponsor a lunch seminar, "Bridging the Cultural Divide" at 11:30 a.m. at the Hackberry Creek Country Club, 1901 Royal Lane, Irving. For reservations or information call Elizabeth Adiwilaga at 972-241-8250.

November 11

The City of Plano will hold an auction of unredeemed vehicles at 10:00 a.m. at RoadOne, Lewis Towing of Texas, 1204 Municipal, Plano. Viewing will be one hour prior to auction.

Cedar Valley College, 3030 North Dallas Ave., Lancaster, will host the Veterans Day "Thanks for the Memories" Big Band

Extravaganza, 4:00-8:00 p.m. Veterans are invited to come and bring a date to the elegant dinner and dance event. For more information call 972-860-8258.

West Dallas Community Church, 2215 Canada Drive, hosts the 5th National Donor Sabbath at 11:00 a.m. For more information call Pam Silvestri at 214-443-4255 or 800-788-8058.

POZ Magazine and the AIDS Resource Center will host the 2000 POZ Life Expo at The Resource Center of Dallas, 2701 Reagan Street, Dallas from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information call Craig Hayworth at 214-521-5124.

Johnnie's Manor annual Fund Raiser will be held at the Doubletree Hotel-Lincoln Center Lobby, 5410 LBJ Fwy., Dallas at 7:00 p.m.

Oshman's SuperSports USA Women & Sports Day will be held at Oshman's Sporting Goods store at Vista Ridge Village in Lewisville. For more information call 972-315-1500.

Child Protective Services will hold a Foster Parent/Adoption Expo at the Arapaho United Methodist Church, 1400 Arapaho Rd., Richardson from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information call 1-800-228-8226.

November 12

Paul Quinn College, 3837 Simpson Stuart Road, Dallas, celebrates its 10th year of relocation Nov. 12-18 with various events. For more information call Gloria Richard at 214-302-3503 or Karen Griggsby at 972-731-0547.

November 13

The Regional Transportation Council will hold a public Listening Session from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Frisco High School, 6401 Parkwood Drive, Frisco, for area residents to identify transportation problems and solutions. For more information call Cathy Huffnag-Morris at 817-695-9284.

November 14

Senior Citizens of Greater Dallas's AGE Council will hold its next meeting at the Dallas VA Medical Center. For more information call 214-823-5700.

November 15

The Board of Directors for North Texas Public Broadcasting, Inc. will be held in the KERA Community Room, 3000 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas at 12:00 p.m. The meeting is open to the public. For more information call 214-871-1390.

November 16

The DFW MBDC will hold its 2000 Awards Banquet at the Arlington Convention Center, 1200 Ballpark Way, Arlington, at 6:00 p.m. For information or reservations

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