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## Bush angles away from

### 'Hail to the Chief' theme

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—The first weeks of the Bush administration have not begun with a bang playing "Hail to the Chief" when George W. walks into a room. At the new president's request, most bands have been asked to not play the song. In fact, according to media sources, the song hasn't been played during a "presidential entrance" since the inauguration.

It's believed that the Bush camp is taking the position in order to show a bit of humility to the office with respect to the controversy that continues to surround Bush's ascendancy to the presidency.

## Philadelphia may be due for a makeover

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—Realizing that city planners have been working on the false premise that Philadelphia would grow in population to more than three million, leaders in the city of brotherly love are now considering redesigning the city in a more suburb-like fashion. The new approach would encourage builders to design to give residents more living space-rewarding those who have stayed and attracting others to come in.

That planning could include speeding up city takeover and improvement of blighted areas and consolidating city services in a concentrated locations while creating more low-density housing, the latter giving residents more space.

## HIV rates among teens, young adults still growing

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—Reports generated from the 8th Annual Retrovirus Conference's Mid-Winter AIDS meeting suggest that teens and young adults are not only continuing to have a high prevalence of HIV, but also continue at-risk sexual behavior that leads to the spread of the virus that causes AIDS. Young, gay Black men in urban areas show especially high rates: 30 percent of them have HIV, according to a survey of gay men in six cities over the last two years.

While young White and Hispanic men are also experiencing high numbers of people infected with the virus in comparison with their older counterparts, their percentages were still significantly lower than that of African-Americans.

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## Plano's Douglass Community rich in history, family

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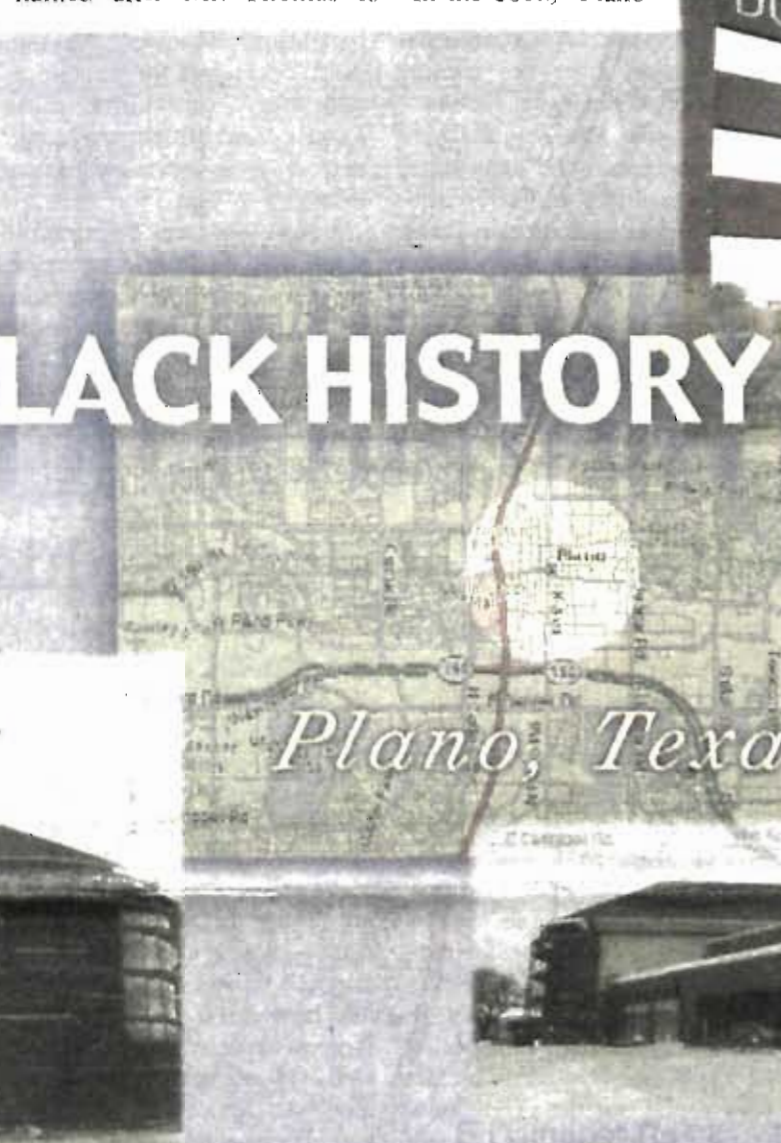
Plano is home to part of the Telecom Corridor and reportedly has more college-educated residents living here than anywhere in America. From a population of just over 2,000 in 1950 to around 250,000 today, the city, which began as a small agricultural community, has grown rapidly.

While most new businesses have found homes in areas like Legacy Park, Rev. Raymond Jones of the Douglass Community's Holy Temple Church of God in Christ says there is still much development needed in his area. The Douglass Community, located in East Plano, is said to be Plano's oldest neighborhood. Formerly called South End, the community still contains the Plano Colored School, named after former slave, abolitionist and writer Frederick Douglass.

Anita Jones-McNair, superintendent of Plano's Parks and Recreation Department conducted some research on the Douglass Community. "The Douglass Community has been an enclave for African-Americans since 1890s." Both she and Rev. Jones say the neighborhood has

a close, family feel. "We have long time residents like Ben Thomas and his sister, Norma Faye Williams, who really care about the community. In fact, our new gymnasium will be named after Mr. Thomas to

honor his contributions to our community," she says. The new 9,300 sq. ft. gymnasium will be dedicated Spring 2001.



Thomas' contributions have earned him the unofficial title of mayor. Born in Plano, the 78-year-old has a unique perspective of the city. After finishing

of Plano. During World War I whites began moving into the newer neighborhoods and blacks began moving from the

measures for integration. Thomas was one of the charter members of the Citizens Committee, which later evolved into the Plano Human Relations Commission. The committee was charged with planning how to integrate Plano Schools.

His father, namesake of the J.L. Thomas Elementary School, and other progressive Plano community leaders forged 'Thomas' guiding principle early in life. His sister says that the

Douglass neighborhood was a viable place to live and work during the 1940s, 50s and 60s. While blacks worked as maids, share croppers, farm hands, preachers and teachers there was also new business entrepreneurs. "My dad had a janitorial business which was among many others in the black community. Mr. Calvin Pinkston had veterinarian training so that people from all over brought their animals to him, there were carpenters, Mr. John Wallace made charcoal and sold it and Miss Sammie Lee Callin Crump had the first kindergarten in Plano - black or white!" says Williams.

Thomas, Jones-McNair and others have hope that the Douglass Community will once again be a place that the young people will want to stay and raise their families. Pastor Jones says partnerships between the churches and the community will continue and with everyone working together the community will build upon the past and thrive during this economic boom.

The Douglass Community grew out of the old community

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Plano, Texas



## Quad C Theatre students advance to regional competition

By Brandey Jones  
Gazette Editorial Assistant

Quad C Theatre at Collin County Community College was recently honored at The American College Theatre Festival. The students were esteemed for their excellence in acting, lighting design, and sound design.

Andrew T. Chandler, Nico Smith, Kattrin Chittick, Travis Mynard and Shawn Dollinger will participate in the Irene Ryan acting competition along with Harlow Yennanian, Laura Bailey, Meredith McCoy and Megan Woodall. The Irene Ryan Award, a tribute to the actress who starred as "Granny" on The Beverly Hillsbillies, is considered the highest honor a collegiate performer can receive. The

scholarship was established to give both recognition and financial assistance to outstanding student performers who wish to



Cast of "Suburbia" one of Quad C's winning productions.

further their education.

"This is my second year being nominated but I didn't go last year because I was really busy. This year I decided to do it because it's gonna be fun and very challenging," says Woodall.

In the technical competi-

tions, four Quad C students were nominated for Barbizon Awards. The Barbizon Awards give outstanding student designers national recognition and the opportunity to exhibit their work at the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. Designs will be appraised on the basis of quality, effectiveness, originality and rendering techniques. "It's one of only 45 colleges and universities still competing for the national title.

Quad C Theatre strives to introduce students to the elements of theatrical production

theatre competition, which judges more than 900 produc-

tions annually. The winners at each of the seven regional festivals will advance to the national festival in Washington, D.C., where each school will showcase their production at the Kennedy Center. Quad C is one of only 45 colleges and universities still competing for the national title.

Quad C Theatre strives to introduce students to the elements of theatrical production

offering studies in acting, stagecraft, basic costume prepara-

tion, theme marketing, technical theater production and stage management. "The way we have approached the classroom has been visionary, bold and groundbreaking," said Brad Baker, director of theatre at Quad C. "We will not be confined by the expected process nor do we let people segment themselves. Our technicians perform, our actors work in the shop, and they learn to be complete, well-rounded artists."



Quad C Theatre is one of 45 colleges competing for the national title.



## Senator West eyes hot issues for 77th Legislative Session and Texas

It has been my pleasure to serve as State Senator for the 23rd District of Texas representing parts of Dallas and Tarrant Counties entering now, my ninth year. But just as important, are the issues that we face statewide over the next four months of this 77th Legislative Session - now still in its early date an African American population, that Census estimates say will number 2.5 million when figures are released.

