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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Georgia senate votes to change flag

Georgia's state senators voted to change the state flag by shrinking the size of a Confederate emblem which many regard as a symbol of racism, heading off threats of an economic boycott of the state by civil rights groups. The emblem was added to the Georgia flag in 1956 by white lawmakers who wanted to maintain segregation in defiance of the growing civil rights movement. The new flag changes the emblem to one of five small flags at the bottom of a banner under the state seal.

### Southern U.S. faces drought threat

La Niña, the weather pattern blamed for severe drought in the southern U.S. is gone but a similar pattern with longer-lasting consequences. The current phenomenon is known as a Pacific Decadal Oscillation pattern and is a long-term ocean temperatures fluctuation which can last for a decade. La Niña ended last year after a two-year reign.

### Cattle cleared in mad cow scare

Government regulators have found that a few thousand cattle may have been fed the ground-up remains of other cattle by mistake, but no people will be at risk of mad cow disease as a result. The FDA said 1,200 Texas cattle at a single feedlot had been fed the banned material but Purina Mills Inc., which supplied the feed, was buying the cows to remove them from the human food supply. Some imported German candy that may have been made with gelatin from at-risk cattle probably also poses no threat.

### ABC to air live childbirth

The ABC network is planning a live broadcast of childbirth on "Good Morning America" next week. The show has arranged with obstetricians at three hospitals—in Boston, Dallas and Houston—to televise any of several births expected on Feb. 6. Parkland Memorial Hospital has been chosen as Dallas' hospital for its high birth rates. Several mothers gave birth during a November episode of GMN, which was bumped by election coverage.

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## Proposed RISD bond package to include new schools, equipment, debt payment

By Trina S. George  
Gazette Corresponding Writer

Public schools throughout the country are having to make major repairs to aging schools and transform them into modern facilities. Some

erendum would allocate money for facility renovations, purchase of land and new schools, and instruction materials and technology upgrades.

Two propositions are

assessment on the state of the district's 54 schools. "This firm physically inspected every school in our district and advised us as to what needed to be done," states Anne Foster,

35,000 students using them every day," says Jeanne Guerra, RISD communications director. "So, we have included in this bond funds for maintenance and operations cycles."

But, by the time the school was completed, the area's population had increased and the district was again overcrowded. In fact, we overflow 348 children from Forest Lane Academy.

This means that some children take eight buses every morning to other schools in the district.

Another component of Proposition 1 is instruction and technology. Bond revenues will allow the district to enhance the fine arts instruction facilities at all high schools and complete major renovations in all school library media centers.

The debt refinancing of Proposition 2 would enable RISD to refinance up to \$18.8 million in past debt to shield it from recapture. What's recapture? "The states set a rate of per pupil expenditure and districts above that rate are considered Chapter 41 school districts or "property rich districts," explains Guerra. Chapter 41 districts send a portion of their tax dollars to Austin. The money is then redistributed to the other school districts. RISD sends 17 cents of every tax dollar collected for operating expenses to Austin.

When asked why bonds are being used to fund the renovations and upgrades, Guerra explained that there are no other funding options allowed by law. "Most Chapter 41 districts are moving previous operating expenses to bond debt to lessen the impact of Robin Hood." The RISD Board states that they had to address creative financing in order to maintain

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Richardson Terrace Elementary will undergo major renovations if the bond referendum is passed, including more storage space in classrooms to prevent cluttered areas like the one above. The school is one of the oldest in RISD, built in 1958.

Photos by Stan R. Davis

estimates have figured the cost of repairing and renovating America's oldest schools could well exceed \$265 billion. On March 3, Richardson Independent School District (RISD) residents will decide the fate of the district's proposed \$370.47 million bond referendum designed to combat this problem. If approved, this ref-

included in the bond package. Proposition 1 consists of approximately \$350 million and is designated for improvements and equipment, while Proposition 2 calls for almost \$20 million to refinance a portion of the district's past debt.

The consulting firm, Vanderwell Facilities Advisors of Boston, performed a facilities

school board president. "We looked at everything from schools needing new carpet and paint to structural changes and instructional upgrades."

The average age of RISD school buildings is 31 years old, with 11 buildings being over 40 years old. "Our buildings are constantly in need of maintenance and repair with close to

\$174 million bond referendum of 1996. Bostic reiterated that the population in RISD is growing by leaps and bounds. "Forest Lane Academy was built to address the overcrowding in the district," says Bostic. "When census data and community related information was gathered, Forest Lane Academy met the needs of the district."

## Area schools targeted for engineering curriculum project

By Angela Jones  
Gazette Corresponding Writer

Historically, minority representation has been lacking in the number of engineering and technology graduates. The National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering (NACME) reports that minority growth in the field is at its lowest since 1989. In fact, out of more than 60,000 engineering school graduates only about 6,700 were minorities and of that figure, 3,100 were African-American, a 21 percent decline from 1999.

The INFINITY project was conceived in response to cries from industry, academia and parents to expose children to engineering and technology at an earlier age. A joint venture between SMU and TI, this nationally recognized project partnership between universities, industry, government and K-12 educators, is intended to help school districts incorporate engineering and technology curricula in its systems.

Now as a pilot, INFINITY has accepted 14 public and private schools into the program, which include Dallas high schools David W. Carter, James Madison and W.T. White—all of

which have a large minority enrollment.

Geoffrey C. Orsak, Ph.D. of SMU, director of the INFINITY project, co-founded the project with Torrence H. Robinson, university program manager at TI, at Robinson's suggestion after giving a presentation at Rice University and wanted to expand his scope to junior colleges and high schools.

"I have always been involved in the education reform movement and previously focused at the college level. Together, we wanted to focus on a much broader scope and produce a payoff for kids at the high school level," Orsak says.

While the plan was to originally pilot the INFINITY project to high schools with a variety of demographics, Orsak says that the demand in Dallas schools was so high that the focus was redirected to DISD. "So we met with DISD officials and ended up broadening the project from five to 14 schools," Orsak added.

Members of the INFINITY partnership are committed to ensuring that all students have access to an engineering curriculum. With this in mind,



W.T. White High School Teacher Andrew Brown (2nd from right) assists Messay Getahun in the INFINITY project. W.T. White is a pilot school for the program.

expert team members created innovative and educational approaches to modern engineering that are fundamental and fun.

The INFINITY project is now accepting applications for new schools during the 2001-2002 academic year. While a majority of the project's scope

has been within Texas, Orsak says that the goal is to eventually implement the program nationwide.

"We are taking the project as far as El Paso and to schools across the border. Alabama and California are also states we're looking at," says Orsak. "We've identified between 300 and 350

schools outside Texas that we want to bring into the program."

Locally, Orsak says INFINITY has received interest from Plano and McKinney school districts. For now, the emphasis is on schools with the greatest needs. Current INFINITY classes primarily consist of juniors and seniors. The curriculum has been designed for students who have completed Algebra 2 and have had at least one laboratory science course. Teachers approved to become INFINITY teachers must also meet certain prerequisites: they must be math and science teachers with classroom experience, a working knowledge of computers and software, and willing to learn the subject matter. Training is 40 hours and takes one week to complete.

"To assist with the project, we have enlisted a wide array of minority engineers from SMU and TI that will work with teachers and students," explained Orsak. "It is important that teachers and kids are able to see someone they can identify and connect with. The mentors have been a blessing to

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## Community Spotlight



Senior Pastor Charles S. Wattle of St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church of McKinney makes remarks during the church's Annual Black History Program of 2000. This year's program will be held February 11.

Photos courtesy Delores Murray



The program includes several youth of the church performing solos, readings and recitations. Awards are also given to trailblazers in the African-American community and a guest speaker. This year's speaker will be KKDA radio personality Willis Johnson.



Kenne Harden performs during last year's program. This year's honoree will be McKinney's historic United Day Nursery School, rated outstanding by the Texas State Licensing board. The program is open to the public.



(above left) Members of Plano Senior High School Wildcat Battalion, (l to r: Benjamin Zirkhe, Ronnie Mendez, Mushen Bergoon, Meghan Carroll, Tiffany Green and Ashley Grimes) get set for a performance during the PISD Martin Luther King Jr. Night Celebration at the Plano Centre.

Photos by Maggie Ybarra



(left) Girl Scout Abby Buford proudly carries the flag with her troop during the ceremony. The celebration wrapped up a month of MLK birthday activities in Plano.



(right) Guest speaker Michael Williams addresses the audience during the 25th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon of the African American Museum in Fair Park. Williams is the chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission. Photos by Let's Photography



Dr. Harry Robinson Jr. left, and Dr. Wright Lassiter Jr., museum board chairman, share laughs at the podium.

Museum employee Mark Proctor stands with Rachel Roberts following the luncheon. The theme for the event was "Celebrating 25 Years of Preserving and Sharing the Legacy!"



Carl Sewell, committee chair, headed the group of 28 members who coordinated the event.



Singer Cherita Wilson holds a young fan during a KRNB Sound City CD Signing event.

Photos by Let's Photography



DISD student George Dawson makes remarks during his 103-birthday party given by district officials. Dawson is the oldest pupil in the district, returning to school at 98 years old.

Photo by Stan R. Davis



Comedian, actor John Witherspoon performs his stand-up routine at the Improv in Dallas. Witherspoon is known for his role in the films "Friday" and "Next Friday."

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## President Bush must prove himself "People's President"

The beginning of any new term of public office is generally marked by words of wisdom and advice from well-wishers. We too offer our suggestions for our new president, George W. Bush.

We will resist the desire to rehash the fiasco of the election. Suffice it to say that, whatever your political persuasion, it is probably very true that no one wants a repeat of this year's situation. Perhaps the best summary of this year's election was made by a MIT statistician who compared the outcome of the election to the probability of flipping a coin and having it land on its edge. This analogy is both literally and symbolically true. As well, the reference to the coin being "on edge" sets the tone for our recommendations.

