

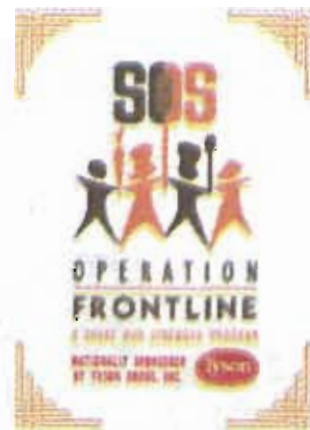
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## On the Homefront:

The Plano Community Forum meetings are currently held on Thursday evenings from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. For more information, call 973-260-4208 or visit their website at [www.planoct.org](http://www.planoct.org).

Plano Repertory Theatre (PRT) presents Schoolhouse Rock, Live!

The production will run November 15-December 9 at the ArtCentre Theatre located at 1028 15th Place in Historic Downtown Plano. Performances are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8:15 p.m. and Sundays at 2:15 p.m. Note: There will not be a performance on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22. Tickets range from \$10-\$30 and can be purchased over the phone by calling the PRT box office at 972-422-7460.

Keep Plano Beautiful (KPB) and the City of Plano, in partnership with The Home Depot, will host a special Texas Recycles Day event to educate Plano citizens and businesses about how recycling positively impacts our air quality and local recycling opportunities. This program will take place on Saturday, November 17, 2001, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at The Home Depot located at 12241 North Central Expressway (Highway 75 and 14th Street in Plano). KPB is looking for additional Texas Recycles Day sponsors! KPB would appreciate any donations to be presented as door prizes. Please contact Deb Bliss at 972-964-4111 for more information or to confirm your participation.

The Women's Division meets every 3rd Wednesday of each month for lunch at Glen Eagles Country Club. Networking begins at 11:30 a.m. If you are interested in meeting other dynamic women and men doing business in and around Plano, please attend this exciting luncheon. All Chamber members, guests and non-member visitors are welcome. Reservations are required. Payment is expected in full at the luncheon. Call 972-424-7547 for reservations and additional information. The next luncheon is November 21st.

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## Area postal inspector explains USPS' new mail security manual

By: Anthony Jones

A recently implemented United States Postal Service handbook highlights recommended security awareness related to biological and chemical threats (including anthrax) and mail bombs.

According to one postal official, security is extremely important to mail room operations both large and small. Lack of security can result in theft of supplies, postage, mail, and valuable information about your business contained in sensitive mail. When reviewing mail center policies and procedures, the word is "prevention."

Kenny Smith, postal inspector for the Dallas area, explained there have been no instances of anthrax contamination in North Dallas or anywhere in Texas.

"There has been nothing in the entire North Texas area," Smith added. "We (USPS) are

in the process now of testing our mail facilities as a precautionary measure."

Referring to the ultra-violet machines that sterilize mail, Smith explained, "the first eight



are going into the hotspot areas, New York, New Jersey, Washington, D.C. and those places."

Smith said there have been no specific scares in the Plano or McKinney areas but he explained there have been more in East Texas where some short evacuations were called based on information that a parcel was

suspicious.

With 300,000 of pieces of mail passing through Dallas area post offices, Smith said he does have specific people to handle the calls. "We will answer any calls that come to the Dallas area."

The postal services new handbook addresses anthrax with the question: How likely is it that someone would receive a harmful biological or chemical agent in the mail?

The postal service delivers approximately 208 billion pieces of mail per year.

Presently, there have been a relatively small number of suspected incidents of anthrax bacteria being sent through the mail.

During FY 1999 and FY 2000, there were approximately 178 anthrax threats received at courthouses, reproductive health service providers (clinics offering abortion services or counseling), churches, schools, and post offices. During FY 2001 we have had only approximately 60 threats or hoaxes, which included anthrax, hoof and mouth disease, the Kungman virus hoax, and others.

Chemical and biological weapons are sometimes referred to as the "poor man's nuclear weapons" and pose a significant threat in the post-Cold War environment. The relative low cost and simplicity of design and technology make them weapons of choice for a variety of rogue states and terrorist and non-state organizations. Although acts of chemical and biological terrorism have not been prevalent in the United States up to now, use of these weapons or the threat of their use are disruptive forces.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has been designated as the lead Federal Agency for crisis management in all acts of terrorism and uses or threats of harmful biological or chemical weapons.

The handbook also provides the following guidelines if a postal employee receives a suspected anthrax threat by mail:

- o Do not handle the mail piece or package suspected of contamination.
- o Notify your supervisor, who will immediately contact the Inspection Service, local police, safety office, or designated person.
- o Make sure that damaged or suspicious packages are isolated and the immediate area cordoned off.
- o Ensure that all persons who have touched the mail piece wash their hands with soap and water.
- o Notify your local law enforcement authorities.
- o List all persons who have

touched the letter and/or envelope. Include contact information and have this information available for the authorities. Provide the list to the Inspection Service.

o Place all items worn when in contact with the suspected mail piece in plastic bags and have them available for law enforcement agents.

o As soon as practical, shower with soap and water.

o Notify the Center for Disease Control (CDC) Emergency Response at 770-

488-7100 for answers to any questions.

Anthrax is a bacterial, zoonotic disease caused by *Bacillus Anthracis*. Anthrax occurs in

domesticated and wild animals, including goats, sheep, cattle, horses, and deer.

The skin form of the disease may be contracted by handling contaminated hair, wool, hides, flesh, blood or excreta of infected animals and from manufactured products such as bone meal. Infection is introduced through scratches or abrasions of the skin, wounds, inhalation of spores, eating insufficiently cooked infected meat or from flies. The spores are very stable and may remain viable for many years in soil and water. They will resist sunlight for varying periods.

Symptoms include an incubation period of 1-7 days, the onset of inhalation anthrax is gradual. Possible symptoms include, fever, malaise, fatigue, cough, mild chest discomfort followed by severe respiratory distress.

This mild illness can progress rapidly to respiratory distress and shock in 2-4 days followed by a range of more severe symptoms, including breathing difficulty and exhaustion. Death usually occurs within 24 hours of respiratory distress.

Anthrax is an acute bacterial infection of the skin, lungs, or gastrointestinal tract. Infection occurs most commonly via the skin.

