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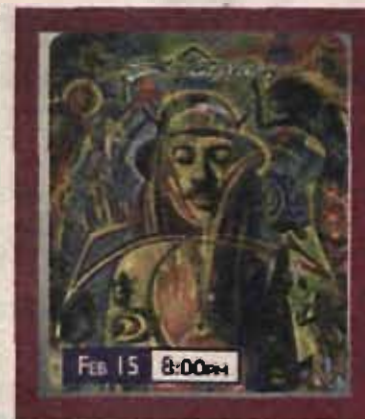
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### On the Homefront:

**Credit Card Debt Workshop.** Learn how to be free of all your credit card debt! Every Tuesday, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Douglas Community Center, 1111 Avenue H, Plano, TX. To attend, please contact Flori Kynard at 214-495-9756. At the workshop, you will receive a financial game plan, a workbook, a Certificate of Completion, and \$10 to get you started! Cost is \$29.95.

**Santa's Village 2002.** at Richardson Civic Center, on the City Hall Lawn, December 12-15, and 19-22, from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. 18 dwellings make up Santa's Village, each sponsored by a business or group in Richardson. Fun activities and fun for all who believe in Santa! Free, but small fee for sleigh and pony rides. Visit [www.ccc.net](http://www.ccc.net) for more information, and Richardson's holiday web site.

**Helen's Hands Holiday Give-Away** - presented by The Touch Ministry, December 14, at The Harvey Hotel in Plano, 12:00 p.m. Sponsors are needed for this event to help households in need. Please contact Cheryl Jackson at 214-766-4001, or email at [cjackson@thetouchministry.com](mailto:cjackson@thetouchministry.com).

**"Swim with Santa,"** Saturday December 14 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Don Rodenbaugh Natatorium, 110 E. Rivercrest, Allen. \$5 for members, \$7 general public. Advanced registration recommended. Child-Fit-A will serve breakfast snacks to all swimmers and Santa. Swimming and picture opportunities with Santa the entire time. Parents accompanying children get in free. For more information call 972-347-4150.

Join the Mesquite Symphony Band, Saturday December 14, for their annual Christmas Concert at the Mesquite Arts Center, at 8:00 p.m. Call 972-216-8125 for tickets and information.

**"The Holiday Concert"** presented by the Rotary Club of McKinney, December 17. Featuring Jacquelyn Lengfelder, Hector Guzman and Santa, at the First Baptist Church on Louisiana Street, at 7:30 p.m. \$18 adults, \$16 seniors (55+), \$8 students. Purchase tickets from McKinney Travel, 972-542-0063, or Little Red Hen on the Square at 972-542-0429. For more information call 972-562-6481.

**"Hope for the Holidays,"** December 21, at the Plano Centre, Spring Creek & Jupiter Roads from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This is a conference dedicated to those who are coping with loss. With inspiration, heartfelt stories and hope for the future, our speakers will help you through this holiday season. You will also learn what resources are available in the community. Admission Charge: \$15.00 at the door, \$8.00 group rate for 10 or more people.

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## CCHCC Recognizes The Importance of Bringing Minority Businesses Together

By: Felicia Coleman

Four years ago the Collin County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (CCHCC) was established to bring the Hispanic business community together to grow by being part of a larger group and by associating with other business groups and chambers of commerce. Since then, not only has CCHCC assist and strengthen Hispanic businesses but also other minority businesses. Ann Massey Badmus, an African American attorney who practice immigration law, has been a member of CCHCC since March 2002. With two firm locations, in Allen and in Dallas, Badmus has focused on



immigration law for 10 years. "Because of the networking opportunities, I've benefited from the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. It's a good organization and it's growing. I like the fact that I know everyone in the organization. Also, the com-

merce is good about notifying me when community activities or special events are coming up", Badmus stated.

