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**New national magazine to premiere next month**  
(NNPA)-Savoy, a Black general interest-lifestyle magazine will premiere next month. The New York Post recently reported. The periodical, published by Keith Clinkscapes' Vanguard Media, will replace *Emerge: America's Black News* magazine, which Vanguard discontinued last summer. Vanguard is the operator of Black Entertainment Television's magazine division, which includes *Hear & Soul* magazine, a Black women's health publication, and *Honey*, a young Black women's magazine.

**Montgomery Ward shutting down after 128 years**  
Department store group Montgomery Ward & Co. is shutting its doors for good after 128 years in a move that will threaten at least 28,000 jobs throughout the United States.

Citing weak holiday sales and a difficult retail environment, Montgomery Ward also filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection for the second time in 3 years. Ward first filed for bankruptcy in June 1997.

The company has 250 stores and 10 distribution centers in 30 states. The company's store employees and other workers, totaling at least 28,000, will be let go over the next six months.

**Veterans benefits to increase by 3.5 Percent**

Veterans receiving monthly benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) can expect a 3.5 percent increase in their next service-connected disability compensation or pension payment. The cost-of-living adjustment also applies to survivors of veterans receiving death pension or dependency and indemnity compensation.

The 3.5 percent increase will be included in compensation payments due Dec. 29. A benefits bill signed into law last month set the amount of the increase.

**Clinton grants emergency heating aid**

President Clinton ordered the release of \$300 million in emergency funds to help low-income Americans cope with the rising cost of home heating fuel. He also outlined other steps the government would take to reduce energy shortages to help people weather what is expected to be the coldest winter in several years. The Department of Energy projects heating oil prices this winter will be 29 percent higher and natural gas prices 40 percent higher than last winter.

**Liberal California senator mourned**

Alan Cranston, a crusader for nuclear arms control and world peace died at the age of 86 at his home in Los Altos. Cranston served 24 years in the U.S. Senate and was remembered by fellow Democrats as a commanding figure who never wavered from his liberal ideals. His later Senate years were tainted by the Keating savings and loan scandal.

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## Plano transit village to attract new development in downtown, eastside

By Glenda Williams Goodson  
Contributing Writer

Today, you've sold everything from mobile phones to handheld computers to two-way pagers and you're edgy. Now imagine stepping off a train and walking down pristine paths to shopping, upscale living quarters or just a place to relax in a genteel, small town atmosphere. Wander through cobblestone streets soaking in the ambience of the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Transit Village in Plano and you have experienced the new urbanism, Texas' first true transit development.

There is a lot of activity going on in downtown Plano, including housing and retail projects, new research facilities and DART has positioned itself throughout the city. Jim Young, the director of marketing for the City of Plano is excited. "Consider that in 1960 there were only 6,000 people in Plano compared to 230,000 in 2000. This area has seen explosive growth and the light rail impetus for a lot of the new projects happening on the East Side is a strategic move."

The transit village in historic downtown Plano is one of the city's newest projects. The DART light rail system is planned to reach Plano in 2003 with a line that takes riders straight to downtown Dallas.

Light rail service brings back a flavor of interurban service, which ended in 1948 with the increased automobile travel. According to Marcos Fernandez, project manager for Plano's DART Village, "the new urbanism is closely associated with mass transit, as residents want a more urban experience." Plano's transit village is modeled after a similar one in Portland, Oregon. City officials say, "transit villages integrate residential and commercial uses



The DART Transit village in downtown Plano is one of the city's newest projects. The light rail system is expected to reach Plano by 2003. Photo by Lori's Photography

in a compact, pedestrian-oriented environment." It's a good mix of commercial, residential and civic uses serving markets beyond local residents. The city hopes to use the light rail access to attract residential development, retail and restaurants and a performing arts center. The East Plano Station will be located at Park Boulevard and Archerwood near the North Central Expressway.

But there's a new twist. The city owns the land and is leasing to developers such as Amicus Corporation, which is building 240 upscale apartments with adjacent shops, restaurants and offices. Amicus president

Robert Shaw says that investors consider the train to create an excitement. Plano city officials feel that the partnership with Amicus will significantly enhance revitalization efforts. Leasing will begin in 2001 and tenants will be able to live in nice surroundings convenient to other parts of the Metroplex.

DART's downtown rail stop will border Avenue K, 15th Street, Avenue J and 16th Street. The shops planned along a plaza will feature places for commuters to pick up coffee, pastries or a newspaper before boarding the train. The project's architecture will complement the 19th century

facades of the historic downtown area. The plaza will be used for street festivals and other events. A community activity room, available to groups for meetings and receptions, will also be provided within the mixed-use development.

The partnership will help revitalize the downtown area and maximize DART rail service. Plano wants the area to become a destination, where people live, work and shop.

New housing and businesses will have to meld with existing structures. Vicky Eisenberg, owner of Eisenberg Skatepark, says, "The downtown revitalization will benefit existing busi-

nesses and we're thrilled to add the station to this locale."

Eisenberg's skatepark which opened in 1997, targets young rollerbladers and skateboarders who are looking for a safe place to gather. "We have live music, bands, concessions and arcades and both our young employees and customers will benefit from the convenience of the rail."

Martha Heinberg, DART media relations manager, says that there are more than \$1 billion in new commercial and residential investments near DART's existing and future stations. City officials say look for more exciting developments for Plano residents.

## Telecom Electric Supply Company to reap benefits of skills development grant

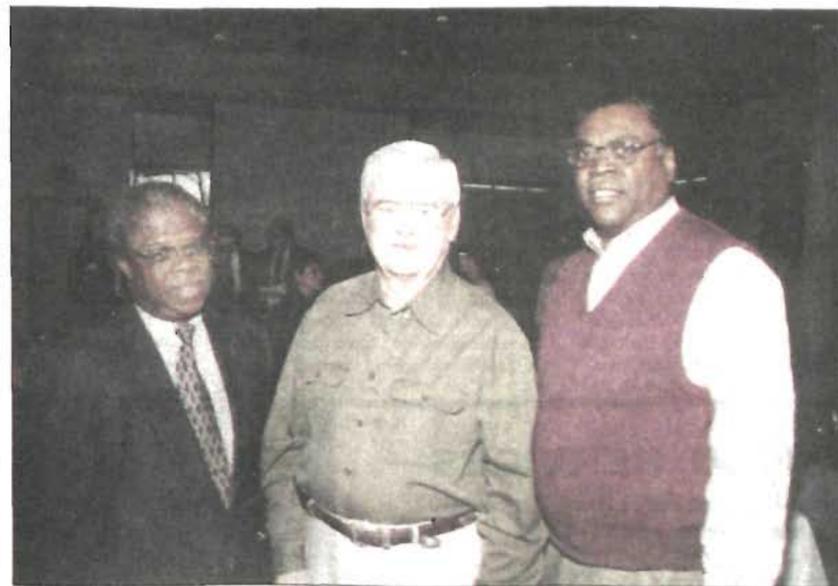
In a ceremony at the Spring Creek Campus of Collin County Community College District, Fred Moses, president of Plano-based Telecom Electric Supply Company, was among 13 business owners named in a skills training grant.

The Texas Workforce Commission awarded an \$887,146 skills development grant to Collin County Community College District that will provide training for nearly 1,000 workers in Collin County.

"To be selected as one of the companies to receive training from Collin County

Community College will prove invaluable," said Moses. "The training our employees will receive will help Telecom Electric Supply expand and remain competitive."