Treatment with antibiotics beginning one day after exposure has been shown to provide significant protection against death in tests with monkeys, especially when combined with active immunization. Penicillin, doxycycline, ciprofloxacin, are all effective against most strains of the disease. Penicillin is the drug of choice for naturally occurring anthrax. If untreated, inhaled anthrax is fatal.

A vaccine is available and consists of a series of 6 doses over 18 months with yearly boosters. This vaccine, while known to protect against anthrax acquired through the skin, is also believed to be effective against inhaled spores.

## Plano Techs Honored

By Lakesha Joe

Plano, a community that began its existence with most of its early settlers migrating from Kentucky and Tennessee in the early 1840's in the Republic of Texas has grown into quite a city.

The City of Plano's General Information reports indicates that the city has earned a national reputation as one of the best places in the country for employers to do business and for families to live and work. The city of Plano was also named the safest city in the United States based on the most recent Federal Bureau of Investigation's crime statistics.

Now, among other things, Plano receives a first place honor from the Center for Digital Government's 2001 Digital Cities Survey. The Center for Digital Government is a national research and advisory institute providing government and industry leaders with decision support, research and educational resources to help them effectively incorporate new technologies in the 21st century.

The Center for Digital Government is a business division of eRepublic, Inc., the parent company of Government Technology magazine and Government Technology Conferences (GTC). The Center offers a series of unique programs covering the critical policy, executive leadership and technology applications surrounding electronic government. Its programs include Digital Government Navigator, Digital Education Navigator, Custom Research and Reports, the Digital State Survey, Digital Cities Survey and Best of the Web contest.

The 2001 Digital Cities Survey examined how city governments have progressed in adopting and utilizing digital technologies to improve the delivery of services to their citizens.

"The survey revealed some exciting applications and a genuine desire to deliver local government services to citizens," said Cathleen Robinson, Executive Director of the Center for Digital Government. "We are anxious to support these local digital leaders by highlighting their significant accomplishments."

Mayors, chief information officers and city managers at over 300 of the nation's cities were invited to participate in the Digital Cities Survey. The survey grouped cities into three categories based on population: more than 250,000, 125,000 - 250,000, and 75,000 - 125,000.

In a population range of 125,000 - 250,000, Plano captured first place in the survey followed by Des Moines, Iowa; Mobile, Alabama; Hampton, Virginia; and Salt Lake City, Utah.

"We are extremely pleased to receive this award and to be recognized by the Center for Digital Government," said Plano City Manager Thomas H. Muehlenbeck. "It recognizes the last several years of outstanding work by our city employees to seek out and take advantage of technology. We view technology as a tool to improve processes and reduce costs."

Plano's City Manager said that the city has implemented a number of technology solutions, such as automated meter reading that has given the city tremendous payback. The city is also looking at many new opportunities as they roll out e-commerce initiatives. "Plano's Director of Information Services, Chris Collins, and Director of eCommerce, Murray Johnston, were key in preparing the survey for the 2001 Digital Cities Survey."

"We created our response to this survey as an important project, and the entire Information Services Department was involved in pulling the necessary information together in order to accurately reflect Plano's digital commitment," said Murray Johnston.



