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### On the Homefront:

Plano Jam Fest III-Charity Event, Friday, December 19, 4pm to midnight, at the Plano Centre, Spring Creek & Jupiter Roads. Concert benefiting: Toys for Tots, Toys for Teens, North Texas Food Bank, Plano Area Habitat for Humanity, Jonathan's Place. Admission: \$5 + donation item; Kids under 10 FREE. Contact Ken Midgley at 214.868.8644, or visit [www.metroplexmusic.com](http://www.metroplexmusic.com)

Celebrate the sounds of the season at Plano Symphony Orchestra's annual "Holiday Pops" concert, featuring orchestral arrangements of holiday favorites, a traditional audience sing-along and a visit from Santa. Sunday, December 21, 4:30 p.m., St. Andrew United Methodist Church, 1401 Mira Vista Blvd., Plano, 75093. Tickets \$9-27. For more information, or to purchase tickets, call 972.473.7262 or visit [www.planosymphony.org](http://www.planosymphony.org).

Visit Santa's Village in front of Richardson City Library and City Hall, US 75 and Arapaho Road. December 18-21, 6p.m. - 9p.m. Enjoy rides, meet Mrs. Clause, visit the buildings and pets in the village, sponsored by local business and groups including the Richardson Fire Department. Many special events. Visit [www.cor.net](http://www.cor.net).

Place an ornament in memory of a loved one on the Memorial Tree through December 30 at 601 S. Tennessee St. in the lobby of the Belew Funeral Home. Open Mon - Fri 9a.m. - 4p.m. Call 972.562.7788.

The Carter Bloodcare Holiday Heroes Blood Drive will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 19 at Harley-Davidson Financial Services, 400 Chisholm Place, Suite 300; 8 a.m. to noon Dec. 20 at Plano YMCA, 5101 Tennyson Parkway; and noon to 4 p.m. Dec. 28 at Wal-Mart, 6000 Coit Road. Call 817.412.5371.

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## CCHCC Announces 2003 'Amigo de los hispanos'

The Collin County volunteer service, Barney Flores, The award was presented to Mr. Flores during the 2004 Texas State Silver Gloves Championships in McKinney on December 7.

Past recipients of the CCHCC "Amigo de los hispanos" award are: Jim and Gerry Klemm, Klemm Furniture of McKinney; Chris Stephens, Manager of Albertson's Grocery; and Dr. David Toney, D.D.S., of Allen.

For more information about the Collin County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, please visit [www.cchchamber.org](http://www.cchchamber.org) or call 972.801.2717.

Front: (left to right) Honorable Gilda Garza, McKinney City Council District; Barney Flores; Evelyn Flores; Ex Alba, Executive Director of CCHCC; Rodney E. Cruz, CCHCC Board Chair.

Back: (left to right) Carol Rodriguez, CCHCC Treasurer; Humberto Rodriguez, CCHCC Board member

This annual award is presented to an individual working within Collin County who helps the minority community and demonstrates direct their energies to positive goals in the amateur sport of boxing over the last 25 years.

## Awards Gala Benefits Dallas NAACP



The Juanita Craft Awards Gala benefiting the Dallas NAACP was held on Friday, December 5 at Paul Quinn College. Dianne Gibson of K104/KRNB and Russell Richard of Kroger Food Stores in Houston hosted the successful event.

Pictured are Russell Richard (center) presenting Kroger's \$10,000 donation to NAACP President, Mr. Bob Lydia (second from the left). Also pictured are several local Kroger store managers.

## New Mt. Zion Baptist Church A Beacon of the Community

By Cathy Johnson

Shepard Street in Dallas, New Mt. Zion is an essential pillar for the Financial Corporation, Price has brought his expertise, savvy and passion to the NMZ church family for over 34 years. Price hosts an impressive list of accomplishments both civil and corporate, but says he is most proud of the work that NMZ has done with their Day Care and school. "Many times I will just get lost there. I will spend time helping the little ones with computers or just listening to



Dr. Price receives his Honorary Doctorate of Divinity Degree (Left to Right) Dr. Marie Baker, Director of Business Affairs, St. Thomas Christian College; Dr. R.E. Price, Pastor, New Mt. Zion Baptist Church; Zamekio Jackson, President, St. Thomas Christian College

Nestled on a quiet street in the 9500 block of community. An alumnus of Prairie View A&M and 30 years of service

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## Hibernia Bank Couples Customer Service with Superior Product Line

By: Monica Thornton

"Community involvement, excellent customer service and a product line allowing it to compete with the best, is what sets Hibernia Bank apart from the other banks", said John Laing, Hibernia's chief consumer and business banking officer, Texas region.

"I think the uniqueness of Hibernia is that our product line is as large as any of the national banks, but our service level is as good, if not better, than any community bank," Laing added.

And North Texas residents beginning with its new branch in Allen, Texas, at the southeast corner of Alma and W. McDermott, which opened for business on Monday, December 15.

Other locations opening in 2004 are in Plano, Garland, Frisco, Carrollton and Lewisville.

Hibernia Bank is one of the oldest and largest financial institutions in the southern United States. According to Laing, Hibernia is the most prominent bank in Louisiana, covering about



John H. Laing, chief consumer and business banking officer, Texas region  
Tanya Lamother, branch manager, Allen branch

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## County Taxpayers Receive Deceptive Letters Regarding Senior Citizen Tax Freezes

(McKinney, TX) -- Many Collin County taxpayers received letters from a source calling itself "State and County Tax Reduction Exemption Processing Center" asking them to mail a completed check and processing fee to receive a tax freeze, which could save "thousands" in taxes. In these letters, taxpayers are told that it "appears" they may be eligible for a tax freeze on the taxes they pay to the school district. It also speaks of a "new elderly freeze" and states that according to government records, the taxpayer has not filed for the freeze.

According to Kenneth Maun, County Tax Assessor Collector, these letters are deceptive and may be discarded upon receipt. He said that once a taxpayer who is 65 or older has applied for the Over-Age-65 tax exemption; the tax freeze on the school district taxes is automatic. He continued by saying that there is no need for a separate application for the tax freeze. The application filed for the Over-Age-65 exemption is adequate. Many of the taxpayers calling about the letter discovered that they already have the tax freeze, despite what the letter may have indicated.

Mr. Maun also asked that anyone who is eligible for the Over-Age-65 property tax exemption and has not filed to please contact the Property Tax Office at: 972-547-5020 (Metro 972-424-1460 ext. 5020) or the Collin Central Appraisal District at 972-578-5200. There is no fee to apply for this exemption, and either office may assist in completing the application.

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## Community Spotlight

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28 percent of the market share. And with its 42 banking offices in East Texas, Hibernia currently operates approximately 255 community-banking facilities in Louisiana and Texas.

Laing said expanding into Texas is a logical growth and marketing move, and has been catapulted ahead with Hibernia's merger/purchase of Coastal Bank in Houston, Texas. With a target goal of 25 percent of the Texas market, Laing said this transaction will give Hibernia 22 percent.

"We're very serious about our move into Texas, and we'd love to open banks in the Dallas market," Laing said.

Some of the services offered at Hibernia are trusts, international banking, treasury management, insurance, investment management, and mortgage banking. Hibernia also offers free checking accounts, with free on-line banking and bill paying, and a free safe-box for a year for new customers. And when customers open checking accounts, Laing said they get a free gift, and also receive a 'tell a friend' coupon, entitling them and their friend to a free gift with the opening of a checking account.

Allen Branch Manager Tanya Lamothe said one of the key ingredients setting Hibernia apart from other banks is that their greeters are managers. And at the two



Left to right: Customers opening an account on the first day of business Myrna Desabelle, Ray Padilla, Olive Padilla, Vathany Teng and Hibernia Bank's D.J. Jones, personal banker 2

greeting stations within the bank, the managers are able to help customers with some transactions.

