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### On the Homefront:

The Carter Bloodcare Holiday Heroes Blood Drive will be noon to 4 p.m. Dec. 28 at Wal-Mart, 6000 Coit Road. Call 817.412.5371.

SBC Cotton Bowl Music Festival Annual Battle of the Bands, December 31, 2003. Schools will perform at the SBC Cotton Bowl Pre-Game and Half-time. Various schools will be performing all day from 8:00am to 2:00 pm in both Concert Band And Jazz Band. Free. For more information call 801 598.8820.

Dallas Black Dance Theatre's Eighth Annual Founder's Luncheon, sponsored by Wells Fargo and Guaranty Bank, January 9, 2004, 12 noon. At the Wyndham Anatole Hotel, Dallas. Tickets: \$50. Call 214.871.2390.

Party People Incorporated (aka PPI) invites you to celebrate with them in their annual New Year's Eve Party Wednesday, December 31, 2003 8:30 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. Omni Hotel Park West (Hunters Lounge) 1590 LBJ Freeway (635 & Luna), Dallas, TX 75201

Admission: \$25 in Advance and \$35 at the Door - Includes: hors d'oeuvres, party favors, midnight champagne toast, cash bar

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For tickets contact Mike Thibodeaux at 214.718.2791 or send an e-mail to [mthibodeaux@acninc.net](mailto:mthibodeaux@acninc.net)  
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## Local Women's Club Brings Cheer to Area Nursing Homes

**By Belinda G. Alexander**  
Taking time out to visit those in nursing homes can brighten a day. If that visit happens to include a special gift, the light might last for many days to come.

On Sunday December 14, the South Dallas Business and Professional Women's Club treated residents of several area nursing homes to a special cheerful holiday visit. Residents of the South Dallas Nursing Home, Leewood Nursing Home and Williamsburg Nursing Home received a special appreciation courtesy of the women's club.

A day that started out looking like so many other days, turned out to be an extraordinary one with the arrival of the Professional Women's Club. They came bearing gifts of beautiful smiles, kind words and decorative hand-made lap throws.

"It is a joy to bring happiness to others, and we believe it is important to serve our community and the people in it," said Mrs.

Frances Langston, president of South Dallas Business and Professional Women's Club (BPWC).

The club was established in 1954,

development and more. As the local organization prepares to celebrate its 50th anniversary, programs such as the visit to the nursing home continue to be important to the agenda as an active part of the community.

Dr. Lavern Holyfield, Public Relations Chairperson for South Dallas BPWC,

commented on some of the activities in which the club contributes to surrounding communities. "We are always busy finding ways to help as many people as we can. We also mentor a youth club that participates in similar programs with the elderly. We believe it is important to show others that we care and especially with nursing home residents.

Some of these people don't have regular visitors. One visit can make a great difference. Our organization has been visiting the homes at least five years. Many visiting family members like to join in and sit with their relatives to



Gloria Marsh, Frances Langston, president, South Dallas BPWC; and Gwen Daniels

a member of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women (NANBPWC.org). Club focus includes programs relating to health, education, employment, self-improvement, economic

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## Friendship Baptist Church, 'The Little Church on the Side of the Road'

**By: Cathy Johnson**  
Twenty-two years ago, Friendship Baptist Church (FBC) was referred to as the "little Church on the side of the road" as it sat oddly nestled among the tall brush and coyotes along Highway 121, in the Colony, TX. Having only a vision, and 12 willing supporters, FBC was birthed on mission and tradition.

Three years later, in July of 1983, a fiery bible-toting believer joined the small dwelling and has since fueled the mission into a 1700-congregation on Main Street in The Colony.

C. Paul McBride, senior pastor of FBC, now 65, has the drive for tomorrow and the ambition of yesterday. A graduate of various seminaries, McBride holds one institute in high acclaim, "Southern Bible

Institute of Pleasant Grove, used to have a saying, 'if you want to know bible come to SBI'. I learned a wealth of information



Pastor C. Paul McBride

at that little school," said McBride.

Holding steadfast, McBride speaks poignantly about his

teaching style, "I believe you must preach only four things, Jesus' Birth, His earthly ministry, His death and His high priestly reign," said McBride. Over-seeing his ministerial staff, Mc Bride keeps reign on the teaching styles of his ministers, "I tell them no squirrel stories are to come across the pulpit. If we negate the teachings of the gospel, for witty stories, we might as well teach ideas and opinions," said McBride. "I knew my parents and grandparents personally. If I had not, I would not know from where I hailed. The same holds true for the Word of God. If you're only learning the New Testament, and negating the Old, you'll never know from whence you come," he continued.

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## Local College Student to Visit Spain



Naarah Allen, Sophomore, Austin College

Naarah Allen, a Business Administration major and sophomore student at Austin College in Sherman, Texas is on her way to Barcelona, Spain for a three-week intense study of the Spanish language.

Allen, the daughter of Lincoln and Renee Tinner Allen, is a 2002 graduate of Lake Highlands High School where she was an honor student. On January 4, 2004, Naarah will fly to New York and from New York to Spain.

While staying in Spain, she will live with a couple and their 4-year-old child and will only speak the native language. Allen said the "Janterm" class is designed to help acquaint college students with how citizens live in their natural surroundings as they go about their daily lives. She said her goal is to become more fluent in Spanish and to get a better understanding of the native language. She will complete the class at the end of January 2004 and will return to Austin College to continue her studies.

## 2003: Year in Review MON-The Gazette-The Voice of the North Dallas Community

**By: Danyell Taylor**  
After 13 years in publication, MON-The Gazette has maintained its editorial focus of integrating the African American community into economic mainstream America. The goal to provide information and discussions on topics that help readers to address political, economic and community opportunities was especially pertinent in 2003.

As the year progressed, the paper remained devoted to diversity and community involvement. It provided a forum for empowerment through economic, social and educational systems in the North Dallas area.

At the start of the new year, MON-The Gazette's January 2003 edition revisited the issue of 'separate but equal' education. Dallas Independent School District (DISD) is still working toward equal education almost four decades after Brown vs. Board of Education (1954) decision.

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## Like what you're getting? Then keep doing what you're doing.

**Blackonomics**  
**By: James Clingman**  
Once again (sounds like a broken record) Cincinnati is in the national and international news for being the city where a Black man cannot stand on the street, sit in his car, hold a brick, or go to the store for a soft drink without getting killed by police officers. Of course I am generalizing only because, unless you have been in a "spider hole" for the past couple of years, you know what I am talking about.

Cincinnati and many of its citizens, both Black and White, continue to amaze me. I am amazed at the apathy; I am amazed at the lukewarm resistance; I am amazed at the fear; and I am amazed at the lack of righteous indignation at what has to be one of the worst cities in America for police/community relations and economic disparity.

Cincinnati is ground zero, and the world awaits our decision on how we will deal with the latest in a long line of debacles that plague this town. No need to recap the things of the past; you already know our history. Suffice to say that just eight years ago Cincinnati was named the Nation's "Most Livable" city. What that term "most livable" means is certainly open for debate, but imagine what people around the world think as they look at Cincinnati now and see that yet another Black man has been killed by the police.

What happened to Cincinnati? I say nothing happened. Things have been this way for quite some time; it's just that the cover was finally pulled off Cincinnati when Timothy Thomas was killed. Just

read some of the writings of Carter G. Woodson and you will see what I mean. In one article titled, "Negroes of Cincinnati Prior to [the] Civil War," Woodson wrote, "In 1807 ... the legislature enacted another measure providing that no Negro should be permitted to settle in Ohio unless he could within twenty days give bonds to the amount of \$500.00, guaranteeing his good behavior and support." Woodson went on to write, "They (Black people) were not wanted in this city but were tolerated as a negligible factor."

Wendell P. Dabney, a newspaper publisher and entrepreneur who lived in Cincinnati, wrote a book in 1926 titled, Cincinnati's Colored Citizens." Read what he said about his hometown. In describing what took place in 1862 during "The Siege of Cincinnati," Dabney wrote, "The colored men were roughly handled by the Irish police. From hotels and barber shops, in the midst of their labors, these helpless people were pounced upon and often bareheaded and in shirtsleeves ... at the point of the bayonet, and gathered in vacant yards and guarded." Dabney also described several "riots" in Cincinnati during which thousands of Black people were run out of town and others were killed by "angry white folks."

Here's the real kicker, and this supports what Mumia Abu-Jamal called in his editorial on the Nathaniel Jones death at the

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## 2004 Hollywood Enterprises International Talent Search Tour



Raul Sanchez, Senior Sales Manager, Hilton/Los Angeles Universal City; John Daniels, CEO/Producer/Director/Promoter, Hollywood Enterprises; Cornelius Pryde, Director of Sales, Hilton/Los Angeles Universal City

Dallas' own John Daniels, aka "Mr. Hollywood," announces the 11th Annual Top Talent Search and Showcase, set for Saturday, February 28, 2004, at the Hilton Los Angeles/Universal City, California.