Texas, as you know is a vast and diverse state in terms of its climate and terrain. Just as vast and diverse are the issues that relate to the 20 million citizens of the Lone Star State. But issues such as those dealing with education, healthcare and criminal justice are ones that affect us all.

As it relates to public edu-

cation, our task is to strive for continued academic improvement. The past two years have seen significant gains in reading scores for primary grade students and higher test scores in math. But to sustain and improve on those gains, it is important that no monies are taken away from our public schools. For the unfamiliar, that issue is school vouchers. It is urgent that not only do we not diminish the assets that we provide to public education, but that we, as a legislative body, do everything possible to place additional funding where it is most needed. And that is in providing for the future of Texas through our public schools.

More dollars must also be used to improve and enhance the basic infrastructure of our schools statewide. Many of our

schools are decades old, and are ill equipped to handle the technology-based curricula of the 21st Century.

Last session, we were able to pass legislation that gave teachers statewide, raises on the average of \$3,000. This year we have another issue that is of equal import. All over this state, our school personnel, not just the teachers, have made the outcry for a comprehensive, state-supported, health-care package.

That, I think, is our number-one priority over the coming weeks of this biennial session.

My goal also - as many of you may know - is to increase the accessibility and affordability of higher education in Texas. And to that effect, last session we were able to create the University of North Texas System Center at Dallas, prayerfully on the way to

becoming the University of North Texas at Dallas before the end of this decade.

But there is another problem that hinders access to higher education, particularly in our community. We are plagued with the problem of more African American young men being placed behind bars than behind the desks in our college classrooms. One in four African-American men under age 30 are either incarcerated or on probation. We must change that! Texas has an obligation and our community must make a commitment to change that ratio to see more of our males in college.

How do we do that? I think that we should continue to stress prevention programs as opposed to building more prisons. Just last month, I was on hand to launch the opening

of "75217," one of 14 Community Youth Development (CYD) programs around the state that target areas - by ZIP CODE - that have displayed a high rate of juvenile crime. These type programs have been shown effective in reducing the crime rate of a generation that we must count on to be tomorrow's leaders.

In discussing education, we touched just briefly on healthcare, but in addition to coverage for teachers, there are more issues that affect the welfare of Texans both young and old. Our senior citizens should not have to make the choice between eating and prescription drugs. But yet, that is the sad saga of a story that has been told all the way to Capitol Hill. More than seniors are affected as prescription plans through health maintenance organizations (HMOs) also face soaring costs. Monies that we spend at the state level can help in leveraging federal dollars that will aid in this cause.

Maslow's hierarchy and plain common sense will tell you that a sick child cannot learn, and to that end, in 1999 we were able, to put in place the Children's Health Insurance Program, or CHIPs.

That legislation has made healthcare available to more than 220,000 children up to 18 years of age, at a small cost to working families who cannot afford private insurance, but whose incomes exceed Medicare standards. In this session, we must make sure that CHIPs is on solid footing financially and look at expanding its eligibility requirements.

As an attorney by profession, I have somewhat of an innate interest in matters of Criminal Justice. And as a member of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee, I have worked to pass laws that win help secure the safety of citizens in their homes and on the many miles of highways in Texas. But as you know, our work is not done. The issue of hate crimes and racial profiling affect Texans as surely as they do all Americans. And that we will discuss during the coming weeks of the 77th Legislative Session.

Royce West  
Texas Senate

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## You & Your Money



John  
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## Golden investment rules

Any experienced investment professional will tell you: There's no quick way to achieve financial success, but there are certain rules that can make you a better investor. Here are six to embrace.

**1. Know your objective.** You wouldn't go on a long trip without taking a map. So why would you embark on an investment program without knowing where you want to wind up?

Establish a goal. Maybe it's a comfortable retirement. Perhaps it's a college education for a child or grandchild. Whatever it is, make sure you're clear about what you want to accomplish. And know how much time you have to reach the goal. Only then can you truly take steps toward where you want to be.

**2. Set up a regular investment plan.** Investing regularly in seeking your financial goal ensures that you'll always have a flow of assets going to work for you. The sooner you begin contributing money toward your goal, the longer your money has time to compound.

Compounding is the process of reinvesting your earnings so they can create additional earnings for you.

For example, if you invested \$200 monthly in an investment that earns 8 percent annually, you'd have \$36,925 in ten years and \$281,710 in 30 years. The more you invest, the greater your potential. For instance, if you added another \$100 each month to the same investment, you'd have \$54,057 in ten years and \$422,565 in 30 years.

**3. Create a diversified portfolio.** Diversification means putting your assets in a variety of investments.

By diversifying, you reduce risk because no two investments are likely to go up and down in price at the same time, all the time. Some will be up, while others may be down. But those that rise in value will help offset the losses of those that decline.

**4. Rebalance periodically.** Investing is not a one-time event.

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## Benefits of studying history not always evident

People live in the present. They plan for and worry about the future. History, however, is the study of the past. Given all the demands of the present and anticipating the future, why bother with what has been? Why insist on studying history?

In a society that expects education to serve useful purposes, the functions of history can seem more difficult to define than those of engineering or medicine. History is in fact very useful but the products of historical study are less tangible than those that stem from other disciplines.

Early leaders believed that a knowledge of certain historical facts helped distinguish the educated from the uneducated; the person who could reel off the date of the Norman conquest of England (1066) or the name of the person who came up with the theory of evolution at about the same time that Darwin did (Wallace) was deemed superior. Knowledge of historical facts has been used as a screening device in many societies. Unfortunately, this can encourage mindless memorization.

All definitions of history's utility rely on two fundamental facts:

**1. History Helps Us Understand People and Societies**

History offers a storied use

of information about how people and societies behave. How can we evaluate war if the nation is at peace unless we use historical materials? How can we understand genius, the influence of technological innovation, or the role that beliefs play in shaping family life, if we don't use what we know about past experiences? History must serve as our laboratory, and data from the past must serve as our most vital evidence in the unavoidable quest to figure out why our complex species behaves as it does.

**2. History Helps Us Understand Change**

History is also inescapable because the past causes the present, and so the future.

The importance of history in explaining and understanding change in human behavior is no mere abstraction. Take an important human phenomenon such as alcoholism. Alcoholism has a history. Rates of alcoholism have risen and fallen, and they have varied from one group to the next. Attitudes and policies about alcoholism have also changed. History is indispensable to understanding why such changes occur. And in many ways, historical analysis is a more challenging kind of exploration than genetic experimentation.

One of the leading concerns

of contemporary American politics is low voter turnout, even for major elections. A historical analysis of changes in voter turnout can help us begin to understand the problem we face today. When did the decline set in? Once we determine when the trend began, we can try to identify its causes. Do the same factors still exist or are there new ingredients that have contributed to it in more recent decades? A purely contemporary analysis may shed some light on the problem, but a historical assessment is clearly fundamental and essential for anyone concerned about American political health today.

**The Importance of History in Our Own Lives**

History well told is beautiful. Biography and military history appeal in part because of the tales they contain. Stories well done prompt thoughts about people in other times and places.

**History Contributes to Moral Understanding**

People who have weathered adversity in real circumstances can provide inspiration. "History teaching by example" is one phrase that describes this use of a study of the past - a study not only of heroes, but also of ordinary people who provide lessons in courage, dili-

gence and constructive protest.

**Studying History Is Essential for Good Citizenship**

This is one of the most common justifications for history in school curricula. Sometimes advocates of citizenship history hope merely to promote national identity and loyalty through a history spiced by vivid stories and lessons in individual success and morality. However, the importance of history for citizenship goes beyond this narrow goal and can even challenge it at some points.

History that lays the foundation for genuine citizenship returns to the essential uses of the study of the past. History provides data about the emergence of national institutions, problems, and values - it's the only significant storehouse of such data available. It offers evidence about how nations have interacted with other societies, providing international and comparative perspectives essential for responsible citizenship. Studying history helps us understand how changes that affect the lives of citizens are emerging and what causes are involved. More important, studying history encourages habits that are vital to become good citizens, whether as a national or community leader, an informed voter, a petitioner, or a simple observer.

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## Attorney considers probe into Clinton pardon



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## Can you handle the weight?

Ephesians 3:16

NEW YORK, (PRNewswire) U.S. attorney in Manhattan Mary Jo White is considering opening a criminal probe into the contributions and gifts surrounding former president Bill Clinton's controversial pardon of fugitive financier Marc Rich, Newsweek has learned. Investigative Correspondent Michael Isikoff reports in the February 19 issue that sources close to White say the prosecutor is "livid" at not being consulted about the pardon of Rich, whom she had hoped to bring to justice.

Rich was indicted in Manhattan in 1983 but never prosecuted.

Sources tell Newsweek that White is likely to pursue Denise Rich's bank records to determine if she was used as a conduit for contributions from her ex-husband — who has

renounced his U.S. citizenship and may not be eligible to make political donations. House Republicans are sending out subpoenas for the same records and want the list of donors to the Clinton library.