Having only received nine percent of the vote from the African-American voters, it is both reasonable and prudent for Mr. Bush to explore why his support was so low and, moreover, despite his unity platform, why there is such a strong perception that his "compassionate conservatism" rings hollow for

many African-Americans. Now, that there are those who will lift up the examples of Condoleezza Rice and Colin Powell as stellar indications of the President's



commitment. In fact, these are superbly qualified and competent individuals. However, the hundreds of persons who assume the less visible, positions define the much broader and significant impact of the appointment process. These positions tell the real story of the Bush philosophy. It is also among these positions that many African-Americans remain confident that their issues, hopes and aspirations will be dashed. What remains to be seen is if the diversity of the subsequent appointments supports the President's philoso-

phy, or if the initial placements were beautiful photo opportunities.

As President, we hope that Mr. Bush will show presidential leadership and become an advocate for civil rights, and for the economic and social justice priorities of the African-American community. We offer the following areas that the President may wish to impact:

- **Bridging The Digital Divide:** Focus on improving the access to, familiarity with, and employment opportunities for African-Americans in our growing technological society.

- **Economic and Community Development:** There continues to be a major need for assistance in improving opportunities economic opportunity within the Black community. Historically, the government has been at the vanguard of insuring that the negative conditions of poverty, lower levels of home ownership, limited growth for minority owned businesses and higher incidence rates of neighborhood crime and violence are addressed.

- **Racism:** The ONE

AMERICA office in the White House, created by President Clinton, should be maintained, because, as the election illustrated, unity is far from a reality.

- **Black Leadership Forum:** The organization has designed an 11-point agenda of priorities for the African-American community, which includes recommendations for national leadership in correcting police and criminal justice abuses, enforcement of existing civil rights laws, and actions to reduce welfare reform inequities and public education inequality. The President would do well to meet with the authors of this report and offer support.

- **Education:** This area warrants great emphasis on rigorous academic standards, well trained and paid teachers, quality school facilities and stable support for public education.

"Compassionate Conservatism" must be defined by actions. The other 91 percent of African-American voters will wait to see if Mr. Bush really intends to be a President for the people.

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quality facilities and education. "Bonds are one of the most effective and efficient ways of raising money to fund capital improvements projects and at

the same time offset other financial pressures school districts face," states the board president. "Bonds are not subject to recapture. Bonds can be used

for capital improvements (facilities and equipment), they free up operating funds for direction into classroom instruction and can generate necessary maintenance

daughter will be attending Aiken Elementary next fall. "I have heard nothing but good things about Aiken Elementary," says O'Neal. "In fact, I have heard nothing but good things about the entire district. They have good curriculums and good teachers. So a small investment in my child's educational future is worth it to me. The increase in my taxes will be well spent."

Foster thinks the community will echo O'Neal's sentiments and pass the bond. "I am very optimistic about this bond, and not just because this community has never voted down a bond in the past. But the people in this district value quality public education. Everything is better when the educational base is good. That in turn greatly affects the community as a whole in a positive way."

The Bond 2001 Community Planning Commission comprised of community leaders, RISD parents, business representatives and RISD staff has helped define what the community wants and what they would support. "Planning for this referendum began about two years ago," adds Foster, "and we are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead for RISD with its passing."

Early voting for RISD's bond referendum begins February 14th.



Terrace Elem. will also receive renovated parking areas with better drainage and runoff systems. After rainfall, water collects in the parking lot obstructing the handicapped spaces.

## So long President Clinton

He will probably be remembered as the Comeback Kid, the homeboy who rose from poverty in Hope, Arkansas to upset the good 'ol boy network in Washington by becoming president. His detractors will insist on rehashing Whitewater, Monica and Paula; but I will remember Clinton as the master of survival and taking resilience to new heights by prevailing over his opponents time and time again and he will leave office with some of the highest approval numbers in history. He was not a saint by any stretch of the imagination, there were quite a few issues in regards to his personal conduct I disagreed with, but I resented the conservatives' hypocritical stance even more. Clinton's record on race was baffling as well, but I'll give him 7 points for introducing a platform for dialogue, even if the legs were a little shaky. I for one am going to miss the hell out of Bill Clinton because he had so much promise and he leaves with so many promises unfulfilled, Bill it wasn't time for you to go.

Gillian R. McEntyre  
Dallas, Texas

## Utilities company offers immediate gas bill relief

(DALLAS)—TXU Electric & Gas is offering an enhanced average bill option that could provide substantial and immediate financial relief for gas customers from high winter bills. In fact, the average family could see a 40 percent decrease in their immediate bill.

"Our gas customers are going to have higher bills because the unseasonably cold weather across the nation has increased the demand for natural gas and natural gas prices are rising as well," said Helen Burt, vice president for customer operations & billing. "This new option allows our gas customers to reduce their bill immediately."

Customers taking advantage of this option could substantially reduce January's bill. As an example, one family with above average consumption saw a decrease of more than \$100 by going on average billing. The actual amount will vary depending on each customer's consumption of natural gas.

The average billing option averages the past 12 months of the customer's bill to estimate future expenses. The customer then pays the estimated 1/12 of the annual bill each month with minor adjustments based on the

actual balance. This will keep the customer's monthly payment more level without the peaks and valleys that normally occur in the annual cycle.

"Natural gas bills will hit customers in their pocketbooks right when they are facing higher credit card payments and other expenses from the holidays," Burt said. "We want to help our customers and allow them to stay warm and comfortable this winter."

TXU Electric & Gas knows that this season is creating some increased financial burden for all gas customers across the United States, Burt said. "We want our customers to know that TXU Electric & Gas does not make a profit from the increased cost of natural gas. We pay the same cost as the consumer does."

"We simply want to help our customers by offering this option. It's the best way for our customers to average out their increased costs in natural gas heating, and we think it will benefit many of our customers to sign up for this plan."

Gas customers interested in the new option for average billing can contact TXU Electric & Gas by calling 1-800-460-3030.



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New playground equipment is also on the list for Richardson Terrace. All proposed renovations for the school would take approximately 5 years to complete.

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nance cycles for equipment and buildings."

For RISD homeowners, based on financial projections, the Board anticipates that the owner of a \$100,000 home should expect a tax increase of less than \$8 per month over the next five years. Homeowner Nigal O'Neal says the probable amount of the tax increase is minor compared to the quality of education that will be given to her children. O'Neal's oldest

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## In the States, women gaining more government jobs

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(WOMENSENEWS)—The number and overall percentage of women holding state and local government jobs increased slightly between 1990 and 1997, even as the overall number of these public jobs shrank, a recent study indicates.

Men held 56 percent of all non-federal government jobs, down from 57 percent. However, men retained 66.6 percent of the managerial positions, down from 68.7 at the opening of the decade, according to the study by the Center for Women in Government, based in Albany, N.Y.

In addition, the study found that the government workforce is becoming more diversified, with a dramatic increase in the number of minority women employees. Yet, African-American women did not realize the same increase in jobs as other minority women.

Latinas gained 26.4 percent more state and local government jobs; Asian-American women, 25.5 percent; Native American women, 18.6 percent and African-American women, 1.5 percent, according to the recently published "The Changing Government Workforce in States and Localities, 1990-1997." The report also says that the percentage of women in the higher-level government jobs increased by 6.4 percent. However, African-American women saw their managerial positions shrink by 2.9 percent.

**Historically, Women Get Better Wages, Benefits in Public Sector**

Judith Saidel, coeditor of the report, emphasized the significance of this study, saying that historically women have been able to obtain better wages and benefits when working for the government than in the private sector.

"Looking to see what happens to women in the public sector is a really important thing to do," she said, "because it is one perspective on women's overall economic well-being, since the public sector has always been such a hospitable economic environment for women."

The study relied on data from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's biennial surveys covering 1990 through 1997, the latest year for

which data was available.

Women have marked significant gains in professional and protective service occupations, the second and third highest-paying positions, with a notable increase of 34 percent in protective service jobs. These gains occurred as a result of the growth in the prison industry, the police force and health care services, according to the report.

Women experienced noticeable job losses in the administrative support sector, where they traditionally dominate. The number of women holding these types of lower-paying jobs decreased by 9.9 percent, while the number of men holding them decreased by 5.3 percent. The reason given: downsizing.

Saidel expressed concern at the number of these jobs lost, explaining that these positions, until now, have been a reliable source of good jobs with benefits for many women.

"If you take as a premise that there will always be a predominance of women in administrative support jobs," Saidel said, "where are women likely to do better?"

**Jobs Increase in South and Far West, Decline in Northeast, Midwest**

The differences among the states were significant. State and local government jobs grew in the South and far West and they declined in the Northeast and Midwest, patterns that are consistent with the migration of Americans from the Northeast and Midwest to the South and West, as confirmed by the most recent census data.

"One could have said overall that because women gained slightly even during this period of downsizing, the 1990s were not so terrible for women in terms of the public sector workforce," Saidel said. "But in reality, in some states, they were

absolutely catastrophic, especially for women of color."

For example, in Massachusetts from 1990 to 1997, the number of African-American women holding local and state government jobs decreased by 26.8 percent, and in New York, the number decreased by 19 percent. The numbers of Latinas in both states were also down. They lost 3.9 percent in New York and 9.9 percent in Massachusetts.

Asian-American women in New York state gained 21.9 percent more jobs during the same time period, but the number of Asian-American women in Massachusetts declined by 4.2 percent.

Native American women gained in both states.

These trends may be the result of state and local governments' effort to increase racial and ethnic diversity in their ranks, said Deborah Gary, director of communication for Blacks in Government, based in Washington, D.C. The population has become more diverse, and government employers are hiring a wider range of minorities, not only African Americans.

"No longer do you have just Black women considered minorities. Now, you have all these others," she said.

There may be other reasons for the relative decline in the numbers of African-American women in public sector jobs, such as increasing unemployment and a more hospitable private sector, Gary said.

Laurence Pantin is a journalist based in New York



Ron Shaw

## The Making of a Servant

It occurred to me while attending a meeting recently, that there is a difference between what we are and what God needs us to be. Even after becoming Christians, we are not what God needs; we are what He desires. As my first child was born, it dawned on me that he was every bit as human as I was. He had two legs, two ears, eyes, arms, ten toes and fingers; everything I had he had. All the internal organs that I had he also had. Therefore he didn't have to become my son. He was my son. But what I needed was an assistant to help with chores around the house.