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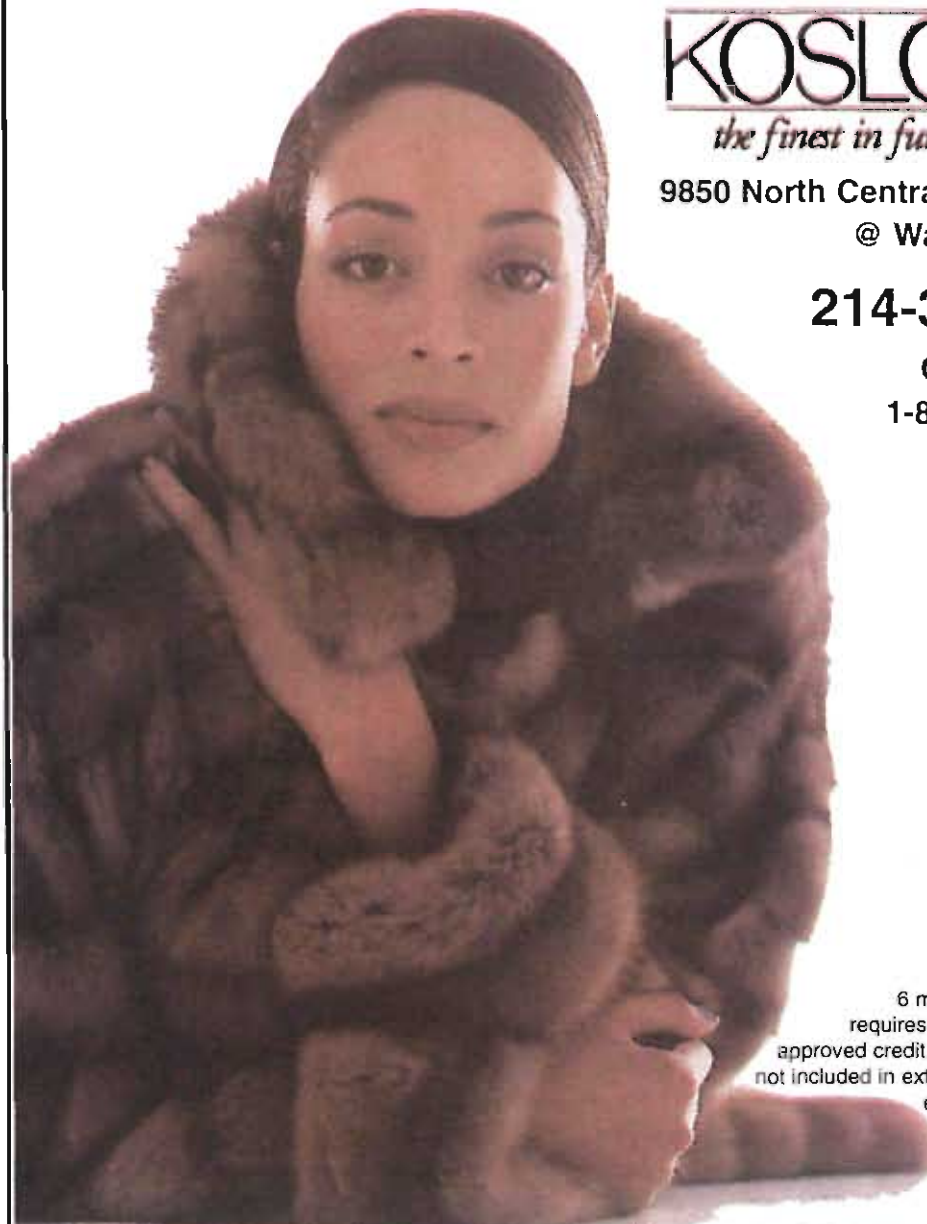
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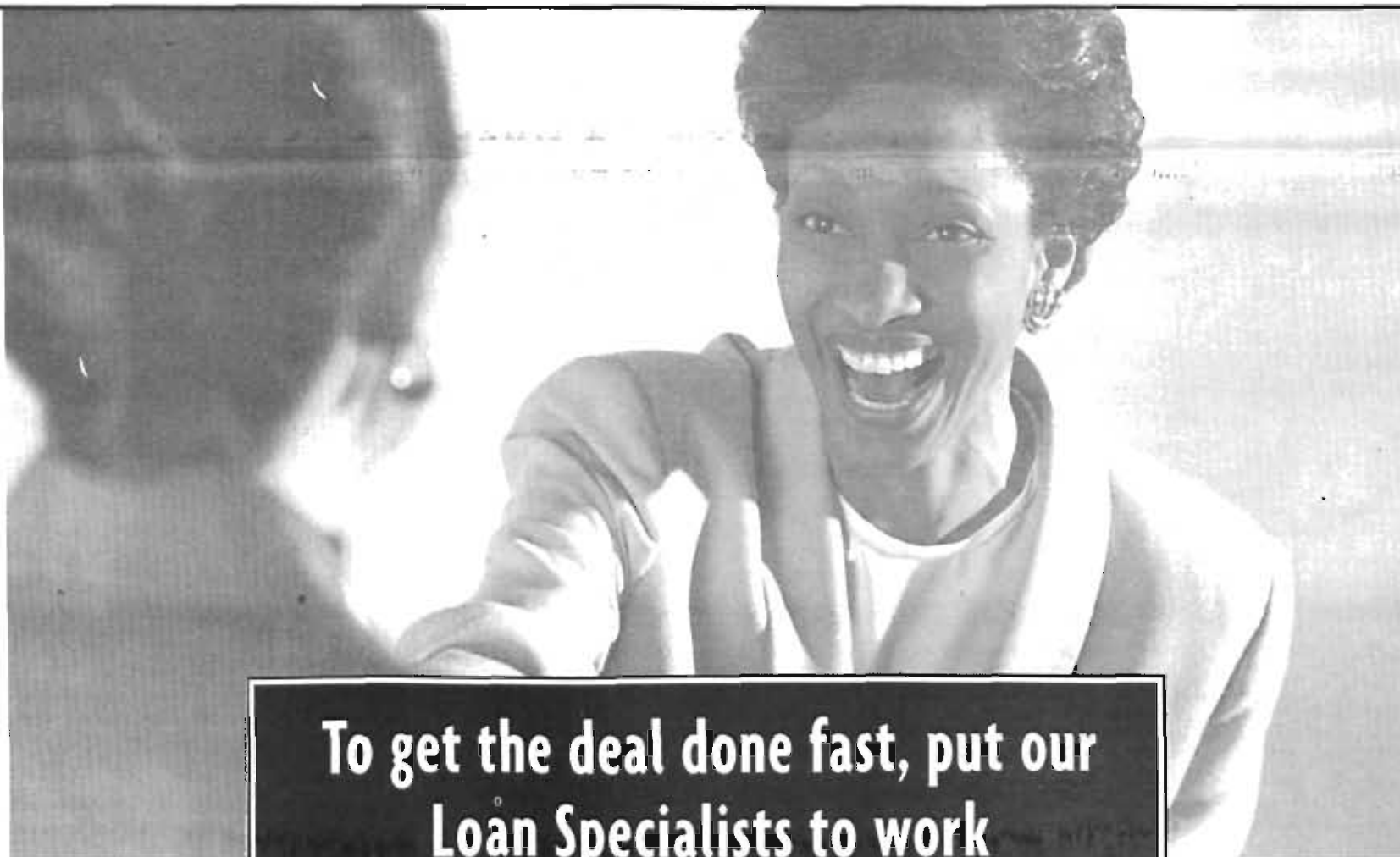
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# President Bush has taken the gloves off in his war against terrorism.

May he leave them off for the duration of the current phase of the war — and beyond if need be. Some analysts have taken to calling a Bush directive regarding the pursuit of the terrorist Osama bin Laden as an "unprecedented" move.