Another person outraged by the pardon was Arthur Levitt Jr., the Securities and Exchange Commission chairman. Isikoff reports that Levitt received a

phone call from a top White House official telling him that the president was preparing the last-minute pardon. The call was placed on the morning of January 19 — the day before Clinton left office. After a quick check with his staff, Levitt called back. "The man's a fugitive!

This looks terrible," he said.

As more facts in the case are revealed, it is clear that one of

Rich's greatest assets was ex-wife Denise, who has made more than \$1.3 million in various political contributions to the Clintons since 1993. E-mails, documents and letters made public last week detail how Denise, working with a team of politically connected friends and Rich's lawyers, tried to help secure the pardon.

Another key player in the effort was Denise Rich's friend and fellow Democratic fundraiser Beth Dozoretz, who apparently appealed directly to Clinton on Rich's behalf. In a Jan. 10 e-mail, Robert Fink, one of Rich's lawyers, told Jack

Quinn, Rich's attorney and former White House counsel that, according to Denise Rich, Dozoretz "got a call from POTUS (President of the

United States)," and discussed the pardon with him. According to the e-mail, Clinton told Dozoretz "that he wants to do it and is doing all possible to turn around the WH counsels." (Dozoretz disputes that Clinton told her he was trying to sway the lawyers).

Quinn and Denise Rich portrayed Marc Rich as the victim of a "highly publicized and aggressive investigation." Denise Rich said she knew "what it feels like to see the press try and convict the accused without regard for the truth." Sources close to Clinton say these arguments hit home with the president. "I think Clinton wanted to pardon all of them," says one lawyer close to the process. "He just can't stand law enforcement."

A few years ago, I started a weight-training program at a local fitness center. As I started my routine, I noticed several men and women consistently working on weights. Now I don't mean just lifting, I mean seriously working. Being curious, I had to ask some questions. I knew nothing about weight training so my inquiry was both comical and informational. I asked questions like, "Why do you lift so much amount weight?" "Why not make it easy on yourself and lift the amount that would be comfortable?" The answers lead me to a scripture carrying heavier loads.

Strength training is different from toning. Toning your muscles requires different weight routines and amount of weights than strengthening your muscles. Toning enhances physical appearance, but strengthening increases endurance. Unfortunately, there seems to be a vast number of Christians just toning their spiritual muscles. They look good but can't or don't do anything. Now to our text.

Our text says the desire is that our insides are strengthened. Why must we be stronger inside than we are outside? Two reasons: (1). God's glory must be revealed in us. The word "glory" means heavy or weight. The Bible first uses glory in reference to material possessions. The Old Testament tells us the glory of the Lord was so thick in the temple that the people could not stand up. It was too heavy for them. We hear scriptures like, "The Lord shall supply all our needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. It means that the wealth we desire is in the glory of God.

Can you handle the weight of prosperity that God desires for

you? The Bible says prosperity will ruin a fool. People want to prosper but don't want to do those things necessary to handle prosperity. Prosperity comes with great responsibility. It's not just about you paying your bills and buying things. God prospers us for His purpose. If you are not internally strong, you will not be able to handle the weight of the prosperity that's in the glory of God.

(2). Along with prosperity comes persecution from enemies. The pressure of the persecution can only be withstood if we are internally strong. If we don't deal with those unresolved internal issues that weaken us, the pressures that result from prosperity will overwhelm us.

Here are a few suggestions to help you become spiritually stronger. (1) You need to be accountable to the house of God. Now's not the time to skip church. Both minister and member should be accountable. Make sure you're not separating yourself from those of the church that keep you accountable. (2)

You must have a system for consistent Bible study. It's only His word and its application in our lives that keeps us from losing control. Mentally, we must be strong to handle life's challenges. Tough times call for mentally tough people. (3) Evaluate, evaluate, evaluate. Constantly evaluate and take inventory of your spiritual condition. Know where you are spiritually. Are you getting stronger? How can you tell? What are the recognizable signs of spiritual maturity in your life? The weight of His glory and all that comes with it requires courage, stamina and wisdom. Ask yourself constantly, "Can I handle the weight?"

## NEA vows to help Bush administration

WASHINGTON, D.C. — On the eve of President-elect George W. Bush's inauguration and Rod Paige's confirmation as Education Secretary, National Education Association (NEA) President Bob Chase said the new Bush administration offers new opportunities for children and public education. Chase vowed to help Bush and Paige keep their pledges to "leave no child behind."

"President Bush and the members of the 107th Congress would be wise to heed the clear message from the electorate in support of strengthening public schools," said Chase. "As a

father who sent his daughters to stellar public schools and as a governor who pledged to 'leave no child behind,' Bush is in a unique position to champion excellent public education for all."

In meeting this goal, NEA offered five bipartisan initiatives to the new Bush administration and 107th Congress:

1. Make low-performing schools a priority by providing the extra help they need to meet high standards;

2. Promote teacher quality by investing in recruiting and keeping caring, qualified teachers

in every classroom;

3. Invest in early childhood education to ensure that more students start school ready to learn;

4. Modernize schools by providing students with clean, safe, well-equipped classrooms;

5. Fully fund special education programs that are currently well below what the federal government pledged to provide.

"Historic moments like President Bush's inauguration and Secretary Paige's confirmation remind us that we are one American family. And public education is an issue in the next session of Congress that can

unite our nation," said Chase.

"We know our challenges and opportunities in the new year are extraordinary," said Chase. "But the future does not belong to those who are complacent, but rather to those who can blend courage and a deep commitment to making our nation the best it can be. NEA looks forward to working together with the new administration and Congress on behalf of children and public education. Improving conditions for children and schools is a moral imperative that cannot be compromised."



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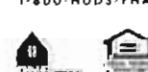
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## Wellness

### Komen Breast Cancer Foundation names new board leaders

DALLAS, (PRNewswire) The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, the nation's leading catalyst in the fight against breast cancer, has named LaSalle Leffall, Jr., M.D., as chair-elect, and Kerry Jacobs as vice chair, of the Foundation's board of directors.

Dr. Leffall has devoted his life to the study of cancer. He has served as president of the American Cancer Society, the Society of Surgical Oncology, and the American College of Surgeons. He has also served as a consultant to the National Cancer Institute, and diplomat of the American Board of Surgery.

Dr. Leffall is Charles R. Drew Professor of Surgery at Howard University College of Medicine. He previously served as chairman of the Department of Surgery at Howard. He has been visiting professor and guest lecturer at more than 200 medical institutions across the globe and has authored or co-authored more than 130 articles and chapters related to cancer research and treatment.

Dr. Leffall will serve one year as chair-elect before beginning his two-year term as chairman in 2002.

"As a world-renowned oncologist, educator, and leader of civic organizations, Dr. Leffall has remarkable expertise on almost every aspect of cancer care," said Linda Kay Peterson, current chairman of the Komen Foundation Board of Directors. "Dr. Leffall's knowledge will guide the Komen Foundation as we continue to fund innovative

cancer research and find new ways to increase patient access to care."

In her role as vice chair, Kerry Jacobs will represent the Foundation at Affiliate and other events. Prior to her new appointment, Jacobs was the Foundation's director of Affiliate service for two years. In this position, Jacobs strengthened and expanded the department to provide enhanced services to the Foundation's Affiliate Network.

Between 1995 and 1999, Jacobs was an active volunteer and executive committee member of Komen's local affiliate in Tarrant County, Texas. This first-hand experience of the Foundation's Affiliate Network prepared her well for the responsibilities of the new vice chair position. Jacobs has also served on the board of the Tarrant County chapter of the March of Dimes.

In addition to the appointment of Dr. Leffall and Jacobs, Foundation board member Connie O'Neill was appointed as treasurer of the Komen Foundation.

O'Neill has been involved with the Foundation since 1992, serving as treasurer for two years previously and chairing the National Awards Luncheon in 1994.

In addition to her new role as treasurer, O'Neill serves on the boards of Children's Health Services of Texas, Children's Medical Center Foundation and Presbyterian Healthcare Foundation. She was formerly president of the Junior League

of Dallas and has served on the boards of the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas and the St. Paul Medical Center Foundation. O'Neill will serve as Foundation treasurer for three years.

"Ms. Jacobs and Ms. O'Neill have had tremendous success in developing our grassroots network and addressing all of the challenges and opportunities related to improving breast cancer prevention, detection, and treatment," Peterson said. "They truly reflect the diversity of our constituents."

Dr. Leffall, Jacobs and O'Neill accompany Nancy Brinker, Norman Brinker, Linda Custard, Mary Elliott, Linda Kay Peterson and Barney Young as current Komen Foundation board members.

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## Sports

### Spurs tame Mavericks in easy victory

### Dallas Mavericks Schedule for Feb.-March

#### FEBRUARY

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.
Saturday 24	San Antonio	7:00 p.m.

#### MARCH

Saturday 3	Houston	7:00 p.m.
Friday 9	Golden State	7:00 p.m.