John Daniels is a product of West Dallas and Pinkston High School, and with tenacity and perseverance has successfully climbed from poverty to prominence. Since 1993 he has been helping talented individuals pursue their dreams through Hollywood Enterprises for Art and Entertainment. Daniels and his staff are in their 11th year of holding talent competitions to expose new artists to recording companies, managers, promoters and other entertainment professionals searching for new acts. Hollywood Enterprises moved from Dallas to Los Angeles in June of 2003.

The Hollywood Enterprises International Talent Search is the largest talent search tour next to 'Who Wants to be an American Idol?' Only 500 guests will be invited to attend the 2004 event, when the grand champion

winners from all over the country and ten years of competition will participate in the 11th annual showcase.

No one has had so many talented artists who have gone on to appear on national shows, including the Jenny Jones Show, Apollo Theatre Star Search, American Idol, and many more.

The 2004 showcase will be filmed for a reality show series, and will be used for the 2004 commercials to air on BET, MTV and VH1 in New York, Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles.

All ages are welcome to compete for the chance to be discovered. Managers, promoters, agents, casting directors, talent scouts, Universal/Motown, Jive Records, Sony, and Warner Brothers have been invited to attend this event.

Singers, dancers, musicians, actors, comedians, models, spokespersons and hip hop artists interested in competing in the Hollywood Enterprises International Talent Search 2004:

### Auditions as follows:

When: January 3 and January 31, 2004

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Where: Hilton Los Angeles/Universal City, 555 Universal Hollywood Drive, Universal City, California, 91608.

Grand Finale will take place on Saturday,

February 28, 2004 at the same location.

Visit: [www.hollywoodenterprises.com](http://www.hollywoodenterprises.com), or call 909.592.5770.



# 2003: Year in Review

## MON-The Gazette-The Voice of the North Dallas Community

DISD Board of Trustees voted 8-1 to oppose the 32-year-old federally supervised desegregation court order enacted by

the United States Court for the Northern District of Texas.

Involvement by the federal government dates back to Brown (1954) when the Supreme Court overturned the "separate but equal" doctrine supporting segregation in schools.

However, demographics have shifted in urban school districts and the concerns Brown (1954) raised over 30 years ago have changed, but the question of quality education remains the same. Disparities still exist in DISD, which Superintendent Mike Moses and plaintiffs both agree could be lessened with more parental participation.

In February, MON-The Gazette paid tribute to heroes past and present. America suffered a great loss on February 1, when Space Shuttle Columbia broke into flames 200,000 feet over Texas, killing all

three astronauts. Pushing the boundaries of the universe and the earth, the Columbia crew will always be remembered.

The spotlight on Black History heroes celebrated the contributions of Mary McLeod Bethune, educator; Madame C.J. Walker, first African American woman to be a self-made millionaire; Rosa Parks, civil rights activist. As well as Booker T.

Washington, educator; Samuel E. Cornish and John B. Russwurm, editors of the first black-owned newspaper in the U.S.; and W.E.D. DuBois, founder of the NAACP.

During March, columnist James Breedlove

prepared readers for a better tomorrow by re-living the dark past

of Jim Crow. It began as a stereotypical image depicting blacks as inferior and evolved into racist laws and actions. In an attempt to keep blacks enslaved mentally they were treated as second-class citizens. Subjected to the Ku Klux Klan, mob lynching and sharecropping, surviving segregation was difficult.

In order to survive Jim Crow racism, Blacks wore the mask that lied and grinned. The black church provided a spiritual oasis to help sustain and nourish the community. During the early 20th century, blacks began to demand their constitutional rights with the help of the NAACP and National Urban League. The passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 ended legally segregated Jim Crow laws.

Also, MON-The Gazette takes a preventive initiative in HealthCheck 2003. A community project designed to keep the readers informed about health issues and resources, which empowers readers to take personal responsibility for

their health.

By April, America waited as Affirmative Action was argued. The University of Michigan cases are two of the most influential cases on affirmative action since 1978. The Supreme Court heard oral arguments supporting and challenging the University of California vs. Bakke (1978) decision to use race as a factor in admission. The outcome will result in the outlawing of affirmative action or the redefining of the use of race and ethnicity regarding admission into public colleges and universities.

The month of May focused on positive lifestyle changes. When the going gets tough the giving starts at The Touch Ministry, an organization dedicated to providing assistance where there is none. Bishop Minnie Hawthorne of DayStar church started the ministry to uplift women.

Hawthorne hosted the Women In Transitions conference to empower women with spiritual tools for living by God's word.

"This is a great time to fellowship with other sisters going through some of the same things," said Hawthorne.

An article by freelance writer, Dimple Jean Tucker Ballou, featured in the June edition, highlighted the Juneteenth state holiday by

asking, "Why is everybody so happy on Juneteenth?" and what is the occasion for celebration?

Freedom is celebrated today the same as it was roughly 135 years ago with

family, food, fun and

faith that the shackles of slavery have been shed. "Black people love to eat and

celebrate," Mama Gulah sighed. "That way, all the pain don't hurt."

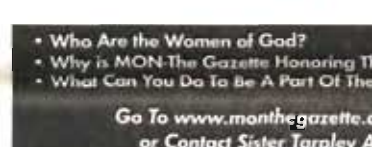
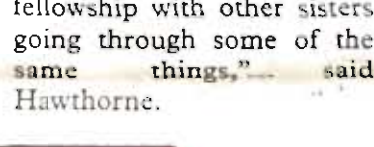
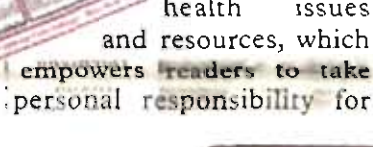
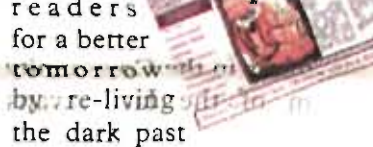
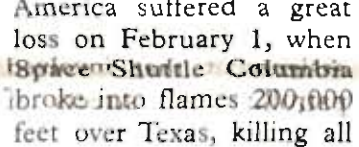
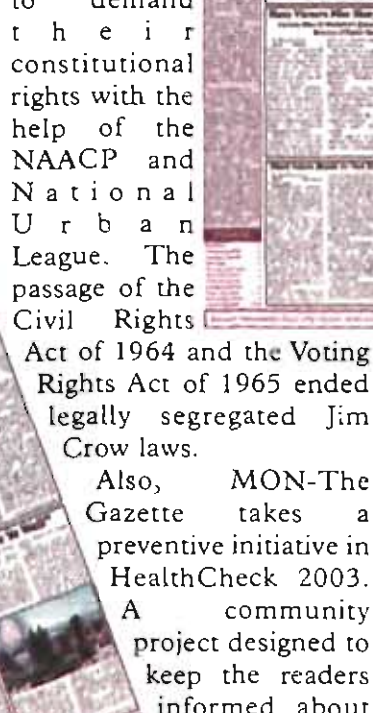
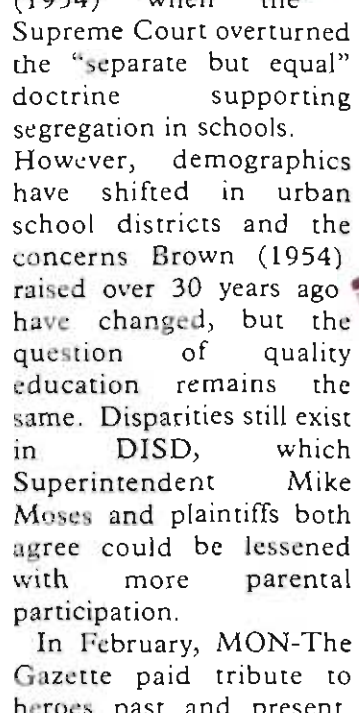
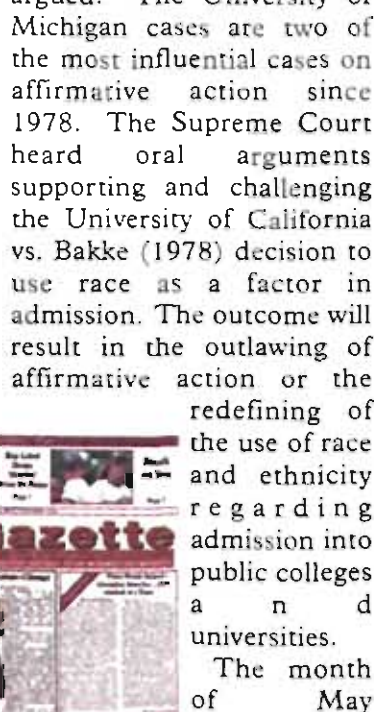
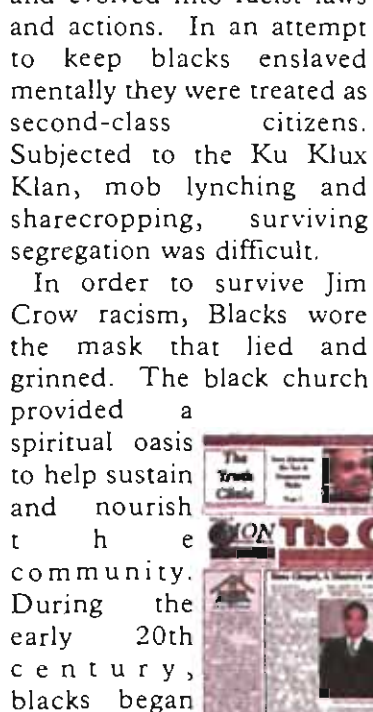
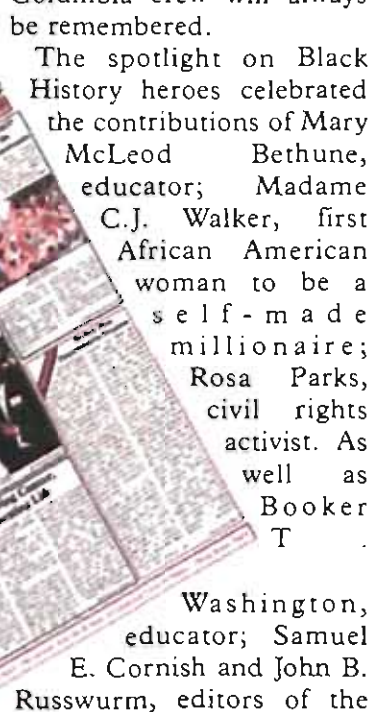
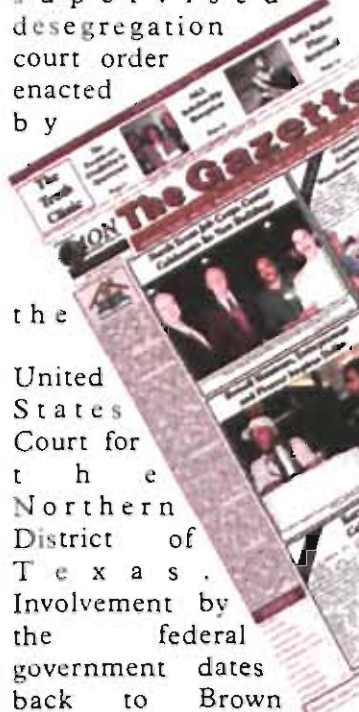
In July, as America celebrated Independence Day, "Blackonomics" columnist James Clingman asked "Was freedom attained by Black America in 1776?" The words of the Declaration of Independence did not ring true for all. Why else would Dr. King have shouted 'let freedom ring' quite as loud?

