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Actor Burton Gilliam Hosts Plano Television Network Special

Television and film star Burton Gilliam will star in the Plano Television Network special promoting the Geriatric Wellness Center of Collin County and the services it provides to Plano's aging community.

A Collin County resident, Gilliam donated his time and talents for the 30-minute special created to educate viewers on the Wellness Center's health, counseling and transportation services provided to residents 55 and older, and senior caregivers.

"During production, Burton was fun and engaging for everyone involved but especially the seniors who gathered to watch us work," Video Producer Ana Gonzalez said. "He even lured a few not-so-shy seniors on camera with him. His professionalism and enthusiasm enhanced our production, and he was a pleasure to work with."

Gilliam's most noted role was as Lyle in Mel Brook's production of "Blazing Saddles." However, he has gone on to have a successful television and film career with parts in "Back to the Future 3," "Honeymoon in Vegas" and "Walker, Texas Ranger."

Executive Producer Rebecca Cunningham said, "It is refreshing to see someone give back to his community and we are certainly thankful for his generosity."

The Geriatric Wellness Center of Collin County special will begin airing on Friday, Jan. 8 at 3 am, 3 pm, 9 am and 9 pm. For more information about the Center, visit www.gwccc.org.

Plano Television Network, a division of the City of Plano Public Information Department, broadcasts programming 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It can be watched on Verizon Fios channel 30, Time Warner channel 16 and www.planotv.org.

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