The grant proposal was an initiative of the Workforce Training Consortium 2000, a group consisting of CCCC and the Allen, Frisco and Plano chambers of commerce and economic development corpo-



(l to r) Fred Moses, president of Telecom Electric Supply, was one of 13 business owners to benefit from a Texas Workforce Commission's workforce development grant that was awarded to Collin County Community College. He is joined by Carey Cox, member of the CCCC Board of Trustees, and Earl Simpkins, chief operating officer, Telecom Electric Supply.

rations. The consortium identified 13 companies that will benefit

from the grant. Based on each company's educational needs, CCCC will provide cus-

tomized training. A wide range of courses will be offered, from basic skills and safety awareness

to managerial development and information technology training. Marie Piet, who is currently an account executive with the Business Solutions Group for Collin County Community College, will coordinate the grant program.

"Collin County Community College District has a proven track record in the workforce development area. To be awarded three major grants over a relatively short time from the

Texas Workforce Commission confirms that CCCC delivers quality training to the businesses in our region," said Cary A. Israel, CCCC president.

Telecom Electric Supply, founded in 1985, is a full-line electrical distributor including telecommunication accessories. The company started as an inter-connect company selling small key telephone systems. TES has been the recipient of several industry awards including the Texas Utilities Partnership Award.

TES celebrated its fifteenth anniversary in 2000.

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## Being resolute vs. merely making resolutions

By Junious Ricardo Stanton

(NNPA) - Many folks make New Year's Resolutions. We swear to give up some minor vice or habit we know is not good for us. Even with the best intentions or after being read the riot act by our doctors or loved ones, after a week or two, or in some cases a few days, we're right back doing what we swore we would never do again in life.

Therein lies our problem. We forget humans are creatures of habit.

Habits are thoughts, emotions and behaviors we do automatically without conscious forethought. Because they are unconscious of them or why we do them, we do them without thinking. They are second nature for us. Group habits form what sociologists call folkways, customs and can establish the basis for parts of a group's culture. If a family or group of people within a larger community engages in behaviors that differ from the larger community's norms, it is called a subculture. If those behaviors are injurious or self-sabotaging to the doers, to other group members

or dangerous to outsiders, it becomes a form of pathology. Group pathologies can and often are passed on from one generation to another. When that happens it becomes extremely difficult but not impossible to break the negative habits, the cycle of addictions, change beliefs, attitudes and behaviors.

That's why this new year I suggest we become resolute, meaning: fixed and firm on purpose, determined. We need to be resolute about defining and doing what is in our best interests. To become resolute we have to be fixed in mind, in spirit, psychological disposition as well as actions. We have to know definitively what we want, why we are doing it, and we are willing to do to alter our habitual thoughts, motives and behaviors to bring about the requisite changes we desire in our lives and circumstances.

We need to live conscious and purposeful lives. Being self-actualizing means deciding what is in our best interests.

Look at your life: are you doing what is in your best interests?

Do you see people acting

like or conducting themselves like they have a purpose, a mission or reason for being alive in this particular time and place?

If your answer is no, don't you think it's time you gave some serious thought to the meaning of life, why you are here and what gifts and talents you were ordained to share with the world?

Do you have any real goals for your life?

Have you ever sat down to think about or imagine what we need to do to improve our lives, our overall situation and what you can do to facilitate them?

If you haven't, why haven't you?

If on the other hand, you already know what you are here to do, are you on purpose and on task to accomplish it? What is it you want to be doing or accomplish within this year or the next several years that will give your life meaning purpose and fulfillment? What is it you feel you can do to improve your situation, the conditions in your life, home and community?

We are entering a new millennium: the 21st century is here. What do you want out of life and what are you willing to

do to make your dreams real? Making resolutions is a start, but we have to do better than that.

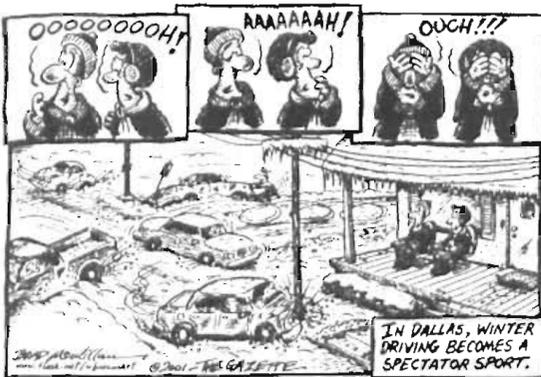
We have to be resolute, determined, steadfast and implacable. We have to believe in our dreams, our goals and not be discouraged by external obstacles and resistance or our own fears and doubts.

Are we actualizing our full potential?

In what ways can you make a difference?

In thinking about our future we have to look at our past--if for no other reason than to see how far we've come, what mistakes we've made and what things have worked well for us. Once we commit to improving and making changes we must be undeterred as we go about doing what is necessary to improve our lives and communities.

We are more talented than we realize. We have to take inventory of our inner strengths and resources, coalesce as a people and become resolute in bringing about the positive improvements and changes we desire.



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## E-schemes and E-scams: What investors should know about Internet investment fraud

As with virtually all industries, the Internet continues to have a tremendous impact on the investment community. For many investors it is an invaluable research tool that assists in evaluating investment opportunities and learning about different strategies and techniques. However, it has also become a playground for unscrupulous individuals looking to take advantage of investors. A variety of schemes and scams already have caused financial harm to unsuspecting individuals.

The Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) helped investors understand the magnitude of Internet investment fraud when it filed charges against 44 stock promoters. According to the SEC, these individuals failed to disclose to investors that 235 companies had paid them millions of dollars in cash and stock shares in return for Internet-based promotion efforts that were designed to raise stock prices.

Providing inexpensive, convenient access; anonymity; and an attentive, affluent audience of millions, it is no surprise that the Internet is a popular medium for con artists. In response to the growth of online invest-

ment fraud, the SEC, Federal Trade Commission, and National Association of Securities Dealers have all devoted resources to help lessen fraudulent activity. Despite these enforcement efforts, however, the use of investment scams will likely continue. It is therefore extremely important that investors educate themselves on scams and thoroughly investigate all investment opportunities and information disseminated through the Internet.

Three Internet forums that are especially popular with con artists: online investment newsletters, bulletin boards, and e-mail.

**Online Newsletters**

Newsletters can easily be made to look like unbiased information sources that offer access to research and expert stock picks. These appearances make them a choice medium for con artists looking to prey on unsuspecting investors. Masquerading as outlets of credible information, some individuals who publish online newsletters accept money from companies in exchange for promoting the stock of the company. In an effort to maintain credibility with investors, many

of these newsletters will fail to disclose this arrangement.

Another common tactic the SEC has linked to illegitimate newsletters is to spread inaccurate information or promote worthless stocks in an effort to drive up the price of their personal holdings. Once the price has risen sufficiently, the individuals who touted the stock will quickly sell their shares and reap the profits.

**Bulletin Boards**

Consisting of "threads" that are made up of individual messages referring to a particular stock, bulletin boards are a popular forum for investors searching for information on specific companies. Unfortunately, they are also another tool used by individuals looking to defraud investors.

Because many bulletin boards allow participants to disguise their identity with an alias - there is no way of determining the credibility of information. Fraudsters often pretend to reveal "inside" information on a company or attempt to pump up a company's stock price by posting multiple positive messages under different aliases. This tactic gives the impression that there is widespread interest

and support behind a particular stock. Referred to as "pumping and dumping" this ploy is usually involves small-cap stocks. These stocks are less heavily traded and consequently, their prices are more easily manipulated.

**E-Mail**

The popularity and convenience of e-mail provides con artists with an effective means of reaching countless investors with hardly any effort or cost. By sending personalized messages to thousands of individuals in broadcast e-mails, con artists can communicate false information about a company or promote a baseless investment opportunity. In many cases, e-mail has replaced cold calling and mass mailing as a means of targeting individuals to solicit their participation in a particular scam. Con artists also use e-mail to draw attention to their own fraudulent online newsletters and bulletin board threads.