After my daughter was born, we needed assistance with her and the household, therefore, our son had to learn to become a service to the household.

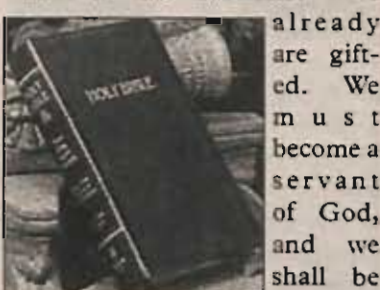
That's the way each of us is. We are born into the world as citizens. We don't have to become that. What we do have to become is servants. I realize that I don't have to become a Christian; I am one by reason of the new birth. What I must become is a servant. That's what God needs.

Although Jesus was a son, He learned obedience through the things He suffered. Having been perfected through that, He became the author of our eternal salvation. He was already God's son. He had to learn how to obey God through suffering here on Earth. This was something He'd never done before.

It's easy to obey God when everything is going well and there is no opposition or major problems. However, are we as obedient when it seems like

everything is uncomfortable and disconcerted and inconvenient?

I've heard it said about certain jobs, "If it was easy, everyone could do it." We are each uniquely gifted to do certain things better than others. What He desires is for us to be obedient and use those gifts even when it's unpopular or uncomfortable or inconvenient. To be, to become, to be called! That is the dilemma. We



already are gifted. We must become a servant of God, and we shall be called to serve in whatever capacity He needs. When we stand before Him to give an account of our stewardship, He's not going to say, "Well done good and faithful husband, wife, employer, pastor, etc." He'll say, "Well done good and faithful servant." The positions are just the places to us our gifts. If it was easy, everyone could do it.

To become a servant there are six questions we should consider.

What does God want from us?

He told Peter he was to be made a fisher of men. What does He want to make you?

Where have you been?

The sheep's perspective from Psalms 23 says he's been through green pastures, beside still waters, down paths of righteousness but also through the valley. Where have you been on

your journey?

Who did you meet?

I've met some friends, come face to face with enemies but even in their presence He prepared a table before me.

What has happened to you?

What have you experienced? The Psalmist said his enemies came to destroy him but they stumbled and fell.

What have you learned?

Jesus, in becoming the author of our salvation, learned obedience to God through suffering.

Are you ready to serve?

To serve God is the highest calling anyone can fulfill. We each have different positions from which to serve Him. Some from the board room, some from the boiler room, some as an employee, some as an employer. Wherever you are and what you've learned through experiences with the people you've met and the places you've been, have you become His servant?

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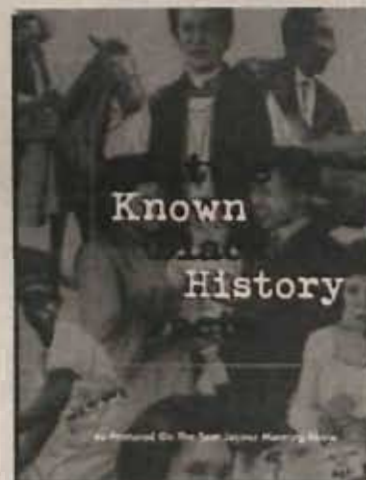
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## Plano Symphony receives grant for grade school concerts

Gazette Press Services

Last week the EDS Foundation presented The Plano Symphony Orchestra with a \$15,000 grant to support the Symphony's Fourth Grade School Concerts, which are presented annually to more than 5,000 PISD and area school children.

The grant is one of nine Dallas-area programs to receive

and home-schooled associations to ensure the symphony program is incorporated into the music curriculum.

Students get to know the music to be performed at the concert through listening to recordings, study of the composers, study of the orchestral instruments, and learn the

formed at Prestonwood Baptist Church, February 22 and 23. The four performances will feature music of Kodaly, Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, plus a Mozart piano concerto played by 10-year-old pianist Alexander Lue.

EDS formed its foundation in 2000 to provide sustained funding to community organi-



Plano youngsters sample different instruments while parents look on during the Plano Symphony's Family Concert. The concerts are held after children have had the opportunity to experience the symphony up close during the 4th Grade Concerts. Photo courtesy Plano Symphony.

funding from the newly established FDS Foundation. The Plano Symphony Orchestra was the only Plano-based organization to receive funding in this first-ever grant cycle.

EDS Director of Global Diversity and Plano Symphony Board Member Grady Searcy made the check presentation to Plano Symphony Music Director Hector Guzman during his "Meet the Conductor" visit to Barron Elementary School.

The fourth-grade concert program, entitled "Symphony Sampler," involves the Plano Symphony Orchestra working closely with music specialists from Plano ISD, and the private

melodic and rhythmic themes.

Kathy Kuddes, Director of Fine Arts for Plano I.S.D. also noted, "Our music curriculum uses a carefully sequenced set of song materials and standardized rhythm and solfège syllables to lead students to a high level of musical literacy. The concert is the culmination of this musical preparation and an outstanding opportunity for students, to experience live musical performance. We enjoy a unique partnership with the symphony that has allowed us to have a great deal of input with regard to the format repertoire of these performances.

This year the "Symphony Sampler" concerts will be per-

formations where its employees live and work. Its mission is to ensure information technology champions cultural and civic change, while enhancing the communities it serves.

In 2000, the Foundation funded programs in 11 states, including nine Dallas area programs.

"The Plano Symphony Orchestra is excited to receive this generous grant. The School Concerts are such an important outreach program, and we are grateful that the EDS Foundation recognizes its value and is willing to support our educational programming," says Alice Hobbs, executive director of the symphony.



John Dudley

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You may decide each year whether to make an additional contribution—and, if so, how much. So you have some control over what the plan costs.

Nationally, 401(k) plans are within the reach of most businesses. More than two-thirds of all such plans are provided by employers with fewer than 100 employees.

As described here, 401(k) plans can be intimidating to companies that haven't pursued this benefit for their employees. But it doesn't have to be that way as long as you seek the advice and counsel of professional financial and legal advisors and provide them with appropriate leadership.

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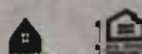
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## AHA asks citizens to be prepared for cardiac emergencies

By Monica Thornton  
Gazette Columnist

Knowing the signs of cardiac arrest and knowing how to intervene may not seem important, until you are faced with the situation. According to the American Heart Association (AHA), less than five percent of cardiac arrest victims survive. To combat this problem, they have labeled February, American Heart Month, as "Be Prepared for Cardiac Emergencies" month. The AHA is encouraging all Americans to help improve the national cardiac arrest survival rate by learning the warning signs of cardiac arrest and taking quick action when faced with a cardiac arrest emergency.

Although sudden cardiac arrest and heart attacks are not the same, heart attack is one of the primary causes of cardiac arrest. In cardiac arrest, the heartbeat stops abruptly, and results in death if not treated immediately. Not all of its causes are known, but it can result from heart disease, heart attack, respiratory arrest, electrocution, drowning or trauma. A heart attack is a condition in which a blood clot suddenly blocks a coronary artery, killing the heart muscle supplied by that artery. Heart attack victims usually experience chest pain and usually remain conscious, but can also go into cardiac arrest.

Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) is the number one killer of Americans in all ethnic groups. Heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases kill almost 1 million Americans each year, that's more than deaths due to cancer, accidents and AIDS combined.

To protect yourself from

these diseases it is important to know your risk factors, discuss them with a health professional, be willing to follow advice given by your health professional, and be committed to taking responsibility for your own health. Following are some risk factors that can affect your chances of CVD, and subsequent cardiac arrest:

**Age** - Your chances of heart attack induced cardiac arrest increase with age, especially for men over age 45, or women over age 55, or who have passed menopause or had their ovaries removed.

**Family history** - Your risk may increase if your father or brother had a heart attack before age 55, or your mother or sister had one before age 65.

**Smoking** - Your risk increases if you smoke, or live or work with anyone who smokes.

**Cholesterol and HDL cholesterol** - These levels may increase your risk if your total cholesterol level is 240mg/dL or higher, your HDL ("good") cholesterol level is less than 35mg/dL, or if you don't know your levels.

**Blood pressure** - Your risk may increase if your blood pressure is 140/90 mm Hg or higher, you've been told that your blood pressure is too high, or you don't know your blood pressure.

**Physical inactivity** - Your risk may increase if you get less than a total of 30 minutes physical activity on most days.

**Excess Body Weight** - Your risk may increase if you are 20 pounds or more overweight for your height and build.

**Diabetes** - Your risk increases

if you have diabetes, a fasting blood sugar, or if you need medicine to control your blood sugar.

**Medical history** - Your risk may increase if you have coronary heart disease, you've had a heart attack, you've been told you have carotid artery disease, you've had a stroke, or you have a disease of the leg arteries.

**Physical inactivity** is more prevalent among women, African-Americans and Hispanics, older adults and the less affluent.

"When a person goes into cardiac arrest, there's only a 7-10 minute window of opportunity to save their life. Therefore, it's critical that you know what to do and react immediately," says Mark Fankhauser, AHA Dallas Division chairman. This February, the AHA is asking the public to be prepared for cardiac emergencies by knowing the warning signs of cardiac arrest, calling 911 immediately to access the emergency medical system once you have recognized any cardiac arrest warning signs, and beginning Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). CPR is the critical link

buying time between the 911-call and early defibrillation or emergency medical service help arrives. CPR can help keep the victim alive by maintaining blood flow to the heart and brain. "Approximately 600 cardiac arrest victims die every day in the United States," says Fankhauser. "By taking these crucial steps, Americans can give cardiac arrest victims a second chance at life. Death from sudden cardiac arrest is not inevitable. If more people react

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## Heritage banquets prove beneficial to Jarvis Christian College

Special to the Gazette

It is often said that, "Everything happens for a reason." Of course, in some instances, the results are not the expected ones. But, in many instances, they are!

This was the case for a group of dedicated alumni who met in 1999 to discuss means to help their alma mater, Jarvis Christian College students, and the local alumni chapter. The results were astounding, and the fruits of their labor continue to escalate each year.