The justice and liberty promised for all by the historical document had to be conditional. In the famous words of Frederick Douglass, "This Fourth [of] July is yours, not mine."

Clingman challenged readers to see the 4th of July as the "4th of U-Lie".

The heat was on in August as the battle intensified over congressional redistricting. The Democratic senators wanted to keep the 2001 congressional map while

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### Around The Town

#### On-going

Collin County emergency preparedness hotline: 972.548.4114. You can also visit [www.co.collin.tx.us](http://www.co.collin.tx.us).

Treats 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 at [www.teamnetworking.com](http://www.teamnetworking.com).

**Through December 31**  
The SPCA of Texas will hold its annual winter adoption event at NorthPark Center, I-75 and Park, Dallas. Visit the adorable cats and dogs, and shop for a full array of merchandise for pets. Come and pick out your new best friend Saturdays 11 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sundays noon - 6 p.m.

**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)

**Through January 8, 2004**  
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.

**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.

**Through February 3**  
Works of art by Brazilian artist Denise Lion will be on exhibit at the Courtyard Theater, 1509 Avenue H, downtown Plano. Free.

**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 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.

**Volunteer Opportunities**  
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).

The Plano Animal Shelter need volunteers over 16 years old to wash and walk the animals, help with clerical services and customer service. Foster homes are also needed while permanent homes are found for animals. Call 972.578.7510.

• 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.monthgazette.com](http://www.monthgazette.com) (Click on Women Of God) or Contact Sister Tarpley At 972.606.3878 voice mail

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# THE TRUTH CLINIC

## Searching for Peace on Earth and Good Will to All

No religious or secular celebration dominates western culture as thoroughly as Christmas. For nearly two months of the year, we find ourselves swept up in all the trappings of the season: Christmas cards, Christmas music, Christmas trees, Christmas lights, Christmas shopping, Christmas feasts, Christmas parties, Christmas travel and mounds of Christmas debt.

Nativity scenes depicting the birth of Jesus are placed in the yards, and images of Santa Claus are everywhere during the seasonal advertising blitz put on by retail and commercial institutions. A celebration so full of both religious and secular traditions has created a rich legacy of custom and legend. So much so that it raises the question, "Do we really understand what we are celebrating?"

The entire Christian community and even some non-Christians look forward to December 25th mainly for its fun and festivity. The word Christmas comes from the Old English word - Cristes Maesse or Christ's Mass. However, the celebrations and customs related to the day have evolved into something quite different over the years.

In the early years of Christianity, Easter was the main holiday; the birth of Jesus was not celebrated. It was only in the fourth century, that the churches decided to celebrate the birth of Jesus and observe the same as a holiday. The bible has no mention of the actual birth date of Jesus Christ. Some biblical evidence indicates Jesus was born in spring, though this remains controversial.

According to the old Julian calendar, Christmas was first

celebrated on January 6. The day was also observed as an official Roman holiday starting around A.D. 534. The practice continued until about 1743 when according to the Gregorian calendar the date changed to December 25th. It is said that Pope Julius I chose this date in an effort to adopt and absorb the traditions of the pagan Saturnalia festival or the Feast of the Nativity.

Church leaders believed that by holding Christmas at the same time as traditional winter solstice festivals, this would increase the chances that Christmas would be popularly embraced. By the middle ages, Christianity had by and large replaced pagan religion.

On Christmas, believers attended church, and then celebrated wildly with drunken, carnival-like atmosphere much like a modern Mardi Gras. In 1645 when Oliver Cromwell and his Puritan forces took over England they vowed to erase these vestiges of decadence and one of their changes was to cancel Christmas. However, Charles II was restored to the throne by demand of the people and under his orders Christmas returned as a popular holiday.

The pilgrims that came to America in 1620 were even more dogmatic in their Puritan beliefs than Oliver Cromwell. As a result, Christmas was not a holiday in early America. From 1659 to 1681, the celebration of Christmas was actually outlawed in Boston. Anyone exhibiting the Christmas spirit was summarily fined.

Following the American Revolution, English customs fell out of favor, including Christmas. On December 25, 1789, the first Christmas under America's new constitution, Congress was in session.

Christmas wasn't declared a federal holiday until June 26, 1870 and gradually Americans transformed the celebration into a grand holiday of feast, fun and frolic.

If you approach someone today and mention the name Jesus, you will more than likely get strange looks and a reaction that implies you are weird. Christmas today is predominately secular with a fleeting moment of its religious connection squeezed in. We tend to focus more on the material aspects of the holiday such as buying gifts, house decorations, holiday parties, food and drink.

In America today, the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas are the biggest retail sales weeks of the year. The survival of most retail stores depends on the Christmas buying season. Retailers do whatever they can to whip people into a Christmas buying frenzy. Big Ads, festive decorations, Santa's Villages and the best that Madison Avenue can put together are all part of that process. Raising profits are more important than lifting Jesus.

The outpouring of Christmas love has become a perfunctory chore goaded on by artful commercialism rather than an unselfish opening of the heart. The Prince of Peace would probably be thoroughly dismayed at the gross materialism that drives Christmas. It is more of an orchestrated show than a spiritual celebration of the birth of a Savior. The search for Peace on Earth and Good Will to All cannot succeed in this contrived environment of love that only lasts for the Christmas season.

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

# You & Your Government

## 2003 State of the City Address

Touting a Plano that is stable and strong, Mayor Pat Evans presented the City's 2003 State of the City Address at a Plano Chamber of Commerce Luncheon, held at Plano Centre, December 12.

Plano's Director of Economic Development, Sally Bane, and Plano City Manager, Thomas H. Muehlenbeck, joined Mayor Evans as she presented the reflection of a city on the way up from the bleak economy of the past two years.

Bane cited the expansion of new economic developments in Plano during 2003, including the addition of Southwest Corporate Federal Credit Union's 100,000 sq. ft. headquarter facility in Legacy, which will bring over 200 jobs into Plano, as well as adding nearly \$15 million to Plano's tax rolls.

Bane also stressed that maintaining businesses operating in Plano is as important as attracting new business. She noted the retention of Advanced Neuromodulation Systems, a company that designs, manufactures and markets implantable pain devices, projected to add \$24

million to Plano's tax rolls through an expanded facility.