While investment fraud can be a problem facing investors who use the Internet for advice and research, it is important to note that there is a significant amount of legitimate information on the Internet. By taking a few precautionary steps,

investors can successfully tap into the wealth of knowledge available on the Internet. Here are some basic tips for investors who use the Internet to research investment opportunities:

Do not make investment decisions based solely on information in an online newsletter, bulletin board, or e-mail. Consult a qualified financial advisor who is capable of analyzing financial statements, verifying claims about new products, and reviewing the quality of management before an investment decision is made.

Avoid investing in companies that do not regularly file reports with the SEC. This can be checked by accessing the SEC's EDGAR database online or by calling the SEC at (202) 942-8090.

If you are at all unsure about the legitimacy of an opportunity after doing research, contact the SEC or your state securities regulator and check to see if any complaints about the company or its promoter have been filed.

Beware of investments that use terms like "guaranteed," "risk-free," "limited offer," "high return," "fast profits," "insider information," and "safe as a

CD." Remember, investments that sound too good to be true, are usually just that.

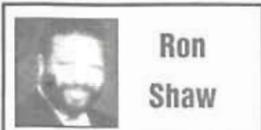
Exercise particular caution when evaluating offshore opportunities and investment opportunities in other countries. In the event that something goes wrong, getting answers or locating your money is often extremely difficult.

A well-informed investor is a scam artist's worst enemy. And while the vast majority of Internet resources are credible, falling victim to an Internet investment fraud can be a very expensive lesson to learn firsthand. To find out more about researching investment opportunities and protecting yourself against investment fraud, contact your financial advisor.

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Ron Shaw

## Born Again!

There have been lots of kids who have expressed displeasure with the way they were born or the situation into which they were born. One of these youth just happened to be a beautiful young lady 14-years-old. Her lot in life was "undesirable," as she put it. When I spoke with her mother, she told me that she had serious challenges growing up. As she proceeded to tell me of those challenges, I stopped her. "If you don't like the way you were born, do it again," I told her. The daughter heard the mother speak negatively about her childhood and how she wished she'd been born in another family and another place, and therefore, the daughter felt the same way.

Reinventing your life more than some people want to undertake. I believe that we are constantly going through some sort of transformation. The Bible says it doesn't appear what we shall be but we do know that we'll be like Him (Jesus). Nevertheless, if you don't like the way you were born, try it again. It probably sounds as strange to you as it did to the man Jesus said the same thing to.

There are several things in this life I am certain of and one of them is that you can change your life. Your decisions can be changed. On young man told me he wished he had been born taller. Another said he wanted to be better looking. One young lady wished she had been born black, and another wished she

could be white.

What is it about the way we are born that disenchants us so much? We all desire in some way to be something else. However, truthfully, there is little or nothing we can do about the way we are born the first time. We had no choice in the matter. To worry or daydream about "what might have been" is a complete waste of time and energy. However, there is something you can do about the next time you are born.

Jesus confronted a man who seemingly was very intelligent about religious matters. His desire was to obtain information about a new level of existence. He heard of a person coming who could tell him how to gain access to a whole new way of living. He slipped away from his friends and professional associates to inquire of Jesus by night. Jesus told him that he could be born again. It's not only a possibility; it's a must if you want to enter a whole new world. Nicodemus was completely confused. The whole new world Jesus was referring to was the Kingdom of God. It presents a new perspective and attitude on life and opens a world of possibilities and potential.

To live as part of this natural world presents just the opposite. It presents limits and impossibilities and man-made boundaries, and ultimately death or separation from God who loves us unconditionally. So, the choice is yours. To relegate yourself to the limitations

of this world and its way of doing things, or to choose to be born again into a whole new world with its power, possibilities and pursuits.

Let's make some things clear. The Christianity I speak of looks into the realm of where God exists and sees things from His vantage point, that's why it's impossible to defeat a real Christian. Second, this way of living is powered by a different source. The life of a genuine Christian has the Holy Spirit at its foundation. For those who learn to live life by this means, the promise is life more abundantly. Living life by our own means only leads to disappointments. Third, an intimate relationship with God is incomparable. You won't have a problem quitting bad habits, or bad people once you are introduced to something far more enjoyable.

As we enter the New Year, why not be a new person? Your first birth was someone else's choice. Make the second one yours. A whole new life is waiting for you. The term "born again" suggests there was a previous life, don't waste the new one.

Thanks for making this a truly prosperous and enjoyable year for me. As I've met you on the streets and in the marketplaces, schools and churches, you've continued to encourage me. Look for more to be done in 2001. There's something special coming, with you in mind. Enjoy your life!

## Companies can take steps to limit workplace violence

CHICAGO, (PRNewswire) -- The shooting deaths of 7 people by a disgruntled Internet company employee on December 26 once again raises employee safety concerns for companies and their staffs.

Since homicide is the second-leading cause of workplace death in the United States, employers should take precautionary measures to limit the potential for violence on the job. Indeed, the recent history of work-related homicides represents only part of the violence-related challenges facing American companies. In 1998, for example, there were more than 8,000 serious on-the-job assaults.

"The bad news is that workplace violence is becoming more widespread across a broader range of companies and not-for-profit organizations," according to Kathryn Hartrick, a partner in the Chicago law firm of Stickler & Nelson, who advises employers on violence related issues. "However, there is some good news for employers. There are usually warning signs that precede an outbreak of violence in the workplace. As a result, employers can take preventive steps to minimize the chances of assaults and deadly attacks."

There are three key ingredients that most often contribute to lethal work-related violence:

1. An employee who has a heightened potential for violence. Potentially violent employees may have a substance abuse problem, experience mental illness, or harbor a long-standing perception of being treated unfairly by an employer.
2. A workplace environment that can be a catalyst for an unstable or angry employee. High-pressured, fast-paced, low-paying workplaces can be high-risk environments for employees pre-disposed to violence.
3. A triggering event experi-

enced by a company employee, either on the job or at home. This could include the termination or layoff of an employee or a personal setback such as a divorce or the break-up of a relationship.

Other factors, including personal financial pressures and the accessibility of guns, can also play a role in workplace violence. Although there are no foolproof steps to prevent workplace violence companies can establish and implement comprehensive workplace violence policies. Key elements in a strong prevention program, according to Hartrick, include:

1. Assessment of high-risk employees and workplace stress factors.
2. Creation of a crisis intervention action plan.
3. Incorporation of violence prevention measures, policies, and protocols as part of an employee relations program.
4. Development of a management level committee to monitor ongoing risks of violence.
5. Anticipating volatile behavior when high-risk employees are disciplined, demoted or lose their jobs.

It is important that companies set up clear lines of communication, all along the reporting chain, regarding the monitoring of aberrant employee behavior, including verbal or physical threats. Employers should implement a zero-tolerance policy toward any kind of violence, with clearly communicated disciplinary measures commensurate to the threats.

"Companies should use every tool possible to create a safe working environment," says Hartrick. "Many employers are uncomfortable confronting mental health and personality issues, which are frequently the basis for aberrant behavior. But in order to maximize on-the-job safety, management needs to be

tuned into the behaviors that are high-risk.

"In addition, companies need to create proactive policies that also address disgruntled customers who pose security risks. A while back, we saw a day trader murder several people in Atlanta, allegedly because of his anger at losing thousands of dollars in the stock market. Creating a system in which management can be promptly alerted when a customer becomes abusive or threatening is essential.



### Look No Further! Hobby Lobby Store Management Opportunities

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## Capitol Watch

### Texas school libraries risk loss of funding

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - Public schools and libraries in Texas must begin using Internet filtering software by April in an attempt to block pornography from their computers, or risk losing as much as \$123 million in federal money.

The requirement prompted by the Children's Internet Protection Act has drawn criticism from those who say the mandate for filtering software is a First Amendment violation. Supporters say children should be protected as much as possible from smut on the Internet.

Critics say filters jam legitimate Web sites while failing to block some questionable content. Anti-filtering groups recently showed top filtering programs blocking out sites belonging to human rights group Amnesty International, House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, and a digitized copy of the novel "Jane Eyre."