By Michelle Koidin  
Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Tim Duncan scored 28 points and reserve Antonio Daniels had 18 as the San Antonio Spurs beat the Dallas Mavericks 104-92 Tuesday night.

Danny Ferry made four of the Spurs' nine 3-pointers and Avery Johnson tied his season-high of 14 points in his first game in two months for San Antonio.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 12 of his 30 points in the fourth quarter and Michael

Finley had 11 of his 26 points in the final period, but the Mavericks couldn't overcome a 22-point deficit.

Duncan, shooting 55.5 percent from the free throw line this year - a significant slip from last year's career-best of 76.1 percent - scored half of his points from the line, but still went only 14-of-24.

Duncan also grabbed 15 rebounds, while Ferry finished with 16 points and eight rebounds.

San Antonio broke the game open by scoring 13 straight points to make it 41-30 with 3:48 left in the first half.

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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 boardroom.

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

Tuesday, February 20  
9:30 a.m. - Grand Opening of Innovative Sports Physical  
The business is located at 8204 Stonebrook Pkwy.

1:30 p.m. - Ambassador Meeting  
The group will meet in the Chamber Meeting Room - 6843 Main St.

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 afternoon for group dinner on the 20th.

Thursday, February 22  
8:00 a.m. - Get on Track at 8 Networking Session  
Come network with area businesses at the Chamber office, 6843 Main St., Frisco.

## City of Richardson

Friday, February 16  
11:15 a.m. - TBC 3rd Friday Technology Luncheon  
The luncheon is sponsored by Thompson & Knight, LLP

and titled "The Future of Nanotechnology." Speaker will be Jim Von Ehr, President & CEO, Zyvox Corporation. Luncheon held at Omni Hotel (701 East Campbell Road), Richardson. Reservation Check-In and "Connections 2000" opens at 11:15 a.m. The luncheon is for technology professionals only.

Wednesday, February 21  
7:30 a.m. - EarlyNet - No Reservations Required!

Castle at Canyon Creek (2700 Custer Parkway). Super Networking Table Exchange

Thursday, February 22  
5:00 p.m. - TBC Software Roundtable - sponsored by Hitt, Gaines & Boisbrun, PC  
Roundtable discussion titled "Size DOES Matter: Managing Software Process Improvements in Small Groups." Speaker: James Bielak, Consultant, Greenstone Software Architecture Consulting, Inc. Roundtable will be held at Holiday Inn Select - Richardson (1655 N. Central Expwy) and is for software professionals only.

Tuesday, February 27  
11:45 a.m. - RCC Small Business Roundtable  
"Employee Outsourcing: Keep Control, Shed Your Headache" Speaker: Charles Hoffman, Business Consultant, Administaff. Roundtable will be held at Holiday Inn Select - Richardson (1655 N. Central Expwy) and is an open chamber event.

Wednesday, February 28  
7:30 a.m. - EarlyNet - No Reservations Required!  
Castle at Canyon Creek (2700 Custer Parkway) Speaker: To Be Announced  
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Friday, February 16  
7:30 a.m. - Business Interchange  
Everyone is invited to the interchange at the Chamber building. No RSVP is required.

Tuesday, February 20  
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 afternoon for group dinner on the 20th.

Wednesday, February 21  
11:30 a.m. - Women's Division Luncheon  
The group will meet at Gleneagles Country Club. To register call 972-424-7547.

Friday, February 23  
7:30 a.m. - Business Interchange  
Everyone is invited to the interchange at the Chamber building. No RSVP is required.

Wednesday, February 28  
7:30 a.m. - Board of Directors Meeting  
The Board will meet at the Chamber building. Everyone is invited and there is no RSVP required.

## City of McKinney

Friday, February 16  
Third Monday Trade Days  
Held on HWY 380, 2 miles west of Hwy 75  
For more information, visit [www.tmtd.com](http://www.tmtd.com) or call 972-562-5466

Tuesday, February 20  
11:30 a.m. - Ribbon Cutting - Calmark Homes  
Join us for a ribbon cutting at 2501 Cayenne - Eldorado Pkwy West from 75. Left on Voltaire, across from elementary school. Model home is on the right.

Wednesday, February 21  
11:30 a.m. - Ribbon Cutting - Century 21 Park One Realtors  
Join us for a ribbon cutting at 2411 W. Virginia Pkwy, Suite 1.

Thursday, February 22  
5:30 p.m. - Business After Hours  
Event will be held at Buffalo Joe's, 100 N. Tennessee, McKinney

Friday, February 23

7:00 p.m. - McKinney Symphony Orchestra  
The orchestra will host a Movie Magic Family Pops night at First Baptist Church. For ticket information, call 972-562-9276.

Tuesday, February 27  
11:30 a.m. - Ribbon Cutting - Homes, Woods & Garza  
Join us for a ribbon cutting at 1700 Redbud. Refreshments will be served.

## City of Allen

Tuesday, February 20  
7:30a.p. - AlleNet  
Networking session will be held at the Greenville Deli. Join us and bring business cards.

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 afternoon for group dinner on the 20th.

Thursday, February 22  
7:30 a.m. - Board of Directors  
Meeting will be held at Chamber office.

12:00 p.m. - Ambassador Club  
Meeting will be held at Chamber office.

Saturday, February 24  
6:00 p.m. - Celebrate Allen!  
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Tuesday, February 27  
7:30a.p. - AlleNet  
Networking session will be held at the Greenville Deli. Join us and bring business cards.

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(DALLAS) - Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie will host a Mutuels and Hospitality job fair on Tuesday, February 13, 2001 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. There will be refreshments and door prizes and on the spot hiring for positions throughout the park.

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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 past, 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



## Rosa Parks: Mother of the Civil Rights Movement

By Brandy Jones  
Gazette Editorial Assistant

On December 1, 1955, in Montgomery, Ala., Rosa Parks was arrested for disregarding an order to surrender her bus seat to a white passenger. Her protest galvanized a growing movement to desegregate public transportation and marked a historic turning point in the African-American battle for civil rights. It is sometimes overlooked that at the time of Parks' arrest, she was no ordinary passenger; she was an experienced civil rights activist with strong beliefs.

Rosa Louise McCauley was born in Tuskegee, Ala. She was raised by her mother, a school-teacher, on her grandparents' farm at Pine Level, a small community outside Montgomery. In 1924 she enrolled at the private Montgomery Industrial School for Girls, known as "Miss White's school" after its principal and cofounder, Alice L. White. All the students were black, and all the teachers were white women from the North. "What I learned best at Miss White's school," Parks later wrote in her autobiography, *Rosa Parks: My Story* (1992), "was that I was a person with dignity and self-respect, and I should not set my sights lower than anybody because I am black."

As a teenager she attended Booker T. Washington Junior High School in Montgomery, and participated in a high school program at State Teachers College-now Alabama State University. She dropped out at the age of 16 to care for her grandmother, who died soon after, and then for her ailing mother. In December 1932, she married Raymond Parks, a 29-year-old barber. Rosa Parks attained her high school diploma the following year and helped support the family by sewing and doing other jobs.

Parks' husband had long been active in the NAACP, an organization founded to improve the conditions for blacks in the United States. Rosa Parks worked as the NAACP chapter's youth adviser. In 1943, when Parks actually joined, her involvement with the organization became even greater. She worked with the organization's state president, Edgar Daniel Nixon, to mobilize a voter registration drive in Montgomery and was elected secretary of the Montgomery branch in 1943. That year, she made her first attempt to register to vote, although she did not succeed until her third try in

1945. She also had her first dispute with the local bus driver when she tried to defy a rule that required blacks to board the bus from the back door.

In the early 1950s Parks found work as a tailor's assistant at a department store. She also had a part-time job as a seamstress for Virginia and Clifford Durr, a liberal white couple who encouraged Parks in her civil rights efforts.

A turning point in her life and in the history of the struggle for racial equality occurred on a fateful day in December. Parks was riding home from work on the Cleveland Avenue bus line in Montgomery when she refused to give up her place in the front row of the "colored section" to a white man who could not find a seat in the section reserved for whites. Her refusal to move to the back of the bus defied local ordinances and Alabama state statutes requiring segregation in public transportation. The driver called the police, and Parks was arrested and jailed. She was released later that night after Nixon and the Durrs posted a \$100 bond. She was fined \$10, plus \$4 in court costs. She refused to pay the fine of \$14; with the help of lawyer, Ed D. Gray, she appealed to the circuit court.

The black community in Montgomery was outraged by the case and organized a bus boycott that began as a one-day demonstration; it continued for more than a year. Protesters formed an organization called the Montgomery Improvement Association (MIA) under the leadership of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a minister who had recently moved to the city. The MIA urged sympathizers not to ride on Montgomery's segregated buses and helped them find other means of transportation. In November 1956, a federal court ordered the Montgomery buses desegregated.