CCHCC was established with 3 members by Humberto Rodriguez and Pedro Pena. It is the only Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in Collin County. Mr. Rodriguez received a call from Mr. Pena who suggested that they structure a Chamber of Commerce. "We contact the Texas American Mexican Chamber of Commerce on how to form a Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and how to make a non profit organization. We planned on how to get more members. It took months and

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## Teen Graffiti, Capturing The Artful Effectiveness

Teen Graffiti, a bi-monthly publication, is the newest magazine for teenagers. Subject matters of Teen Graffiti includes dating, relationships, peer pressure, depression, drugs, and other teen related issues. Teens voice the expression of their styles, concerns, ideas, talents, achievements and community involvement.

Sharon Jones-Scaife, founder and publisher of Teen Graffiti, established the first edition of Teen Graffiti in February 2000. "I wanted a way to give back to teens by providing them with professional advice on issues based on adolescence."

As a mother of two sons, Cedric (17) and Christopher (4), Jones-Scaife created the magazine to allow teens the opportunity to voice their opinions and concerns on the pressing issues of adolescence. Jones-Scaife explained, "Our mission is to provide an avenue for teens to voice their opinions and concerns on issues they are faced with today and to highlight their positive achievements and accomplishments. We provide professional advice from teachers and counselors to assist them in dealing with tough issues that can make or break their future. We want

to become the premier teen magazine that voices the opinions, concerns and ideas of teens while providing nuggets of information that will help build the solid foundation they will depend on for years to come."

same success in helping teenagers express themselves in the magazine. The magazine have teen writings, achievements, concerns and opinions throughout the nation and the world. "The goals that I have for



Jones-Scaife is also owner of SJS Graphic Arts. SJS Graphic Arts has successfully provided services to Dallas area businesses for over five years. Teen Graffiti has achieved that

Teen Graffiti is to get it into every school so that it can be used as extra curricular activity materials. I would like to see it in stores, libraries and for it to be used as an educational device", Jones-Scaife stated.

The meaning of the name, Teen Graffiti, came from the imaginary walls within the community that shield the concerns, accomplishments, interests, and opinions of teens. "The imaginary walls once responsible for preventing the sharing of that information will be the same walls we will use to scatter their concerns, achievements, interest and opinions throughout the metroplex. We will accomplish this without defacing property, but by capturing the artful effectiveness of graffiti on the pages of Teen Graffiti", she said.

Celebrities are featured in Teen Graffiti discussing issues that teens face. Award winning rap star, Lil Romeo, discussed his career as well as

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## BLACKONOMICS Money Talks— Especially Black Money

By: James Clingman

You've heard the saying, "Money talks." And it's true. You probably also have heard the saying, "Money talks and [you know what] walks." In this country, as in most, that statement is true as well. But, have you ever wondered what money says when it talks? Have you thought about the facts that point out, quite graphically, that when money raises its head, or is put on the table, or is taken off the table, the attention of those affected by it dramatically increases? Obviously, understanding its power and the role it plays in this economy, money speaks loudly and clearly, and Black money speaks even louder. But what does it say?

We know from past experience when we have grievances, if we resort to economic retaliation we can get things done. Why? Because Black money speaks louder than any other; \$600 billion can get pretty loud, and those who are getting the lion's share of it right now pay close attention to what it is saying. They sit up and take notice when we resort to withholding our money from their coffers. Just look back in history and you can see what I mean.

Now look at what hap-

pened on what is affectionately referred to as Black Friday. Wal-Mart had \$1.43 billion in sales. In the aggregate retailers enjoyed a 12 percent increase in sales over the previous period. Total retail sales reported were \$7.2 billion—on one day! How loudly did Black dollars speak to the retailers on that day? And what did those dollars say? I am sure whatever they said at the malls and other stores, it was sweet music to the retailers' ears.