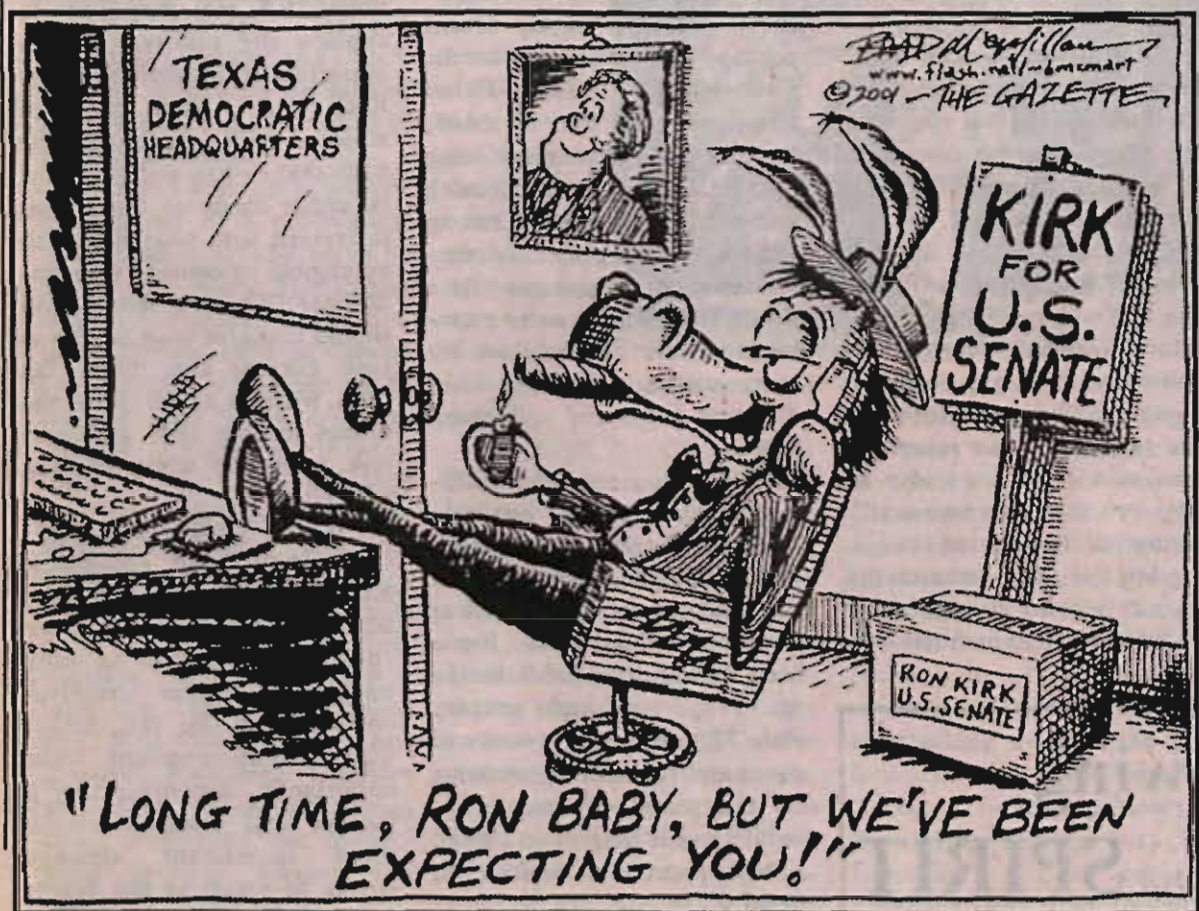
Bush recently gave the Central Intelligence Agency the green light to take out bin Laden, a move that on the surface runs counter to a long-standing executive order banning the assassination of political enemies of the United States.

The terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, however, were equally

unprecedented in their scope and heinousness. They were acts of war against the United States, to which the president has responded in kind. Bin Laden isn't a mere "political adversary." He heads a network of assassins that has been implicated in the Sept. 11 attacks that killed more than 5,000 Americans. He is as much a military target as Saddam Hussein was during the Persian Gulf War. Indeed, the very shot of the Gulf War was a cruise missile fired from the battleship USS Wisconsin that was targeted on the Iraqi presidential palace in Baghdad.

Any doubt there that the United States hoped to catch Saddam asleep in his palace? The United States is locked in a struggle against a despicable criminal whose sole purpose is to kill Americans in the hopes of destroying our way of life. If we are going to wage war, we have to wage it all the way. That means striking again and again at an enemy's command-and-control network, which in this case includes a terrorist mastermind named Osama bin Laden.

As the saying goes, "This means war."



Ron Shaw

# His Thoughts; His Ways Isaiah 55:8

"I just can't seem to stop thinking about him" one young lady recently said to me. We were talking about why she had started stalking a young man she claimed to be in love with. I asked her how she came to the place in her life where her every actions was directed by thoughts of him. They spent time together talking and going out and sharing space (and other things). As she talked, I thought to myself how life would be if everyone who claimed to be Christians were that in love with Jesus. It was obvious that she had allowed her mind to become filled to the point of overflowing (excess) with thoughts of this young man. The adversary had successfully pushed her over the edge. This usually happens when we don't follow the instructions of the one who knows how life is to work. I've held to the belief that our actions are always preceded by our attitudes. That is to say that thoughts come before behavior. That's why it is so important what we fill our thoughts with. I heard a lecture once on the subject of "thinking your way to the top". The lecturer said that most people don't think, don't know how to think, think about he wrong things and think wrongly about right things. He went on to say how important it was to find a specific place to think your thoughts; find a place to shape your thoughts; find a place to fly your thoughts; and find a place to land your thoughts. It's amazing how many people take Jesus up on one half of a statement he made when he said "take no thought".

In that statement he also says "saying". That means that when it comes to your thinking, if you are going to change it, you will have to use your mouth. You don't fight fire with fire. You don't get rid of water by adding water and you don't change your thoughts just by thinking other ones. This is the area that most shy away from because it's difficult. Nevertheless, it's absolutely necessary if we are going to realize all that God has for us. We must commandeer our thoughts.

Our text has God admitting that HIS THOUGHTS and HIS WAYS run on the same track. He goes on to say that HIS THOUGHTS are higher than ours and therefore so are HIS WAYS. If you don't think any better than are you thinking today, you'll have no better than you have today because you'll do no better than you're doing today. Jesus said from he cross that the behavior of the men who crucified him was due to their thinking. Even with the Christian conversion, that is a new life being birth in us as the result of our accepting and confessing Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we are still told to renew, reprogram our thinking. Romans 12 says to change from thinking like the world to thinking like Christ. Philippians 2 says think like Jesus. A lot people get bent out of shape because they think churches try and brainwash people. Well based on what I've seen and heard coming from the world and it's obscene and profane way of life, I say someone needs

to wash our brains of the filth that we been subjected to for so long. Unfortunately, it's not getting any better.

So let me give you some helpful suggestions on moving to a higher level of thought. First, be willing to measure your thoughts about every and all subjects by an absolute standard. For Christians that should be easy because our standard is the Bible. Although facts may vary, truth remains unchangeable. Secondly, decide to change erroneous thinking by searching for the truth. Truth isn't always lying on the surface. Sometimes it's like gold, you have to dig for it. Proverbs says that we have to look for wisdom but she can be discovered because she wants to be found. Finally, combat bad thoughts with words from your mouth. To stop and change thoughts, you have to open your mouth and address it verbally. This takes effort and time. There are many voices coming at us from every direction. The goal of those voices is to seed our thoughts. If we say nothing to prevent them from entering, its like doing nothing to your lawn and then wondering why it's full of weeds and other undesirables.