According to the law signed

by President Clinton on Dec. 21, public schools and libraries beginning in April must use software designed to block pornography on the World Wide Web. The software can be disabled by a library administrator for "bona fide research or other lawful purpose" by adults, the law states.

Although libraries receive little federal money, the Federal Communications Commission provides some reimbursement for Internet connections and services. The reimbursements amount to 20 percent to 90 percent off commercial rates.

For the fiscal year that will end June 30, the FCC has made 314 financial commitments totaling \$5.3 million to public libraries in Texas. During that time, about 2,000 Texas school libraries are expected to receive \$116 million to \$118 million in total. Arlington Public Library is budgeted to get about \$9,700.

Patrick Burkart, a board

member of the American Civil Liberties Union of Texas, called the mandated software "censorware."

The national ACLU plans to file a lawsuit after President-elect Bush takes office. The group has successfully challenged similar laws, including the Communications Decency Act and the Children's Online Protection Act.

"This technology is so clumsy and unintelligent and so badly conceived that it's inevitably going to create tremendous problems no matter where it's implemented," Burkart said.

Supporters believe the law will withstand a court challenge and provide a reasonable way to protect children from Internet smut.

"We drafted it to make sure it was constitutional," said John Albaugh, chief of staff for Rep. Ernest Istook, R-Okla. who helped push the measure.



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# High school athletes compete, excel in all-star game

By Rufus Coleman  
Contributing Writer

For Thomas Derricks, the Dec. 30 National High School All-Star Football Game was a moment to shine on primetime television.

But he hopes that many more opportunities will come in the future.

"Being asked to compete in this game meant that I've come a long way," said Derricks who attends Dallas Jesuit College Prep School. "But I also hope it means that there's a lot to come. In Texas sports private schools don't get the respect of public school sports, so to be considered for this game was a real surprise for me."

Derricks is one of many to assist the West in an 18-15 win for the all-star game, which is the first of its kind at the high school level. Star football players from the western part of the U.S. competed with their eastern counterparts on a cold Saturday afternoon before an estimated crowd of 1,200 at Highlander Stadium in Dallas.

"For a lot of these kids this is a chance to really shine," said Bob McQueen of Belton, Texas, who coached the West team. McQueen coached one of the most successful high school teams for 28 years at Temple High School.

Derricks wasn't the only Texas player to compete.

Others who played include

Jonathan Scott, an offensive lineman from Dallas Carter High School. He was named 2000 USA Today First Team All American. Also there was Keith Mills of Garland High School and Victor Mann of Fort Worth Country Day School.

"It was definitely a learning experience," Derricks said. "When you're competing with guys that are just as good as you it's hard not to see where you could use a little work."

His mom was still just as proud of Derricks after the game.

"He was overwhelmed when he was asked to come play today," said Jackie Derricks.

At half time another first took place.

The Downtown Athletic Club of New York Inc. awarded six of the very first high school Heisman Memorial Trophies. The award was named after John Heisman, who became the first director of athletics at the Downtown Athletic Club after 40 years of football coaching at several colleges. The award is normally only issued at the college level.

Tony Dorsett, 1976 winner of the Heisman Memorial Trophy, said introducing the award at the high school level, gives young athletes something to strive for and an

unprecedented recognition for their accomplishments at the beginnings of their careers. Dorsett was running back for the Dallas Cowboys and winner of two National Football League Super Bowls.

"This is just the beginning of great careers for these athletes and I'm hoping this awards are just the start of something great for these young men," he said.

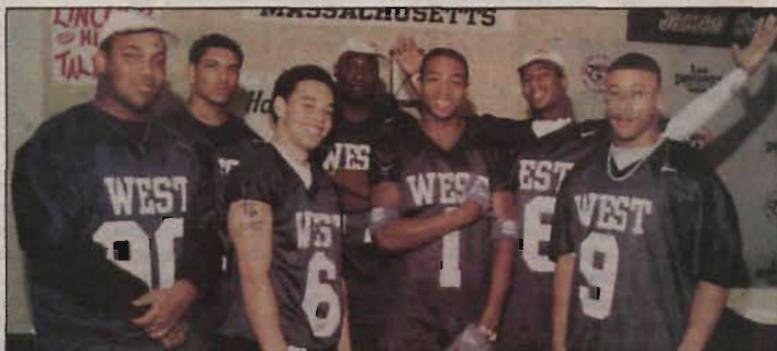
But the Dec. 30 game also provided a unique opportunity for some female athletes.

Kinshasa Garrett, director of the Medina Valley Top Cats Dance Team, brought her high school dance troop to perform on primetime with 118 students from across the country.

"We were told we could dance on the spur of the moment so this is a great honor for us," Garrett said. "My group got to work with the American Dance and Drill Team School."

The school coordinated the performance and is recognized as the best school of its type in the nation.

"It means so much for them since my girls are coming from a small town where it's hard to gain recognition," Garrett said.



Members of the West Squad, including Tyler Ebell (6), Derek Anderson (1) and Rufus Harris (9) join their teammates before at media day of the All-Star Football Game.

Photos by Lott's Photography.



Kinshasa Garrett, (top, left) director, Medina Valley Top Cats, brought her dance troop including (top, 2nd from left) Holly Waters, Karlee Martin, Heather Galinda and (front) Heather Langston, Michelle Kruczek and Krista Fuller, to perform.

Tony Dorsett, 1976 winner of the Heisman Trophy and former Dallas Cowboy presents the first of its kind high school Heisman to running backs Tyler Ebell of the West Squad and Kevin Jones of the East Squad.

## Wellness

### Wellness Briefs

#### UT Southwestern acquires St. Paul

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas has purchased the physical assets of St. Paul Medical Center from Texas Health Resources. The facility will be leased and operated by St. Paul as a subsidiary of University Medical Center, Inc., the holding company of Zale Lipshy University Hospital. Purchase prices for the Center was almost \$30 million. The new hospital will be known as St. Paul University Hospital at Southwestern Medical Center.

#### Patients wanted for clinical trials

Researchers at UT Southwestern are seeking patients to participate in three medical studies. Patients with any type of diabetes are needed for a diabetes study. Patients with recurrent depression are needed for a cognitive therapy study. Patients ineligible for a heart transplant are needed for a congestive heart failure study. For information on the studies call 214-648-4717, -5351, and -3861, respectively.

#### Members of military need more exercise

A newly-released survey suggests that the majority of service members are above national stan-

dards for weight in proportion to height, and more than half of service members exercise less than three times a week, or not at all. Even though some amount of physical training is required in all branches, personnel do not exercise any more than the general population.

#### Obesity linked to increased cesarean section risk

Researchers have identified cesarean section as one more obesity-related complication. Obese women are four times as likely as non-obese women to undergo a cesarean section. The researchers also found that women who gained excess weight in pregnancy doubled their risk of cesarean section.

#### Exercise slows down progression of artery disease

New research suggests that exercise can slow down the progression of artery disease in middle-aged men. It was found that exercise also combats artery disease risk factors including high blood pressure, high cholesterol and obesity. Low aerobic capacity was the strongest risk factor for progression in carotid atherosclerosis. Researchers found no link between men's reported exercise levels and disease progression.

### Make New Year's Resolution to drink more water

ALEXANDRIA, Va., (PRNewswire) -- It's the time of year when Americans are full of resolutions to lead healthier lifestyles, but research shows that these resolutions don't include one of the simplest steps to take—drinking enough water.

"The biggest New Year's resolutions tend to center around health-diet, exercise, quitting smoking and cutting down on alcohol," says Stephen Kay, Vice President of Communications, International Bottled Water Association.

"But people should also realize the importance of drinking enough water in the winter months, which according to nutrition experts is eight or more eight-ounce servings a day for the average adult."