The only language that gets things done in this country is the money language. How else could executives of major corporations steal so much of it and get off with what amounts to a disciplinary hearing and a warning? How could we now be faced, once again, with going to war under the guise of "national security" when it's really all about oil? Whatever happened to Miss Martha Stewart? Didn't she commit a crime? And what about the stock market? Now there's a good one. They tell us that insider trading is illegal, and they expect us to believe they don't tell their friends and relatives that a deal is about to go down. C'mon. If you believe that I have some ocean front property in Kansas I'd like to sell you. As I've said

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## Words of Wisdom - Faith is Powerful

By Ruby Fleurcius

There may have been times when you've wondered why no one believes in you; is it possible that you don't believe in you? How do you expect others to do what you don't have faith to do? Is it possible you can't believe in yourself because you can't

cess-I must add, a wish can't move mountains; it is faith. In so many words, you have to believe in success in order to succeed. God meets the level of your expectations. Doubting God will hold back your blessings and put a damper on the brightest man's day. Jesus stated in Mathew 21:21, "if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain 'be removed and be cast into the sea', it will be done." He did not say make a wish; He said have faith-expecting Him to do great things in your life. There is nothing magical about the power of faith; it is your attitude of belief that generates the power, skill and energy needed to produce results. When you believe you can do it, the "how to" develops.



believe in the One who created you? Which is it? You have to make up your mind! If you can believe the negative things about yourself, you can definitely believe in the positive aspects about yourself.

Faith is powerful and it works! You must believe that the power of God is greater than self. Many people think that they can wish their way to suc-

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**On-going**

Nature Stories at Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, every Saturday at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Stories are hosted by the Heard Nature Store staff, and incorporate music, nature crafts and nature walks. Free with general admission. For topics and more details call 972.562.5566.

Come and see the Belgian draft horses, the mascot hitch team for Owens Country Sausage and the farming museum in Richardson. Petting zoo featuring pygmy goats, lambs, turkeys and pot-bellied pigs. 401 E. Lookout Drive, off Plano Road, Richardson. Open daily, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 972.235.0192.

Barnyard Buddies, at Fairview Farms, 3316 N. Central Expwy, at Parker Road, next to Hoffbrau. Country activities with a Western theme for kids. Visit the petting zoo, take a hayride or pony ride. Picnic tables on site. Available for birthday parties. Call 972.633.9779. Open 7 days a week.

**Through December 20**

McKinney Dinner Theatre at McKinney Square Meal present, "All Scrooged Up," Friday and Saturday evenings through December 20. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Show begins at 8:00 p.m. 213 E. Louisiana St., downtown. Admission: \$12 adults and \$10 senior citizens and children under 12 years. For more information: 972.548.6900 or visit [www.mckinneysquaremeal.com](http://www.mckinneysquaremeal.com).

**Through December 31**

The International Library of Poetry is inviting poets from the Plano area to submit their entries to try and win their share of over 250 prizes. Deadline for the contest is December 31, and is free. To enter, send ONE original poem, any subject and any style to: The International Library of Poetry, Suite 19915, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be 20 lines or less, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked or sent via the Internet by December 31, 2002. You may also enter online at [www.poetry.com](http://www.poetry.com).

**Through January 5, 2003**

Secrets of Aging at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History. Featuring four major themes: Body, Mind, Society and Longevity. \$7 adults, \$6 seniors, \$5 children 3-12. For more information and operating hours, call 817.255.9300, or visit [www.fortworthmuseum.org](http://www.fortworthmuseum.org).

**Through January 6, 2003**

Masters of the Night: The True Story of Bats, at the Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary. A 2,500 sq.ft exhibit, to dispel popular misconceptions about bats. One Nature Place, McKinney. Call 972.562.5566, or visit [www.heardmuseum.org](http://www.heardmuseum.org).

**Through January 6**

Santa vs. The Snowman, the first-ever IMAX animated holiday feature film, at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, 1501 Montgomery Street, Fort Worth. A heart warming story of a lonely snowman swept away by the wonders of Santa's Village, then becomes jealous and wages war on Santa, but after a high spirited and wacky feud friendship reigns. For show times and information call 817.255.9300, or go to [www.fortworthmuseum.org](http://www.fortworthmuseum.org).

**Through January 13**

The new Roger Moore Photography Exhibit at the Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary in McKinney unveils the richness and beauty of nature through photographic art. Including scenes from Big Bend National Park. Free with regular admission to the Heard Museum.

**December 12**

Mesquite Community Theatre auditions "Eat Your Heart Out", at 7 p.m. Call

972.216.8126 for more information.