Another successful ingredient for Hibernia is its extensive community involvement, including the staff being selected locally. And already they are sponsors for the Allen Ballet, and Allen Chamber of Commerce members. Laing said the company is always active in the local chambers of commerce and civic groups, and other community involvement is encouraged. But he said he believes such involvement has to come from the heart, and therefore he wants the staff to choose where they will be involved.

"We really want this to be Allen's bank," added Laing. "Our name badge says it all - 'where service matters.'"

The Hibernia Bank in Allen was designed for customer convenience and comfort. Two greeters are stationed either side as customers enter, with the teller stations straight ahead, and services offered are

clearly visible. There is even a coffee station and comfortable lounge area. And for customers who need 24 hour banking services, Hibernia Bank has a lobby area providing around the clock access to on-line banking and an ATM machine.

Hibernia Bank-Allen, is located at 1219 W. McDermott, Allen, TX 75013. You can also visit their website at [www.hibernia.com](http://www.hibernia.com) or call 972.359.8338.

The grand opening for the Allen office is set for January 17, 2004. The Plano branch (at Coit and Mapleshade), is set to open Monday January 12, with a grand opening in early February.

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them read. They bring such a joy to me," said Price.

Education has always played an important role to the theologian who recently received his Honorary Doctorate of Divinity Degree from St. Thomas Christian College. President Zamekio Jackson, and Dr. Marie Baker, Director of Business Affairs, presented the honors on November 9, 2003. "People have called me 'doctor' for quite sometime, but it was truly an honor to have finally received the official accreditations," said Price.

Added to his list of achievements are Lifetime Achievement Award for 2001, Presidents Club for Prairie View A&M, and Outstanding Minister of the Year Award. Price has worked closely with community organizations as the Urban League, Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce, NAACP, and the State of Texas House of Representatives where he received the Teacher and Christian Leadership Award.

NMZ has provided a wealth of resources through its Computer Bank of education for the underdeveloped youth and adults in the congregation. "Everyone is not college material. Some people get lost in the shuffle. We want to help by becoming the catalyst that propels them into mainstream America," said Price.

"Help is indeed the portion for this ministry as a mutual respect and support has ensued from area schools. We currently network with the Richardson and Dallas School Districts. Our location is convenient for after school and

Day Care," said Price.

NMZ has also opened their doors to their beautiful spacious Life Center to area businesses for banquets and other functions. "The way we look at it is if we truly the church, we need to open our doors to everyone, and be an example from which to grow," said Price. The Center recently debuted a play called "Will you Trust Me?" based on conversations between God and Job. "When you've gone through it all, God just wants to know, if you will still trust Him," said Price.

Teaching on the principles of purpose, Price shares his other passion, "My goal is to pour into people incarcerated, and disciple them back into their rightful place within society. We need to make our people feel good about working again," said Price.

An on-site Credit Union is another way in which the NMZ family is giving back. They currently have a program exclusively for the single parent where they give \$10.00 a month and at the end of the year, the

church matches it. "The monies have been utilized for Christmas gifts, house payments or just any need the families may have at that time of year," said Price. The Credit Union will be open to the public next year. It is currently only available to congregants and their families.

Price still finds time to answer the occasional phone, plan next year's youth budget, and visit with unexpected congregants. NMZ supports their youth through continued sponsorship of their Drill Teams, College Prep Weeks, and Conferences. Young Adults, and youths are a priority of fostering; from a classically decorated Bridal Suite to the "Sweetheart" class, a class where senior women counsel younger women on life and ethics.

Standing firmly by his side is wife, Rev. Deloris Brashear Price and their three children and three grandchildren. At 71, Price is hopeful that "in the very end, if we can say we've finished our course in joy, then we've done a good thing."

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# THE TRUTH CLINIC

## The Resurrection of Strom Thurmond

At 11 a.m. on Wednesday December 17, 2003 at the Adam's Mark hotel in Columbia, South Carolina, if all goes as planned, Essie Mae Williams a 78 year old black woman will hold a press conference to announce that she is indeed the illegitimate daughter of former Senator Strom Thurmond who died last June. Essie Mae was born Oct. 12, 1925, to a 16-year-old, unmarried mother, Carrie "Tunch" Butler, who was a maid in the Thurmond's two-story home on the outskirts of Edgefield, S.C.

The allegation that a white man fathered a black child ordinarily would not require a press conference. U. S. history has provided many accounts of dalliances between a white "master" and a black servant woman. But this is not the ordinary run of the mill miscegenation mistake. The name Strom Thurmond will make this one of the top stories of the last 100 years.

Strom Thurmond's remarkable public career has been well documented by the media and historians will surely write much more after sorting through the Thurmond collection at Clemson University. Besides being the longest serving U.S. senator in history and the oldest person to serve in Congress he was a former state legislator, circuit judge and governor. He was a decorated veteran of World War II.

What makes this story unique is the man who burst upon the American political scene in 1948 as the presidential candidate for the Democrats had spent most of his career leading the fight for a segregated America.

Thurmond is well known

for his hard line opposition to civil rights. In 1956, he wrote the Southern Manifesto, the blueprint for collective resistance to the Supreme Court's 1954 Brown v. Board of Education decision in which "separate but equal" public education was declared unconstitutional.

He staged the longest one-man filibuster in Senate history, holding the floor for 24 hours and 18 minutes, in an effort to block housing provisions of the 1957 Civil Rights Act even though the measure already had been watered down to the point where other southern legislators were prepared to let it pass. Thurmond claimed he did this in the name of sparing the South from "mongrelization." The media, historians and psychologists will want to explore the apparent hypocrisy of championing an anti gene-mixing platform while simultaneously participating in mixing genes.

While Strom was not the first, nor will he be the last, he will certainly be one of the most famous to juggle the racial dichotomy of simultaneously waging a battle that ensured his own progeny would suffer so much misery while bearing the chains of daddy's racism.

In Thurmond's case the racial conflict warrants a detailed Freudian analysis since this high profile senator kept up a significant relationship with Essie Mae over the years. In an interview with a Washington Post reporter she said that Thurmond privately acknowledged her as his daughter and had provided financial support since 1941. He gave her money and paid her regular visits at the black

South Carolina State College where he sent her while he was governor.

Whenever he would travel to California the Senator would alert her and arrange for them to meet. Williams has been the subject of widespread speculation for some time that she was Strom's daughter. While Thurmond has always denied that he fathered a "colored offspring" there were whispers as early as 1968. The Washington Post identified Williams by her maiden name in 1992, in an account of Williams's relationship with Senator Thurmond. In some ways, Williams has played the dutiful daughter game, insisting over the years whenever she was contacted for interviews that Thurmond was just a close friend of the family.

She explains in a Washington Post article, "I did not want anybody to know I had an illegitimate father. I want to finally answer all of these questions that have been following me for 50 or 60 years." She said her story is a part of history much like the Sally Hemmings relationship with founding father Thomas Jefferson.

William's attorney, Frank R. Wheaton of Los Angeles, said Mrs. Williams was not seeking to challenge the wishes of the late senator with regard to his estate. We are not looking for money. We are merely seeking closure by way of the truth for Essie Mae Williams.

There is a truth to be gleaned from the resurrection of Ol' Strom. Racism has no merit in fact and those that practice it do so for reasons other than race conviction.

James W. Breedlove

Comments or opinions may be sent to the writer at: www.truthclinic.com

## You & Your Government

### City of Plano

Plano Public Libraries and municipal offices, and the Animal Shelter will be closed Thursday December 25, and Friday December 26. All Parks and Recreation Facilities will be closed Thursday December 25. Animal control emergency calls should be directed to 972.769.4360, and Public Works emergencies to 972.727.1623.

City Manager Tom Muchlenbeck announced last week the resignation of Ramond "Chip" Collins, the city's Director of Information Services since February 1, 2000. Ed Jenkins, Telecommunications Manager, has been appointed Interim Director of Information Services. A search will commence for a replacement.