Never forget that God's thoughts are higher than ours and so HIS ways are higher than ours. But HE also gives us HIS thoughts and tells us to think them. That's something He can't do for us. We must choose to think HIS thoughts. When we do that, we will adopt HIS ways.

# Preparation - Panic = Protection

After the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Americans began to question their own safety and how they could prepare for possible incidents in their communities.

Dr. Paul Pepe, chairman of emergency medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, says preparation for any disaster, natural or otherwise, is the same.

"Be prepared to stay at home for several days and be self sufficient," Pepe says. "Keep a week's supply or more of bottled water just for consumption and

additional water supplies for personal cleansing and hygiene. Keep a similar amount of pre-cooked canned goods and dry foods on hand, as well as extra blankets, a radio, flashlight and extra batteries.

Plan as if you would have no water, electricity, heat, phones for several days." But the most important thing to do during any sort of disaster is not to panic. "As hard as it may be, try to stay calm and do what public health officials ask in the event of a disaster," he says. "We've been preparing for all

imaginable disasters for many years, and we can protect our fellow citizens better if they themselves are prepared."

## Pneumonia Vaccine Can Save Lives

Pneumonia can be deadly. Each year the illness claims more than 40,000 American lives, and those who are 65 and older are especially vulnerable. There are two types of pneumonia-viral pneumonia and bacterial pneumonia. Bacterial pneumonia is the more serious of the two and is commonly caused by pneumococci.

Currently there is a vaccine to combat the most prevalent types of these bacteria.

"The pneumococcal vaccine is safe and effective," says Dr. Craig Rubin, UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas geriatrician. "It can be given at any time of the year, and for most people it is a one-in-a-lifetime vaccination." Medicare covers the vaccination. Besides senior citizens, those who have chronic illness or weakened immune system also may be at risk and should

ask their physicians if the vaccine is right for them.

## Don't Skip Out on Your Favorite Holiday Treat

Looking for a guilt-free way to enjoy your favorite holiday treat? Try consuming fewer calories the day before and after the holiday, says Dr. Jo Ann Carson, an associate professor of clinical nutrition at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. "It's basically a matter of calorie balance. By consuming 500 calories less the day before and after a holiday,

you're leaving room for 1,000 extra calories."

Therefore, having a rich meal on Thanksgiving Day can be balanced by a lighter meal the day after, Carson added. And an extra 1,000 calories will allow room for a favorite holiday dessert or casserole, she says. "Just be sure not to go overboard. Although you may reserve 1,000 calories for an occasional special treat, it's important to maintain your overall healthy eating habits for the entire holiday season."

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## Walkathon and Health Fair

By Monica Thornton

Recently, more than 500 people took part in a Walkathon for Health and Hunger, sponsored by the North Texas Clusters Chapters of The Links, Inc., held at North Lake College in Irving, Texas. The crisp fall morning brought together teenagers and senior citizens, individuals and teams, and even grandmothers pushing babies in strollers. All in attendance had a common interest in promoting health and wellness and raising funds for the Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation.

The annual walkathon is sponsored by Dallas area chapters of The Links, Inc., an African-American professional women's organization, and takes place in many cities across America. This year there were four categories for walking-children, teens, adults, and seniors. First, second, and third place prizes in each category for one, two, and five-mile walkers were awarded.

The theme for this year was

"Make Health a Habit" and promoted health and wellness. Barbara Watkins, National Nomination Committee Chair of The Links, Inc., said all the funds raised through entry fees

and local levels are sponsored by the organization, working closely with schools, youth organizations, and local political and business figures. Ms. Watkins said before any project



A few North Texas Cluster Chapter Members. Top left to right: Audrey Thomas, Floristene Johnson, Carol Little, Frances Griffin-Brown, Gloria LeGrand Bottom left to right: Nancy Fain, Roslyn Fitch, Paula Parker, Karla Smith, Johnese White Howard, Barbara Lord Watkins, Marsha Webb-Ross, Betty Love

is undertaken, the demographics of a city are looked at, and the needs of the community mostly in need. "The Links, Inc., is an organization committed to the civic and cultural development of all Americans, but particularly African-Americans," said Ms. Watkins.

The North Texas Cluster chapters sponsoring the walkathon included the Plano North Metroplex, Dallas, Trinity, Mid-Cities and Fort Worth. Wendy Phynes, President of Plano North Metroplex chapter said, "There are 47 members in my chapter, and approximately 20 members took part in this year's 7th annual walkathon."

At a local level, Ms. Phynes said her chapter works closely with Club generation Success,

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## Gubernatorial Candidates Says Texas Education in Crisis

DALLAS (AP) — Democratic gubernatorial candidate Tony Sanchez said he decided to run for governor partly because of the "profound crisis" the Texas education system is in.

"My wife and I got very involved in education because of our children," Sanchez told the Latino Peace Officers of Dallas at their annual scholarship banquet Friday. "We realized that the system was bad. That it was in a profound state of crisis."

Sanchez, who supported affirmative action as a member of the University of Texas Board of Regents,

said education of Texas children is his passion — one

that compelled him to make his gubernatorial bid.

"I was concerned about the way the kids in South Texas were being treated by the government in Austin," the millionaire businessman from Laredo said. "It's with unfairness and inequality."

Sanchez will be competing in the Democratic primary against at least two other candidates: Waxahachie businessman Bill Lyon and Houston attorney John WorldPeace.

"The most important issue to the Latino Peace Officers of Dallas is the same issue that's most important to me and that every Texan is facing — education," Sanchez said to applause from the crowd. Sanchez said

88 of 100 high school students in Texas are not graduating from college.

"Most of those not graduating are Hispanic and African-American," he said. "A college degree is necessary for them to get the jobs that will give themselves and their families a life of dignity. Otherwise they'll be locked into a permanent underclass from which they will never escape. That is the most important reason I made the decision to run for governor."

Sanchez said a run for governor was the only option he saw to break that cycle.

"We keep hearing excuses," he said. "But I decided that if we were ever going to change the institution of discrimination in Texas government, it has to be changed from the top."



John  
Dudley

You may be one of the millions of Americans who change jobs or retire each year and receive a distribution from your employer's retirement plan. Naturally, you will be faced with many questions that may dramatically affect your financial future, depending on the decisions you make.