**December 12**

Christmas on the Square celebration in historic downtown Garland, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Santa, caroling, sleigh rides, fabulous food, Christmas Bazaar, snow and more.

**December 12-13**

Lunch with Santa in Garland, December 12, 11:00 am-1:00 pm at Audubon Recreation Center, and December 13 at Holford Recreation Center. Photos with Santa, arts and crafts, games, lunch. Register by December 11 at any Garland recreation center.

**December 13**

Seasonal preschool story time, for ages 3-5 years at the Mesquite Public Library, 300 West Grubb Drive at 10:30 a.m. Join us for some wonderful Christmas stories, a short movie and some goodies.

**December 13-14**

State Silver Gloves Boxing Tournament sponsored by Barney & Me Boxing, at the Holiday Inn, McKinney. Tournament times: Friday at 7:00 p.m. Saturday at 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. For more information call 972.562.5958, or 972.542.9471.

**December 14**

Mesquite City Animal Shelter will sponsor a remote pet adoption at Petco, 1500 Town East Blvd., from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. For information call 972.216.6283.

Historic Florence Ranch Homestead in Mesquite is open for tours, 10:00a.m. - 1:00 p.m., 1424 Barnes Bridge Road. For special tours call 972.216.6468.

Feathered Friends Discovery Day at the Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, McKinney. Workshop features a guided winter birding hike, a birds of prey talk and more. Make and take a bird feeder to decorate an outdoor tree. Workshop cost is \$10 adults/\$9 children (3-12). Pre-registration recommended. Call 972.562.5566, ext 236.

**December 14 and 15**

Dallas Repertoire Ballet performs "The Nutcracker" at the Eisemann Center Theatre, Hill Performance Hall, in Richardson. Performances are December 14 at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., and December 15 at 2:00 p.m. Ticket Prices: \$7.50-\$37.50. Call the Ticket Office at 972.744.1650.

**December 15**

Holiday craft time at the Mesquite Public Library, 300 West Grubb Drive at 4:30 p.m. Come and make Christmas tree decorations to take home. For all ages.

**December 18**

Holiday movie at the Mesquite Public Library, 300 West Grubb Drive at 4:00 p.m. For all ages.

**December 19 and 22**

Plano Symphony Orchestra Holiday Pops, at two locations. December 19 at EDS Auditorium, 7:30 p.m., and December 22 at Fellowship Bible Church North at 4:30 p.m., including a visit from Santa. The PSO celebrates the season with everything from Jingle Bells to the Hallelujah Chorus, with soprano Jacquelyn Lengfelder's. For tickets, contact the Symphony at 972.473.7262, or [www.planosymphony.org](http://www.planosymphony.org).

**December 19-21**

The Repertory Company Theatre presents "Peter Pan" at the Eisemann Center Theatre. December 19 and 20 at 7:30 p.m., December 21 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and December 22 at 2:00 p.m. For ticket information call 972.690.5029. Ticket Prices: \$10-\$15. Web Site: [www.rctheatre.com](http://www.rctheatre.com).

**December 20**

Ethics Class for CPA's at Plano Centre, Spring Creek & Jupiter Roads from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Basic 2-hour board-approved ethics course, required every three years. Contact Valdes Based Management, Inc. at 214.552.8255 or [bmr@aimail.net](mailto:bmr@aimail.net).

**December 21**

Mesquite Symphony Orchestra presents "Music of the Season" at 8 p.m., at the Mesquite Arts Center. Call the box office at 972.216.8127 for information.

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### Labor Department Sends Depressing Holiday Tidings

Last week the Labor Department released its depressing unemployment report just in time to deflate spirits buoyed in anticipation of the holiday season.

The nation's unemployment rate soared to 6 percent in November, matching the highest rate this year and reaching a jobless level not seen since 1994. The unemployed now total 8.5 million.

The increase in joblessness touched men more than women but hit blacks and teenagers hardest of all. The unemployment rate for adult men rose to 5.7 percent, women 5.0 percent, blacks 11.0 percent and teenagers 16.8 percent.