The Montgomery boycott was successful and brought King to national attention. It also inspired other civil rights protests around the South, such as sit-ins at segregated restau-

rants. However, both Rosa and Raymond Parks lost their jobs and suffered from repeated threats and harassment. In August 1957 the couple moved to Detroit. They had difficulty finding work during their first years, so Parks took in sewing and worked as a fundraiser for the NAACP. In 1965 Democratic congressman, John Conyers, Jr., hired her to work in his Detroit office. Parks remained on his staff until her retirement in 1988.

Rosa Parks remained active in the NAACP and in other civil rights organizations, including the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), until advancing age slowed her down. She has received accolades and many tributes, including the NAACP's highest honor, the Spingarn Medal, in 1970 and the prestigious Martin Luther King, Jr. Award in 1980. Cleveland Avenue in the city of Montgomery was renamed Rosa Parks Boulevard in 1965. In 1987 she founded the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self-Development, which provides scholarships and guidance for young blacks. In 1996 President Bill Clinton awarded her the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest honor that the U.S. government can give to a civilian, and in 1999 she received the Congressional Gold Medal from the U.S. Congress. In January 1999 President Clinton invited Parks to sit with Hillary Rodham Clinton during the Annual State of the Union address. During the speech President Clinton recognized the contributions of Rosa Parks, who received a standing ovation from the audience.

A friend once described Parks as someone who, as a rule, did not defy authority, but once determined on a course of action, refused to back down: "She might ignore you, go around you, but never retreat."



Rosa Parks

## Chris Rock gets second chance at life in Paramount Pictures film

By Brandy Jones  
Gazette Editorial Assistant

Approaching humor from a racial viewpoint is something at which Chris Rock excels, affirmed by his thousands of concertgoers and millions of television viewers. After a casual lunch meeting with Warren Beatty, the idea of a contemporary, crossed-race version of Beatty's "Heaven Can Wait" stuck in Rock's mind. "This just seemed like a movie I could do," said the screenwriter/executive producer, Chris Rock. "Chris' comedy is about truth, with a twist, which makes you see the world from a different angle," says Michael Rotenberg, producer and Rock's long time manager.

When amateur comedian Lance Barton (Chris Rock) finds himself at Heaven's door, he is convinced there has been a mistake. Miraculously he is right.

One day his life would

change forever, thanks to an overcautious emissary from Heaven, Mr. Keyes (Eugene Levy).

By prematurely plucking Lance from a traffic accident before it takes place, Mr. Keyes shows that employee evaluations are needed everywhere, even Heaven. Lance is transported to the Pearly Gates, or more accurately, the velvet roped-lines of the most desirous of clubs, and the error is addressed by Mr. King (Chazz Palminteri), the no-nonsense head angel for the new millennium.

Since returning to his own body on Earth is out of the question, the urban-raised Lance reluctantly agrees to an unthinkable proposal; inhabiting the body of a wealthy old mogul, Charles Wellington.

Playing a romantic lead was a new challenge for Rock, but one he couldn't resist given its many possibilities. "Two subjects that interest me are comedy and women," explains Rock. "So a comedy with a romantic element seemed a perfect mix." Living in the body of a wealthy

old white man is bizarre enough for Lance without falling in love with the beautiful woman pub-



Rock addresses his board of directors in his new body of a wealthy business owner.

licly battling Wellington's company. Sontee (Regina King) firmly opposes Wellington's business practices, but gradually warms to his surprising new sincerity. "It's rare you find a script able to break through all the boundaries people put on relationships as far as age, class, and color are concerned," explains King. "But all that is out the door here. In this film, love really does conquer all."

Complicating matters further is the love affair between Wellington's wife (Jennifer Coolidge) and his personal assistant (Greg Germann), both of whom are conspiring against him.

Living in this most unlikely world, Lance discovers his true inner-self, enabling him to finally tap into his potential to reach his dreams.

"Down To Earth" opens in theaters Feb. 16. This film is MPAA rated PG-13 for language, sexual humor and some drug references.



(left to right) Eugene Levy as Keyes, Chris Rock as Lance Barton and Chazz Palminteri as King in "Down to Earth"

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CONTRACT 2374-01-069 for CONSTRUCTION OF INTERCHANGE in DALLAS County will be opened on April 3, 2001 at 1:00pm at the State Office.

All prospective bidders are required to attend the pre-bid conference for Contract 2374-01-069 to be held on February 23, 2001 at 9:00 am at the TxDOT DALLAS DISTRICT HDQTRS 4777 E. HWY 80, MESQUITE, TX or on March 15, 2001 at the same location.

CONTRACT 2374-01-112 for RAMP CONSTRUCTION AND BRIDGE WIDENING in DALLAS County will be opened on March 6, 2001 at 1:00pm at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at [www.dot.state.tx.us](http://www.dot.state.tx.us) and from reproduction companies in Austin, Texas at the expense of the contractor.

#### District Office(s)

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# Power of Attorney General pervades women's lives, rights, pay

By Cynthia L. Cooper  
WEnews correspondent

(WOMENSENEWS)—As head of the world's largest law enforcement agency, John Ashcroft will have a powerful say in issues that are critical to women: pay equity, equal representation in the courts, treatment of battered immigrant women and reproductive rights.

A staunch foe of abortion, Ashcroft is also criticized by women's rights groups for not supporting women's employment issues and vetoing a maternity leave law and money for domestic violence programs when he was Missouri governor. As a U.S. senator, he voted against a program that helps women business owners compete for federal highway program business. He fiercely opposed the Equal Rights Amendment.

Ashcroft has promised the Senate Judiciary Committee that he will uphold the nation's laws, including Roe v. Wade, and will not allow his personal antipathy toward abortion to try to undermine or overturn a woman's right to choose. But abortion rights, while significant, are not even half the story.

"Part of the reason the media doesn't talk about the power of the Department of Justice is that it does so many things—literally everything," said Cornell W. Clayton, a professor at Washington State University and author of two books on the role of the attorney general. "The position has far more responsibilities than similar offices in other countries."

As head of the Department of Justice, the U.S. attorney general heads the largest law firm in the world, with over 9,000 attorneys. He also controls the operation of the nation's major law enforcement agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Marshals Service and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

The budget appropriation of the department for 2001 is \$23 billion. The 38 divisions of the department employed 123,779 people in May 1999, according to the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. The staff is larger than the departments of labor, health and human services, housing and urban development, energy and education, combined, and four times the size of the entire federal judiciary.

Enormous Unwritten

Discretion to Skirt the Edges of the Law

"The attorney general is nearly as important as Supreme Court justices and will have vast power at his disposal," said Betsy Cavendish, legal director for NARAL, the abortion rights group, in Washington, D.C.

Many of these powers are behind the scenes, added Bruce Fein, a constitutional scholar who was associate deputy attorney general in the Reagan administration. "There is enormous unwritten discretion to skirt the edges of the law," said Fein. "He's got wiggle room to nudge and push the law."

How the department allocates its resources, advises the president and chooses the cases to pursue will affect women enormously. Several areas, in particular, concern women's advocates.

The Department of Justice is charged directly with implementation of the Violence Against Women Act, which provides funding for domestic violence programs nationwide. But the funding must be requested and appropriated each year by the Department of Justice, said Nancy Duff Campbell, co-president of the National Women's Law Center.

"This could affect the funding for battered women's shelters all over the country," said Campbell.

The department is also responsible for the collection and analysis of crime statistics, which, depending on the measures are used, affect the national understanding of the prevalence of domestic violence and rape. Ashcroft, when he was governor of Missouri, twice vetoed money for domestic violence programs, according to testimony by Marcia Greenberger, co-president at National Women's Law Center with Campbell.

The Power to Shape Equal Opportunity for Women

Employment rights of women, including sex discrimination and sexual harassment, are also at stake, said Deborah Rhode, professor at Stanford Law School and chairman of the American Bar Association Commission on the Status of Women. "There is an enormous role in compliance activities and in shaping equal opportunity for women," said Rhode.

"Enforcement priorities are

key." Rhode is also a member of the board of directors of NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund, the publisher of Women's Enews.

The vigorous pursuit by the Justice Department in documenting unacceptable sexual harassment at Mitsubishi "sent a signal to a lot of companies," said Rhode. Invisible decisions that can affect women include slowing down or expediting the resolution of cases at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Abortion raises a dual concern about violence at clinics and the respect for constitutional principles. Janet Reno vigorously protected abortion clinics with federal marshals for a time and the FBI currently lists two men who have committed abortion clinic violence on the Ten Most Wanted Fugitives List: James Charles Kopp, a suspect in the murder of Dr. Barnett Slepian in western New York, and Eric Robert Rudolph, suspect in the bombing of an Alabama abortion clinic that killed a security guard and critically injured a nurse.

The attorney general is charged with the enforcement of the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act (under which the fugitive Kopp is sought), which was passed in the Clinton administration and deters and punishes clinic violence. According to NARAL, strong enforcement by the Clinton administration resulted in convictions in 15 of 17 cases brought under the freedom of access act.

As a result, the Clinic Violence Project of the Feminist Majority Foundation reported that severe violence at clinics has dropped substantially.