According to research conducted by Yankelevich Partners for Rockefeller University and the International Bottled Water Association that surveyed 2,818 Americans in 14 cities, 37 percent of the respondents didn't realize the body needs as many fluids when the weather is cold

as when it is warm. As it gets colder outside, the body has to work harder to maintain a 98.6-degree temperature—and that extra energy requires more water.

Most Americans (91 percent) also know that water is the best choice to replace fluids after exercising. Athletes should pay attention to their water intake after winter sports such as skiing, ice skating or walking outdoors. In addition, illnesses that peak in winter, such as pneumonia and the flu, can also lead to dehydration, which makes drinking water this season all the more important.

"Even though most people know the positive effects of water, they don't drink it often enough. Drinking water is an easy thing to do, it's just a matter of getting into the habit," adds Stephen Kay. "With all the New Year's resolutions that are difficult to maintain past January, Americans can feel confident that drinking more water is a resolution they know they can keep."



### Don't stress-out over dieting, make a resolution to eat well

BETHESDA, Md., (PRNewswire) — Women who consciously attempt to restrict food intake have higher levels of stress than those who do not, according to recent research highlighted by the Public Information Committee of The American Society for Nutritional Sciences and The American Society for Clinical Nutrition. That stress causes the body to release excess cortisol, which can cause serious health problems such as bone loss, decreased fertility, or heart disease.

Many people — especially college-aged women — are vulnerable to societal or self-imposed pressure to attain or maintain a specific weight or body shape. Thus, they make conscious decisions about trying to eat less rather than letting the body's hunger and satiety mechanisms govern their eating patterns.

Says Susan Barr, coauthor of a study published in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition (AJCN), "When it comes to good health and achieving and maintaining a healthy weight, changing your overall dietary pattern is more important than restricting any

specific foods. Our study suggests that normal-weight women should enjoy 'eating well' rather than be excessively concerned about monitoring or limiting food intake."

Says Dr. A.J. Stunkard, co-inventor of the "Eating Inventory" used to measure dietary restraint, "This study is a splendid contribution to our growing understanding of the topic of dietary restraint, or restrained eating. Now there are two new forms of restrained eating: one is rigid, all-or-none dieting and the other is sensible, flexible efforts to control food intake. The first studies with the new scale show that flexible dieting is associated with greater weight loss. It would be wonderful to see if it is also associated with less stress."

Other scientists agree that "eating well" can help prevent the development of chronic diseases. A separate study in AJCN compares overall dietary patterns and shows that a diet high in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, fish, and poultry is associated with lower levels of fasting insulin and homocysteine. On the other hand, a diet high in red and processed meats, refined grains, and full-fat dairy

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### DEPRESSED AGAIN?

The Department of Psychiatry at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center of Dallas is conducting research sponsored by the National Institute of Mental Health on cognitive therapy for depression. **Treatment is free.** The symptoms of depression include:

- Depressed or sad mood
- Loss of interest in activities
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By Ed Bamberger  
Columnist

# Fed cuts interest rate half a point

By Martin Crutsinger  
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Federal Reserve, confronted with new evidence of a rapidly weakening economy, took the dramatic action of lowering a key interest rate by half a percentage point, the biggest reduction in more than eight years.

Wall Street soared on the surprise announcement, and President-elect Bush voiced his approval. He said such "bold action" was needed to avert recession.

The reduction to 6 percent in the Fed's target for the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other, was approved during an emergency telephone conference call between Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and members of the Fed's rate-setting committee.

It marked the first time in Greenspan's 13 years at the Fed that he has used a conference call to launch a cycle of rate reductions.

Analysts said the decision to act without waiting for the Fed's next regular interest-rate meeting on Jan. 30, and the size of the cut at one-half point instead of a quarter-point, underscored the seriousness with which Greenspan and his colleagues viewed the threats facing the economy.

"This is a very aggressive move and indicates a high level of concern. If it's not panic, it's close to it," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at a West Chester, Pa., consulting firm. The Dow Jones industrial average jumped out of negative territory to rise by almost 380 points before closing the day up 299.60 points at 10,945.75.

The technology-heavy Nasdaq index, which lost close to 7 percent of its value on Tuesday alone, jumped 324.60 points, or 14.2 percent, to close at 2,616.69, its biggest one-day gain ever.

"Greenspan recognized that the Fed was clearly behind the curve and had to do something pretty dramatic to reverse the worsening economic landscape," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist for Wells Fargo in Minneapolis.

The half-point rate cut triggered similar reductions in commercial banks' prime lending rates, the benchmark for millions of personal and business loans. Chase Manhattan Bank and Morgan Guaranty Trust led the way with a reduction from 9.5 percent, a nine-year high, to 9 percent.

Analysts predicted that Wednesday's rate cut would be followed by further reductions in coming months as the Fed moves to make sure the current slowdown doesn't worsen into a full-blown recession.

The half-point reduction by the Fed was the largest since a similar move in July 1992. It also marked the first time the Fed changed rates between meetings since it cut rates by a quarter-point in October 1998 as the Asian currency crisis sent shock waves through worldwide financial markets.

The 1992 rate cut occurred as the central bank tried to spur

growth in an economy struggling to emerge from the 1990-91 recession, the only downturn during Greenspan's tenure at the Fed.

Some analysts saw Wednesday's surprise rate cut as an effort by Greenspan to avoid repeating the Fed's mistakes then.

"One of the lessons learned from the last recession is ... that the rate cuts should have been faster and in bigger doses," said Allen Sinai, chief economist at Decision Economics in New York. Business executives and members of Congress who had pleaded for rate cuts applauded the Fed's decision.

Jerry Jasinowski, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, said the Fed obviously was influenced by a report Tuesday that a key index of manufacturing activity fell in December to its lowest point since 1991.

"I think what made the difference in the Fed's thinking was the combination of the meltdown in the stock market and the extremely rapid deterioration in manufacturing in December," Jasinowski said.

Bush received news of the Fed decision during an economic forum in Austin, Texas, where he was hearing firsthand from business executives of spreading economic troubles. He called the Fed action "a strong statement that measures must be taken to make sure our

economy does not go into a tailspin.

Bush said among bold steps needed beyond rate cuts was approval of his proposal of \$1.3 trillion in tax reductions.

The Clinton administration, in keeping with its longstanding practice of recognizing the Fed's political independence, had no comment on the rate cut.

In a statement explaining its decision, the Fed said it acted "in light of further weakening of sales and production and in the context of lower consumer confidence, tight conditions in some segments of financial markets and high energy prices sapping household and business purchasing power."

The central bank said it had the leeway to move because strong productivity gains had helped make sure that "inflation pressures remain contained."

Economists said the Fed's actions not only reflected misgivings about the weakening economy but also were intended to send a message to Bush that the central bank was prepared to act quickly to spur the economy. In the past, Greenspan has been critical of using the projected budget surpluses to provide big tax cuts.

"While they are still arguing about a tax cut in Congress, the Fed can say 'Look, we have already done something,'" said David Wyss, economist at Standard & Poor's.

## Plano 2001 MLK Weekend Celebration Events

Every January, Plano celebrates the life and principles of Dr Martin Luther King Jr. This year's theme for the Weekend Celebration is "Living the Dream".

### Saturday, January 13

10:15 a.m. - Parade  
Starting point Williams High School, ending point City Hall. To enter, call Bonnie, Dickerson at 972 431-3791.  
No entry fee is required.

### 11:00 a.m. - Program

Held at City Hall in the City Council Chambers. The program will feature several speakers and youth entertainment.

### 12:00 p.m. - Free lunch

Served at the Douglass Community Center at 111 Avenue H.

### Sunday, January 14

7:00 p.m. - Night Program  
Held at the Custer Road United Methodist Church. Performances by a Mass Community Choir.