The report showed that employment in the nation's factories continued to decline, with a loss of 45,000 jobs in that sector alone last month. This was the most since February, when 165,000 jobs were cut. Economists had forecast a 40,000 job increase which had created some optimism for the holiday shopping season. The expectation was that workers would be lining up at cash registers giving a nice boost to the anemic economy. Instead they are lining up at unemployment offices.

And that is not the worst of the unemployment news. The economy isn't growing fast enough to create sufficient jobs to absorb the growing number of people looking for work. The jobless rate is expected to rise in coming months to as high as 6.5 percent. If this happens the rate for blacks could reach a staggering 13 percent.

An increasing number of economic experts are stating that a recovery may be further down the road than previously predicted. Professor Holzer of Georgetown University said

"What we're seeing right now is very similar in some ways to the early 1990's, where you had a mild recession and a very mild recovery to the recession. Almost two years after the downturn, there was a big jump in unemployment. The recovery was too soft to absorb workers coming into the labor force."

If that chain of events repeats itself, the hundreds of thousands of jobless whose unemployment benefits have already expired or are about to run out may be in for a long, hard winter. As of Dec. 28, more than 800,000 unemployed workers will lose temporary federal unemployment benefits because Congress failed to extend the payments before adjourning last month. "Sending laid-off workers into the holiday season without unemployment insurance is like playing Scrooge at Christmastime, giving American workers a lump of coal in their stockings instead of the economic security they deserve," said Senator Maria Cantwell of Washington.

A recent pair of economic bombshell reports from hard pressed states has made clear the severity and scope of the crises. The National Governors Association said the states' cash reserves as of June 30 had dropped to \$14.5 billion, from \$48.8 billion three years earlier. The states are running an aggregate deficit that is expected to reach \$68 billion by June 2003.

Much of this deficit is the result of the federal government imposing mandates on the states (such as tougher education standards and domestic security) without sending funds to pay for them. The National Conference of State Legislatures reported that two-thirds of states had collected

revenue below forecasted levels through October of this year and that 26 states had lowered their revenue estimates for the rest of the fiscal year.

What this means for the poor and minorities of America, is they should expect the most severe state-budget crises since World War II. Laws in all states except Vermont require a balanced budget. To achieve that, states must slash spending and tack on fees and taxes. What they are pondering ranges from the relatively harmless to the positively painful.

There is a wide range of revenue raising and cost cutting measures being proposed by various states. Higher levies on alcohol, tobacco, and motor vehicle licenses. Increasing use of betting, lotteries, gambling casinos, and race tracks even though study after study has shown this dearly taxes the poor who can least afford it. Closing prisons, mental health facilities and reducing sentences while talking about being tough on crime. Many states are cutting payments to colleges, doctors and hospitals; the latter requiring higher co-payments and taking steps to reduce Medicaid eligibility.

And the signal from the federal government is that no help is forthcoming. Beseet by federal deficits, the Bush Administration is unlikely to provide much help at a time when it is focused on tax cuts and a possible war with Iraq. Bush advisers have been increasingly worried that the economy could hamper the president's re-election prospects in 2004.

And so they should.

James W. Breedlove  
Comments or opinions may be sent to the writer at jaydubub@swbell.net

## One by : Unknown

*One song can spark a moment,  
One flower can wake the dream,  
One tree can start a forest,  
One bird can herald spring.*

*One smile begins a friendship,  
One handclasp lifts a soul,  
One star can guide a ship at sea,  
One word can frame the goal.*

*One vote can change a nation,  
One sunbeam lights a room,  
One candle wipes out darkness,  
One laugh will conquer gloom.*

*One step must start each journey,  
One word must start each prayer,  
One hope will raise our spirits,  
One touch can show you care.*

*One voice can speak with wisdom,  
One heart can know what's true,  
One life can make the difference,  
you see it's up to You!*

*Don't ever forget how very Important You Are*

## Diversity

### National Black Data Processing Associates and WorkplaceDiversity.com Form Partnership

Organization for African Americans in IT and Leading Diversity Job Board Partner to Recognize Best Companies for Blacks in Technology

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WorkplaceDiversity.com (<http://www.workplacediversity.com>), the source for diversity talent, and National BDPA (Black Data Processing Associates) (<http://www.bdpa.org/>) today announced a joint venture to recognize the ten best companies for Blacks in technology as well as to honor one of the ten companies as Company of the Year. The award for Company of the Year will be presented at BDPA's 2003 Annual National Conference to be held August 13-17, 2003 at the Marriott Hotel in Philadelphia, PA.