In its third year, the Dallas Heritage Banquet, hosted by the Dallas Alumni Chapter, has increased alumni participation in the Dallas area by more than fifty percent. The event, designed to raise scholarship funds for deserving Jarvis Christian College students, has attracted a cadre of individuals to the four-year, liberal arts institution located in Hawkins, Tex.

According to Mr. Ronald Hay, a 1967 Jarvis Christian College graduate, chairman of the Jarvis Christian College Board of Trustees and chairman of the Dallas Heritage Banquet committee, "The Heritage Banquet has provoked a level of excitement that not only attracts Jarvis alumni, but corporations, foundations, students, speakers, bureaus, new friends for the

College and, yes, other colleges and universities."

In order to capture the interest of their constituency, the committee realized that several major components were crucial for the success of the event. To provoke the greatest amount of participation, the committee created six components: the best day of the week, the best hour of the day, a comfortable environment, a dynamic speaker, top entertainment, and a gourmet meal.

Today, as a result of national banquets scheduled in major cities across the nation, Jarvis Christian College has witnessed firsthand, the results of these events. According to the college registrar, since the inception of the Dallas and Houston banquets, enrollment of Metroplex students has increased by 20 percent, Houston by the same percentage and increases in other areas are expected.

"The proceeds from the banquet will provide scholarships to many deserving students, helping to make their dreams come true," said college president Dr. Sebetba Jenkins, "Scholarships are essential in attracting students," she said, "I think that Jarvis students are the finest students in the world."

This year, we have three presidential scholars (students with 4.0 grade point averages and other criteria necessary to hold this title). The three are from the Metroplex area. Monique L. O'Neal, Moneke S. Porter and Phillip L. Morrison are all residents of Fort Worth."

According to the college records, 275 of the 530 students enrolled are from the Dallas/Ft. Worth area. Additionally, of its 5,000 alumni, approximately 2,500 reside in the area.

The 2001 Dallas Heritage Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, February 22. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a silent auction and the banquet beginning at 7:00 p.m. State Representative Sylvester Turner of House District 139 will serve as keynote speaker. Mrs. Barbara Hawkins, Manager of Community Relations for American Airlines will serve as mistress of ceremonies. Tickets are \$100 each with sponsorship opportunities available at various levels.

Through the efforts of alumni together with scholarship contributions of individuals, corporations and foundations, Jarvis Christian College has grown and thrived for more than 89 years.

For additional information regarding the Dallas Heritage Banquet or Jarvis Christian College call (903) 769-5700.

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## SCHOOLS from page 1

the kids and teachers."

Joe Johnson, a junior at W.T. White, says, "SMU engineers really help us understand the projects. I love the class. I've learned so much."

While there are no tangible results that can be measured on the project, DISD will evaluate it in May. Meanwhile, program organizers have surveyed its numbers and have learned that they consider engineering to be a more viable career. In an effort to help high school students prepare for college, SMU hosts a monthly program which allows students to visit the campus and gather information on college preparation and other

topics.

"We conduct the program for schools with heavy minority enrollment to teach them how to obtain scholarships from colleges and universities," Orsak says. "There is lots of money out there for scholarships in technology and engineering if you come from an ethnic background — it's there for the taking."

He adds, "we bring kids to SMU for a day-long program that includes how to take the SAT and how to get financial aid."

On Saturday, February 17 in the Hughes-Trigg Student Center at SMU from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., "Designing the Future,"

will give sixth through eighth grade students the opportunity to design the future computer. The event will be held in conjunction with the 50th annual celebration of National Engineers Week and designed to interest students in becoming engineers.

Schools interested in becoming a part of the INFINITY project for the 2001-2002 school year are encouraged to apply. All applications must be received by March 1, 2001, and finalists will be announced on March 31.

For more information, go to [www.infinity-project.org](http://www.infinity-project.org). Project representatives may be reached at [ipmail@infinity-project.org](mailto:ipmail@infinity-project.org) or by fax at (214) 768-3573.

## Internet access growing faster, easier for Texans



Dave Lopez

It took 38 years for radio to reach 50 million American homes; 12 years for television. The Web took only four — and with it have come unprecedented entertainment, educational and economic opportunities.

Today, with the help of a new generation of communications technologies, what used to be the "World Wide Wait" is quickly becoming a new, wide-open window to the world. High-speed Internet access is the wave of the future, and companies are hurrying to upgrade and extend their networks worldwide.

But as we speed into this Information Age, we must make sure Texas rural communities don't get left behind.

Until now, low population density and expansive geographic distances have made it difficult to provide some types of services to some areas. And if technology is to meet the needs of an economically diverse state like ours, then a "one-size-fits-all" approach simply may not work.

The good news is we don't have to depend upon a single option. Initial research conducted by a special committee of the Texas House suggests that a broad variety of technological capabilities is available out in the marketplace — today.

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quickly by calling 911 and performing CPR, more lives can be saved."

Heart Month is here, and so

is the opportunity to make a difference in your own life and maybe save someone else's life.

If you don't know CPR, contact your local AHA, or call 1-877-

AHA-4CPR, to sign up for a CPR course in your area. To find out more about the American Heart Association and cardiac arrest, visit [www.americanheart.org](http://www.americanheart.org).

## American Heart Month 2001 Activities

February 1	Young Professionals for Heart Happy Hour McDowds - 2614 McKinney Avenue 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Health Screenings 10:00 a.m.-Noon Brunch <b>Keynote speaker: Dr. Waine Kong, CEO, Association of Black Cardiologists, Inc.</b> Topic: Faith Based Medicine is Evidence Based	Luncheon Saks Fifth Avenue, Galleria 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
February 2	Pastors Prayer Baylor Folsom Room - Gaston Avenue 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	February 14 The Women's Guild Game of Heart	February 22 Women & Heart Health Luncheon (Ennis) February 23 Hispanic Leadership Breakfast Baylor Hospital, Folsom Room, 3500

## Warning Signs of Cardiac Arrest

As heart attack can lead to cardiac arrest it is also important to know the warning signs.

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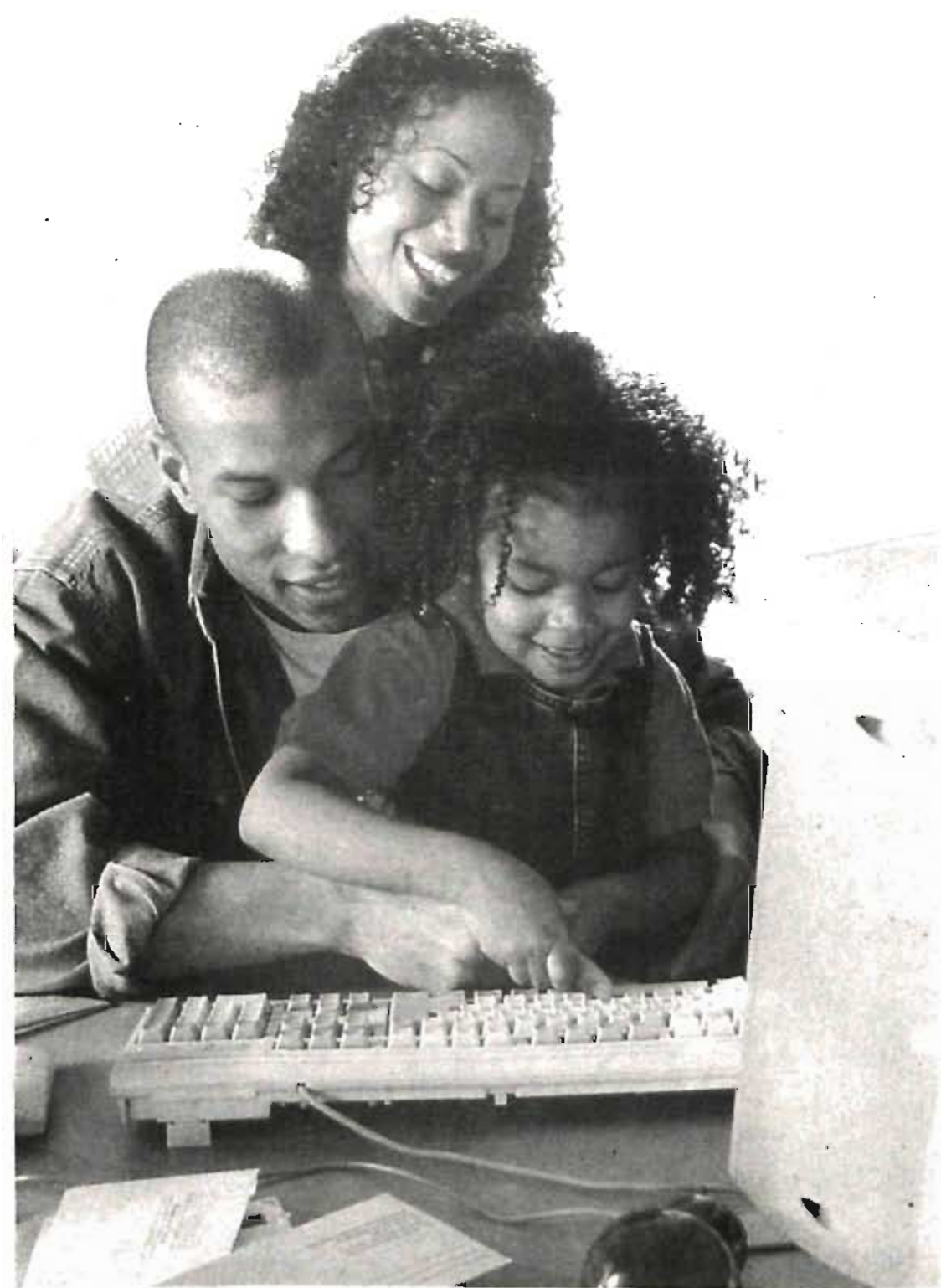
- Uncomfortable pressure, fullness, squeezing or pain in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or goes away and comes back.
- Pain that spreads to the shoulders, neck or arms.
- Chest discomfort with lightheadedness, fainting, sweating, nausea or shortness of breath.

The less common warning signs of a heart attack include:

- Nausea or dizziness (without chest pain).
- Shortness of breath and difficulty breathing (without chest pain).
- Unexplained anxiety, weakness or fatigue.
- Palpitations, cold sweat or paleness.