Friends of the Plano Public Library has received a \$22,400 grant provided through Verizon Foundation for Plano Public Library System's (PPLS) literacy program. A check will be presented to the Friends by David Russell, Verizon Vice President of External Affairs, on Thursday, December 18 at Harrington Library at 11:00 a.m.

City Council members have instructed city staff to develop a master plan for installing permanent parking spaces in the left southbound lane of Avenue K, from 18th to 14th streets. Officials said the row of parking reduces traffic speeds and aids downtown pedestrians. The city has just finished a 60-day experiment in which temporary brick islands were set up in the left lane of the three-lane street, between 15th and 18th streets, to create parking spaces and to see if the lane reduction would slow traffic and help pedestrians. A master street plan is expected to be ready for a council vote in January. During the experiment, traffic speeds reduced from 38 to 35 mph.

### City of Garland

All City offices will be closed for Christmas Thursday, December 25 and Friday, December 26. City offices will also be closed New

### Year's Day

Garland Girl Scouts are concerned about a proposed ordinance to restrict solicitation in the city. The proposed ordinance would limit house to house solicitation from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This would hinder most parents from going door to door selling girl scout cookies, as most of them are working during those hours, and would normally take the girls around the neighborhood in the evenings.

City Council member Jackie Feagin said the initial intent of the ordinance review was to address the problem of people who interfere with traffic at intersections, but other council members recommended extending it to neighborhood solicitation.

The ordinance also would require information on adults who might accompany Girl Scouts when they go door-to-door selling cookies or hold booth sales at retail centers, which would cost the city to conduct background checks.

There is also concern that it would affect school organizations like bands, and church organizations.

City Attorney Charles Hinton said he has since been directed by the city council to redraft the existing ordinance with one part pertaining to street solicitation and the other pertaining to door-to-door solicitation.

### City of Richardson

The City of Richardson City Council passed Ordinance 3441-A, creating a rental registration program to help ensure that tenants of rental houses and duplexes are provided with dwellings that meet minimum safety, health, fire and zoning standards. Owners of rental property are required to complete an initial registration prior to January 1, 2004. Owners will also be required to renew the registration on an annual basis determined by the geographical location of their property. Although there is no fee to register, there is a penalty (max \$2,000) for failure to register the property or for providing false information.

Condominiums are currently not included in the rental registration program.

The rental registration program guide, inspection criteria and Rental Registration Application are available at www.cor.net. Direct questions to Stephanie Pennington, 972-744-4193, or to the Building Inspection Department at 972-744-4180.

There were many upsets this year at Richardson's Santa's Village, as the pony rides were dropped from the program. City officials dropped the pony rides from Santa's Village, saying they didn't fit because there was a charge for the ride when the event is supposed to be free. Marty Bertrand, who operates Marty's Party and Portrait Ponies at the village, said this might mean the end of her business. She said for families that couldn't afford the pony rides, she provided free rides.

### City of Frisco

The Senior Center is closed until January 5, 2004, in order to make the move to its new facility at Senior Center at Frisco Square, 6670 Moore St.

### City of McKinney

The City of McKinney is requesting public input regarding segregation signage found in the basement of McKinney's Historic Collin County Courthouse. In 1997, architects unveiled a "Whites Only" sign in the basement of the Courthouse. Six years later, as architects were doing exploration work in preparation of the rehabilitation project, they unveiled a "Colored Only" sign. The McKinney Community Development Corporation (MCDPC) is focused on getting as much community input as possible. Once gathered, the feedback will be presented to City Council for a formal decision on the future of the signage in the Courthouse. For more information, call 972-529-8488.

## Redistricting Case for Texas Argued Before Federal Court in Austin

By Elaine La Rose Thornton

Austin, TX- Judges Higginbotham, Ward and Rosenthal presented opening arguments to the federal court by plaintiffs and defendants in the redistricting suit for the state of Texas. Any judgments made for either side is surely to wind up in the United States Supreme Court.

Representatives for LULAC, the Black Democrats of Texas, and the NAACP as well as experts for the plaintiffs presented arguments to the court that will show that the configuration of the districts passed by the Texas legislatures recently in the form of #1374C are in violation of the Voting Rights Act, section #2 and in violation of the redistricting regulations which allow districts to be redrawn only every ten years, and not the two years after the districts were last redrawn following the 2000 census.

The arguments presented promised to prove that certain districts representing Hispanics and African American voters have been diluted in their effectiveness by surrounding Anglo districts, thus "submerging" the intent of the district and therefore tossing away the voice of the voters in the districts. Arguments promised to show that the districts are drawn in such a manner that prove an intentional reduction of the voice of the voters via lines redrawn to merge urban with suburban areas to create "opportunity" districts out of

districts specifically designed for minorities, and to change so-called "influence" districts to more ambiguous representation, both with the result of reducing representation for previously strong Black and Latino districts. Some of the districts in question are #21, 23, 24, 30, 18 among others mentioned.

Testimony was presented by Dr. Alan Lickman, an expert on voting patterns and

significant numbers also.

The state's legal representatives argued that the newly redrawn lines enhanced voter representation, and that the plan, 1374C is legal because of approval by the Texas Legislature. The state will also attempt to prove that the drawing of the districts do not lead to "gerrymandering" or manipulation of districts for the special interests, or in this case the Republicans. However, it has been shown that with the new districts, representation of Democrats is reduced and representation of minorities either diluted or eliminated. During the course of planning for the redrawing of the state's districts lines, a number of Democrats fought the 1374C plan by fleeing to neighboring states to avoid confrontation with the Senate and House which is compromised predominantly by the Republican party.

Testimony by witnesses will be held in the duration of the court's deliberation, which may last about a week. "We expect that the case will reach the Supreme Court no matter the outcome," said Attorney Robert Knotson, representing the case for the NAACP. Along with witnesses from LULAC the GI Forum, the Texas Black Democrats, Gary Bledsoe from the state NAACP and Bob Lydie Branch President for the Dallas NAACP will be expected to give testimony.



Gary Bledsoe, President, Texas NAACP

the districts as they originate. He explained that the voting patterns of the Dallas districts have shown increased voter participation by African Americans over the period of time, since the district's inception, that he has examined the Texas 30th Congressional District which is represented by Congress Member Eddie Bernice Johnson. The district and districts such as the Congressional 18th District, under the watch of Sheila Jackson Lee, has enjoyed increased involvement by concerned voters, in

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

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

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Tears for the Troops, sponsored by Classique Jewelers, Frisco-Online and its members. Drop off donations at Classique Jewelers in the Tom Thumb shopping center on Preston Road, Frisco. They are open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. M-F and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturdays.

Interactive Dallas Children's Museum at Valley View Center - a hospital fantasyland, a miniature grocery store, a farm, a "Jungle Impressions" exhibit complete with rain forest, arts and crafts. Mon-Fri 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturdays 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sundays noon - 6 p.m. Children 2-10 years \$4/Adults \$3. Call 972.386.6555.

Interurban Railway Station Museum, 901 E. 15th Street, Plano, Historic Downtown. From 1908 to 1948, this was a station on the Texas Electric Railroads' Interurban Line. Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. For special tours call 972.941.2117.

Job seekers can attend weekly meetings held by TeamNetworking Collin County. The nonprofit, business-to-business group oversees several chapters, with the Collin County group meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Tuesday at Blue Mesa Grill, 8200 North Dallas Parkway in Plano. No reservations are required, and more information is available

online [www.teamnetworking.com](http://www.teamnetworking.com).