Perhaps the most important decision you will have to make is determining when you will access this money. If you don't use this money right away, you have a significant opportunity to build your retirement wealth through continued tax-deferred compounding.

If you should need immediate access to these funds, you should be aware that your withdrawals would be considered income for tax purposes in the year they are received.

Spending this financial windfall may seem attractive, but it could be costly to your future financial security. You will have to pay ordinary income tax on any distribution you take from your retirement plan, and if you are under age 59 — you may also owe a 10% premature distribution tax.

Special tax treatments, such as 10-year averaging may be available to individuals born

## IRA Rollovers

before January 1, 1936 who meet specific IRS requirements. However, even with these special options, you will still lose the opportunity for tax deferral on the future growth of your retirement assets. This can have a dramatic effect on the financial resources available to you during your retirement years—so make your decision carefully.

An IRA Rollover permits you to continue to defer taxes on your retirement plan distribution, thus allowing your money the potential to grow faster than in a regular savings account. Most distributions from qualified retirement plans can be rolled over to a traditional IRA. With the recent passage of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001, there is even greater flexibility for IRA holders in distributing and moving assets both among IRAs and among various other retirement arrangements. As a result, IRAs will be more popular than ever as vehicles for accumulating, holding and directing taxpayers' retirement assets.

Once you roll your distribution into an IRA, you have flexible distribution options that enable you to control both your income stream as well as when you will pay taxes. If you need to withdraw funds before age 59 — you might employ Rule 72(t) to create a series of equal and substantial payments for five years or to age 59 — (whichever is longer) and avoid a 10% premature distribution penalty.

If continuing to defer taxes

with an IRA Rollover is the preferred action step for you, ask your employer to send your distribution directly to your traditional IRA custodian. If the distribution is paid to you instead, your employer generally is required to withhold 20% of the distribution for federal income taxes. If the 20% is withheld, you can still avoid taxes on the entire distribution if you rollover the amount that you received plus the amount of the withholding within 60 days. Presumably, you will get a refund of the withheld amount when you file that year's taxes.

If you roll your retirement plan distribution into a traditional IRA, you may want to explore the tax-free income opportunities available with the Roth IRA. Your modified adjusted gross income must be \$100,000 or less and you must be either single or file a joint tax return with your spouse to be eligible to convert your traditional IRA to a Roth. You should consider such factors as your current and future tax rates, when you plan to use the money in your IRA, and your risk tolerance when making your choice.

Before making any decisions about your retirement plan distribution, seek the advice of a Financial Advisor and an accountant to fully understand your rollover options and the tax consequences of those options. Most importantly, remember that a flexible and dynamic retirement investment strategy strives to result in the bright future you envision for you and your family.

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# "peace, love, respect for everybody," :Chuck Davis

The African American dance Ensemble seeks to preserve and share the finest traditions of African and African American dance and music through research, education and entertainment. With out motto, "peace, love, respect for everybody," we celebrate traditional African culture, aesthetics and values as resources for all people and utilize these resources to encourage interracial cooperation, cross-cultural understanding and societal analysis.

The story of the African American Dance Ensemble begins with Chuck Davis, a native of Raleigh, North Carolina, whose path from Raleigh's all black Ligon High School through Howard University's Theater and Dance Program eventually led him to New York City and the world of professional dance.

Chuck's first job as a regular member of a professional troupe came in 1959 when he joined the Klara Harrington Dance Company. From that point through 1968 he danced professionally with a number of modern, jazz, Afro-Cuban and African companies. Among these are the Olatunji Dance Company, the Eleo Pomare Dance Company, and the Bernice Johnson Dance Company. These were learning years and Chuck learned from the best. The list of mentors is long and impressive. Thelma Hill, Eleo Pomare, Jean Leon Destine, Katherine Dunham and Pearl Primus are among those who make the connections between African and Western experiences.

Chuck Davis' connection to Africa began with his birthright, but the artistic connection began with a performance of the Sierra Leone National Dance Company at the New York World's Fair in 1964. Study in Africa became a goal. The opportunity came in 1977 when the Chuck Davis Dance Company participated in FES-TAC, an international exposition and celebration of African culture, held in Lagos, Nigeria. Each year thereafter, he has returned to the continent for further study of traditional dance styles and music.

"Every year, I journey to Africa in order to bask in the culture and absorb as much as I can through practical experience. I sit at the feet of the elders and allow their words of wisdom to be as rays of the sun. I

feel the vibrations as I stamp on the dusty earth during sacred religious ceremonies introduced thousands of years ago. I wander through the crowded marketplace full of aromas escaping from hundreds of sources. In the village, we humble ourselves as we dance and sing for the elders' approval, which is never readily given. Our knees touch out shoulders as we jump, spin and create new moves from ancient sources trapped in the belly of the drum emitting rhythm after rhythm. And we dance. What I learn I return to the States and share."

In 1968, the Chuck Davis Dance Company was founded in New York City with Chuck Davis as the Artistic Director. The Company performed to rave reviews in the New York area and elsewhere in the United States, gradually establishing itself as one of the national's premier Afro-American dance companies. This was the company that came to Durham, North Carolina in 1980 at the invitation of the American Dance Festival. It was a case of "love at first sight." There was no letting go. Chuck Davis, the American Dance Festival, and the local community have generated a synergy larger than any of them alone could have achieved. Stages and auditoriums could not contain the performances.

The environment became the stage, and the audiences became the performances. "Peace, love, respect for everybody," became the simple but powerful message the art was bringing to the community.

Davis works, "Saturday Night, Sunday Morning," and "Drought," both of which were commissioned by the American Dance Festival.

The Ensemble is comprised of 9 musicians and dancers

ed itself as a nonprofit corporation.

Its mission is to preserve and share the finest traditions of African and African American dance and music through research, education and entertainment. With the motto, "Peace, Love, Respect for Everybody," the Ensemble celebrates traditional African culture, aesthetics and values as resources to encourage interracial cooperation, cross-cultural understanding and societal analysis.