### Monday, January 15

8:00 a.m. - Power Breakfast and Panel Discussion

Held in the Collin County Community College (CCCC) Conference Center F 1 08. City officials will participate in a panel discussion addressing community issues.

### Thursday, January 25

7:00 p.m. - PISD Program  
Held at the Plano Centre.  
Theme: "A Salute to Diversity: The Hero Among Us"

All of the events are free and open to the public. For more information call 972 260-4208. All proceeds benefit the MLK Jr. Scholarship Fund.

Every day, thousands of Web sites evolve throughout the world. Many are commercial or for-profit ventures, which typically have a .com "domain" names. "Domain" refers to the organization's type of business.

Other commonly used domains include .org (organizations), .gov (government), .edu (education) and .net (networks). However, as dot-com names run out you will soon see many new domains, like .info, .name, .pro, .aero, and .coop, which will help businesses find an appropriate name.

In this column, I'll list and describe Internet Web sites of special interest to minorities and others for general usage as well.

**Minority-Directed Sites**  
[www.nul.org](http://www.nul.org) - from the National Urban League. Helps African Americans ensure their children become well educated, adults become economically self-sufficient and prevents bar-

riers affecting people's civil rights.

[www.BlueSuitMom.com](http://www.BlueSuitMom.com) - directed toward working mothers. Topics include challenges of single mothers, parenting, finding childcare, and virtual classes available from home computers.



[www.ternation-al.org](http://www.ternation-al.org) - national non-profit site for economically disadvantaged workers. Includes discussions on dropouts of Latino children and distance learning for welfare-to-work adults.

[www.blackhealthnet.com](http://www.blackhealthnet.com) - discusses health issues affecting African Americans. Topics include lack of health insurance, general and women's health, and alternative medicine.

<http://raceandhealth.hhs.gov> - from the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, this site concerns the initiative to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities in health.

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## Chambers of Commerce

### City of Frisco

**Saturday, January 20**  
6:30 p.m. - Awards Celebration-Chamber Banquet  
2001 Awards Celebration will be at the Westin Stonebriar Resort.

### City of Richardson

**Wednesday, January 3**  
7:30 a.m. - EarlyNet  
Castle at Canyon Creek, 2700 Custer Parkway. No reservations required. Super networking table exchange.

### Friday, January 5

11:15 a.m. - RCC First Friday Business Impact Luncheon  
Luncheon sponsored by Fujitsu Network Services at the Clarion Hotel, 1981 N. Central Expwy. Luncheon speaker will be Brad Mayne, president & CEO, American Airlines Center Operating Center. RSVP to [rsvp@telecomcorridor.com](mailto:rsvp@telecomcorridor.com).

**Wednesday, January 10**  
No EarlyNet

**Thursday, January 11**  
5:00 p.m. - PM Connections  
Hosted by Genuity. Bring lots of business cards and lots of guests. No cost. Call 972-234-4141 for more information and location.

**Wednesday, January 17**  
No EarlyNet

### City of Plano

**Friday, January 5**  
7:30 a.m.-Business Interchange  
Chamber Building, 1200 E. 15th Street.

7:30 a.m. - Government Relations Committee  
Chamber Building. This committee reviews and recommends resolutions and legislative materials to the Board of Directors. They host a local candidate forum and have different speakers at their monthly meetings. Meets first Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. at the chamber. Everyone is invited to attend, no RSVP required.

8:00 a.m. - Small Business Assistance  
Chamber Building. Serves as the "voice" of small business members by designing and implementing programs for their benefit. Everyone invited to attend, no RSVP required.

4:00 p.m.- Education/Workforce Development  
Chamber Building. Coordinates business assistance to community and county educational institutions to support their programs and meet the job needs of the future. Everyone invited to attend, no RSVP required.

**Friday, January 13**  
7:30 a.m.-Business Interchange  
Chamber Building, 1200 E. 15th Street.

**Wednesday, January 17**  
7:30 a.m. - Board of Director's Meeting  
Chamber building.

11:30 a.m. - Women's Division Luncheon

The luncheon will take place at the Gleneagles Country Club. To register call 972-424-7547.

### City of Allen

**Tuesday, January 9**  
7:30 a.m. - AlleNet  
Greenville Deli.

**Wednesday, January 10**  
12:00 p.m. - Healthcare Committee Meeting  
The committee will hold its meeting at the chamber.

**Thursday, January 11**  
12:00 p.m. - Healthcare Committee Meeting  
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**Tuesday, January 16**  
7:30 a.m. - AlleNet  
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## Coca-Cola, UNCF partner for internship program

ATLANTA, (PRNewswire) - A corporate intern and scholarship program that links college students and the classroom into the real world of work is being launched jointly through an enhanced partnership of The Coca-Cola Company and The College Fund.

Scheduled for a summer 2001 kick-off, the College Fund and Coca-Cola Corporate Intern Program will offer 50 minority college juniors summer internships and the opportunity to earn an academic scholarship. Students will participate in an eight-to-ten-week summer internship, working at a Coca-Cola facility in Atlanta, Columbia, MD, Chicago, Dallas or Irvine, CA.

Guided by a Coca-Cola manager and mentor, students will have the opportunity to work in seven areas of the Company: chemistry, engineering, finance, human resources, information technology, marketing, and business management.

Each student will receive a

\$5,000 internship stipend, \$2,000 housing allowance, transportation allowance and will be eligible for a \$10,000 scholarship. Upon successful completion of the internship, students may be invited to come back and participate in the program the following year.

"The Coca-Cola Corporate Intern Program builds on our long-time relationship with The College Fund," said Jack Stahl, president and chief operating officer of The Coca-Cola Company and board member, UNCF. "It is another way for The Coca-Cola Company to offer minority students more opportunities to achieve academic and career success. The Coca-Cola Company strives to be a role model for corporate diversity. This program helps us achieve that goal by opening doors to our company and corporate

America for the young people who are selected to participate."

The program is the first, company-wide internship program of its kind for The Coca-Cola Company.

"The Coca-Cola Company has been a major supporter of The College Fund and this new program is an opportunity to leverage our synergies," said William H. Gray III, president and chief executive officer, United Negro College Fund. "Together, and through the Coca-Cola Corporate Intern Program, we can work to ensure that minority students receive the financial assistance they need to attend college, and to achieve the valuable, real-life work experience they need to successfully enter the workforce."

The program is a strategic initiative for The Coca-Cola Company to recruit new

employees from more universities and colleges where greater numbers of minorities attend. The Company has made a four-year/150-intern commitment to The College Fund and the program.

"The College Fund and Coca-Cola Corporate Intern Program is a unique initiative for the Company," said Charlene Crusoe-Ingram, senior vice president, Organization and People Development, Coca-Cola North America. "It expands our efforts to create a work environment reflective of the communities in which we do business. The program allows us to enhance our resource base of prospective minority employees and give students the opportunity to work for the world's leading beverage company."

The Coca-Cola Company has been a corporate partner to The College Fund for almost 15 years, contributing more than \$1.6 million to the organization and nearly \$275,000 annually.



## How to Apply

**The deadline to apply for the Summer 2001 Coca-Cola Corporate Intern Program is Feb. 16, 2001. To be eligible, each student must:**

- Have a minimum 3.0 grade point average
- Be a sophomore majoring in chemistry, engineering, finance, human resources, information technology, marketing or business management
- Provide a nominating letter from a faculty member that details the student's talents, interests and aspirations
- Submit a one-page written personal statement of career interest
- Provide a current undergraduate transcript
- Attend a participating college or university (see application)
- Interview with The Coca-Cola Company

**Completed applications, with all supporting documentation, must be received by Feb. 16, 2001. Submit application package to: The College Fund, c/o The College Fund and Coca-Cola Corporate Intern Program, 8260 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive, P.O. Box 10444, Fairfax, Va. 22031-4511.**



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# Arts & Entertainment

## Eyeing the Arts

By Stephanie Ward

Can you believe the year is already over? Just 12 short months ago we were ushering in the new millennium with guarded optimism because of looming Y2K worries. While 2000 didn't arrive with all the fanfare some had predicted, the year didn't go unnoticed. In the art world, we have seen new artists burst onto the scene and we have watched old masters be laid to rest.