**Through December 20**

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**Through January 5, 2004**

Santa vs. The Snowman is coming back to Fort Worth's Omni Theater. An instant holiday classic, beginning November 14 at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, 1501 Montgomery Street, Fort Worth. For times and information call: 817.255.9300 or 888.255.9300, or visit: [www.fortworthmuseum.org](http://www.fortworthmuseum.org)

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A Pastor's Essay Contest sponsored by Briscoe's Leisure Travel. Submit an essay, 50 words or less by mail, fax, or email, to Briscoe's Leisure Travel. State reasons why your pastor should "Worship on the Waters and "Sail For Free" on a gospel cruise from Galveston to Mexico on October 23, 2004. For more information, contact Deidre Carter-Briscoe at 972-772-9396 or log on to [www.leisurefuntravel.com](http://www.leisurefuntravel.com).

**Through January 10, 2004**

Eclectic Nature: Teaching Ecology Through Art. Features the many faces of mother nature, at The Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary. A mixed media show of two McKinney artists, Brian and Schelly Corry. Monday - Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. One Nature Place, McKinney. Call 972.562.5566, or visit: [www.heardmuseum.org](http://www.heardmuseum.org). Admission to museum and grounds is \$8 adults/\$5 children

3-12.

The ArtCentre of Plano unveils "In Living Clay," an exhibit by Galisteo, New Mexico, author and clay muralist Priscilla Hoback, December 5. Reception - 6 to 8 p.m. Runs through Jan.10, 2004, sponsored by Holiday Inn. Animals are her primary subject matter. The ArtCentre is located at the corner of 15th Street and Avenue K, Plano. Gallery hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free admission. Call 972.423.7809.

**December 11, 12, 13**

Visit Holidays in the Grove at Pleasant Oaks Recreation Center in Dallas. You'll be mesmerized by a magical wonderland with over 65,000 lights, which includes a 60 ft. tall tree of lights and lit holiday displays! Eastfield College is a co-sponsor of this event. Call 214.670.0945 for times. 8701 Greenmound, Dallas.

**Through February 3**

Works of art by Brazilian artist Denise Lion will be on exhibit at the Courtyard Theater, 1509 Avenue H, downtown Plano. Reception 6p.m. to 8 p.m. December 19. Free.

**December 18 - 19**

Dallas Black Dance Theatre (DBDT) presents its Holiday Noontime Performance Series, noon-1:00 p.m. A showcasing a variety of works from its repertoire and a holiday tribute. Plus a chance to meet the dancers at the DBDT Studios, 2627 Flora Street, Dallas. FREE, but seating is limited. To reserve a seat, call 214.871.2390.

**December 19**

The Garland Symphony Orchestra team with The First United Methodist Church of

Arlington and the Arlington Choral Society, to sing in the holidays, 8:00 p.m. at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth Street in Garland. Join in GSO's traditional sing-along. Check for ticket availability at 972.926.0611.

December 18, 19, 20, 21  
A Repertory Company Theatre, presents "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at the Eisemann Center Theatre, 2351 Performance Drive, Richardson. Thur, Fri, Sat 7:30 p.m./Sat, Sun 2:00 p.m. Tickets: \$20 \$16 adults; \$11 children. RCT Box Office: 972.690.5029. Web Site: [www.rcttheatre.com](http://www.rcttheatre.com). Eiseman Center Theatre: 972.744.4600 admin/972.744.tickets.

January 3  
Youth for Christ sponsor a talent show "No Boundaries," at the Plaza Theatre, 521 W. State Street, Garland. Young adults are invited to share their talents in singing, playing instruments, dancing and others. Tickets \$10. Call Scott Mendoza: 972.279.5119, Kate Poquiz: 214.381.3674, or Jimmy and Fe Villamayor: 972.272.2315.

Support Groups  
Healing Matters Grief Support Group meets the fourth Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at Medical Center of Plano classrooms. This is a pregnancy loss support group for anyone who has lost a baby to miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, newborn death, or SIDS. There is also a share group for those pregnant again following a loss. For information call 972-519-1588.

DivorceCare meets at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Fellowship Bible

Church North, 850 Lexington, Plano. Call Bob Hornstein at 972-783-8800.

Collin County Community College District's Counseling Services offers individual and group counseling, crisis assessment, intervention and referral. For more information call Counseling Services at 972.881.5779 at the Spring Creek Campus; 972.548.6615 at the Central Park Campus; or 972.377.1671 at the Preston Ridge Campus.

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Women needed to mentor teen mothers at Hope Cottage Pregnancy and Adoption Center, 22 years and older. Spend time with a teen mother and her baby, providing emotional support, positive role modeling and a listening ear. To make a difference in the life of a teen mother and her baby, call Tara Pitt at 214.526.8721, ext 226, or visit [www.hopcottage.org](http://www.hopcottage.org).

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# The Fundamentals of Financial Aid for College

## (Loan Alternatives)

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## Scholarships and Grants

Scholarships and grants are awarded by a variety of organizations, and do not have to be paid back. They may, however, require you to keep a certain GPA; if it is an athletic scholarship, you must remain academically eligible.

Most schools offer scholarships based on academic merit and/or financial need. You can also check with religious organizations, foundations, labor unions, businesses, or town and city groups for scholarships based on achievement, ethnicity, hobbies, or talents.

Another possibility is the military. All branches of the Armed Forces offer the Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC), a federal merit-based scholarship program that will pay for tuition, fees, books, and provide you with a monthly allowance. If either you or your spouse are veterans, or

are a dependent of a veteran, veterans' educational benefits may be available as well; check with your local Veterans' Affairs office.

Grants are financial aid awards that do not need to be repaid. For example, the Pell Grant is the largest federal grant program, awarding an average of \$2,400.

## Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants

FSEOGs are federally funded grants available based on financial need. While FSEOG and Pell Grants are available for undergraduate students, they're not an option for graduate school.

## Work-Study

Work-Study is a government program based on your financial aid eligibility. The programs count as financial aid when the college financial aid office arranges the employment. Your earnings are then excluded from the expected family contribution equation.

## The Financial Aid Process

If you apply using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on the Web or FAFSA Express, your data will be processed by the processing system. You'll receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) in the mail approximately three weeks after you mail in the signature page that can be printed from the Web or from FAFSA Express software.

The FAFSA form is required for all students who seek consideration for federal financial aid programs. Before completing, compile all tax information—for yourself and parents or spouse.

For most federal student aid programs, the FAFSA is the only form you'll need to file. To receive a Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL), Stafford Loan, or a Direct or FFEL Plus Loan, you'll have to complete additional forms. Submit the form no sooner than January 1 of your senior year, but as quickly as possible thereafter. Aid is distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

In about a month, you'll receive your Student Aid Report (SAR), which you should check for accuracy. If there are no problems, the SAR will report your Expected Family Contribution (EFC), the number used to determine your eligibility for federal student aid. The results will also be sent to the schools you list on your application.

If it has been more than four weeks since you submitted your application and you haven't received your SAR, you can check on your application by contacting the Federal Student Aid Information Center at (800) 4-FED-AID or TTY (800) 730-8913, or visit [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

FAFSA on the Web is a free U.S. Department of Education Web site where you can submit the FAFSA online.

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All submissions must be emailed to: [scholarship@blacknews.com](mailto:scholarship@blacknews.com)

Do NOT send your essay as an attachment. Your 1000-word essay submission must be within the body of the email along with your name and contact info.

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We will review all submissions and select final candidates based on the quality, uniqueness, and creativity of the content in your essay. On March 15, 2004, the winner will be awarded \$500 as a refund for the money he/she spent on books that semester. Don't worry - Even if you didn't spend \$500 on books, you will get the full award!

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# Colonial Properties Trust Awards More Than \$90,000 in Scholarships for College Students

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (PRNewswire-FirstCall) - In a continuing effort to promote higher education, Colonial Properties Trust (NYSE:CLP) has once again awarded several college students a unique scholarship, granting the use of a one-bedroom apartment during the 2003/2004 school year in communities in which we operate multifamily properties, the total value of which is more than \$90,000.