(It is important to remember that women tend not to experience the crushing chest pain, which

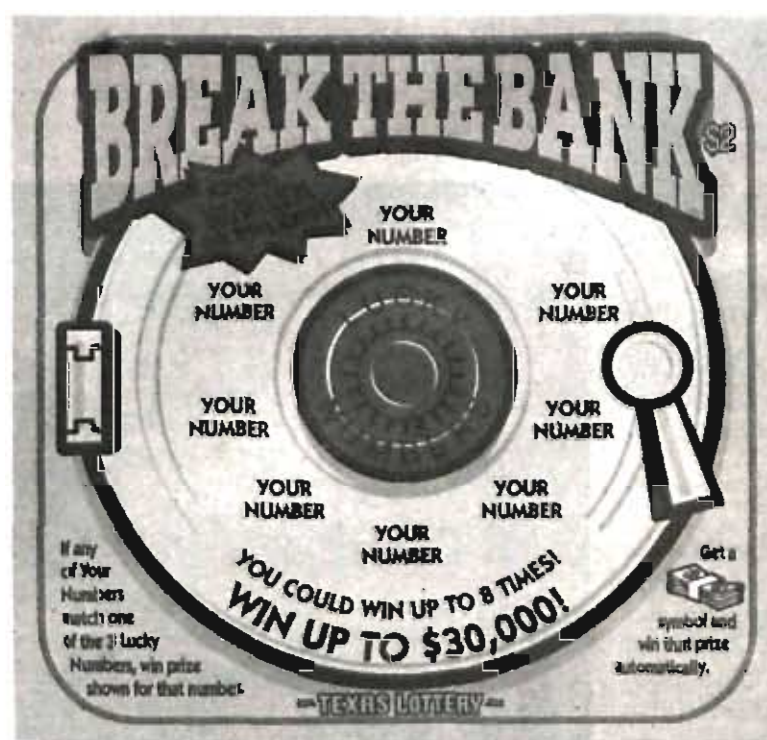
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**Shawn  
Atkinson**

Tom Kimbrough has seen a lot in his 33 years in the Plano Independent School District, a lot of winning. Starting out on the middle school level, the district athletic director inherited a big job. Coach Kimbrough came into the district in 1968, but Plano's winning tradition had begun in 1965, making it one of the most distinguished programs in the state.

On its own, Plano Senior High's varsity football teams have made nine treks to state championship games, winning an unprecedented seven state titles. The Plano West girl's soccer team picked up a state crown last year, their first year in

existence. But the winning doesn't stop there. Plano has won or been represented in state title games in swimming and basketball also, with three girls hoops teams poised to reach the title game this year.

When asked what was the secret to the success, the formula for winning, Kimbrough could not point to one thing. "You have to have players to play the games," he related, feeling honored by the athletes who have chosen to represent the district. "You then hope you can find the coaches who can show them how to do what they need to do, having those two things would have to be the rea-

sons," he says.

Having coaches that can make the grade is not a problem, at least not on the high school level. "When you have to replace coaches, you hope to be able to find someone within the ranks to move up. But there are some cases when you have to go outside of the district to find coaches. But you don't have to go far. On this level the coaches network so well with one another and it's so competitive that when there is an opening everyone knows about it, even outside of the area and they respond". The AD states that the success has bred community support that rivals none.

However when asked if he feels the expectations place undue pressure on the athletes to perform, he responded that he is sure there is some pressure associated with being an athlete in a district that has such a strong tradition of winning. The sports giant does not seem that it will get any bigger however, as the state's Robin Hood bill has sapped any money from the district that could be used to expand its athletic programs, putting the district in a crisis situation." However, one has to believe PISD will find a way to continue its winning ways.

## No Formula For PISD's Success



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## Boxing champion launches Indy racing team

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif., (PRNewswire) -- Hall of Fame and former Boxing World Heavyweight Champion Ken Norton announced today that he is entering the exciting world of Indy Car racing by launching "Ken Norton MotorSports" for participation in the highly successful Indy Racing League (IRL).

Established in 1996, the Indy Racing League is the newest major sanctioning body in North American auto racing. The IRL operates under the auspices of the United States Auto Club (USAC), one of the

oldest motor sports sanctioning bodies in the world.

Now in the midst of its sixth full season, the IRL has afforded racing entrepreneurs and sponsors with a tremendous opportunity to participate in the fastest growing sport in America.

"The IRL was founded to control the escalating costs of Indy-racing and create new opportunities for drivers, teams and sponsors to compete in Indy-style racing in general, and in particular, the Indianapolis 500," stated Founder Tony

George.

The IRL features open-wheel cars competing on oval tracks only. All IRL races are telecast live, worldwide, on the ABC Network. Additionally, the Indianapolis Radio Network offers live, play-by-play action of each event.

Today, motorsports has outgrown all other sports in television coverage. ABC has telecast the Indianapolis 500 since 1965, providing dedication to the sport and has expanded its horizons by contracting with the IRL to showcase all ten venues of this spectacular open-wheel

series.

"My goal is for 'Ken Norton MotorSports' to become another world champion and win the INDY 500," stated Hall of Fame Boxer Ken Norton. "No other motorsport event creates as much excitement as the Indianapolis '500,' proudly recognized as the 'Greatest Spectacle In Racing.'"

In 1978, Ken Norton was named Heavyweight Champion of the World and is also well remembered for breaking Mohammed Ali's jaw. His lifetime boxing record was 42-7-1.

## On the Move

### Plano doctor recognized for quality medical care

By Brandy Jones  
Gazette Editorial Assistant

It's good to know that Plano and its surrounding communities have superior medical attendants in charge of its citizens' health care. MON-The Gazette had the opportunity to speak with one such doctor about her professional and personal life.

Dr. Carolyn Evans is a seasoned Plano pediatrician with a hardworking and dedicated reputation. Her efforts have not gone unnoticed, and in fact Dr. Evans has been elected the 118th president of the Dallas

would come but I thought it would be ten years down the line, so I was pleasantly surprised to get the nomination." She is also ecstatic to pervade her elected position because the society "is a very good group of people. [They are] sharp, bright, committed, [and the] smartest group of people you ever wanted to work with. For me to be leading that kind of group is really an honor." Dr. Evans plans to bring new insight to the position by reclaiming inactive members.

Born in New Braunfels, Tex., Dr. Evans attended Duke University graduating with a degree in chemistry and English in 1975. She earned her med-

ical degree in 1979 from the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, and completed an internship and residency at Children's Medical Center in Dallas. She began practicing at North Dallas Pediatric Associates in 1982, where she continues practice today.

Her involvement in organized medicine has included service on committees for the DCMS, as well as on its Board of Directors and as a delegate to the Texas Medical Association. She chaired the TMA Council on Communications and the TMA's Young Physician Section. She is a TMA delegate to the American Medical

Foundation, and on the board of Southwestern Medical Foundation.

Dr. Evans is married to Richard E. Turner, a pilot with Southwest Airlines, and they have a six-year-old son, Richard Jr. Dr. Evans admits that juggling her family and career is strenuous but attests that her family helps balance her life.

So what's her secret? "You have to have a commitment and not sleep much," says Dr. Evans, "I don't do the normal mom stuff like cooking and cleaning. I also don't watch television so that frees up some time. [Likewise] I had to learn how to say no."



**Dr. Carolyn Evans**

County Medical Society (DCMS).

The Dallas County Medical Society is a professional organization that supports individual physicians in their day-to-day business issues. DCMS advocates healthcare legislation that positively impacts patients and physicians. The organization was formed to promote the best quality patient care and make sure that doctors remain ethical and practice the high standard of medicine. "It's like a good seal of approval to be a member of the society," says Dr. Evans. This organization has grown to more than 6,000 member physicians since its inception in 1876.

Dr. Evans is the second African-American as well as the second female to hold the prestigious position of president. When asked how she felt about her new office she says, "I was real excited. I anticipated its coming because I work very hard for medicine. I am very serious about my profession and I work hard for it. I knew that it

### Dallas Mavericks Schedule for Feb.-March

#### FEBRUARY

Thursday 1	Miami	7:00 p.m.
Saturday 3	Golden State	7:00 p.m.

#### All Star Weekend

February 9-11

MCI Center, Washington, D.C.

Thursday 15	Cleveland	7:00 p.m.
Saturday 17	Washington	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 20	L.A. Lakers	7:00 p.m.
Thursday 22	Boston	7:00 p.m.
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### City of Frisco

Monday, February 5  
6:30 p.m. - Wild Wild Paradise  
Stonebriar Country Club.  
Tickets are \$50 per person.  
For more information call  
Amy Davis at 972-335-2340.

Thursday, February 8  
8:00 a.m. - Get on Track at  
8 Networking Session  
Come network with area  
businesses at the Chamber  
office, 6843 Main St., Frisco.

9:30 a.m. - Ribbon Cutting  
Ribbon cutting for Click  
Invites at the Chamber office.  
Call 972-731-9995 for more  
information.

Saturday, February 10  
8:30 p.m. - Daddy  
Daughter Dance  
Fathers and daughters  
come and enjoy an evening  
of dancing at Frisco High  
School from 8:30 to 10:00  
p.m. The dance is open to

girls ages 9-12.

Monday, February 12  
7:00 p.m. - Town Hall  
Meeting  
Come express your con-  
cerns during the meeting at  
Frisco High School.

Tuesday, February 13  
9:30 a.m. - Ribbon Cutting  
Ribbon cutting for AT&T  
Broadband at the Chamber  
office. Call 972-670-9762 for  
more information.

Thursday, February 15  
8:00 a.m. - Get on Track at  
8 Networking Session  
Come network with area  
businesses at the Chamber  
office, 6843 Main St., Frisco.

9:30 a.m. - Ribbon Cutting  
Ribbon cutting for Spring  
PCS at 8300 Gaylord  
Parkway, Ste. 11, Frisco. For  
more information call Carrie  
Matulich at 972-349-7108.

1:00 p.m. - Newcomer

Stuffing  
Chamber office.