Muehlenbeck cited several reasons for Plano's success, saying that the city has a solid financial balance sheet, boasting a valuation in excess of \$20 billion, including over 65,000 housing units and over 14 million square feet of retail space.

"We are rated 'AAA' by not one, not two, but by three bond rating companies. That reflects a very strong tax base and strong financial management by the City Council," said Muehlenbeck.

Mayor Evans noted the success of DART Rail, the revitalization of Downtown Plano and the upturn in the economy and its impact on local business as high points for 2003.

And for 2004, Evans said an eagerly anticipated Federal Court will be making its home in Plano. "This is going to be a great service to our citizens," said Evans. "No longer are you going to have to make trips to Sherman if you're on jury duty or trials. And, it's going to be a new focus for economic development in the City."

Evans said the expansion of the city's recreation center and parks system, and work with other metroplex cities for clean air and seamless

transportation systems will also be major thrusts in 2004, along with continued planning for a shared county arts center.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Shep Stahel has been elected to the National League of Cities (NLC) Board of Directors. The National League of Cities is the oldest and largest national organization representing municipal governments throughout the United States. Its mission is to strengthen and promote cities as centers of opportunity, leadership, and governance.

Mr. Stahel was endorsed by State Senator Florence Shapiro, U.S. Congressman Sam Johnson, Don Dillard (Chairman of the North Texas Tollway Authority), Gary Thomas (President of the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Authority (DART)), the Plano Chamber of Commerce, the Plano Economic Development Board and the Plano City Council.

Plano, Texas and Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif., topped Money Magazine's rankings of the most desirable places to live in the western United States.

## Dallas Police Department's First African American Female in Patrol Retires After a 30-Year Law Enforcement Career



Senior Corporal Darnisha Dixon retires after 30 years. Photo courtesy of Dallas Police Department

After a 30-year career with the Dallas Police Department, the department's first African American female assigned to patrol the streets of Dallas

retired December 19, 2003, during a noon-hour ceremony in the Community Room of the Jack Evans Police Headquarters building, 1400 S. Lamar Street.

Senior corporal Darnisha Dixon joined the Dallas Police academy on May 8, 1972. After sixteen weeks in the police academy, she was assigned to the department's Traffic Division. This was a departure because no

African American female had ever been given an assignment that involved patrolling the streets of Dallas. Throughout her 31-year career, Senior corporal Dixon has been assigned to the Traffic, Training, Personnel, Internal Affairs and General Investigations divisions as well as the ICP Coordination Unit. She is presently assigned to the department Alarm Unit.

### 2003 Year in Review Page 2

Republicans wished to redistrict. Democrats walked out the special legislative session when Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst decided the "two-thirds" majority rule was not needed for redistricting. Democrats have remained in New Mexico awaiting the special sessions end or the reenactment of the "two-thirds" majority rule.

2004 Presidential candidate Al Sharpton was keynote speaker at Dallas Black Expo. Sharpton has had a strong presence in the African American community since the civil rights movement and hopes to bring African Americans to the voting polls next November. He has been the first black to run for president since Jesse Jackson in 1984 and 1988.

In September, MON-The Gazette awarded 2003 scholarship to Lorraine McBride. McBride is a 2003 graduate of Bishop Dunn Catholic School. She will be attending Florida A&M to study broadcast journalism. McBride has been interested in journalism since she attended a workshop with the National Association of Black Journalist (NABJ).

In addition, MON-The

Gazette took a glance at past scholarship recipients "Where are They Now?"

2002 Scholarship winner Amber Venerable was a graduate of Booker T. Washington Arts Magnet and is currently attending Howard University in Washington, D.C. She is majoring in journalism.

2001 Scholarship winner Arica Jefferson is a graduate of Skyline Career Development Center in Dallas and is attending the University of Houston. She also is majoring in journalism. 2000 scholarship winner Janelle Gray who graduated from Naaman Forest High School is attending Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, TX. She also is majoring in journalism.

During October, Plano area Black Family Technology Day hosted its inaugural event in an effort to address the need for Plano youths to access information via the internet. The goal of local businesses and organizations was to bridge the informational gap that exists in many families.

In November, renowned poet, Dr. Maya Angelou paid tribute to Baylor Health Care System. Angelou spoke of the importance of times

past and ancestors unknown. "Appreciate the past and look forward to the future." Angelou placed emphasis on family values. Angelou thanked the founders of Baylor Health Care System for having the courage to open a hospital in 1903, where poor people could go. "Courage is the most important of all virtues," said Angelou. "Without courage you can't do anything consistently."

The December publication highlighted Kwanzaa Fest and the seven principles of Kwanzaa. Also featured was 'Get Even in 2004' voter registration plan to increase the number of African American at the polls in 2004. Several groups are aggressively using their collective resources to start a series of voter initiatives leading up to the November election.

Readers can be assured that MON-The Gazette will be the voice of the North Dallas Community in 2004. The paper will continue to educate and uplift the community through economic development, devotion to diversity and community involvement.

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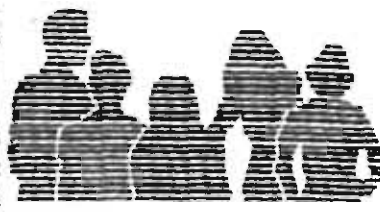
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### Is the sky clearest on the day it is most blue?

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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## Plano North Metroplex Chapter, The Links, Inc. Spreads Christmas Cheer To Area Nursing Home And Others Plano Links Personifies Christmas Giving



T.J. Johnson, Chairperson, Links, Inc.-Plano Chapter; City Council member, Joan Callison; Lucy Allen, President, Links Inc.-Plano Chapter



Myrtle Hightower, Dr. John Hightower (as Santa Clause), Lew Lewis



T.J. Johnson, Dr. John Hightower, Plano Mayor Pat Evans, and Myrtle Hightower



Plano Police Officer along with Lucy Allen pose with "Santa"



Plano North Metroplex Chapter, The Links, Inc. pose with "Santa"

The weekend was special to recipients of the CHRISTMAS CARAVAN ACROSS PLANO, the annual gift giving of the Links, Inc. Plano North Metroplex Chapter. This was the 9th year that The Links collected the lists, checked them twice and distributed gifts to area charities. This year's recipients were Real Options For Women Pregnant Teens, Boys and Girls Club (Douglass Branch Center), Hope's Door Women's Shelter, Club Generation Success, C.L.T.V. House, Plano Police "Christmas Cops/ Adopt-A-Family" project, Douglass Branch Senior Citizens Club, and Collinwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Joining the Links for this caravan were escorts from the Plano Police Department who led the Caravan with precision, stopping the traffic and flashing lights. Santa, Douglass Senior Citizens Club and youth from the Boys and Girls Club-Douglass Branch traveled on the caravan with the Links and the youth led the group with Christmas Carols. Residents of The Collinwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center were especially excited as the caravan made their entrance singing and spreading cheer to those who are sometimes forgotten. Gifts were distributed to each resident. The Links' beginning and ending point

for the caravan was The Douglass Community Center where the Links held a holiday reception. Guests at the reception included Plano Mayor Pat Evans, City Council members Jean Callison and Scott Johnson; Danielle Hanson, Executive Director, Real Options for Women, whose clients include pregnant teens; Karen Johnson, Branch Director, The Boys and Girls Club-Douglass Branch; Tammy Taylor, Director of Education, Hopes Door, and a very special visit from Santa.

T.J. Johnson, chairperson for nine years, said that the Christmas Caravan is a yearly event, and one of the many opportunities taken during the year in service of the community.

## Women's Club Brings Cheere Page 1



Gertrude Henry, a resident of the South Dallas Nursing Home, shows off her lap throw she received from the women of the South Dallas BPWC



Willie Mae Bell takes a moment for a pose as she shows off her new lap throw.



Frances Langston poses with the founder of South Dallas BPWC, Mabel Meshack White



South Dallas BPWC members pose with their founder, Mabel Meshack White



Delia Chaney, a resident of Williamsburg Nursing Home

enjoy our visits. It is rewarding for us as well as for those on the receiving end."

Dr. Holyfield said, "We have our hands full but it helps us to help someone else and that is most important!" Our club contacts the nursing homes to find out what they need. Each year we take socks, toiletries and other items per request. This year the lap throws seemed to be a nice gift for residents. Each club participant made at least one and one lady made 10, another made 15 and one even made 25 beautiful lap throws. There were approximately 100 throws to brighten the Christmas Holiday for the nursing home residents.

South Dallas Nursing Home resident, Mrs. Gertrude Henry was happy to receive one of the lap throws. She said, "This is a very nice gift and it makes me feel special." Fellow resident, Mrs. Willie Mae Bell said, "It's nice and so wonderful for someone to do this."

Residents at the Williamsburg Nursing Home also enjoyed the visit by the women of BPWC. Mrs. Delia

Chaney said, "I think this is wonderful-It makes us feel that we are wanted-to have someone do this for us. I feel like someone cares and we're not just being shoved into a nursing home!" Other residents agreed as they sit enjoying beautiful holiday decorations and celebrations for the season.