One of the most poignant events and historical turning points this year was the passing of Jacob Lawrence, the great American modern painter of history and urban life. Lawrence died in his Seattle home while sleeping two months ago. He was 82.

He was best known for the Migration of the Negro, an epic narrative series of 60 paintings that depicted the migration of African-Americans from the South to northern cities after World War I. He also did a poster dramatizing the school desegregation case, *Brown v. Board of Education*.

Lawrence's accomplishments span decades. He was the first African-American artist to be represented by a major commercial gallery and the first to receive sustained recognition in America. During the 1940s, Lawrence's works exhibited in museums and commercial galleries in the United States and abroad. During the 1950s, when his style of work was no longer in vogue, he refused to change from his humanistic approach to painting. He depicted African-American street life as a complex allegory on race and subjectivity.

From 1970 to 1990

Lawrence committed himself to commissions especially limited edition prints and murals. He also taught art at a Washington university. Lawrence, a product of the Harlem Renaissance, was



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admired by hordes of emerging artists. His passing leaves a gaping hole in art history.

Another tragic passing this year was the nationally renowned contemporary painter William Tolliver who died of a heart attack Sept. 1 in Atlanta at the age of 49. Tolliver emerged as a professional artist in the 1980s after working as a house painter. His creativity and cubist-style captured the attention of galleries and collections around the world with more than 700 of his paintings selling in three years. The proliferation of his work helped the African-American art market flourish to a greater height during the

1990s. He produced limited-edition serigraphs that created another level of art buying for African-Americans. Tolliver has exhibited his work in the rotunda of the United States Senate Building and is featured in museum collection such as the Corcoran Museum in Washington, D.C. He is best known for his work depicting jazz musicians, field workers and beautiful women. Tolliver opened the first upscale gallery in Atlanta's Buckhead community. His colorful style and subject matter will truly be missed.

With the passing of some comes the coming of others. This year also saw the public taking more notice of African-American female artists. Their presence was felt in museums, gallery shows and art publications.

Two Dallas area artists who continue to rise to the top of the heap are contemporary cubist artists Evita Tezeno and Charlotte Wright.

Both women continue to produce large bodies of work and have been noticed by collectors and museums. Put them on your watch list.

Another milestone this year was a \$5 million donation to the Detroit Art Institute for the formation of an African-American Research Library. This has major importance because currently there is no central place that documents and encapsulates African-American culture. Many in the art world hope that this will create a foundation for promoting and disseminating information on African-American art and artists.

## Night Vibes

By Ché Hill

"Legend of the Poinsettia," written by Roxanne Schroeder, recently made its premiere at The Plano Repertory Theater, but failed to live up to the buzz that surrounded its release. The storyline, whether intentionally or unintentionally, was directed towards young people, especially preteens. The play offered little to adults as it lacked drama and an interesting plot. It was obviously message driven, reminiscent of old time television where many shows would end the story by divulging the hidden moral.

Jennifer Zapeda plays Estrella, a Mexican-born schoolgirl that desperately seeks the approval of her peers. Not wanting to be seen as different, she insists on being called "Star" and swears that she can't speak

any Spanish, nor has any memories of Mexico. She avoids any

maybe to give her more responsibility. They bestow the last wish of her dying grandmother upon her, to purchase the gift for the baby Jesus, a family honor during a Christmas celebration at their church.

Yet, Star spends the little money the family has on lavish gifts for her friends determined to win their approval. Her deceased grandmother whose been appearing to her in dreams, comes to her aid by teaching her a lesson in giving by way of the tale of the Poinsettia flower.

The climatic ending lacks punch, but by this time we're not expecting much anyway. The production can be described as cute at best, not perfect for the whole family. Parents, save this one for the kiddies.



Alex Gonzales (Pablo) and Jennifer Zapeda (Estrella) star in the Plano Repertory Theater's production of "Legend of the Poinsettia."

subject that may force her to discuss her 'roots' and won't let her friends come over to her home, for fear they will discover her Mexican heritage.

Her parents, played by Annie Garza and Michael Javier blame the death of her grandmother for Estrella's strange behavior, and decide the answer

## Movie Reviews

### Movie parallels athletics, academics

From Academy Award-nominated director Gus Van Sant and starring Academy Award-winning actor Sean Connery, a drama about a unique relationship between an eccentric, reclusive novelist and a young, black, amazingly gifted scholar-athlete, Jamal Wallace, played by newcomer Robert Brown.

After the novelist, Connery, discovers that the young athlete is also an excellent writer and secretly takes him on as his protégé, they develop an unlikely friendship. As they learn more about each other, they learn more about themselves, and ultimately, with the help of his new mentor, the basketball star must choose the right path between following his writing dreams or his hoop dreams.

In the holiday-movie blizzard, Forrester's a great find. This intimate film centers around two stellar performances—one by an old great, Connery), and one by a stunning low-key newcomer, Brown). Connery plays a one-novel genius who lost his inspiration eons ago and prefers to hide from reality inside his Bronx apartment. When he meets Brown (who originally auditioned for a smaller role to help pay off his cell-phone bill but ultimately landed the costarring slot), the old codger and young writing prodigy help each other navigate life's unexpected twists. And those twists include Brown—an African-America hoops star at a predominately white private school—standing up to untrusting, a-hole professor F. Murray Abraham, and the neurotic Connery taking baby steps back



Sean Connery (left) plays a reclusive novelist whose regains his inspiration through his protégé Jamal Wallace, played by Robert Brown, in the new film "Finding Forrester."

into public places. "Good Will Hunting" director Van Sant does a solid job of keeping the film simple and personal even if all paths lead to a predictable (but

satisfying) end. The film also stars Anna Paquin as Jamal's love interest and rappers Lil' Zane as one of Jamal's friends.

## EVENTS

### On-going

The Anita N. Martinez Ballet Folklorico is accepting applications for students ages 3 and older, interested in Ballet Folklorico and/or Salsa/Meringue at any level. For more information or to apply call 214-828-0181.

The Richardson Children's Theatre will be holding open auditions (adult and juniors) for the Repertory Company 2001, Saturday, Jan. 20 at RCT Studio Theatre, 2100 Promenade Center #2176, Richardson. For more information call 972-690-5029.

### January 1-7

Jubilee Theatre, 506 Main Street, Ft. Worth, presents "Black Nativity" a holiday musical by Langston Hughes. For tickets or information call 817-338-4411.

Cathedral Dallas, Inc. presents a special exhibit entitled "Mother of the Americas-Endless Source of Inspiration," a depiction of the Virgin of Guadalupe, in the Cathedral Gallery, Ross Ave. & Crockett Street, Dallas. Admission is free. For more information call Catalina Montaño at 214-871-1677.

### January 4-March 10

Pegasus Theatre, 3916 Main St., will present the play "The Frequency of Death," by Kurt Kleinmann with two special New Year's Eve performances Dec. 31. For more information call 214-821-6005.

### January 5

The Mexico Institute will hold an Epiphany Concert. The Institute will co-sponsor a Mexican soprano in performance with the choir and musicians of the Orchestra of New Spain at the Cathedral of Guadalupe, 2215 Ross Ave., Dallas. For more information call 214-890-9810.

### January 6

The Plano Symphony Guild is sponsoring the 17th Annual Collin

County Young Artist Competition at Collin County Community College, Spring Creek Campus. Winners from the competition will perform their winning concerto with the Plano Symphony Orchestra in the annual Young Artist Concert in March.

National Geographic Films and Destination Cinema present "Mysteries of Egypt," a film exploring the African country, at the Omni Theater of the Ft. Worth Museum of Science and History. For more information call 817-255-9408.