"Peace, Love, Respect for Everybody," is much more than a catchy way to end a concert and the African American Dance Ensemble is much more than just another dance troupe. The Ensemble is an agency of positive social change and reinforcement of the best human values (peace, love, and respect). A concert by the African American Dance Ensemble is at once entertaining, enlightening and emboldening. Dramatic staging, exciting rhythms, masterful choreography and color-

ful costumes combine with consistently enthusiastic audiences to create an artistic experience difficult to forget. But that is only the beginning. Nobody sits through a performance by the Ensemble without learning from the artists. Aspects of African Culture are explained and audience participation in ritual is encouraged. The chants and rituals are all placed in their proper historical contexts and everyone learns.

More importantly, though, learning takes place at another level and enlightenment is not too strong a word to describe what actually takes place. The dance itself becomes the means through which one comes to see something of the human condition. Imprisonment, famine, poverty, drug dependency, slavery and war can be juxtaposed with celebration of liberation, bountiful harvests, marriage and birth in an artistic blend that demands attention to the realities it represents. The art has a message that not only condemns the worst and celebrates the best of the human condition, it encourages us to do something about the negatives and reinforces the positive. An audience leaves a concert feeling at one with itself, the world and the dancers and musicians who brought it all together.



Each season from 1980 to 1984 the Chuck Davis Dance Company was in residence with the American Dance Festival's Community Services Program and each season the participants in this outreach program grew. By 1983 it had become obvious that there was a developing core of local dancers whose levels of proficiency were approaching those of the professionals from whom they were learning. The African American Dance Ensemble was born. The Ensemble's "arrival" came in February 1985 when they gave their first full concert as an independent professional company. In the 1985 season of the American Dance Festival, the African American dance Ensemble stood on its own and took its place among the other established companies when it premiered two new Chuck

under the leadership of Artistic Director, Chuck Davis; a twelve member working Board of Directors, committed to the further development of the Ensemble; and an administrative staff of four professionals. The organization has constitut-

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which has students from a variety of Plano schools, and with Boys and Girls Club of Collin County. The Plano chapter also sponsors a school in Haiti and is also involved in the sponsorship of building and maintaining schools in South Africa.

To become a member of The Links, Inc., you have to be invited. Ms. Phynes said they do this by following national standards and by a needs assessment. She said they are currently trying to recruit young women "to bring energy and volunteerism to the community. We provide service through friendship, and we call her Baby Link," said Ms. Phynes.

Ms. Watkins said, "Membership is based on an individual's commitment to providing service to the community. We provide service through friendship, and we call each other sisters."

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# Food Banks Have Bare Cupboards Approaching the Holiday Season

WASHINGTON, Homelessness Awareness Week (November 11-17). As we approach the holiday season and realize the effects of the downturn in the economy, the nation's food banks and other non-profits fighting hunger have seen a sharp drop-off in product and money donations, while also experiencing an increase in demand.

"In some cases, food banks have been experiencing an increase in demand for months due to the slowing economy," said Bill Shore, executive director of Share Our Strength, a leading anti-hunger organization. "Now with many Americans facing layoffs, donations to food banks decreasing, and the holidays approaching, we could face a national crisis."

In response to the critical need, Share Our Strength and Tyson Foods, Inc. have announced product donations totaling more than 400,000 pounds over the holiday season starting with a donation to the San Antonio Food Bank during National Hunger and

Homelessness Awareness Week (November 11-17). Product donations will continue throughout the holiday



season with donations in communities across the country. Since the beginning of their partnership to fight hunger in May 2000, Share Our Strength and Tyson Foods have provided more than 35 million meals, totaling over seven million pounds of chicken, to more than 250 emergency food assistance agencies nationwide.

A national survey released this summer by Share Our Strength and Tyson Foods, Inc., shows that many food providers -- food banks, food pantries and food rescue organizations -- receive the greatest

demand from their clients during the holiday months. The survey also revealed that the holidays are usually the time when food banks experience the highest donation levels. But with the economy in a downward spiral, hunger activists fear a bleak holiday for the more than 31 million people (nearly 40 percent of those are children) at-risk of hunger in the United States.

"We need corporations and Americans to join us and put their energy into this crisis -- donate one of the 'most needed' food products to a local food bank or volunteer their time to support the cause -- to ensure we keep America strong," said John Tyson, chairman and CEO of Tyson Foods. "It's important that we continue the fight against

hunger, especially during the holidays."

The survey also reports that 76 percent of the responding food providers chose meat and poultry protein as the food products they would prefer to have donated most. Unfortunately, 64 percent of the respondents also report that meat and poultry are donated the least, and 42 percent noted that meat and poultry are the foods they most often purchase to adequately supply their agencies and clients. Second on the list of items most needed at food banks were dairy products, followed by vegetables, non-meat proteins, starches and bakery goods.

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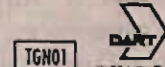
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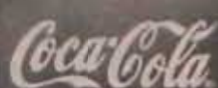
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# Arts & Entertainment

## J.K. Rowling

LONDON (AP) — J.K. Rowling, creator of fictional boy wizard Harry Potter, was beaten out by the Material Girl for the title of Britain's highest-earning woman.

The author of four Harry Potter books ranked second in the annual Pay List compiled by the Sunday Times newspaper, with income of 24.8 million pounds — about \$36.2 million — in the year ending Oct. 1. Madonna earned 30 million pounds — about \$43.8 million — to top the list. Madonna, who is married to British director Guy Ritchie, qualified because she has a home in London, the newspaper said.

Queen Elizabeth II was the country's third highest earning woman, with income of 15.2 million pounds, or \$22.2 million. Madonna's income makes her the 11th highest earner overall. The top earner was motor-racing magnate Bernie Ecclestone, who took 788 million pounds, or \$1.15 billion, primarily through selling a 25 percent share in Formula One racing.