Club President Frances Langston said, "It is an honor to give something back to so many deserving individuals. It is especially important for us as we honor Williamsburg Nursing Home resident, Mrs. Mabel Meshack White who is the founding member of South Dallas BPWC. She is a beautiful and valuable person to our club and to society."

Taking out time to show appreciation is a good way to uplift weary spirits during holidays and throughout the year. Quality of life and care can be improved when nursing home residents feel appreciated. For others as with nursing home resident Mrs. Mabel Meshack White, life was once spent in service and appreciation of family,

friends and community. This is a good time to give back in care and respect to those who have given so much.

The South Dallas BPWC will celebrate their 50th anniversary in February 2004. African American significant 'firsts' will be honored with the V. Alice Foster - Trailblazer Awards Luncheon in April 2004. Crystal Thornton will speak at the event and the 'Sojourner Truth Lady' will be awarded to one whose efforts parallel the spirit and strength of that revered activist and freedom fighter.

Government statistics recently reported that over 1.6 million adults are in nursing homes. It is important to remember that each individual is a valuable member of our community. Most nursing home residents have contributed greatly to society as parents, professionals, friends, church members, and family supporters. Christmas is a time of strong emotions when the past is remembered and the future is in question for many elders.

## Friendship Baptist Church Page 1

"The reason I came here and stayed, is because of the genuine "family" atmosphere I experienced over 18 years ago," said church secretary, Linda Johnson. McBride says he is a "People Pastor" because he makes himself available for counseling and support. McBride has also found time to be the keynote speaker for the Baptist General Convention of Texas (BGCT). McBride was also the first African American to become 1st Vice-President for the BGCT where he served for one year and three months as an interim president. This position is of paramount accomplishment as the BGCT is made up of over 5,600 Anglo churches, 1200 Hispanics, and 900 African Americans.

As much as things change, they remain the same, "Not much has changed in my preaching style from the day I started, except that I preach more services now," said McBride whose teaching engagements have traveled him to West Africa and Mexico.

Standing shoulder to shoulder is assistant pastor, Rev. James Jenkins, "I've worked alongside pastor for the past 18 years, and our growth is phenomenal," said Jenkins. Jenkins, also Business Administrator for the church said, "It took me eight years before I fully acknowledged my calling. I just worked throughout the church, ignoring the 'Divine Call' that was in my life," said Jenkins.

McBride said he prayed for more males in the church. Now FBC has a 42% male gender ratio, "I believe men are crucial in the functioning of a healthy congregation because it presents the whole persona of the family from which the church can draw," said McBride. He recently celebrated his 40th wedding anniversary to wife, Ida whose contributions are well noted throughout the ministry. But he says it's her cooking that makes the best impact to McBride. "Ida's cooking is second to none," said McBride. The 291 youths are a vital part of that persona. FBC has divisional churches, weekly Mission Friends meetings, (divided by gender), and the Buckner Benevolence outreach, where the youth visit other youths of disadvantaged or victimized situations.

Beautiful Feet is another notable ministry where the FBC family reaches out to those living under bridges by providing food, clothing and bible study. "The lack of job opportunities will bring chaos to any nation," said McBride.

McBride attributes some of

the social and economic perils on our judicial system that he states infringes laws that reek havoc and stifle growth within the African American communities. "The future is now but the past is not yet over," said McBride as he shared his views, on the military involvement of African Americans. "They are not discriminated against from going to the frontlines, for this nation, but once they step foot back on American soil, they are rescinded into second-class citizenship," he said. Why would

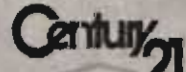
anyone want to fight for a people, a nation that doesn't love him? Some 40 something years later we are still judged by the color of our skin and not the content of our character. I love all mankind, but my faith is in the Lord Jesus Christ," added McBride.

Spiritually apropos is the advice of the eighth child of 13, "I tell my people to keep pulling weeds. In any garden, weeds will grow. You won't damage the good, but you'll prohibit the weeds from engulfing the good," said McBride.

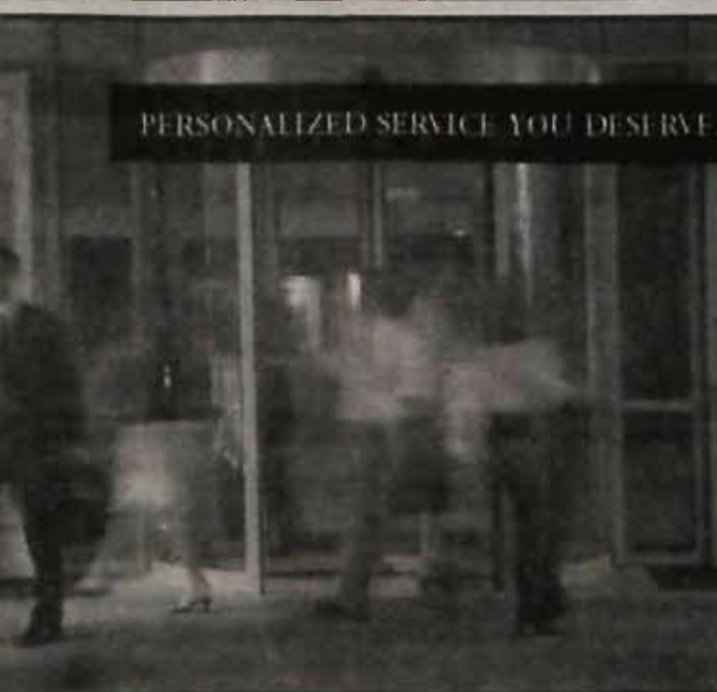
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# MON-The Gazette's Favorite Cartoons of 2003



Cartoonist Brad McMillan shared with our readers the "funnier side" of some of the most highly debated subjects of 2003—from issues on congressional redistricting to Dallas' mayoral election to issues on healthcare. Here's a review of some of MON-The Gazette's favorite cartoons of 2003.

## Happy Holidays from MON-The Gazette! The History of Some of America's Most Celebrated Winter Holidays : Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa

### Christmas

Christmas is a joyful religious holiday when Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. The Christmas story comes from the Bible. An angel appeared to shepherds and told them that a Savior had been born to Mary and Joseph in a stable in Bethlehem. Three Wise Men from the East (the Magi) followed a wondrous star, which led them to the baby Jesus to whom they paid homage and presented gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

To people all over the world, Christmas is a season of giving and receiving presents. In some European countries, Father Christmas, or Saint Nicholas, comes into houses in the night and leaves gifts for the children. Saint Nicholas is represented as a kindly man with a red cloak and long white beard.

Another character, the Norse God Odm, rode on a magical flying horse across the sky in the winter to reward people with gifts. These different legends passed across the ages to make the present-day Santa Claus.

Immigrant settlers brought Father Christmas to the United States. Father Christmas' name was gradually changed to Santa Claus, from the Dutch name for Father Christmas, which is Sinter Claus. Although he has origins in Norse and pre-Christian mythology, Santa Claus took shape in the United States. Americans gave Santa Claus a white beard, dressed him in a red suit and made him a cheery old gentleman with red cheeks and a twinkle in his eye.

Most children believe that

Santa Claus lives at the North Pole. All year he lists the names of children, both those who have been good and those who have been bad. He decides what presents to give to the good children. He oversees the manufacturing and wrapping of the presents by his helpers.

Santa Claus supposedly gets his list of toys from the millions of children who write to him at the North Pole. Children also find Santa Claus at shopping malls across the country. They sit on his lap and tell him what they want for Christmas.

Of course, their parents are probably nearby listening in as well.

On December 24, Christmas Eve, Santa hitches his eight reindeer to a sleigh and loads it with presents. The reindeer pull him and his sleigh through the sky to deliver presents to children all around the world, that is, if they had been good all year.

Several American towns maintain the spirit of Santa Claus. The New England state of Connecticut has a Christmas village where "Santa" and his elves give out gifts. In New York, a small town called the North Pole was designed for Santa Claus. There is a post office, a church and a blacksmith shop, to repair the shoes of the reindeer.

Santa Claus exists only in our imaginations. But he, Saint Nicholas, and Father Christmas are spirits of giving. Christmas has been associated with gift giving since the Wise Men brought gifts to welcome the newborn Jesus Christ.

In anticipation of Santa's visit, American children listen to their parents read "The Night Before Christmas" before they go to bed on Christmas Eve. Clement Moore wrote the poem in 1823.

### Hanukkah

The story of Hanukkah is the struggle for religious freedom. Over two thousand years ago, the foreign rulers of the Israelites forced the Jews bow down to the image of their leader, Antiochus, whose statue was erected in the Temple.