1:30 p.m. - Ambassador  
Team Leader & Officer  
Meeting  
Meeting will be held in the  
chamber board room.

5:30 p.m. - Business After  
Hours  
Sponsored by the DFW  
Community News at the  
Chamber office. Call 972-  
335-2141 for more informa-  
tion.

Wednesday, February 21  
7:00 a.m. - Collin County  
Day in Austin  
Collin County Day in  
Austin will be Feb. 21, 2001  
to visit our state legislators.  
Plan to arrive in the after-  
noon for group dinner on the  
20th.

### City of Richardson

Thursday, February 8  
7 p.m. - 2000 Annual  
Banquet

Featured Speaker: John P.  
Morgridge, Chairman of the  
Board, Cisco Systems, San  
Jose

Omni Hotel - Richardson  
(701 East Campbell Road)  
Reservations available at  
\$65 per ticket. Tables of ten  
may also be reserved.

Call 972-234-4141 for  
more information or to make  
reservations.

### City of Plano

Friday, February 2  
7:30 a.m. - Business  
Interchange

Everyone is invited to the  
interchange at the Chamber  
building. No RSVP is  
required.

Wednesday, February  
7:30 a.m. - Government  
Relations

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.  
The committee meets the first  
Wednesday at the Chamber.  
Everyone is invited, no RSPV  
necessary.

Friday, February 9  
7:30 a.m. - Business  
Interchange

Everyone is invited to the  
interchange at the Chamber  
building. No RSVP is  
required.

11:45 a.m. - Ambassador's  
Club Meeting

The meeting promotes the  
chamber by sponsoring new  
member investments and  
calling on existing mem-  
bers/investors in order to  
enhance the effectiveness of  
the chamber in its leadership  
of the business community.  
The committee meets second  
Friday s at the Chamber.

Monday, February 12  
12:00 p.m. - Promote  
Plano

During a brown bag lunch  
members will work in tandem  
with the convention and visi-  
tors bureau to actively pro-  
mote Plano as a prime con-  
vention site and tourist attrac-  
tion. Meets second Monday at  
noon in the Chamber.

Tuesday, February 13  
8:00 a.m. - Public Safety  
Committee  
The committee plans and

stages the Annual Safety Fair,  
and addresses the business  
safety issues. Meets second  
Tuesday at the Chamber.

Wednesday, February 14  
8:00 a.m. - Small Business  
Assistance

Serves as the "voice" of  
small business members by  
designing and implementing  
programs for their benefit.  
Meets second Wednesday at  
the Chamber.

4:00 p.m. -  
Education/Workforce

Development  
Coordinates business assis-  
tance to community and  
county educational institu-  
tions to support their pro-  
grams and meet the job needs  
of the future. Meets second  
Wednesday s at the Chamber.

Friday, February 16  
7:30 a.m. - Business  
Interchange

Everyone is invited to the  
interchange at the Chamber  
building. No RSVP is  
required.

Send  
Chamber information to:  
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c/o: Chambers of Commerce  
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Plano, TX 75074

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Two toll lanes of the Wycliff Toll Plaza in Dallas were destroyed when a dump truck hit the facility Tuesday. The accident shut down lanes on both sides of the highway. Plans for repair are already underway. Photo by Lott's Photography

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### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

DEBRA WALKER, ET AL.

v.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING  
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, ET AL.,

\*  
\* CIVIL ACTION NO.  
\*  
\* 3:85-CV-1210-R  
\*  
\* CLASS ACTION

### NOTICE OF PENDING SETTLEMENT OF CLASS ACTION

TO all African-American persons who, in the part, currently, or in the future: (i) lived or live in public housing, or (ii) received or receive Section 8 assistance, or (iii) applied or will apply for public housing or Section 8 assistance pursuant to a program administered by the Housing Authority of the City of Dallas.

You are a member of the proposed class described above. This case involves the desegregation of DHA's housing programs. The plaintiffs in the case and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) have proposed a final settlement of the part of the case involving HUD. If approved by the Court, this settlement will be all the relief you or any other class member can obtain from HUD for its actions related to this lawsuit. The settlement will replace the "Modified Remedial Order Affecting HUD" that currently applies to HUD.

In return, HUD will provide an additional 3,205 Section 8 vouchers to DHA for use by class members in this case and other resources for the use of these vouchers in predominantly white areas. HUD will authorize DHA to use an increased fair market rent payment standard for these vouchers. HUD will provide money for DHA to give class members assistance in finding housing in the predominantly white areas that will accept the Section 8 vouchers. The assistance may include the payment of application fees for class members. HUD will authorize DHA to help class members with security deposits, moving expenses, and utility deposits.

HUD will provide 2,100 of the Section 8 vouchers this year. HUD will provide the remaining 1,105 during the next six years. HUD will provide this year the additional resources for assistance in finding and using the vouchers in predominantly white areas.

You are entitled to know about the settlement, give the Court your comments, and object to or oppose the settlement. If the court approves the settlement, then HUD's duties and your rights in connection with the claims in this lawsuit would be those described in the settlement. In exchange for the benefits of this settlement, the members of the class will release HUD from all claims in this lawsuit. The Court has set a hearing on the proposed settlement for March 8, 2001 at 9:00a.m. in Judge Buchmeyer's courtroom, 1100 Commerce, Dallas, Texas.

THIS NOTICE DOES NOT DESCRIBE THE ENTIRE SETTLEMENT AND IS NOT AUTHORITY FOR ANY INTERPRETATION OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF ANY COURT ORDER. You are entitled to see and review the documents associated with the settlement and this case. The original documents are available from the U.S. District Clerk but it will be easier for you to see and get copies of the document at the plaintiffs' attorney's office listed below.

If you have any objection to the certification of the class describe at the top of this notice, or to this settlement, and want to testify or give other evidence at the hearing, you must do the following: put the objection in writing, put "Walker v. HUD 3:85-CV-1210-R" at the top, and at least 14 days before the hearing, send a copy to these three addresses:

Plaintiff's attorney: Michael M. Daniel, 3301 Elm Street, Dallas, TX Ph: 214 741-3594.

HUD's attorney: Stuart A Licht, U.S. Dept. of Justice, Civil Division, P.O. Box 883 Washington, D.C. 20044.

The Court: US District Clerk, Room 14A20, 1100 Commerce Street, Dallas, TX 75242.

If you have any questions, call the plaintiffs' attorney, not the Judge or the Clerk.

Exhibit B



## Day of love turns into day of death in Warner Bros. thriller

Love is in the air. On the most romantic day of the year, of friends, Adam and Kate become even closer. Boreanaz



(l. to r.) Jessica Cauffiel, Jessica Capshaw, Denise Richards and Marley Shelton are best friends looking for love who get more than they bargained for in "Valentine."

would-be lovers woo hearts with flowers, candy, cards and gifts. Best friends Kate, Paige, Dorothy, Lily and Shelly are young women looking for a relationship—a valentine to die for.

And this year they might just get their wish.

"Valentine" is set against the background of the tradition of Valentine's Day, a time when love is on everyone's mind. "Sex and love go hand in hand with death in all horror films," says producer Dylan Sellers. "You're already going into a holiday that focuses on the former, so it's only natural that death comes along for the ride too. Our story takes revenge and obsession up a notch. And that's what this movie is—these men and women desperately looking for love and crossing the line."

The film revolves around Kate (Marley Shelton), Paige (Denise Richards),

Dorothy (Jessica Capshaw), Lily (Jessica Cauffiel) and Shelly (Katherine Heigl), who grew up together, went through school together and shared their dreams of the perfect boy and the perfect future. Lily is the school princess; Paige, the class bad girl; Kate is quiet; Dorothy plump and insecure. The four become a group and stick together, scorning the nerds and presenting a unified front to the school bullies.

"Junior high is the strangest time of your life," says Marley Shelton, who stars as Kate, "because in the grand scope it's only a few years of your life, but for some reason—I think a combination of puberty and all the changes going on—everybody really remembers those years. I do think that a lot of our identity is shaped during that time, and it does affect who we are, presently. So I think it's really great that this movie hits on that and, and uses that as an engine."

Years later, they are still friends. Their lives now include careers but, like many young women, they are navigating through the singles scene. "These women truly do not know what's in store for them and how their earlier indiscretions are going to come back to haunt them," says director Jamie Blanks.

David Boreanaz, whose star has catapulted in the top-rated series "Buffy" and his own spin-off, "Angel" makes his big screen starring debut as Adam, a sports writer with whom journalist Kate finds herself in on-again-off-again relationship. "Adam has a thing for Kate," says Boreanaz. As the film unfolds, and terrible things begin to happen to Kate and her circle

detective investigating their friend's death and learn there could be a link to someone they all knew, and tormented, years



(l. to r.) Marley Shelton and David Boreanaz star in the Warner Bros. Pictures' and Village Roadshow Pictures' thriller, "Valentine."

ago, at a Valentine's dance in junior high school.

As the threats of violence intensify, each of the women grapples with the realization that any man she know—or ever knew—could be a vicious killer.

"Valentine" opens in theater Feb. 2. This film has been rated R for strong horror violence, some sexuality and language.

By Brandy Jones  
Gazette Editorial Assistant

During the recent presidential election, several voters cited roadblocks and intimidation as reasons for not casting their votes. Whether accurate or not, these practices are not new. The Constitution even addresses one of these practices, the poll tax in the 24th Amendment. The amendment prohibits the use of the poll tax in federal elections. The poll tax was the device imposed by southern states as a way of circumventing the 15th Amendment, which prohibits federal or state governments from infringing on a citizen's right to vote "on the account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude." Intended to alleviate the burdens of African Americans and poor citizens, it states that in any presidential or congressional election, the state or federal government can deny no citizen, the right to vote because of failure to pay either a poll tax or any other tax.

Poll tax is defined as a tax levied on an individual, usually as a prerequisite for voting. Poll taxes are the same for all persons subjected to them, regardless of their income,

property or other taxes paid.

The ancient Greeks and Romans originally levied poll taxes on conquered people. In England, a poll tax was first imposed in 1377 and was reintroduced at intervals until 1698. In the 17th century this tax was an important source of revenue for financing wars with rival nations.