But because his department is subject to little public scrutiny, the attorney general has broad policy discretion to choose which among the numerous federal statutes to emphasize in enforcement, possibly calling certain decisions a matter of resource allocation. "You can't argue with limited resources," said Fein, a Reagan administration veteran.

Other concerns arise about how aggressive the Justice Department will be in supporting the constitutional right of women to make decisions about abortion.

Ashcroft Called Roe v.

Wade 'Settled Law' Without Defining Terms

The attorney general gives confidential advice to the president, Congress and other government agencies. Ashcroft said that he accepted Roe v. Wade to be settled law, despite his extensive and active opposition to abortion. But Fein noted that Ashcroft never said what he meant by settled law.

"It's left in a twilight zone," said Fein, leaving open the possibility of arguing that a particular issue has not been fully explored in prior court cases.

To this end, the attorney general has on tap the U.S. solicitor general, who is involved in two-thirds of all cases that go to the U.S. Supreme Court. So influential is the solicitor general in the Supreme Court that some commentators dub the position as "The Tenth Justice." In the Reagan administration, the solicitor general argued that Roe v. Wade should be overturned.

Also of great concern to women's advocates is the role of the attorney general in selecting federal judges. "The power over judicial selection is enormous,"

said Fein. "I know I was there."

The attorney general conducts the all-important initial selection and screening of judicial candidates for presentation to the president. There are over 850 judges on the federal bench who hear federal cases on matters ranging from sex discrimination to the constitutionality of state restrictions on abortion. President Clinton named 332 judges after seven years, including 270 district court judges and 55 appellate judges, according to the Alliance for Justice.

President Clinton's 100 female judges nearly tripled the number of women appointed by President Bush or President Reagan, it said in a report compiled at the end of 1999.

But as a U.S. senator, Ashcroft "repeatedly blocked the confirmation of highly qualified women to the federal bench," said Greenberger, who documented six cases in which he obstructed or voted against qualified women attorneys. As governor, he had a dismal record of appointing women, said Greenberger. She noted that the Women's Lawyers Association in Missouri charged

that he asked inappropriate questions about women judicial candidates, including questions about their marital status, the number and ages of their children, their pregnancies and family planning.

The powers of the Department of Justice extend in numerous other directions. "It would take hours to review," said Fein. Other functions include setting policy for 94 U.S. attorneys across the nation, running the prisons, naming independent prosecutors, and operating the immigration service, which has the power to grant asylum or refugee status to women fleeing desperate conditions.

"It's difficult for people to understand the myriad ways the attorney general can affect law enforcement and how this filters down," said Campbell.

Once appointed, the U.S. attorney general can only be removed if fired by the president or impeached by Congress.

Cynthia L. Cooper is a freelance journalist in New York who writes about reproductive rights and other women's issues.

## New book helps women manage money, realize dreams

By Cornelia McCowan  
Special to MON-The Gazette

Finally, a financial planning book every sister can relate to. "Girl, Get Your Money Straight: A Sister's Guide to Healing Your Dreams in 7 Simple Steps," by Glinda Bridgeforth, is the gospel truth about how to find and fund your dreams. Not simply a book to be read one time, "Girl Get Your Money Straight," should be the financial reference guide every woman has!

Bridgeforth skillfully weaves valid and useful information about financial planning through writing exercises, worksheets, and question-and-answer sessions to aide the reader in better understanding their relationship with money. She also draws on her own financially troubled past to offer financial lessons and inspiration to women.

This book offers great insight into financial recovery. Bridgeforth's approach incorpo-

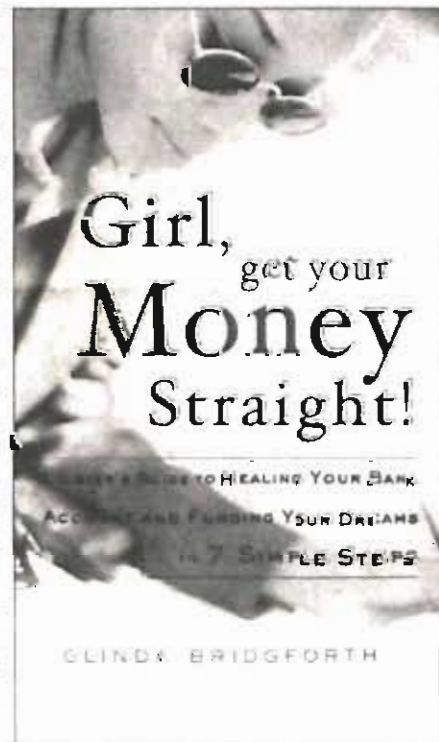
rates both a holistic and a prac-

tical style that works to heal the individual as well as their bank account. She explores women's attitudes, values, habits, and action regarding money in our relationship to our training and experience.

Bridgeforth's goal is to give her reader's practical tools they will

need to identify destructive money patterns and take charge of their financial future. She is able to achieve this goal through humorous examples and hip, honest advice.

Glinda Bridgeforth is the founder of Bridgeforth Financial Management Group. A regular contributor to "Essence" and "Black Enterprise," she is a frequent guest on television and radio shows nationwide as well as a sought-after seminar speaker.



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# Eyeing the Arts

A casual run through of the top list of American and European artists presents a long list of dynamic male artists with a long history of gallery and museum shows.

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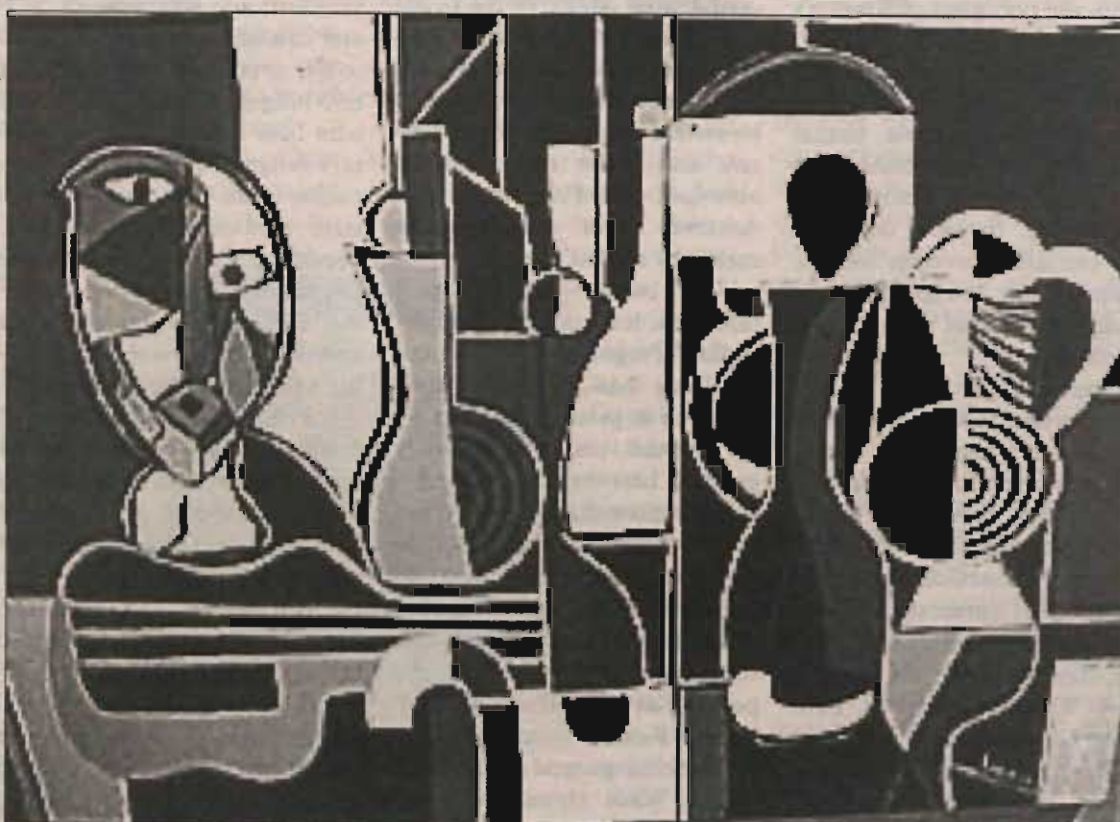
On the other hand, female artists' works are much harder to find on popular items.

Some local women artists call the art industry, the last frontier.

Evita Tezeno, a Dallas artist, said overcoming gender limitations is one of her biggest struggles. "People just don't take female artists seriously," says Tezeno.

She also points to the limited number of female artists as a major limitation.

"There is just not a lot of us out here, she said. Women usually have responsibilities



Dallas artist Soukaa Wright, who paints Picasso-like images, is able to focus on her work after raising children. She says this prevents many female artists from receiving the attention of male artists.



that keep them from a serious pursuit of art," Evita says. Tezeno believes that art collectors are less likely to invest in a female artist's future for this reason. "Serious collectors want to see artists constantly producing new and more invigorating work," Tezeno says.

Another local artist, Soukaa Wright, says she strongly agrees with Tezeno's assessment. Now at 50-years-old Wright said she is finally able to totally focus on her artwork. "I

nothing more than to be a full-time artist," says Wright. Wright spends her time cranking out Picasso-like images with an urban flair.