But the Jewish people were forbidden by the law of God to bow to statues or idols. Inspired by Mattathias and led by his son, Judah, a small group of Jews called Maccabees (meaning "hammers") rebelled. The Maccabees risked their lives to live according to Jewish law and to prevent the desecration of their sacred Temple. Although the Maccabees won, the Temple in Jerusalem, the Jews' holy place, was destroyed. The Jews had to clean and repair the Temple, and when they were finished they rededicated it to God by rekindling the menorah, the candelabrum symbolizing the eternal covenant between God and the Jewish people and the continuity of tradition through the generations. But there was only enough olive oil to fuel the menorah for one night, and it would have taken eight days to make more oil. The legend of the miracle at Hanukkah says that the one day supply of oil burned for eight days and nights until snow oil could be made.

There are eight days of Hanukkah corresponding to the legend of the miracle of the oil in the Temple. Foods cooked in oil are traditional, particularly potato pancakes, called latkes. Today, candles are used instead of oil. On each successive night, the number of candles lit increases by one. Prayers accompany the lighting of the candles.

Hanukkah is celebrated in the home beginning on the 25th day of the Jewish month of Kislev. Even though it is not mentioned in the Hebrew Scriptures, Hanukkah is

widely celebrated as a major holy day of the Jewish liturgical calendar. Given its proximity to Christmas, Hanukkah has taken on importance in the United States and many other countries where Christmas has been commercialized.

It is traditional to give small gifts to children on each night of Hanukkah. The party atmosphere is enhanced with songs, games and toys such as a dreidel—a spinning top. Yet the religious celebration—the lighting of the candles with accompanying prayers—must come before the party.

For eight days, Hanukkah candles shine in the window to brighten the night. Family and friends come to help light the candles in the hanukyah (Menorah), to eat latkes (pancakes) and sufganiyot (doughnuts), and play games of dreidel. Presents are exchanged, songs are sung, and the story is told of brave, stubborn Judah Maccabee.

More than 2000 years ago, a Syrian Empire named Antiochus tried to force the Jews to give up their religion. Judah Maccabee led his people in a light to drive the Syrians out of Israel. The Jews finally won back the Holy Temple of Jerusalem. They scrubbed and cleaned it and polished the huge menorah. But when the priests were ready to begin services, they could only find a tiny jar of pure oil to burn in the menorah, only enough for one day. By a miracle, the oil burned on and on for eight days.

Hanukkah (rededication) has only five letters in the original Hebrew. In English there are at least 16 ways to spell it, including: Chanukah, Chanukah, Chanuka, Chanukah, Hanukkah, Hanuka, Hanukkah, Hanuka, Hanukkah, Hanukkah, Khamukah, Khamuka, Khamukah, Kanukah, Khamukah, Khamukah, and Xanuka.



### Kwanzaa

Kwanzaa is a 30-year-old African-American holiday now celebrated in African communities around the world. Its roots are both modern and ancient. The Kwanzaa holiday is celebrated with various rituals over the seven days following Christmas. Food is a major part of Kwanzaa festivities: the word means "first fruits" in Swahili. Kwanzaa ties African Americans to their roots.

**The Seven Principles of Kwanzaa:**

- Umoja (Unity)** To strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation and race.
- Kujichagulia (Self-Determination)** To define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves and speak for ourselves.
- Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility)** To build and maintain our community together and

- make our brother's and sister's problems our problems and to solve them together.
- Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics)** To build and maintain our own stores, shops and other businesses and to profit from them together.
- Nia (Purpose)** To make our collective vocation the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness.
- Kuumba (Creativity)** To do always as much as we can, in the way we can, in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it.
- Imani (Faith)** To believe with all our heart in our people; our parents; our teachers; our leaders and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.



# 50, Kelly, Beyonce Rule R&B/hip-Hop

LOS ANGELES (Billboard) - This time last year, Ashanti, Kelly and Eminem ruled the Billboard year-end R&B/hip-hop charts. This year, it comes as no surprise that one artist dominates the proceedings: rapper 50 Cent.

Parlaying a fervent underground following into record-breaking mainstream success, the Eminem protege claims a host of pop, R&B and rap chart accolades for his recordings, released on Shady/Aftermath/Interscope.

His R&B chart achievements include the No. 1 position on the year-end recaps for Top R&B/hip-Hop Artists - Male, Top R&B/hip-Hop Albums Artists and Top R&B/hip-Hop Album.

But 50 Cent isn't the only major R&B story of 2003. Several other artists are enjoying year-end chart prominence. Chief among them are R. Kelly, Beyonce and Aaliyah.

Running second to 50 Cent on several recaps - including Top R&B/hip-Hop Artists - Male, Top

R&B Hip-Hop Albums Artists and Top R&B Hip-Hop Albums - Kelly outpaces the rapper and other chart rivals thanks to his songwriting and production prowess.

The Chicago native supplants 2002 honoree the Neptunes atop the Hot R&B Hip-Hop Producer recap; Kelly was the go-to guy in 2003. Charting no less than 29 titles on the R&B Hip-Hop Singles & Tracks chart between Dec. 2, 2002, and Nov. 29, 2003, Kelly produced a diverse lineup of acts from Syleena Johnson to B2K, Michael Jackson and the Big Tymers.

As an in-demand songwriter (with 30 charting titles), Kelly is the leader of a top 10 pack of producers that includes the Neptunes' Pharrell Williams and Chad Hugo, Missy Elliott and Curtis Jackson (aka 50 Cent).

Having wrapped a U.S. tour this summer, Kelly is a constant studio presence who currently has enough material for four albums, he says, beyond his recently released "The R.

in R&B Collection: Volume One." Beyonce emerges as this year's No. 1 Top New R&B Hip-Hop Artist, despite her career as frontwoman of Destiny's Child. Her achievement results from the home run she scored as a first-time solo artist on her "Dangerously in Love" album, released through Music World/Columbia Sony Urban Music.

As happened with Tupac Shakur, Aaliyah's popularity continues to transcend her untimely death. The singer earns 2003 kudos in the No. 1 spot on the Top R&B Hip-Hop Artists - Female recap. She finished second in that category last year to title-holder Ashanti.

**REASONS TO REJOICE**  
While it would be easy to lament the state of the industry, there was - and is - plenty to be excited about. R&B and hip-hop fully came into their own in 2003. Each birthed subgenres whose impact was heavily felt this year: crunk (Lil Jon & the East Side Boyz), dancehall reggae

(Sean Paul) and retro soul (Anthony Hamilton, Calvin Richardson).

The growing mainstream appeal of R&B and hip-hop was validated through sales (50 Cent's "Get Rich or Die Tryin'" clocking in at a record 872,000 units in February and Alicia Keys recently debuting at No. 1 on the Billboard 200 with "The Diary of Alicia Keys"). Not to mention recognition from awards shows both new and established (the upcoming Grammy Awards, the Billboard Music Awards, Source Awards, Essence Awards, Vibe Awards, MTV Video Music Awards, BET Awards).

Aretha Franklin; Al Green; Earth, Wind & Fire; Gerald LeVert; and the Isley Brothers recorded new albums that showed they're not down for the count yet. Luther Vandross scored his best chart showing ever with his "Dance With My Father" album. Capitol got back into the game big-time with Chingy and Javier. And Virgin weighed in with Dwele.

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## Dirt

After their mother dies, two Texan men realize they miss having a woman around the house. Initially, they try to get a stripper (Jennifer Tilly) and other women of questionable virtue to fill the void in their life. Later they kidnap a grocery clerk (Tara Chocol), who sees it as a chance to escape her abusive husband. Wrong. He burns down their house, leaving the threesome to hit the road, robbing banks from town to town.

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## Crimson Gold

In this Iranian drama, one man's anger over the divide between rich and poor leads to a murder and suicide inside a jewelry store. The film tells the story of how his life of disappointment and humiliation caused him to snap.

Starts January 16, 2004 in select cities

## Gerald LeVert with Special Guest Will Downing Live at NextStage December 26, 8:00 pm

A contemporary soul singer whose smooth, yet robust vocals bring energy and emotion to even his most serene recordings, Gerald LeVert grew up in the shadows of his father, Eddie LeVert Sr. of the O'Jays. As a child, his father's status in the music industry nurtured and helped prepare Gerald for his prosperous music career as a writer, arranger, producer and performer. As Gerald was entering his adulthood, he, good friend Marc Gordon and his brother Sean formed the trio LeVert. They recorded their first single, entitled "I'm Sull," on the independent Tempre label. Even though Gerald was still maturing as a vocalist, his powerful, stirring delivery on the single is worthy of praise. Peaking on the Billboard R&B charts at number 70, it survived for eight weeks.

Nonetheless, that single set up a deal with Atlantic Records the following year, and it could not have been a better move. Initially, Gerald recorded with the group, scoring five number one singles, seven Top Ten singles and four Top 20 singles on the Billboard R&B charts, including the Reggie and Vincent Calloway-written and produced number one single

"Casanova," which also peaked at number four on the Billboard pop charts. He also managed to make room for a duet with labelmate Miki Howard, recording the number four single "That's What Love Is."