Under the apartment scholarship program, Colonial Properties Trust grants use of the apartment for one year - a value of approximately \$9,000. Scholarships were awarded to business students based upon merit who are majoring in business-related fields of study.

"The officers and trustees of the Colonial Properties Trust take great pride in supporting these deserving young men and women," stated Howard B. Nelson, Jr., and Chief Financial Officer of Colonial Properties Trust. "After the expenses

of tuition, books and school supplies, housing costs are the next largest expense for a college student and their family. Our scholarship program, now in its eighth year, not only offers students a good study environment, but also allows the students to keep their focus on their academics."

"The scholarships provided by Colonial Properties open doors to opportunity for students that would otherwise not exist in these difficult economic times," stated Barry Mason, Dean of the school of Commerce and Business Administration, University of Alabama. "The model of corporate philanthropy they have developed in their key markets is remarkably creative."

Colonial Properties Trust is a diversified REIT that, through its subsidiaries, owns a portfolio of multifamily, office and retail properties where you live, work and shop in Alabama, Florida, Georgia,

Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. Colonial Properties Trust performs development, acquisition, management, leasing and brokerage services for its portfolio and properties owned by third parties. Colonial Properties Trust is a diversified REIT, which has a total market capitalization of \$2.8 billion. The cornerstone of Colonial Properties' success is its live, work and shop diversified investment strategy. The Company manages or leases 19,500 apartment units, 6.5 million square feet of office space and 15.6 million square feet of retail shopping space. In 2003, the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP) named Colonial Properties Trust "National Developer of the Year". Additional information on Colonial Properties Trust is available on the Internet at [www.colonialprop.com](http://www.colonialprop.com).

# Plano ISD Board of Trustees Approve Reduction in Force

To make up for an anticipated \$12 to \$13 million budget shortfall next school year, the Plano ISD Board of Trustees at its December 9 meeting approved a list of 33 central administration employment areas, including more than 60 positions, to be affected by a reduction in force (RIF), effective spring 2004. The action, which was first approved in policy by trustees on November 18, is one of several cost-saving measures that the school district will implement due to the anticipated revenue shortfall.

School Board President Mary Beth King stated, "This is the most painful decision that we have made in my nine years on the board. The culprit here is a badly flawed school finance system that is causing districts like Plano throughout the state to dismantle stellar school programs. As an individual board member, I am committed to fighting this system, and hope that our

staff and parents will join me in convincing our legislators to provide the funds needed to ensure that each and every child has an excellent education."

Among the administrative employees affected by the RIF are those who hold appropriate credentials/teaching certification. They will have the option to move into a campus teaching position, assigned by the human resources department based on certification, campus experience and district needs. Trustees are considering a second RIF based on staffing allocations at the campuses, with additional RIFs coming from the middle school campuses due to a conference period reduction (from two to one), review of student/teacher ratios at the secondary level and elimination of high school block scheduling.

Several financial demands continue to burden our school district, not the least of which is the state system for school

funding, dubbed the "Robin Hood" plan and enforced by the Texas Legislature in 1993. Since the first year of the "recapture" system, Plano ISD has sent nearly \$500 million of local tax revenue to

the state to be distributed among property poor school districts. The adopted budget for recapture payment this school year is \$132.76 million, and our estimated recapture for 2004-05 is \$135.6 million.

## VENDETTA AVERY COMPUTER LAB



Sheila Turpley Lott (center) poses with the grandchildren of the late Vendetta "Donna" Avery. (Left to Right) Elicia Sweet, DawnRae Ross, and Alexis Blair, (Front) Twins, Bryan and Brandon Blair

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## T.D. Jakes' Musical Stage Play Cover Girls Hits The Road for 2004 Production Stars Kim Fields and Ann Nesby

Dallas, TX- Clear Channel Entertainment, T. D. Jakes Enterprises and Mathew Knowles will bring the theatrical production of Cover Girls to the stage for its first national tour. The tour is scheduled to perform in 28 cities across the United States. The world premiere of Cover Girls kicks off January 6, 2004 at NextStage in Dallas, TX. Cover Girls stars actress Kim Fields of the hit television show "Living Single" and Ann Nesby, a gospel legend and Grammy, winner who most recently appeared in the movie "The Fighting Temptations." Tickets are onsale now at the NextStage Box Office and at all Ticketmaster Outlets including Foley's, Fiesta and Tower Records. Charge-by-phone at 214.373.8000 or log onto ticketmaster.com.

Mathew Knowles, CEO of Music World Entertainment/Sanctuary Theatrical Productions and father of R & B superstar Beyoncé Knowles, is executive producing the musical stageplay with Music World/Sanctuary Theatricals. "Cover Girls is a project I am so passionate about," says Knowles. "I am happy to be partnering for the first time with Clear Channel Entertainment and T. D. Jakes to bring an incredible production to the stage." Knowles manages recording artists Destiny's Child, Beyoncé Knowles, Kelly Rowland and Michelle Williams, who have collectively sold well over 36 million records.

Based on the best-selling novel by renowned Bishop T.D. Jakes, Cover Girls tells the story of four women who seemingly have nothing in

common. Yet, every day they each face the complex realities of 21st century urban life as they try to balance their needs with their belief in God. In 2003, the novel Cover Girls reached #17 on the New York Times Bestsellers expanded list. The novel is released by Warner Faith Books.

"Cover Girls is about coming to terms with the past, discovering who we truly are, and recognizing the unexpected friendships and small miracles that reveal God's all-encompassing love," says Jakes. He adds, "This theatrical production is the next step in furthering the gospel genre for the stage, and I am incredibly proud to be a part of it."

Cover Girls tells the story of Michelle, a driven career woman and survivor of abuse, who swears she'll never be used again; Tonya, who knows what it's like to have a happy marriage shattered by unimaginable tragedy; Mrs. Judson, who believes her wealth and influence can protect her against all harm, but shocked when a family scandal threatens both her hard-earned reputation and the values she's made the center of her world; and "Miz" Ida, who has dedicated her life to God and giving others a shoulder to cry on. Soon she'll need all her faith to help herself and these women at last find themselves—and each other.

Actress Kim Fields, who recently toured with the hit play Vagina Monologues, is playing the role of Michelle. Fields has spent more than 20 years in show business starring in two long running television series, "The Facts Of Life" and "Living Single." She has accumulated numerous starring credits in commercials, guest-starring roles, theater

productions, as well as TV movies. This year, she received extraordinary reviews for her role in the one-woman show, in which she starred, Pandora's Box, as well as for her involvement as Executive Producer in Neil Simon's, Barefoot in the Park. In 1994, Kim received the NAACP Theater Award for best director with her stage directorial debut - the hit comedy Vanities.

Talented Gospel legend and Grammy award winner Ann Nesby joins Cover Girls, playing the role of Miz Ida. Nesby has worked with gospel choir The Sounds of Blackness, one of the most nationally recognized gospel choirs in the world, generating the Top 10 Gospel/R&B hits "Optimistic," "Testify" and "The Pressure" and earning two Grammy awards. After releasing her debut solo album in 1996, she found herself with two smash hits topping the Billboard Dance Charts. On Ann's next LP, she had the opportunity to record a duet with Al Green, "Put it on Paper," the title track and first single. In 1996, Ann began acting, joining the cast of the musical, "I know I've Been Changed." Recently, she was nominated for a 2003 Grammy Award for Best Traditional R&B Performance. In 2003, Ann appeared in her first major motion picture, Paramount Pictures' "The Fighting Temptations," starring Beyoncé Knowles and Oscar winner Cuba Gooding Jr.

James Stovall, who previously directed Black Nativity, will direct Cover Girls. Cheryl Davis, whose previous plays include Barnstormer and The Color of Joy, is adapting the "Cover Girls" novel for the stage. The composers and lyricists are Cedric and Victor Caldwell. They have worked

with Whitney Houston, Take 6, Andrae Crouch, Chante Moore, Bobby Brown, Donnie McClurkin and BeBe & CeCe Winans.