"I know being an artist is going to be uncomfortable," says Tezeno, who lived in a warehouse and cooked on a hot plate. "I will live in a cave if I have to. There is nothing in the world that I want more than to be a great artist." Tezeno says women are normally not as aggressive as their male counterparts; her determination has helped her survive ten years in a male-dominated industry. She is quickly becoming one of the most recognized names in the art world, and has been commissioned to do a number of festival posters including New Orleans Jazz festival. She was also commissioned for the artwork of gossip columnist Flo Anthony's book cover.

There have been few black women, other than Elizabeth Catlet, to reach national long-term popularity. Both women hope that at some point women will no longer be a novelty but considered serious artists.

"Things are changing," says Wright. "I see a future where women are not only artists but also own publishing houses."

Currently Tezeno has a studio/gallery in north Dallas. Both artists' works can be found at

Stephanie's Collections in historical Deep Ellum.

have spent my life raising my family and making a living for myself, she said. Now I want

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## On the Move

### 7-Eleven executive brings fresh ideas to new position

By Brandy Jones  
Gazette Editorial Assistant

7-Eleven, Inc. recently announced their newly appointed deputy controller, Sylvester Johnson.

Johnson earned his BBA in accounting from the University of Notre Dame and a MBA from the Rubel School of Business at Bellarmine College.

Johnson also brings experience to the position. He was formerly vice president of finance at the Dallas Morning News. He also worked with PepsiCo, Inc. and Tricon Global Restaurants, Inc. for more than seven years, holding positions as finance director

Department," says Jim Keyes, president and CEO of 7-Eleven, Inc.

"I am trying to understand the company better and deputy controller is an interim role that will help me transition smoothly into controller if approved by the board," says Johnson.

As deputy controller he will be responsible for accounting processes such as sales, accounts payable and payroll. Mr. Johnson plans to improve the accounting processes of 7-Eleven by becoming more efficient and effective—what he calls "world class accounting."

Johnson also divides his time as a member of the National Association of Black Accountants, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, former director of downtown Improvement District, and former director of the University of Notre Dame Alumni Board in Kentucky. He has also served as treasurer and board member of Bryan's House.

Johnson wants to focus future community efforts on education and youth programs.

Johnson is married and has three children.



*Sylvester Johnson*

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# Arts & Entertainment

## EVENTS

### On-going

In recognition of Black History Month, KDTN 2 will air 14 documentaries dealing with African-American themes throughout the month of February. Check local listings for schedules.

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 15-17

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 15-18

Guest Conductor Hans Graf will lead the Dallas Symphony Orchestra in an evening of Debussy, Schumann and Bartok as part of the Texas Instruments Classical Concert Series. The concerts will be held at the Meyerson Symphony Center. For information or tickets call 214-692-0203 or visit [www.dallas-symphony.com](http://www.dallas-symphony.com)

Casa Manana Children's Playhouse presents "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," at the Casa Manana Theatre, Ft. Worth Cultural District. For more information or tickets call 817-332-2272, ext. 3. This production is suitable for all audiences.

### February 15-25

The Dallas Children's Theater presents "The Three Sillies" 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 Kupersztoch at 972-503-5662 or visit [www.adani-gallery.com](http://www.adani-gallery.com).

### February 15-27

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 15-March 3

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

### February 15-March 11

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.

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.

Dallas Children's Theater presents "My Lord What a Morning," by Kim Hines, celebrating the life of Marian Anderson. Performances will be held at the Crescent Theater, 2215 Cedar Springs, Dallas. For tickets or information call 214-978-0110.

### February 15-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 15-May 6

The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth presents the exhibit "Ultrabaroque: Aspects of Post-Latin American Art" at the Modern's Cultural District location. For more information call 817-738-9215 or visit [www.mamfw.org](http://www.mamfw.org).

### February 16

NM Productions will present a one-night fundraising performance of "WKIL: 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 16-March 3

Lytic Stage presents the musical "Roadside," by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt. Performances will be held at the Irving Arts Center, Dupree Theater, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd., Irving. For tickets call 972-252-2728.

### February 17

Arts and Letters Live begins its season with the Gala Film Premier of Ed Harris' "Pollock" at the Palace Theatre, Ft. Worth beginning at 6:30 p.m. For more information or tickets call 817-251-1808.

### February 21-25

The UTA Theatre Arts Department presents "Man of La Mancha," by Dale Wasserman in the Fine Arts Complex, 700 W. Second St., Arlington. The play begins at 8:00 p.m. For reservations or information call 817-272-2650.

Soul Rep Theatre Company presents "In the Blood," by Suzan Lori-Parks at the Undermain Theatre, 3200 Main Street, Deep Ellum, Dallas. The play contains adult content and is intended for mature audiences. For more information call 214-521-5070.

### February 22

The Dallas Museum of Art's Arts & Letters Live Literary Series will host writer Ernest J. Gaines in a Distinguished Writer evening at the museum in the Horchow Auditorium, 1717 N. Harwood, Dallas at 7:30 p.m. For information call 214-922-1219.

ArtsPartners and Young Audiences of Greater Dallas will host the 3rd annual

ArtsPartners Arts and Culture in Education Symposium at the Dallas Convention Center, 650 S. Griffin Street, Dallas from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For reservations call 214-520-0023.

### February 22-24

Quad C Theatre presents "Alien Voices," by Leonard Nimoy and John DeLancie, performed in "radio show" format. Performances will be held at Quad C, John Anthony Theatre, 2800 E. Spring Creek Pkwy., Plano. For tickets and information call 972-881-5809.

Dallas Black Dance Theatre hosts its Black Cultural Awareness Series at the Majestic Theatre, Elm Street, downtown Dallas, at 7:30 p.m. For tickets call 214-631-ARTS.

### February 22-25

The Dallas Symphony Orchestra, led by British Conductor Graeme Jenkins will perform "Silent Cities" at the Meyerson Symphony Center. For information and tickets call 214-692-0203.

### February 23-28

The Dallas Opera presents "Rigoletto," by Giuseppe Verdi. The opera will be sung in Italian with English supertitles. For more information or tickets call 214-443-1000 or visit [www.dallasopera.org](http://www.dallasopera.org).

### February 24

Arts & Letters Live presents the first of 3 "Texas Bound for Kids" events at area Barnes & Noble stores. The first event will be held in Richardson. For more information call 214-922-1220.

Students from the Dallas Symphony Orchestra's Young Strings program will hold a recital at 11:00 a.m. at the Meyerson Symphony Center. The young musicians are studying violin and cello. For more information call Carl Johnson at 214-871-4055.

The Jamaican Ashe Caribbean Performing Arts Dance Ensemble will perform at the Black Academy of Arts and Letters, Naomi Bruton Theatre, 650 S. Griffin Street, Dallas, at 8:00 p.m. For information call 214-743-2440.

### February 25

The Russian American Center presents its 5th annual Russian Festival at the Majestic Theatre, Elm Street, Dallas, at 4:00 p.m. For more information and tickets call 1-800-687-1256.

### February 26-28

TECO Theatrical Productions present the children's theatre comedy, "Succeeding Beyond the Limits," by Teresa Coleman Wash. At the Naomi Bruton Theatre, Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex, 650 S. Griffin St., Dallas, at 10:00 a.m. For information and tickets call 214-743-2440.

### February 28-March 25

The Dallas Theater Center presents "Twelfth Night," by William Shakespeare at the Arts District Theater, 2401 Flora St., Dallas. For information or tickets call 214-522-8499 or visit [www.dallastheatercenter.org](http://www.dallastheatercenter.org).

### March 3-4

Pegasus Theatre will hold audition for its upcoming production, "Cowboys," a musical by Clint Jeffries. Auditions will be from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. To schedule an audition appointment call 214-821-6005. All positions are paid.

## Night Vibes

By Ché Hill

Dancing, celebrities, authors, and a literacy champion whose life has spanned three centuries. Who knew reading could be so much fun?



Members of the Dallas Black Dance Theater perform a traditional African dance during the Read-In.

The second annual Read-In at the Majestic Theatre proved to be all of the above and then some. Various educators, actors, dancers and celebrities gathered to put on a show designed to increase interest in African-American literary works and expose the public to their works. Director Bob Devin Jones put together an ensemble of works that embraced the black struggle and highlighted eras such as the turbulent sixties and

the Harlem Renaissance.

This was complemented by performances from local dance companies and students reading personal. The theme was in

part a tribute to the life of 103-year-old George Dawson, who co-authored his autobiography *Life is So Good with* Richard



Actress Irma P. Hall, of the movie "Soul Food" served as one of the celebrity readers for the program.

readers included Irma P. Hall of "Soul Food" fame, actress Michelle Richards, former Dallas Cowboy Daryl Johnston, and Joe Soto of KRNB.

"Nothing is possible without reading. Reading is a skill you must have in order to succeed. This helps get the message out that reading is fun. Sometimes we joke about where else in life we will use algebra, or geometry, but we always use reading," said Johnston.