Pop producer David Foster presented a pop tune to Gerald, and "I Swear" became a number one and Top 20 hit on the pop and R&B charts, respectively. Subsequently, Gerald returned to Foster's stable to record "I'd Give Anything," also produced by Foster. Formerly a number four country hit for Boy Howdy under the title "She'd Give Anything," Gerald's version managed a pop Top 30 hit. Intended for crossover appeal, the single was actually a bigger hit on the R&B charts, peaking at number four and reinforcing Gerald's major following among R&B music lovers.

In addition to his impressive string of hits, the Cleveland, Ohio, native has rendered his services as songwriter, vocalist and producer to many artists, such as the O'Jays, Barry White, Stephanie Mills, Troop, Teddy Pendergrass, the Winans, Patti Labelle, Rude Boys, and on and on. In 1997, Gerald added another dimension to his prosperous career; he joined forces with R&B vocalists Keith Sweat and Johnny Gill under the acronym LSG, spawning the hit single "My Body." As a solo act, he released Love & Consequences the year following, returning in 1999 with G.

In 1991, Gerald released his solo debut album, entitled Private Line. The title track spawned his first number one single as a solo artist on the Billboard R&B charts. The following year, Gerald came back with a duet with his father and scored another number one single with "Baby Hold on to Me" and the number three single "School Me," reminiscent of Babyface's "Whip Appeal." However, in the midst of all his success, Gerald's only major pop appeal remained the "Casanova" single.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Chris Rock - The Black Ambition Tour - Live at NextStage, January 17, 8:00 pm



Although Chris Rock has legions of fans many consider Rocks' humour to be politically incorrect and abusive - but this is believed to have stemmed from his experiences as a child. He was born in South Carolina, and at the age of six he moved to the notorious Bedford-Stuyvesant, which is renowned for high levels

of crime. He states in many interviews that although he grew up in Bed-Stuy, he came from one of the nicer (and peaceful) blocks within the area. Chris attended an all white American school where he experienced a great deal of racism and was unfortunately beaten by many of the children. Despite being against violence Chris did defend himself.

Chris Rocks' comic inspiration came from such geniuses as Richard Pryor, Eddie Murphy, Steve Martin and the great Sam Kinison.

At the age of 18 he would sneak into many comedy clubs and watch those whom he admired. He later went on to perform in these clubs where he would make a mark for himself. With a handful of solid performances on the Manhattan comedy clubs, Chris Rock was discovered by his comic idols

Eddie Murphy and Sam Kinison. As a result, Chris Rock landed a part in Eddie Murphys' blockbuster Beverly Hills Cop 2, and would later reunite with him on numerous other films.

He later secured a part on Saturday Night Live where he introduced his brand of humour. Chris' spell at Saturday Night Live was short lived (he worked on the show for 3 years), before leaving somewhat unhappy in 1993. His reasons for leaving - where that he felt he was typecast as the only black character on the show and was unable to pursue any other activities; stand-up or film.

1991 proved to be an eventful year for Chris Rock, he received appraisal for his role as 'Pookie' in the gritty Mario Van Peebles' film New Jack City. Two years later Chris was back doing what he does best - comedy. He landed a role in Keenan Ivory Wayans' cult show - In Living Color, but unfortunately the show was cancelled a few

episodes later. The same year, Chris Rock showcased his versatile talents by co-writing, producing and starring in the hilarious CB4 (a spoof about the hip-hop world).

After having received little success for his work on television, Chris began to realise he needed to take bigger chances, and work on his stand-up routines. He made his humour hard-edged and based his routines on sensitive issues such as black on black crime, the decline

of two parent families, minimum wage and Mayor Marion Barry.

In 1997 Chris Rock had well and truly arrived - he won two Emmys' for his comedy special Bring the pain and a Grammy for Roll with the new. 1999 also saw him winning a Grammy for the excellent comedy album Bigger and Blacker. Chris Rock's analyses of topical events, fast paced quips and cool persona has made him one America's finest comedians.

Today, Chris Rocks popularity seems to be ever increasing, from voicing the puppet of L'il Penny Hardaway (for Nike) to 1-800-COLLECT. He has also appeared in numerous movies including; Doctor Dolittle, Lethal Weapon 4, Dogma and Spike Lees' Bamboozled.

With his career growing stronger it is evident that Chris Rock is here and here to stay for good.

## DISNEY'S 'NIGHT OF JOY' to Feature Latin, Hip Hop, and Gospel Music

NEW YORK, - Top talent in contemporary Christian music ring in New Year's Day with Disney's "Night of Joy," a celebration of contemporary Christian music broadcast for the first time ever as a television special Thursday, January 1 (10 p.m. - 12 midnight EP) only on Hallmark Channel. A one-hour encore performance will air Sunday, January 4 (12 - 1 p.m. E/P).

Two-time Grammy® Award-winning Michael W. Smith and Grammy® Award winner Rebecca St. James co-host and perform in the two-hour concert recorded live before a sold-out audience at Disney's Magic Kingdom theme park in Florida. Also on the bill is music sensation and first-time Grammy® nominee Stacie Orrico.

This year's program boasts the biggest line-up of talent in 21 years of "Night of Joy" history and showcases an exciting array of musical styles from contemporary sounds to Latin rhythms to hip hop to traditional gospel and features behind-the-scenes interviews with the stars.

Joining Smith, St. James and Orrico on the marquee are three-time Grammy® Award winning Jars of Clay, Kirk Franklin, Point of Grace, Yolanda Adams, Freddie Colloca, and Salvador, with appearances by four-time Grammy® Award-winning Petra, Nicole C. Mullen, Rachael Lampa, and ZOEgirl.

"Contemporary Christian music has emerged as a powerful cultural force over the past decade, providing a hugely popular vehicle

for expressing faith and spirituality," stated Edward J. Murray, president and CEO of Faith & Values Media. "With its unique ability to bring together so many of the top performers in the genre, Disney's 'Night Of Joy' is a great way to experience this music. We are delighted to be able to team with Disney to offer this presentation to our viewers. It's a great way to start the New Year."

"Night of Joy" is presented by Faith & Values Media. The executive producers are Edward J. Murray and William Spencer Reilly of Faith & Values Media, Jeffrey C. Weber of Lightworks Producing Group, Inc., and Judy Pastore and Kelly Newby of New Past Productions. The program was directed by Jim Yukich, and produced by Lorri Berglund and Terri White.



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# Local Organizations Bring Christmas Joy to Needy Kids



Prestige Lincoln Mercury Owner Jerry Reynolds poses alongside Cheryl Jackson of the Touch Ministry and Cowboys Quarterback Quincy Carter at Prestige Lincoln Mercury's Holiday Community Outreach.



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Cheryl Jackson, Director of Public Relations of The Touch Ministry, a faith-based non-profit organization that provides and facilitates assistance to families and other charitable organizations, Jerry Reynolds, owner of Prestige Lincoln Mercury, Dallas Cowboys Quarterback Quincy Carter and members of The Touch Ministry, joined together for Prestige Lincoln Mercury's

Holiday Community Outreach. Toys collected at the Holiday Community Outreach were given to organizations such as the Plano C.I.T.Y. House, an emergency shelter for children and youth, ages 10 to 17 that provides shelter, food, clothing, adult supervision, counseling, structure and therapeutic activities, and Vogel Alcove, a childcare center for the homeless which serves their families while

homeless and through their transition to independent living. Carter and Cowboys Running Back Troy Hambrick signed autographs in exchange for donations of an unwrapped new toy or new clothing. In addition, everyone who donated a new toy or clothing were registered to win a new X-Box game system with controllers from GameStop, a pair of Heely's shoes and five autographed footballs.

## Dr. Marvin E. Robinson Honored By Dallas Black Dance Theatre At Eighth Annual Founder's Luncheon

DALLAS-Dallas Black Dance Theatre has announced Wells Fargo as sponsor and Guaranty Bank as supporting sponsor for its Eighth Annual Founder's Luncheon scheduled for January 9, 2004, at noon at the Wyndham Anatole Hotel in Dallas. The Founder's Luncheon celebrates the vision of DBDT Founder and Artistic Director Ann Williams and acknowledges the community's support of Dallas' only full-time professional dance company. This year the luncheon's theme is aptly "Celebrating The Things To Come." The luncheon will recognize supporters of DBDT's Capital Campaign who have contributed \$25,000 or more. For tickets, call (214) 871-2390.

Mark D. Coombs, Senior Vice President and District Manager of Wells Fargo states, "Wells Fargo is committed to improving and sustaining our local communities. We continue to actively support DBDT in their artistic program and Capital Campaign efforts. We're proud to be lending a hand to communities and touching individual lives."

"Guaranty Bank is pleased to support the continued efforts of Dallas Black Dance Theatre and its visionary, Ann Williams. It is through sustained efforts such as this that the entire Dallas community has been able to appreciate and enjoy the beauty and grace of dance through the performances of DBDT," says Linda Walker, Senior Vice President of Guaranty Bank.