### January 7

The Orchestra of New Spain and The Mexico Institute will co-present a free holiday concert of 18th century Spanish Yuletide music on period instruments during the service of the Santa Clara Catholic Church, 321 Calumet in Dallas Oak Cliff at 1:00 p.m. For more information call Clara Hinojosa at 214-824-9981.

### January 9-February 27

The Dallas Symphony presents The Cecil and Ida Green Youth Concert Series each Tuesday beginning Jan. 9 through Feb. 27 with performances at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Guest conductor for the series is Ron Spigelman. All performances will be held at the Meyerson Symphony Center.

### January 10-18

National Touring Production presents "Real Men Pray" at the TBAAL Naomi Bruton Theatre. For more information or tickets call 214-743-2440.

### January 11-13

Principal Guest Conductor Claus Peter Flor leads the Dallas Symphony Orchestra in two works at the Meyerson Symphony Center. Each performance begins at 8:00 p.m. For information and tickets call 214-692-0203 or visit www.dallasymphony.com.

### January 11-20

The Dallas Opera presents Siegfried, by Richard Wagner. The opera is sung in German with English Supertitles and stars Frances Ginzer, Angela Turner and George Gray. For performance times and tickets call 214-443-1000 or visit www.dallasopera.org.

### January 12

The Dallas Black Dance Theatre will hold their Annual Founder's Luncheon at the Fairmont Hotel at 11:30 a.m. For more information call 214-871-2376.

### January 12-13

The Plano Metropolitan Ballet will present the "Wizard of Oz" at the Plano East High School. The cast includes 40 dancers, ages 9-18. Tickets can be purchased from Gotta Dance, at 121 Spring Creek Parkway, Plano or by calling 972-517-5799.

### January 12-27

Griot Productions in partnership with TBAAL presents the drama "Ladies in Waiting," by Peter DeAnda at the Clarence Muse Café Theatre. For more information or tickets call 214-743-2440.

### January 14

The 18th Annual Black Music & the Civil Rights Movement Concert, tribute to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will be held at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center at 7:00 p.m. For more information call 214-743-2440.

The Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce of D/FW hosts the Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats in performance at Richardson Senior High School, 1250 Belt Line Rd., Richardson, at 3:00 p.m. For more information call Joe Chow at 214-668-5389 or jchow60883@aol.com.

### January 14-April 29

A photographic exhibit of the Million Man March - Five Years Later will be on display at the

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## Around The Town

### On-going

The Solid Waste Division of the City of Plano will be recycling Christmas trees Dec. 26-Jan. 9, for residents who live in apartments. Drop-off locations are Highpoint Ball Fields and Carpenter Recreation Center. For more information call 972-964-4150 or visit [www.planotx.org/solidwaste/index.html](http://www.planotx.org/solidwaste/index.html).

Nominations are being accepted for the Volunteer Center of Dallas County's 21st annual Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Awards for volunteer work done in Dallas County during the past year. Categories are for individuals and groups. Nomination forms are available on the Center's web site at [www.non-profits/Awards/](http://www.non-profits/Awards/) and are due Jan. 26. For more information call 214-826-6767.

### January 6

PIP Productions will host the photographic exhibition/reception "Jumping the Broom," the 2001 edition of the African-American Wedding & Lifestyle Directory at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, 2922 MLK, Jr. Blvd., from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. For more information call 214-357-7053 or the

library at 214-670-0344.

### January 7

Living Prayer Group will explore the book, "12 Steps to Becoming a More Organized Woman, Based on Proverbs 31," by Lane P. Jordan, for four consecutive Sundays beginning Jan. 7. The class is open to the public and meets at Hamilton Park UMC, 11881 Schroeder Road, Dallas from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. For more information call Valder Beebe at 214-357-7053.

### January 8

The 9th Annual Building Professional Institute will be held at the University of Texas at Arlington Jan. 8-12, in Nedderman Hall, 416 Yates St. For more information or to register call 817-272-3701.

### January 12

The City of Fort Worth will honor the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in its 16th Holiday Celebration from noon to 1:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chamber, 1000 Throckmorton Street. For more information call Helen Crowder at 817-871-7551 or Carolyn Roberts at 817-871-5742.

### January 13

The Plano 2001 MLK

Weekend Celebration will be held Jan. 13-15, beginning with a parade Jan. 13 at 10:25 a.m. leaving from Williams High School. Weekend festivities also include a luncheon, youth program, power breakfast and community mass choir performance. For more information call 972-260-4208.

Sisters on the Move, Inc. will hold an open house at Crowne Plaza, 7050 Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, beginning at 10:00 a.m. For more information call Dominique Dor at 972-709-1180.

### January 14

Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 3100 MLK Jr. Blvd, Dallas, will hold its third annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration at 3:00 p.m. Rev. Randel T. Osburn of the SCLC will be the keynote speaker. The public is invited to attend. For more information call 214-428-2892.

### January 16

Sisters on the Move, Inc. will begin a Divorce Recovery Program for men and women, Jan. 16-Mar. 13, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at 4650 S. Hampton Road, 2nd Floor, Room 220, Dallas. Seating is limited. For more

information or to reserve a position, call 972-709-1180.

### January 17

The National Association of Latino Arts and Culture will hold its national conference Jan. 17-21 in Corpus Christi, Tex. For more information visit [www.nalac.org](http://www.nalac.org).

### January 19

The North Texas Home Educators' Network is holding its 2001 Winter Conference and Bookfair Jan. 19-20 at the Richland Hills Church of Christ, 6300 NE Loop 820, Richland Hills, TX. Registration begins at 3:30 p.m. Jan. 19. For more information call 214-804-8516 or visit [www.nthen.org](http://www.nthen.org).

Sound City Music will hold its fourth annual Marketing Development Luncheon and Gala at the Hotel Inter-Continental, 15201 Dallas Parkway, Dallas. The luncheon will be from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and the benefit gala dinner will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. For more information call 972-386-6000.

### January 20

The Dallas Mavericks 2000-01 Post-Game Concert Series begins again following the Mavs

vs. Nuggets game. ChiefMonster.com brings the Commodores to stage in a concert scheduled to begin approximately 30 minutes after the conclusion of the game. For information and tickets call 214-747-MAVS.

### January 25

The PISD Thursday night program will be held at the Plano Center at 7:00 a.m. The program is held in conjunction with MLK, Jr. activities and celebrations. The program is free and open to the public. For more information call 972-260-4208.

The Mega Job Fair of Fort Worth will be held at the Holiday Inn North Conference Center, 2540 Meacham Blvd., Ft. Worth, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sponsorships are available. For more information call Doug Williams at 505-232-0691.

### January 27

Child Advocates of Tarrant County, Inc. is holding a new volunteer orientation at their office on 1020 Macon Street, Fort Worth, TX at 10:00 a.m. Other orientations will be held Feb. 7 at noon and Feb. 24 at 10:00 a.m. For more informa-

tion call Kimberly Clark at 817-877-5891.

### February 4

The U.S. Postal Service in conjunction with the Artist & Elaine Thornton Foundation For The Arts will hold the annual Black Heritage Stamp Unveiling in the Flag Room at Dallas City Hall, 1500 Marilla in Dallas at 3:00 p.m. This year's honoree is Roy Wilkins, former head of the NAACP. For more information call Doris Black at 972-224-0513.

### February 17

KERA and the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center are sponsoring the 2nd annual "Speaking of Women's Health" conference at the Fairmont Hotel, Dallas from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. To register for the conference call 214-740-9238

### February 21

Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company is sponsoring Entrepreneur Expo 2001 at the Will Rogers Memorial Center in Fort Worth. The Expo will feature exhibits, seminars, luncheon and raffle. For more information visit [www.fwbac.com](http://www.fwbac.com).

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