In the U.S., poll taxes were exacted infrequently until after the American Civil War. Even though the 15th Amendment gave former slaves the right to vote, many poor people, both blacks and whites, did not have enough money to pay the tax. In later times, payment of the current year's taxes was sometimes coupled with the requirement that all delinquent poll taxes, property taxes, real estate taxes, and/or income taxes also be paid before a person could vote. This did not mean that it was considered a crime to have not paid taxes, but those taxes could prevent citizens from voting.

Tennessee's poll tax law called for a one-dollar tax to be paid by all voters between the ages of twenty-one and fifty. Most municipalities or counties levied an additional \$1 tax. This

\$2 could be paid within sixty days of an election, however, not six to ten months before it was required in Georgia, Mississippi, Texas and Virginia. Virginia charged \$1.50 a year, and all back poll taxes for three years had to be paid in full, plus interest charges and other fees, before the ballot was restored.

It may be significant that in Georgia and Alabama, the two states where the Populist movement was very strong; there were the most severe poll tax laws. Mississippi charged \$2 per year, which had to be paid for at least two previous years and before February 1. Arkansas asked for one dollar, to be paid by June 1.

Although only five states—Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, Texas and Virginia used the poll tax, an amendment was needed to eliminate the practice altogether. The 24th Amendment prohibited the tax only in federal elections, but the Supreme Court declared in Harper v. Virginia State Board of Elections that the tax was unconstitutional in state elections because it violated the 14th Amendment's equal protection of the laws.



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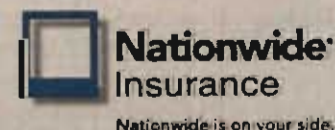
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# Arts & Entertainment

## EVENTS

### Eyeing the Arts

By Stephanie Ward

#### 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 Ft. Worth Museum of Science and History is offering visitors to the annual Stock Show and Rodeo, until Feb. 4 a discount off any Museum exhibit, Omni Theater or Noble Planetarium by showing the Stock Show ticket stub. Offer good through length of Stock Show. For more information call 817-255-9300.

NM Productions will begin acting classes for children and teens Feb. 3 at the DeSoto Town Center, northeast corner of Pleasant Run and Hampton in DeSoto. To register or for more information call 972-680-4466 or metro 817-784-6671.

The Women's Museum is showcasing its inaugural exhibition in the changing temporary gallery: "Notable American Women from the National Portrait Gallery." The exhibit includes 38 painting and 12 sculptures on long-term loan from the Smithsonian Institution. For more information call 214-915-0860 or visit [www.thewomensmuseum.org](http://www.thewomensmuseum.org).

Fort Worth Theatre, Inc. Hispanic Series will be accepting plays to be considered for the upcoming 3rd annual Hispanic Playwright's Festival. Plays will be considered for completed works, works in progress or scenes and monologues. Plays will be accepted until Mar. 15. For more information call Lynda Rodriguez at 817-921-5300.

Cedar Valley College, 3030 N. Dallas Ave., Lancaster, Department of Music will hold performances each Wednesday in the college's performance hall for the Spring Recital Series. Performances are free and open to the public. For more information call 972-860-8258.

Summer enrollment begins Feb. 1 for workshops and classes at the Richardson Children's Theatre. For more information call 972-690-5029.

#### February 1-4

LCCAL is sponsoring its 4th exhibition featuring works by Latino art students from North Texas at the African American Museum, Fair Park, 3536 Grand Ave., Dallas. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

#### February 1-11

The Dallas Theater Center will present "Wit," a Woman's Journey" by Margaret Edson at the Kalita Humphreys Theater. For information or tickets call 214-522-8499.

The May Dragon Chinese Restaurant, 4848 Balkline Rd., Addison will host dancer Jean Young nightly from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. to celebrate the Chinese New Year. For more information call Joe Chow at 214-668-5389.

#### February 1-17

Cedar Valley College will host artist Beth Lea Clardy in the Performance Hall Gallery. The exhibit is free and open to the public. For more information call 972-860-8258.

#### February 1-25

The Dallas Children's Theater presents "The Three Sillyies" by Steven Kellogg at El Centro College Theater, Main & Market Streets in downtown Dallas. Kellogg will attend the Jan. 26 performance. For reservations or information call 214-978-0110.

The Adani Gallery, 5330 Alpha Road, Suite 300, Dallas, is hosting a major exhibit of the works of Costa Rican-born artist Francisco Zuniga. The

exhibit runs through March 11. For more information call Jacob Kupersztosch at 972-503-5662 or visit [www.adani-gallery.com](http://www.adani-gallery.com).

#### February 1-27

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.

#### February 1-March 3

The A.H. Belo Foundation Visual Arts Series will present an exhibit of the works of Wendell-Earl Gordon in "People, Places and Things," at the South Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 S. Fitzhugh, Dallas. For more information call 214-939-ARTS.

#### February 1-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.

#### February 1-April 29

A photographic exhibit of the Million Man March - Five Years Later will be on display at the Black Academy of Arts and Letters. The exhibit is donated by the James E. Kemp Gallery. Guest curators for the exhibit are Phillip Collins and Emanuel Gillespie.

#### February 2-10

The Dallas Opera presents "Manon," by Jules Massenet at the Music Hall at Fair Park. For tickets or information call 214-443-1000 or visit [www.dallasopera.org](http://www.dallasopera.org).

#### February 2-March 11

Jubilee Theatre, 506 Main St., Ft. Worth, present "Fat Freddy's" by Joe Rogers and Dianne Tucker. For tickets or information call 817-338-4411.

#### February 3

The Plano Symphony Orchestra Association will present a Chamber Ensemble Concert, "Mostly Baroque," at the Christ United Methodist Church, 3101 Coit Road, Plano at 8:15 p.m. For more information or tickets call 972-473-7262.

#### February 4

The Dallas Symphony Orchestra continues its JCPenny SuperPops Series with a special tribute to Broadway at the Meyerson Symphony Center at 8:00 p.m. For tickets or information call 214-692-0203.

#### February 9-10

Addison Theatre Center presents a special Valentine performance of "Love Letters," by A. R. Gurney at the Stone Cottage, Addison Theatre Center at 8:00 p.m. For tickets or information call 972-690-5029. Tickets include a wine and cheese reception.

Entertainer Lou Meyer of the TV sitcom "Different World," will hold a musical cabaret revue at the Black Academy of Arts and Letters, Dallas Convention Center, Clarence Muse Café Theatre, 650 S. Griffin St., Dallas, with 8:00 p.m. performances. For more information or tickets call 214-743-2440.

#### February 9-March 11

Dallas Children's Theater presents "My Lord What a Morning," celebrating the life of Marian Anderson, at the Crescent Theater, 2215 Cedar Springs, Dallas. For reservations or information call 214-978-0110.

#### February 10

Quad C Theatre will remount "suburbia," its festival winning play in a one-night performance at its Spring Creek Campus. Proceeds go towards

Vines High School art teacher Pam Robinson had a vision of turning junk furniture into recycled masterpieces. After watching a television show where she saw a group of troubled students painting furniture as part of their therapy she came up with the idea. During the summer Robinson searched trash heaps and other places looking for discarded potential collectibles, and she asked Vines teachers to bring in their old furniture. After gathering the items, she assigned her Pre-AP Art II class to transform the dusty pieces of furniture into works of art. And that is just what they did.

The art rehabilitation assignment was multi-fold. Students had to learn a number of different skills before completing this assignment. Working as a group, students had to choose one of the European impressionist artists from the 20th century, such as Van Gogh, Kandinsky, Matisse, Miro and Rousseau. The students then had to complete a four-week research paper on the artist. After researching, they had to sketch their image on paper describing how it would translate into a three dimensional form. The students then had to



Vines High School students carefully paint recycled furniture as part of an art project to produce works similar to those of 20th century impressionist artists. Photos courtesy Pam Robinson

prepare the surface of the furniture, and finally, create their designs using regular house paint.

Robinson says she was confident in the students' ability to create master works; the challenge was being able to coordinate the project as a group.

Another one of the challenges the students faced was how to mix paint. Students

learned what colors combined to make others, as well as how to remember paint formulas. After months of hard work, the class came up with some wonderful works of art. Doris Wang created a Vincent Van Gogh end table, Ward Dudley and partner Tyler Ragle chose Van Gogh's "the Café" to draw on their chest and another group, Victoria Hope, Ryan Simpson and Sabrina

Nayhouse designed a small table with the "Duch Interior II" design by Joan Miro.

The artwork was exhibited at the Plano Municipal Center. Robinson plans to use the same assignment with students next year and hopes to have enough work to have a show for students in a Dallas art gallery in November.

## Night Vibes

By Ché Hill



R&B group The Commodores, left, hype it up during their performance following the recent Dallas Mavericks and Denver Nuggets basketball game. Drummer Walter Orange gets some help from a young apprentice during the group's sound check. The Commodores concert was the first of the Mavericks 2000-01 Post-Game Concert Series. Other artists scheduled to perform during the series include Kool & The Gang, Pat Greene, and KC & The Sunshine Band. Photos by Lou's Photography



## ON THE RISE



Unless you're on hiatus from mainstream society, the "Urban Renaissance" that has emerged since the 90s has probably affected you. We have seen many upcoming artists emerging in their respective fields in the Metroplex. Laterras R.

Whitfield is one such person.

Though only 22 years of age, he has consistently been a part of various theatrical productions as well as produced and directed shows. His company, Solja Entertainment, recently produced and directed "Rhaka's Redemption," written by the critically acclaimed playwright Willie Holmes.

Even though writing is his first love, Whitfield has also proven himself a capable actor during the past six years, as seen in shows such as "Daddy's Girl". Whitfield describes it as a "unique experience. The cast stuck together like glue. It was an ensemble effort. The professionalism was great. The script

was excellent, and the director superb."

Whitfield began acting during his sophomore year at Skyline High School. He was expelled for bringing a gun to school and sent to Lacey Alternative School. While there he and seven others were chosen for a play titled, "Real Life". The students actually wrote the play and were coached by David Marquise a national playwright and dramaturgy.