Bishop T. D. Jakes is founder of T.D. Jakes Enterprises, Inc. and is the co-writer and co-producer of Cover Girls. He is also a contributor to the show's lyrics. Curtis Wallace, C.O.O. of T.D. Jakes Enterprises, is associate producer of Cover Girls. Paul Weimer, who has credits with Phantom of the Opera and Cabaret, is the scenic designer; lighting design is by Jeff Crotier; costume designer is Sosa.

For more updates about the Cover Girls tour, log onto [www.covergirlsonline.com](http://www.covergirlsonline.com).

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Hilary Duff, Live in Concert January 13, 2004 NextStage at Grand Prairie

Teen actress Hilary Duff quickly rose to fame on the strength of her winning performance on the successful television series Lizzie McGuire. Born in Houston, TX, September 28, 1987, she developed an interest in dance at the age of six and began taking ballet lessons, later making her stage debut in a Christmas production of The Nutcracker.

She developed a stronger passion for acting after being cast in a television commercial, and, in 1998, appeared in the direct-to-video Casper Meets Wendy as Wendy, a youthful witch. After taking on more dramatic roles in the made-for-TV movie The Soul Collector and a guest appearance on Chicago Hope, Duff was cast in the

title role of Lizzie McGuire in 2001. A sitcom for young people, Lizzie McGuire concerned the trials and tribulations of middle-school student Lizzie as she and her animated alter ego deal with the funny side of adolescence.

A n immediate hit on The Disney Channel, the show made Duff a recognizable face to television viewers, and Disney quickly responded by casting her in a made-for-TV movie, Cadet Kelly, which earned high ratings. In 2002, the actress also made a brief appearance in the



offbeat comedy Human Nature, playing Young Lila, a hirsute child who grows up to become Patricia Arquette. After the success of Lizzie McGuire, Duff branched out into music, writing and singing a song for the film's soundtrack album, and recording a Christmas album in 2002. Released in theaters in the summer of 2003, The Lizzie McGuire Movie provided the ideal cinematic alternative for pre-teen girls uninterested in the exploits of X-Men 2 and too young to be

swept up in the hype of The Matrix Reloaded. Taking in twice the cost of production in only four weeks at the box office, Duff stunned fans less than a month after the film's stateside release by announcing that, due to contract negotiation failures, she would be departing from the lucrative Lizzie McGuire franchise to pursue other career opportunities.

Tickets will be on sale through Ticketmaster.com and by phone at 214.373.8000, metro 972.647.5700, Verizon Wireless Customers dial #NEXT. Tickets are also available at all Ticketmaster outlets including, Foley's, Fiesta, Warehouse Music, & Tower Records. In addition, tickets are available at the NextStage Box Office.

## Multi-Platinum Recording Artist Musiq Soulchild Stands Up for Kids This Holiday Season!

DALLAS, TEXAS -Def Soul recording artist Musiq Soulchild is keeping with the theme of the season by collecting coats, toys, and canned goods for the STAND UP FOR KIDS ORGANIZATION. Giving back to the community is an issue Musiq feels very strongly about because he was once homeless himself and he really wants to make a difference in a child's life. Donation drop locations are set up around the metroplex at various music

retail stores as well as Car Toys locations to accept the donations. KRNB (105.7) & KKDA (104.5) FM, DallasBlack.com, Car Toys, and Toy's R US have partnered in an effort to collect donations for this worthy cause. Anyone making a contribution will receive a complimentary ticket to a special performance with Musiq Soulchild, Friday December 19, 2003 at Blackberry's Night Club 15203 Knoll Trail, located at the corner of Arapaho and Knoll Trail in

North Dallas. STAND UP FOR KIDS is a national non-profit organization dedicated to the rescue of needy and distressed children.

In addition, a press conference will be held on Friday, December 19, 2003 at Tower Records located at 3707 Lemmon Ave in Dallas Texas for Musiq to discuss his commitment to STAND UP FOR KIDS ORGANIZATION as well as his new album in stores now entitled SOULSTAR. "And for people who never heard my last two records, SOULSTAR is

a journey in to sound that's familiar and freaky. "SOULSTAR" is an ode to those that came before me," says Musiq. "I strive to grow into the name 'Soulchild' every day. Both 'Soulchild' and 'Soulstar' are names to live up to, that carry a responsibility. I hope that I can help pave the road for another generation the way that past 'soulstars' have opened doors for me."

### Cheaper by the Dozen



This loose remake of the 1950 Walter Lang film tells the story of small-town college football coach Tom Baker (Steve Martin), who tries to run his wacky brood (a gaggle of patience-trying kids) according to the same principles he uses with his team. When Tom gets offered a better job coaching at a major university, he and his wife, Kate (Bonnie Hunt), must move the entire family. Chaos rules, because Kate is on the road promoting her just-published memoir, leaving Tom in charge of the out-of-control clan and overwhelmed with work, at home and away from it.

December 25, 2003

### Cold Mountain



Cold Mountain is based on the best-selling, National Book Award-winning novel by Charles Frazier. The story focuses on a wounded Civil War soldier, Inman (Jude Law), who gets up from what doctors suspected was his deathbed and begins the long, difficult walk home to Cold Mountain, N.C., so he can be with the woman he loves and left behind three years earlier, Ada (Nicole Kidman). Inman encounters many obstacles along the way. Ada, heartbroken, lonely, and struggling to care for her deceased dad's farm, receives a helping hand in the form of a sassy, hard-working wanderer (Renée Zellweger), who is estranged from her fiddle-playing father (Brendan Gleeson).

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# CCHCC Announces Its New Board of Directors and Executive Committee



**Board of Directors**  
(left to right) Rodney E. Cruz, Marvia Shelton, Humberto B. Rodriguez (not present); Luis Nuño Briones and Angel L. Rodriguez



**Board of Directors**  
(left to right) Executive Director Ex Alba; Past President Humberto B. Rodriguez; Executive Director-Elect Arturo Ibarra

Collin County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce announces its new Board of Directors and Executive Committee for 2004. The Hispanic Chamber has membership representing all areas of the county and its leadership reflects geographical diversity as well as personal diversity in backgrounds and occupations.

At the November 16th Installation Dinner the new officers were introduced:

Executive Director, Ex Alba; Secretary, Shawn Cross; Treasurer, Carol Rodriguez;

Member Relations, Jonquil White; Community Relations, Christina Villanueva. The Executive Director-Elect for 2005 is Arturo Ibarra. Board of Directors serving from 2004 through 2006 includes

Humberto B. Rodriguez, Immediate Past President; Rodney E. Cruz; Luis Nuño Briones; Angel L. Rodriguez; and Marvia Shelton.

The Collin County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce mission statement is "empowering the Hispanic and minority business owners with the knowledge and resources to reach their full potential". Chamber activities during 2004 will include business expositions, networking meetings, and monthly programs of interest to business people. The Hispanic Chamber supports

all activities that serve each member personally and the county in general towards its goals of providing opportunity for improvement in the quality of life for all residents.

To learn more about the Collin County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, please visit [www.cchchamber.org](http://www.cchchamber.org) or call 972.801.2717.

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- Writing and servicing press releases about promotional events at the radio station.
- Layout, production and writing articles for Faith Talk Magazine.
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best-selling book, "Powernomics," and works in conjunction with local economic movements across this country.

Here's the good news for all of those searching for last minute deductions from your taxable income. The Harvest Institute is a member of the Combined Federal Campaign; the I.D. number is 1052, and if you can make regular donations, throughout next year as well, via this convenient vehicle. Additionally, you can make a contribution right now. Send in your tax-deductible gift to The Harvest Institute, 623 Florida Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001.