## Harry Potter

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The new Harry Potter movie heading to theaters this week has enflamed a small legion of conservative Christian critics who claim the boy wizard is a tool leading children to witchcraft and sin. But as anticipation grows for "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," other Christians insist the stories are harmless fantasies about magic and morals. "I'm so tired of people saying he's evil," says Connie Neal, a Christian author who has investigated the Potter claims. "They're choosing to interpret the books in a very selective way." Neal, a mother of three and author of "What's a Christian to do with Harry Potter?" characterized herself as a "discreet fan." Yet other authors maintain reservations about the mysticism of Harry's world, in which magical people predict the future, change shapes and communicate with ghosts. "Although the story is fictional, Harry Potter has real-world occult parallels," said Richard Abanes, author of "Harry Potter and the Bible: The Menace Behind the Magick." "The books present astrology, numerology, mediumship, crystal gazing," he said. "Kids are enthralled with it. And kids like to copy." Abanes embarked on an eight-city tour to promote his book before the Nov. 16 U.S. release of the Potter film, which stars newcomer Daniel Radcliffe as the boy who learns on his 11th birthday he has magical powers. "There's a real religious concern," observes Jana Riess of Publishers Weekly, who moderated an Abanes-Neal debate at a July convention of Christian retailers. "Evangelical Christians believe that witchcraft is real." But, she said, witchcraft in the Potter novels "is not a worldview in the way evangelicals would think of it." She likens the fuss to parallel complaints when "The Wizard of Oz" was published a century ago. Scottish author J.K. Rowling calls the accusations "absurd," saying Harry Potter's world is entirely imaginary. "I have met thousands of children now, and not even one time has a child come up to me and said, 'Ms. Rowling, I'm so glad I've read these books because now I want to be a witch,'" the author has said. Though more than 50 million copies are in print worldwide, there has been no evidence of widespread conversions to paganism or witchcraft. Andy Norfolk of the London-based Pagan Federation, said the youth-aimed Potter books have created no serious interest in his movement because the don't appeal to older people seeking spiritual options who "see them as rather uncool." Enemies of Pottermania abound, nonetheless. The Potter books top the banned book listing for 2000, compiled by the American Library Association. Some have called for the books to be banned from public school libraries, claiming stories about witches and wizards violate church-state separation. Others have staged book burnings or circulated phony reports that claim the novels inspired thousands of children to join satanic cults. A Kansas library recently canceled a reading of the books due to complaints about magical content. Some children in Jacksonville, Fla., must now present parental permission slips to read the books at school libraries. "Satan is up to his old tricks again and the main focus is the children of the world," wrote Jon Watkins, a Baptist activist. "The whole purpose of these (Potter) books is to desensitize readers and introduce them to the occult." On the Web page of self-described Christian occult investigator David Bay, a drawing shows a boy reading a Potter book while sitting on the lap of a grotesque demon that gorily pierces his skull. "Harry Potter conditions children to think of witchcraft as harmless and even fun. That way, when the real antichrist arrives on the scene, they will be preconditioned to accept him," Bay said. Bay and Watkins also denounce Roman Catholicism, Mormonism and much of secular life as nests of evil conspiracies — views outside the beliefs of most Christians. Neal fears churchgoing parents will prejudge the books without reading them. She thinks most children won't be harmed so long as parents help them understand the difference between fantasy and reality. Christians "should use the help of God and our own common sense to do our best to be light in the world, not a laughing stock," she says.



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November 15-January 5

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November 16

Prostate cancer is one of the most common cancers in men over the ages of 50, with risk increasing each decade after this age. For minority men, the odds of getting prostate cancer are one in nine, compared with one in eleven for all U.S. men. African-American men have the world's highest rate of prostate cancer. The MLK Center located at 2922 MLK Blvd. in Dallas will be hosting free prostate screenings from 4-6 p.m. For more information, call 214-947-0000.

November 16-18

Soul Rep Theatre is proud to present TRANE: Beyond the Blues, written by noted playwright, Christine Rusch at the Majestic's Experimental Theatre, 1925 Elm Street at 8 p.m. on November 16th and 17th and 3 p.m. on November 18th. TRANE: Beyond the Blues, is a highly theatrical, jazz-shaped play about the life of John Coltrane from youth to adulthood. Group rates are available. Call 214-521-5070 for ticket prices and more information.

November 17

Keep Plano Beautiful (KPB) and the City of Plano, in partnership with The Home Depot, will host a special Texas Recycles Day event to educate Plano citizens and businesses about how recycling positively impacts our air quality and local recycling opportunities. This program will take place on Saturday, November 17, 2001, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at The Home Depot located at 1224 North Central Expressway (Highway 75 and 14th Street in Plano). KPB is looking for additional Texas Recycles Day sponsors! KPB would appreciate any donations to be presented as door prizes. Please contact Deb Bliss at 972-964-4132 for more information or to confirm your participation.

The 8th Annual Thanksgiving Celebrations & Awards Night is set for Saturday, November 17th at the Grand Ballroom of Omni Mandalay Hotel in Las Colinas. The event is organized by the Foundation for

Pluralism Center for Studies in Religious pluralism and Secular Societies. The purpose of celebrating this event is to thank God for helping us all heal and help us cope with the September 11 tragedy. For more information, contact Mike Ghouse at 214-686-4663.

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November 18

Rev. Ouida Fae Lee, Associate Pastor at Hamilton Park United Methodist Church will be the speaker at the 45th Anniversary Celebration of Glen Oaks UMC on Sunday, November 18, at 3 p.m. The Glen Oaks UMC choir, and the Hamilton Park UMC Men's Chorus under the direction of Patsy Brooks, director of music will provide the music for the celebration. Glen Oaks UMC is located at 4606 S. Polk St. in Dallas. For more information, call the church office at 214-376-6404.

November 19-21

Audiences can get an exclusive

preview of Dallas Black Dance Theatre's talented dancers during its "Behind the Scenes" Holiday Performance Series from noon to 1 p.m. at 2627 Flora Street in Dallas. This collection of intimate noontime performances will provide a unique opportunity for audiences to meet the dancers as well as preview works to be performed at the upcoming February 2002 Cultural Awareness Series. Admission is free with limited seating. For reservations, call 214-871-2390.

November 23-25

In observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, visitors can donate a used cell phone and receive free admission to The Women's Museum located at 3800 Parry Avenue in Dallas. The cell phones will be donated to the National Cell to Protect Program, which distributes new and recycled pre-programmed emergency wireless phones free of charge to domestic violence victims. For more information, call 214-915-0861.

November 24-December 24

A Christmas Carol runs November 24th through December 24, 2001 at the Arts District Theater, 2401 Flora Street at Fairmount. Single tickets are on sale now, and range from \$14 to \$42 in price. For tickets, call the Dallas Theater Center Box Office at 214-522-8499 or purchase on-line at [www.dal-lastheatercenter.org](http://www.dal-lastheatercenter.org) or [www.ticket.com](http://www.ticket.com).

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