The annual Founder's Luncheon is Dallas Black Dance Theatre's major fundraising event and each year honors an outstanding citizen for their contributions both to the community and to the arts. This year's honoree will be civic and business leader Dr. Marvin Robinson, President and CEO of Accommodations, Inc. Dr. Robinson has been an advocate and supporter of DBDT for more than 20 years, having served as Board President and presently he serves as Chairman of DBDT's Board of Directors.

Verna Mitchell, retired administrator with the Dallas Independent School District, and Thalia F. Matherson, Ed.D., Executive Director of the South Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church, will co-chair this year's event. Others serving on the committee are Bill and JoAnn Brown, John Hammerle, Sabrina Ingram, Gloria Kerr, Dr. Delva King, Lucy Livingston, Gloria Bowie Luckett, Theresa Brownson Lyons, Marilyn Misk, Carrie Moffitt, Herdine Nash, Deborah Parnell, Dr. Yvonne Robinson, Bertha Scott, Opal Smith, Audrey Thomas, Linda Todd, Delores Washington, Kim Whitaker and Shirley Williams.

Fox 4 News Anchor Clarice Tinsley will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies for this elegant event.

Foley's will sponsor the VIP reception and Neuman Marcus is the sponsor for the 2004 Founder's Awards.

Prior to the luncheon, there will be a silent auction with a wide variety of gift certificates including airline tickets, spa retreats, hotel weekend getaways, Super Bowl parties, and other splendid prizes. Some contributors to the silent auction include American Airlines, Exxon/Mobil, KFC, Fossil, Wyndham Anatole Hotel, the Dallas Mavericks, Georgetown College and more.

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hands of White police officers, the "Big Nigger Defense" or the "BND" in Dabney's book there is an excerpt from an article titled, "The Negro in Cincinnati" written by Frank Quillan, who was working on his Ph.D. at the University of Michigan in 1910. The Quillan document was the result of a study of the status of the Negro in the life of Cincinnati prepared under the direction of the Department of History at the University of Michigan.

The article begins with a quote from Samuel J. Tilden, Democratic candidate for presidency in 1876, who called the entire state of Ohio a "dead nigger state." After citing several discriminatory practices against Blacks in Cincinnati, Quillan poses the question, "What are the causes for this strong prejudice in Cincinnati? Among the seven reasons he gives is this one: "When a Negro commits a crime the newspapers always emphasize his race connection by such headlines as 'A Big Black Burley Brute of a Negro' does such and such, and the whole race gets a share of the blame while if the crime is committed by a white man the race is not mentioned, and the individual gets the blame."

Nathaniel Jones has been demonized and described in the same manner, even being called a "deadly weapon" by the mayor of Cincinnati simply because of his weight. Mumia's BND scenario is not so outlandish now, is it?

So it's plain to see that very little has changed in Cincinnati when it comes to how Black folks are treated and mistreated by some police officers. Why haven't things changed? Because we, Black folks, have not changed our response to these kinds of acts. We have marched, demonstrated, gone to jail, and we have had too many "race commissions" and "race dialogues" to list in this article. What should we do now, now after 40 years of marching and protesting, now after 250 years of the same mistreatment? Do you think there may just be an economic answer somewhere out there that we could use?

One thing I do know, we will keep on getting what we've always gotten if we keep on doing what we've always done.

James E. Clingman, an adjunct professor at the University of

Cincinnati's African-American Studies department is former editor of the Cincinnati Herald Newspaper and founder of the Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber of Commerce. He hosts the radio program,

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By Rev. Albert K. Haynes, Sr., Pastor  
Bethany Missionary Baptist Church

Jesus was going about His business when ten men stopped him. Jesus' reputation was the reason that the ten men stopped Him. They believed that Jesus could and would help them. When you claim to be a born-again Christian (Christ-like), someone will stop you.

What is your reputation? Will people believe in you? Your reputation should cause someone to call on you. Do you believe in Jesus? Your condition will cause you to reach out to Jesus for His help.

There is a man called Jesus and He is doing amazing things. You need to know that there is hope in God. God is a present help in time of need.

We ask God to bless us, but we are not willing to do anything for His blessings. You need to know that there are conditions tied to

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God's blessings. You must realize that there is a relationship between your blessings and your willingness to obey God. You must be willing to go where God leads you. God wants to know if you are willing to go with what you have.

There is also a relationship between your faith in God and your healing from God. The Word of God said that as they waited, a miracle happened. God knows how



Rev. Albert K. Haynes, Sr., Pastor

to bless you even in your waiting. You have a responsibility to use your wisdom to help others and to use your money to help others. God blesses you to be a blessing to others.

Jesus blessed the ten men but only one returned to thank Him. When the other nine men were asked why they didn't return, they said, "Jesus told us to go." What the nine men didn't realize is that you can never get out of order by taking the time to thank Jesus. Some folks haven't been liberated enough to thank God because they are too structured.

Thanksgiving is a response—why

are you thanking God? Your thanks is born out of your internal gratitude. You have a reason to thank Jesus—what has He done for you?

Jesus heard your cry and He sees your condition. He will not pass you by. He identifies with your condition. I tell you, He won't pass you by. Jesus will come to those that need Him. He will touch you. Jesus can touch you with His spirit, with His breath, with His faith, with His peace, and with His eternal love, all you have to do is have faith in Him.

You need to praise God because He is worthy to be praised. When Jesus does something for you, you will cry out with a loud voice and you will fall at His feet.

*As this year is closing, may your yesterday slip graciously away, your present brings you God's peace and love, and your future brings you the promise of God's blessings, His joy and His happiness. Have a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.*

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December 24, 6:30 pm  
Home for Christmas Candlelight Service  
December 31, 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm  
New Year's Eve Celebration - Potluck Dinner and the Covenant/Communion Service  
January 4, 2004 6:00 pm  
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## More Americans Taking Their Religion To Work, Says "Across The Board," The Conference Board Magazine

The once solid line between religion and business is being steadily eroded, according to an article in the latest issue of "Across the Board," The Conference Board's bimonthly magazine. The Conference Board is a leading not-for-profit business research organization.

President Bush's demonstrably Christian views, the terrorist attacks on America and aggressive religious groups are all blurring the lines separating the secular and spiritual in U.S. corporations.

The demand is also driven by workers' often-stated desire to "be who they are" at work and their commitment to share their faith with others - an integral component of evangelism. Many people want to practice their faith every day, not only on the designated Sabbath day. Some companies help by establishing serenity rooms - dedicated spaces that employees use for prayer or personal reflection - and affinity groups, which allow employees to practice their religion with their colleagues.

"Corporate chaplains, Jesus as a leadership model, biblical stories as a

source for employee development, employee prayer groups, faith-based e-mail networks - these are clear signs of a growing openness to the expression of personal religious beliefs at work," says Theodore Kinni, business writer and author of the "Across The Board" article.

Spirituality is a broad concept defining the need to find one's higher purpose and align one's life with it. Religion - the set of personal religious beliefs that constitute a person's faith - provides that purpose in many people's lives.

### DIVERSITY DRIVING FAITH MOVEMENT

Another contributing factor to the corporate movement toward faith is the concept of diversity, the recognition of the value to be gained by tapping into people's differences to create a more productive, creative workplace. Today, diversity is the umbrella under which most manifestations of faith at work are categorized. As more companies embrace diversity initiatives, more workers feel welcome to express their faith on the job. Being a faith-friendly employer is a natural follow-on to

being a family-friendly employer.

Some industries, particularly those working to overcome customer mistrust, such as financial services, might find religiosity a welcome employee characteristic. "Just in the last three years in my business - where some of the unethical practices of corporate America have been uncovered and the distrust of some of the financial markets has come to the fore - having demonstrable ethical values has become even more important," says Linda Stirling, a San Diego-based investment adviser for Merrill Lynch and an active participant in the Bible-based Horizon Christian Fellowship.

### THE THREE FACETS OF CORPORATE FAITH

Affinity groups are the most obvious manifestation of faith at work. These groups are similar to the many groups that have formed among employees who share racial, ethnic, and other commonalities. Some companies have e-mail networks that encourage members to pray for the leadership of the company in their dealing with business and social issues.

A second example of faith in the

workplace is the people leading the movement - not CEOs, for the most part - but second-level managers, operational managers, and executives at semi-autonomous branches. Middle managers seem to be embracing the faith movement for their own needs and motivations as well as for helping other workers.

One problem with advancing the faith movement is figuring out the boundary between living religious values at work and "selling" them. Many Christian managers say that if co-workers ask a question that can be answered by an expression of religion, that is the answer that he or she should hear.

The third example of faith at work is taking place not inside companies but in the marketplace. It is the proliferation of services and products aimed at people who want to integrate their religious faith and their work lives, a market segment that could not exist without the demand.

Source: "Faith at Work" "Across The Board," The Conference Board November/December 2003

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December 31, 2003, from 8:00 pm to 12:30 am

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