In his works Whitfield tries to identify with his audience through realistic characters. "If I portray a person that is unsaved, they will have unsaved characteristics," he says.

Before he takes an acting

role he looks at the quality of the writing, and whether or not he has to sacrifice his Christian beliefs. He is currently working on a play titled, "PMS: It's a Man Thing," depicting the struggle of the male as it relates to money, power, and sex. The show premieres in Marshall, Tex. and is tentatively scheduled to show in Dallas this summer at The Black Academy of Arts and Letters.

Whitfield says "the mission statement of Solja Entertainment is to continue the walk of Jesus Christ through the art of story telling. Therefore I must do as Jesus did and speak to people theatrically through parables."

transportation costs of students to attend the Regional Festival. For tickets call 972-881-5809.

Johannie M. Griffin, author of "There is No Such Thing as White People," will hold a book signing at Joka's African-American Books, 3917 W. Camp Wisdom Rd., #107, Dallas from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. For more information call 1-800-749-7725.

#### February 11

St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, 1308 Wilcox, McKinney, will hold their Annual Black History Program at 8:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be radio personality Willis Johnson. For information call Delores Murray at 972-978-1861.

The Music & Fine Arts Ministry of Union Baptist Church 3410 S. Polk St., Dallas, will present "A Night of Spirituals," at 6:00 p.m. For more information call 214-374-7850.

N.M. Productions Theater Company will hold auditions Feb. 11-12 at The Corner Theater, DeSoto, for its upcoming performance of "Anne of Avonlea," the sequel of "Anne of Green Gables." To schedule an audition appointment call 972-680-4466 or metro 817-784-6671.

#### February 12

Dallas Symphony Orchestra resident organist Mary Preston will be the featured soloist in the 2nd performance in the Dallas International Organ

Competition Recital Series at the Meyerson Symphony Center, Dallas, at 8:00 p.m. For tickets or information call 214-692-0203.

#### February 14

The Plano Symphony Orchestra Association and Symphony Guild will hold a Valentine Gala Benefit Concert featuring James Darren and band at the Meyerson Symphony Center, 2301 Flora St., Dallas, at 8:00 p.m. For more information call 972-473-7262.

#### February 16

NM Productions will present a one-night fundraising performance of "WKJL: Signing Off," a hilarious murder mystery in the Bluebonnet ballrooms of the DeSoto Town Center beginning at 7:30 p.m. Advanced reservations are required. For more information call 972-680-4466 or metro 817-784-6671.

#### February 17

The Boys and Girls Club of Collin County/Plano Branch will host its Annual Black History Program, Families 2000, at 4:00 p.m. at Quad C, Spring Creek Campus, 2880 E. Spring Creek, Plano. The event is open to the public.

Art and Letters Live begins its season with the Gala Film Premier of Ed Harris' "Pallid" at the Palace Theater, Ft. Worth beginning at 4:30 p.m. For more information or tickets call 817-251-1808.



## Around The Town

### On-going

Southern University and A&M College is accepting applications from high school students for its summer science, engineering and mathematics SEM-Timbuktu Academy. The deadline for the receipt of all applications is March 30, each year, for high school students; rolling admission thereafter. To receive more information and applications for any of the programs, call the Southern University Alumni Federation (SUAF)-Dallas Chapter at SUAFDal@aol.com or call 972-480-JAGS.

The Dallas Housing Authority's Applications and Assignments division will accept applications every Monday from 8:00 a.m. to noon and from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the first 100 applicants for the Section 8 program. Applications for other housing programs are taken every Monday from 9:00 a.m. to noon and from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. All applications are taken at 2710 N. Stemmons Freeway, North Tower, Suite 500, Dallas. For more information call 214-424-5000.

Sisters on the Move, Inc. will hold their monthly networking meetings every first Friday at 7:00 p.m. at 4650 S. Hampton Road, Dallas, Room 220. For more information call Dominique Dor Rogers at 972-709-1180.

DISD and Parker College of Chiropractic will offer one-on-one tutorials until Feb. 17 for high school seniors and out-of-school seniors in math, reading and writing for the TAAS test. The tutoring is free and will be held at six DISD campuses. For more information call 972-925-4878.

High School juniors and seniors who are enrolled in DCCCD dual credit college courses are eligible for free tuition. Potential students should contact their high school dual credit liaison for more information and to sign up for the program. For more information call 972-860-8258.

New Image Business Associates will hold their weekly Small Business Luncheons every Wednesday at the Bill J. Priest Institute of Economic Development, 1402 Corinth, Room 2200, Dallas at 12:00 p.m. For more information call Elrie Freeman at 214-350-9590.

Mothers Against Teen Violence, Inc. will begin monthly forums to discuss crime and related issues the first Friday of the month at the Center for Community Cooperation, 2900 Live Oak, Dallas. The First Friday Forums are open to the public. For more information call Tiffany Williams at 214-565-0422.

### February 2

A benefit concert to kick off the 2nd annual Season for Nonviolence will be held at the Episcopal Church of Transfiguration, Hillcrest and Spring Valley Roads at 8:00 p.m. The Season for Nonviolence commemorates the 64 days between the assassination dates of Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr.

### February 3

State Farm Agent Deena Dixon and Pastor Sheron Patterson are sponsoring "A Love Makeover-A Sisters' Night of Renewal," women's conference at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Market Center, 2727 Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. For more information call Dr. Patterson at 972-283-2264.

The City of Plano will observe Arbor Day at the Davis Library, 7501 N. Independence Parkway, Plano, at 10:00 a.m. The program is an effort to encourage citizens to plant trees and increase awareness of the importance of trees to the environment. For more information call 972-941-7250.

The Young Arts Institute in Education will present the 2nd annual Dr. Frederick Todd Chess Classic Tournament at the University of North Texas System Center, 8915 S. Hampton, Dallas from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. For more information call 214-337-0025.

### February 4

Dallas Community Colleges and Verizon Reads present African American Read-In 2001 at the Majestic Theatre, 1925 Elm Street, Dallas from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Celebrities will be on hand to read works of Black authors.

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.

New Birth Baptist Church, 444 W. Leebetter Drive, Dallas, is hosting a Cultural Art Expo to embark on

the Black History Month Celebration. The expo will feature art galleries from throughout the Metroplex. For more information call 214-374-0828 or 214-374-0829.

### February 6

The Greater Dallas Chamber and Southwest Sports Group will host a special baseball caravan luncheon for the Texas Rangers at 11:30 a.m. in the Venetian Room, Fairmont Hotel, Dallas. Tickets are available for members and non-members. For more information call Sandy Mueller at 214-746-6767.

### February 9

Lewisville Public Library, 1197 W. Main Street, Lewisville, will host Chess Nights at the Library II in the Community Meeting Room at 6:30 p.m. The session will last 2 hours and is not a tournament. Cost is free. For more information call 972-219-3570.

Golden Gate Missionary Baptist Church will hold its Annual Prayer Retreat Feb. 9-10 at the Hilton Arlington, 2401 East Lamar Blvd., Arlington. The theme for the retreat is "You Can Have an Abundant Life...By Seeking His Face." For more information call Darobie Duncan at 214-942-7474.

### February 10

Conservatives and liberals will face off in a public policy debate during National Religious Broadcasters' 58th Annual Convention and Exposition in Dallas Feb. 10-13. The Public Policy Breakfast will be Feb. 12 at 7:00 a.m. at the Wyndham Anatole Hotel in Dallas. For more information call 703-330-7000 ext. 517 or visit www.nrb.org.

Hispanic Women's Network of Texas will present their annual education workshop series, "Linking Latina Leaders: The Path To The Future," at Texas Women's University, Denton Campus, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The workshops are free. For more information or to register call Maricela Vargas at 214-692-8080 ext. 690 or Rachel Lopez at 214-668-2896.

### February 11

Paul Quinn College's Dallas

Alumni Chapter will hold its monthly alumni meeting at 6:00 p.m. inside the library on campus, Stuart Simpson Road, Dallas. Meetings are held every 2nd Sunday of the month. For more information call 817-640-4081.

### February 12

The Women's Museum, 3800 Parry Ave., Fair Park, Dallas hosts Coline Jenkins Salin, great-great granddaughter of suffragist Elizabeth Cady Stanton Feb. 12-13. For more information call 214-915-0866 or visit www.thewomensmuseum.org.

### February 13

Sisters on the Move, Inc. will offer a Divorce, Recovery Program for men and women at 450 S. Hampton Road, Dallas, 2nd Floor, Room 220, Feb. 13-Mar. 13. The sessions will be 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. A one-time fee is required to cover materials. For more information call 972-709-1180.

### February 14

Oak Cliff Presbyterian Church and Methodist Hospital will hold a Valentine's Day Health Fair at 6000 S. Hampton Road, Dallas, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Screenings for blood sugar, blood pressure,

prostate cancer and cholesterol will be offered. For more information call 214-339-2211.

### February 15

Dallas Minority Business Development Breakfasts have resumed for the new year. All breakfasts will be held at City Place, Alcove Room, 3rd Floor, 2711 N. Haskell, Dallas, at 7:30 a.m. For more information call Raymond Cervantes or Raquel Suniga at 214-767-8001 or 214-767-8006.

### 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.

Dallas Metroplex Council of Black Alumni Associations is holding a College Fair and Forum to learn more about Historically Black Colleges & Universities at the Mavericks Club, adjacent to Reunion Arena, Dallas from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Admission is free. For more information call 972-412-5169. The organization will also host Black College Alumni Night at the Mavericks game against the

### February 21

Editor & Publisher's 12th Annual Interactive Newspapers Conference and Trade Show will be held Feb. 21-24 at the Wyndham Anatole Hotel, Dallas. To register on the Web visit www.editorandpublisher.com. For more information call 888-536-8536. For questions regarding registration call 312-787-9988.

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.

### February 22

Jarvis Christian College will host the 3rd Annual Heritage Scholarship Banquet at the Fairmont Hotel, International Ballroom, 1717 N. Akard Street, Dallas, beginning at 6:00 p.m. For more information or tickets call Jarvis at 903-769-5883 or Stacie McGill at 214-426-2700.

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