Every week, in this column, we write approximately 900 words about economic empowerment principles and how Black people can utilize economic strategies and tactics to secure a strong economic position in this country. Of course, it takes money - our money, in addition to any other money others want to supply, but initially it takes our money to get the job done. For four decades now, Claud Anderson has worked for what we say we need and, for the most part, he has done it with the nickels and dimes given to him by grass root supporters, a few clergy, and one fantastic Black contributor. How can he or any other individual or organization continue to do what really must be done if we do not support them with our dollars? A better question is: Why should they continue?

I would love to see a nationwide groundswell of financial support for Anderson from Black people, enabling him to heighten our awareness and move us to action around economic empowerment. I'd love to see Black people use more of our dollars to support brothers and sisters who are fighting for us and putting their families, their positions, and even their lives at stake to empower Black America. And, even more, I would love to see our affluent brothers and sisters, who heretofore have found some reason not to use a portion of their wealth to support Claud Anderson, direct some of their annual donations to the Harvest Institute. Wouldn't that be great? I would rejoice

to the heavens if that happens. As far as I know, there is only one person in this category who, with the support of his family, financially supports Anderson's efforts on a regular basis.

I want this to be an informative and timely article on a little-known tax shelter and how we can save on taxes and do something for ourselves simultaneously. I want it to be a solicitation to you in support of an organization that is working on your behalf. I know my passion is showing but believe me, it is an honest and sincere passion. It is a passion for those who are working to empower Black people - the same way other groups in this country have empowered themselves.

Please don't allow Claud Anderson to disappear from the national scene without having completed his mission of helping to set us on a solid collective economic foundation. We should at least show him our appreciation for his many years of laboring for our cause, by contributing to the Harvest Institute. And take a tax write-off to boot! Claud does not need a dinner in his name; he does not need a plaque or some other award. He does not need empty platitudes from radio talk

show hosts who talk a good game and applaud economic empowerment, but never take action to implement Anderson's plan. He does not need people who espouse economic empowerment but neglect doing something as simple as purchasing products made by other Blacks via the MATAH Network, something that Claud Anderson has been doing for years.

The Harvest Institute needs your support, your dollars. Please make your tax-deductible contributions today. For more information see [www.harvestinstitute.org](http://www.harvestinstitute.org) or call 202/ 518- 2465.

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## Request for Proposal for Neighborhood Network Center Program

The Dallas Housing Authority of the City of Dallas, Texas ("DHA") hereby requests Proposals from responsive and responsible firms and individuals qualified to administer an effective Neighborhood Network Center Program for residents living in the Turner Courts, public housing development.

Request for Proposals will be ready for pick-up or mailing on Monday, December 15, 2003. If you are interested in submitting a Proposal, please call (214) 583-2037, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. C.S.T. and one will be mailed to you no later than the next business day, or you may pick up a copy of the Request for Proposals at 3131 Fish Trap Rd. (on the second floor), Dallas, Texas 75212 during the same days and times. Written Proposals are due by 3:00 p.m. C.S.T. on Friday, January 16, 2004.

A Pre-Proposal meeting will be held on Monday, December 29, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. at 3131 Fishtrap Rd., Room 231, Dallas, Texas 75212.

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**Sister Tarpley**

The heirs and other family members of Mr. & Mrs. David Lee (Eloyd Demus) Avery, Sr. will always cherish the kind words, the wonderful stories and the heartfelt memories of their daughter, the late Mrs. Vendetta (Donna) Avery as told by her former students, friends, the faculty and staff members of Birdie Alexander Elementary School at the Dedicator Program naming the computer lab the "Vendetta Avery Computer Lab".

Mrs. Jackie McCoy Renfro, a hard working PTA parent and community worker labored tirelessly in her effort to partition the Dallas Independent School District's Board of Trustees to allow Birdie Alexander Elementary School family to name their computer lab the "Vendetta Avery Computer Lab". Mrs. Renfro said that the idea came to her immediately after the death of Donna. She said that for years she had watched Mrs. Avery and saw that she loved her teaching profession and she loved helping all students to learn and use the computers. Mrs. Renfro's son, Mr. McCoy Renfro, was a student of Mrs. Avery and admired her greatly. Mrs. Renfro submitted the proposal for naming the computer lab in memory of Mrs. Avery and the result of her hard work and caring spirit was the Dedicator Program and a beautiful reception. The sixth Grade Class purchased and mounted the door plaque.

Mrs. Donna Avery was a six-grade teacher at Birdie Alexander and died last year from an aneurysm. In her short-lived life, many people were touched by Mrs. Avery's love and generosity. She lived a quality life, and it has been said that it is not how long you live, but what you do with your life while you are living that is most important. It is also said that to teach is to touch a life forever. As a teacher, Mrs. Avery's legacy, through the lives of her students, will continue to touch lives.

## VENDETTA AVERY COMPUTER LAB

The overall theme of the Dedicator Program was, "The whole art of teaching is only the art of awakening the natural curiosity of young minds" and this was exemplified throughout the program and the reception.

It was an excellent program with Mrs. Geri Newhouse as the MC. Mr. Keith McGill, Principal of Birdie Alexander Elementary School gave a warm and friendly welcome to those in the audience. The Honorable Hollis Brashear, President



**Dianne Sims Hopkins, Retired Principal, Birdie Alexander Elementary School; Eloyd Avery, mother of Vendetta "Donna" Avery; and Jackie McCoy Renfro**

of the DISD Trustee Board told of Mrs. Avery's teaching history in the school district, and with the unanimous approval of the Board he dedicated the "Vendetta Avery Computer Lab" in her memory.

The "Averyette's" Cheerleading Squad, with Ms. Linda Wallace, Sponsor and Ms. Tamara Robison, Assistant Sponsor and the Birdie Alexander Praise Dancers with Ms. Lois Head, Sponsor, gave performances that were very inspiring and will not be soon forgotten.

There were great words of comfort to our family from Ms. Dianne Sims Hopkins, Retired Principal of Birdie Alexander Elementary School; Ms. Jikimi Garrett, a family friend; and Ms. Tamara Robison, who represented the faculty and staff.

Ms. Etta Garrett, Ms. Kourtne Kersee and Ms. Ambre Staten, former students of Mrs. Avery, each told how Mrs. Avery had influenced their lives and what she meant to them.

Ms. Nelda Washington, the Music Instructor, sang Mrs. Avery's favorite song, "Heroes", she rendered a heart-wrenching

and a truly unforgettable performance.

It was easy to see that the "Dedicator Program" had a great impact on Mrs. Eloyd Demus Avery. She was heard saying, "I know how I felt about my daughter, but I didn't know how other people felt until after Donna's death," she said, as tears of joy fell from her eyes.

As an aunt of Donna, I can say that Birdie Alexander School is indeed a family. From the time Donna was rushed to the hospital and after her death, her school family immediately formed a loving circle around us and it is felt today. When I thought that Birdie Alexander could do nothing more because they had done it all, Mrs. Renfro proved me wrong, they are a wonderful family of caring individuals. Mrs. Renfro even requested several times, for those in attendance to sign the guest book for our family to read and enjoy the memories for many years to come. They make me very proud that my profession is teaching.

As I look at Donna's young grandchildren, Elicia, DawnRae, Alexis and twins Bryan and Brandon Blair, I believe the significance of the evening will one day make them very proud and appreciate that the school's PTA, the faculty, staff and students did something wonderful and beautiful for "Grand Grand" as the lovingly called her.

As a family, we express our thanks and gratitude to DISD Board of Trustees and the Birdie Alexander Elementary School Family for a night of pure pleasure and enjoyment; a night we will long remember.

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### ALL NATIONS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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<b>Sunday</b>	- Early Morning Worship . . . . 7:45 am
	- Bible Class . . . . . 9:30 am
	- Morning Worship . . . . . 10:30 am
	- Evening Worship . . . . . 6:00 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	- Prayer Service . . . . . 7:00 pm
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<b>Thursday</b>	- Bible Class . . . . . 11:00 am

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11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship (1st Sunday) 6:00 p.m.