George Dawson, left, and his son share a laugh during the Read-In 2001. Dawson was recognized as a literacy champion for learning to read at age 98. Photos by Stan R. Davis

## What's Happening in the Hood

Here is some of the entertainment that has made its way down to Big D for Black History month:

\*The hilariously cool comedian Bruce Bruce, keeps crowds rolling in the aisles as he takes the stage. You can catch Bruce on frequent episodes of BET's "Comic View Comedy Show." He will be at the Addison Improv Feb. 21-25. For more information call (972) 404-8501.

\* Soul Rep Theatre Company presents the southwest premiere of Suzan-Lori Parks' powerfully provocative

play, "IN THE BLOOD." The play evolves around the trials of a homeless woman named "Hester" and her five children. This play contains adult content and is intended for mature audiences only. The play runs February 14-25 at the Undermain Theatre, 3200 Main St. For more information call (214) 521-5070.

\* "Holding On," presented by Sounds From Within

Productions and the Irving Black Arts Council will premiere as part of the Irving Arts Centers Black History month celebration. The play is about a jazzman that is making a name for himself as he flirts with the idea of hirting the big time, until tragedy strikes. Anthony J. Golden directs and stars in the production. This event is free and takes place February 20 from 6:30-8:30p.m.



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## Around The Town

### On-going

Miracle on Wheels is making available power wheelchairs to non-ambulatory senior citizens usually at no out-of-pocket expense if they qualify. For information call 1-800-749-8778 or visit [www.durablemedical.com](http://www.durablemedical.com).

Host families are needed to host international high school exchange students for the 2001-2002 school year. For more information call Yvette Coffman at 1-800-941-3738.

ITT Technical Institute will begin offering new associate's degree programs, Computer and Electronics Engineering Technology and Computer Drafting and Design. Enrollment is underway for the classes, which begin March 19. For more information call Fred Garcia at 972-690-9100 or Ed Leal at 817-794-5100.

Texas Parks and Wildlife is accepting applications for CO-OP grants for 28 local groups. Applications are available by mail or through the TPW website at [www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us), or call Martin LeBlanc at 512-912-7056.

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.

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 16

Sports Radio 1310 The Ticket will hold a weekend of sports Feb. 16-18 at the Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek, featuring the Ticket guys and chicks, Cowboy Cheerleaders and Mavericks Dancers. Admission is free. For more information call 214-525-2515 or visit [www.theticket.com](http://www.theticket.com).

### February 17

The Boys and Girls Club of Collin County, Plano Branch, will hold its annual Black History Program at Quad C, 2800 E. Spring Creek, Plano, at 6:00 p.m. The event is open to the public.

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 Metrolplex 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 Washington Wizards at 7:30 p.m. and a postgame concert by Kool & The Gang.

The Dallas Urban League Young Professionals will host their 7th annual Black History Jeopardy Competition from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Urban League, 4315 S. Lancaster, Dallas, with middle school participants.

BSEAT, Inc. is holding a Southern Dallas Community Town Hall Meeting at Concord Missionary Baptist Church, 6808 Boulder Drive, Dallas from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. The meeting will discuss the

planned closing of the J.C. Penney store in Southwest Center Mall. For more information call 214-467-7600.

University of North Texas System Center at Dallas, 8915 S. Hampton Rd., Dallas, will provide financial aid and scholarship workshops open to the public each four from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For more information call Rickey Eddie at 972-780-3630.

### February 19

American Heart Association will host the Hispanic Leadership Breakfast from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. at Baylor Hospital, Folsom Room, 17th Floor of A.W. Roberts Building, 3500 Gaston Ave., Dallas/ For more information call Betty Swinners at 214-748-7212.

The candidate-filing period opens for three DISD board trustee districts. Candidates interested in running for Districts 5, 7 and 8 must meet the filing deadline set for 5:00 p.m. Mar. 21. Election day is May 5. For information call 972-925-3720 or visit [www.dallasisd.org](http://www.dallasisd.org).

### 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](http://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](http://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.

The Urban League will hold their annual meeting and luncheon at

CityPlace, 2711 N. Haskell, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk will deliver the keynote address. For information call 214-915-4600.

### February 23

The 4th Annual Equity and Diversity Conference at the University of North Texas will be held in the Silver Eagle Suites in the University Union, one block west of Welch and West Prairie streets. Conference program and registration form can be found at [www.unt.edu/edo/E&Dconf.htm](http://www.unt.edu/edo/E&Dconf.htm). For more information call Daniel Emenheiser at 940-565-2456.

The Renaissance Center of Ft. Worth is holding a Southeast Swing Out Contest, as part of their Black History Month Celebration activities, at the Center from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. For more information call the Southeast YMCA at 817-534-1591.

Jubilee United Methodist Church will celebrate its 7th anniversary with a banquet celebration at 7:00 p.m. at the Top of the Cliff Restaurant, 400 South Zang, Dallas. The celebration will culminate with a worship service Feb. 25 at 4:00 p.m. For more information call 972-283-2264.

### February 24

The Lewisville Public Library, 1197 W. Main Street, hosts author Helen Hosier for a book talk on her latest book, "100 Christian Women Who Changed the Twentieth Century". The event will be held in the Violet Mattson Baird Room at 12:00 p.m. For more information call 972-219-3570.

Irving AMBUCS will hold a Monte Carlo night at the Holiday Inn Select-North, Hwy. 114 & N. Esters Road, Irving from 7:30 to 11:00 p.m. For tickets and information call Cliff Bauerle at 817-283-4707.

Black State Employees Assoc. of Texas and the Thurgood Marshall Rec. Center will host the 8th Youth and Young Adult Job Fair for high school and college students at the recreation center, 5150 Mark Trail, Dallas, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For more information call Connie Buford at 214-467-7600, ext. 12.

### February 26

EXCAP, 2820 Swiss Ave., Dallas, will hold an orientation for their Parent Aide program from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. For more information call 214-370-9810.

### February 27

The Cedar Valley College Book Review continues with Dr. Lincoln Rolling, Professor of History, reviewing "Thinking African: The Changing African Mind and Personality Today," by Jack Sislian. For more information call Richard Hill at 972-860-8147.

Southern Methodist University will host its 36th Women's Symposium Feb. 27-28 on the SMU campus. The conference will focus on women's roles in reshaping society through innovative thinking. For more information call Gail Ward at 214-768-4412.

### March 2

DISD is again sponsoring DEAR (Drop Everything and Read). DISD is asking citizens to put aside their duties and read for 10 minutes at 10:00 a.m. For more details call Loretta Simon at 972-925-3899.

### March 3

Medical Center of Plano, 3901 W. 15th Street, Plano, presents Volunteer Kaleidoscope, an informational meeting for anyone interested in being part of their volunteer program. The meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. To register call Vicki Young at 972-519-1272.

The Pepsi Bottling Group and Dallas Urban League are sponsoring a job fair from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Dallas Urban League Facility, 4315 S. Lancaster Road, Dallas.

State Representative Yvonne Davis will hold three informal Town Hall Meetings for citizens of District 111 in Cedar Hill, Duncanville and Dallas; at 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., respectively. For more information call 214-941-3895.

### March 10

Texas Bridal will hold a Bridal Show at the Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy., Plano, from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. For more information call 972-608-9749 or visit [www.texasbridal.com](http://www.texasbridal.com).

EXCAP will hold a training session for volunteers for their Children of Divorce classes at their headquarters at 2820 Swiss Avenue, Dallas from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For more information call 214-370-9810.

### March 14

State Representatives Yvonne Davis is inviting Texas citizens to participate in the Texas Legislative Black Caucus annual Legislative Conference to be held March 14-16 at the State Capitol in Austin, Tex. For more information call Claude Spivey at 214-941-3895.

The Southern Dallas Development Corporation will hold their annual gala at the Infomart, Stemmons Freeway, Dallas. Keynote speaker will be Victoria Lowe, President and CEO of Alert Staffing. For more information or tickets call Karen Cross at 214-428-7332, ext. 20.

### March 15

Southern University Alumni-Dallas Chapter is holding its annual bus trip and college visit to Southern University's three campuses in Louisiana March 15-17. Seats are available by calling 972-480-JAGS for more information.

God's Miracle Deliverance Temple, 316 S. Ninth Street, Garland, is holding its annual Family Church Annual Fest March 15-17 at 7:30 p.m. nightly. For more information call 972-272-6640.

### March 17

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.-N. Dallas Suburban Alumnae Chapter is sponsoring a Community Garage Sale at Hamilton Park United Methodist Church, 11881 Schroeder Road, Dallas from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Rental slots are available by calling Joyce at 972-231-8538 or Erika at 214-343-4660.

### March 21

The Greater Dallas Asian American Chamber of Commerce will hold its 2001 Installation Luncheon at the Fairmont Hotel, Regency Ballroom, 1717 N. Akard Street, Dallas, at 12:00 p.m. Keynote speaker will be TI President and CEO Thomas Engibous. For tickets or information call 972-241-8250.

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