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#### Wednesday

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## Christian Women's Job Corps Loses Leader But Keeps Focus

By Julie Walters  
BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)—Through Christian Women's Job Corps, a ministry of Woman's Missionary Union, countless women in need have discovered direction and hope for their lives. For the past 10 years, Trudy Johnson, CWJC director for national WMU, has coordinated efforts to advance this ministry across the United States and help equip women for life and employment.

CWJC was born out of a vision of WMU leadership beginning in 1994 and subsequently designed by a CWJC task force. It was established as a ministry of WMU in 1996. In six short years, Christian Women's Job Corps, which started with six pilot sites, has grown to approximately 130 sites across 21 states.

Carol Causey, director of WMU's missions resource center, said, "WMU is excited about CWJC's growth potential as we take steps to provide accessible training to more mentors and site coordinators and produce resources for the advancement of the ministry."

The two key elements that make Christian Women's Job Corps

successful are that each participant is paired one-on-one with a mentor for encouragement and accountability and that each participant is expected to participate in a weekly Bible study to either begin or grow in her relationship with the Lord. CWJC makes a long-term commitment to each participant to assist her until she reaches her goals.

The WMU Foundation holds several endowments for the advancement of CWJC, which all have grown over the years. The CWJC Special Fund supports current operating financial needs at various sites; the CWJC Endowment Fund awards financial support to sites for the expansion of current ministries; and the Sybil Bentley Dove Endowment supports an award given annually to a CWJC participant who has completed the program and desires to advance herself through skills training, academic development, and faith in Christ.

For more information on Christian Women's Job Corps, visit <http://www.wmu.com/getinvolved/ministry/cwjc/>. For more information on the WMU Foundation, visit [www.wmufoundation.com](http://www.wmufoundation.com).

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#### GREENVILLE AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Volunteers Needed for 2004 College Preparation Workshop  
Planning is now underway! Help is needed to form several committees.  
Sign-up is available in the atrium of the Family Life Center.  
Workshop begins February 14, 2004.  
For more information, call Elizabeth Griffin at 214-732-7635.  
3rd Sunday of Each Month  
Free blood pressure screening in the gym after evening services.  
For more information on times & room, call 972-644-2335.  
Sundays After Evening  
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For more information, call Dr. Kenneth W. Johnson, Executive Director at 1-800-923-9149

• Who Are the Women of God? • Why is MON The Gazette Honoring Them On Mother's Day Weekend 2004? • What Can You Do To Be A Part Of The Momentous Occasion?  
Go to [www.monthe gazette.com](http://www.monthe gazette.com) (Click on Women Of God)  
or Contact Sister Tarpley At 972-606-3878 voice mail



### Hill Chapel

Christian Methodist Episcopal Church  
1113 E. Ave. Plano, TX. 75074 (972) 423-4090  
Rev. James E. Larry, Pastor

Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.  
Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 A.M.  
Wednesday Night Community Bible Class: 7:30 P.M.



### Sims Chapel Baptist Church

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Early Morning Worship: 8:00 am  
Sunday School: 10:30 am  
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Sunday School  
8:30 am

Morning Praise  
9:45 am

Sunday Worship  
10:00 am

Wednesday Service  
6:30 pm

#### THE INSPIRING BODY OF CHRIST (IBOC)

December 30, 2003 -  
January 3, 2004 at 6:00 pm  
IBOC Dinner Theatre presents "The Diary of Adam and Eve." A comical perspective of two lives in the Garden of Eden. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 & under for the dinner and play.  
For more information, call 972-572-4262

The Inspiring Body of Christ Church  
Dr. Rickie G. Rush, Pastor  
7710 S. Westmoreland Road  
Dallas, TX 75237  
972-572-4262

#### MESQUITE FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

2nd & 4th Sundays  
Blood pressure screenings available after 11:00 am service

Mesquite Friendship Baptist Church  
Rev. Terry M. Turner, Pastor  
2232 Franklin Drive  
Mesquite, TX 75150  
972-329-5030

#### MOUNT OLIVE CHURCH OF PLANO

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Mothers' Day Out Program for ages 2 months to 4 years of age. Phonics, numbers, colors, shapes & other early childhood skills will be offered.

For enrollment package & registration fees contact Sister Seretha Dawkins at 972-633-5511, between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm.  
For more information, call 972-633-5511.

December 31, 2003  
from 8:00 pm to 12:30 am  
New Years Eve Celebration featuring the Johnson Brothers from Mississippi, Gospel Singer Melba Spears and Christian Comedian John Lewis. There will be food, ministering, singing and much more. Everyone is welcomed!

Coming Attraction: Starting January 4, 2004 there will be two Sunday Services  
Early Morning Worship Service at 8:00 am and our traditional Morning Worship at 11:00 am

Mt. Olive Church of Plano  
Rev. Sam Fenceroy, Pastor  
740 Avenue F

Plano, TX 75075  
972-633-5511

#### NORTH DALLAS BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Thursdays, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
Support Group-Healing Past Wounds  
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For more information, contact Tera McFarland at 972-437-3493, Ext. 111  
Saturdays, Beginning December 13, 10:00 am-11:30 am  
A refresher course in Spanish- Bldg 1010, Room D218  
For more information, contact Anita Jarrell at 214-364-0330.

North Dallas Community Bible Fellowship  
Rev. Leslie W. Smith, Pastor  
302 Centennial Blvd.  
Richardson TX 75081-5057  
972-437-3493

#### SIXTH AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

December 26, 2003, 7:30 pm  
Christmas Musical  
December 31, 2003, 10:00 pm  
Joint Watch-Night Service with Pilgrim Rest PBC  
For more information, call 903-874-4873.

Sixth Avenue Baptist Church  
Pastor K. D. Davis, Sr., Servant  
Sixth Avenue Baptist Church  
Corviana, TX 75110  
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#### ST. JAMES CME CHURCH

This Saturday, December 20, 2003 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Men, women and children clothes GIVE-AWAY by the youth department at the corner of Watt Street and Highway 5 (McDonald Street).

St. James CME Church  
Rev. Thomas E. Jagers, Pastor  
316 Watt Street @ Hwy 5 (McDonald)

Send your church announcements to  
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fax to 972-516-4197 c/o Church Happenings. Deadlines are Fridays before publication date. (MON-The Gazette is published each Thursday.)

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Sun School	9:30 am	Mon Brotherhood	7:30 pm
Worship	11:00 am	Wed Pastoral	7:30 pm
W.B.W.	6:00 pm	Every 4th Fri C.W.C.	7:30 pm
Evangelist Hour	8:00 pm	Every 3rd Sat	
		Nursing Home Ministry	2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

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### BETHANY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

8:30 am - Sunday School • 10:00 am - Worship Services

6:30 pm - Missions • 7:00 pm - Brotherhood

WEDNESDAY

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#### WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

December 21, 4:00 pm  
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For more information, call 972-221-5668.  
December 31, 9:00 pm - 11:55 pm

Watch Night Service  
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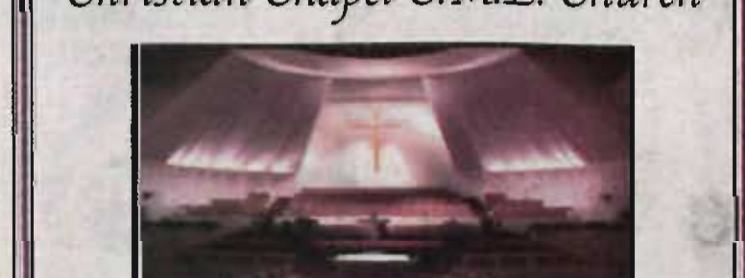
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