WorkplaceDiversity.com is the job search web site for corporate recruiters who want to make a good faith effort to reach experienced diversity talent. The site bridges the gap between companies that support diversity and experienced diversity candidates by providing one central location

to post open positions.

BDPA, a national organization, is the premier IT professional association for African Americans. Founded in 1975, BDPA is celebrating a 27-year commitment to closing the digital divide. "We are very pleased to partner with WorkplaceDiversity.com to recognize the best companies for Blacks in technology," said National BDPA President, Milt Haynes. "In this economy, many African Americans in technology are concerned about opportunities for both employment and advancement. BDPA and WorkplaceDiversity.com feel that it is important to recognize those exceptional companies that have provided African Americans with opportunities to break the glass ceiling in IT."

"BDPA is the voice of African Americans in IT," said Wayne E. Pollard, president and co-founder of WorkplaceDiversity.com. "WorkplaceDiversity.com is honored to be working with BDPA because it is committed to closing the digital divide and helping African American IT professionals advance." Added Pollard, "We are very pleased to recognize ten companies that are truly practicing workplace diversity in their IT

departments."

Earl Pace and the late David Wimberly founded the BDPA in 1975. BDPA has 3,000 members in over 40 chapters in the US. BDPA is a global member focused organization that positions its members in the forefront of the IT industry. BDPA is committed to delivering IT excellence to its members, strategic partners, and community. Its national headquarters is located in Greenbelt, Maryland. For additional information, contact 800-727-BDPA or [info@workplacediversity.com](mailto:info@workplacediversity.com).

WorkplaceDiversity.com (<http://www.workplacediversity.com>) is the source for diversity talent. The first career web site for companies that want to recruit experienced diversity candidates, it combines leading technology with diversity and career information from over 2,500 sources. WorkplaceDiversity.com enables experienced diversity talent to find open positions at companies that support diversity, and get information and resources that will help them attain their career goals. For more information about WorkplaceDiversity.com, please visit <http://www.workplacediversity.com> or call (973) 992-7311.

*You are Invited...to Celebrate the Birthday and Election Victory of Bob Lydia*

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

While you ponder that thought we would like to announce that Minority Opportunity News, Inc., formerly a Dallas based renaissance community tabloid, founded in 1991, has relocated to Plano, Texas, and changed our name to MON-The Gazette. In addition to moving our offices to Plano, our editorial coverage has also shifted to encompass Dallas' Northern Corridor. The Northern Corridor is clearly the fastest growing region in Texas, if not in America. MON-The Gazette believes that the engine to continue this growth is the airport expansion in McKinney, which is the largest and most visible of many area opportunities. As always, and true to tradition, MON-The Gazette will be there carving a world of opportunity for those seeking to provide quality services. Should you dare to expand your quest for economic parity outside the southern region or just want to know what is going on up north-

Think of MON-The Gazette as your paper of opportunity!

MON-The Gazette formerly Minority Opportunity News, was founded July, 1991 by Jim Bochum and Thurman R. Jones

### The Ambassadors are Here! 67 from the Lone Star State

The Office of Admissions and Recruitment under the auspices of the Office of the Vice President of Enrollment Management and Academic Services at Grambling State University announces the admission of over three hundred Ambassador Resident Students. They are students from out of state that have been awarded out-of-state fee waivers for Fall 2002 (67 from the state of Texas). These students are among the best and brightest from various states around the country. Students selected were awarded the scholarship based on having met certain criteria: 2.5

cumulative high school grade point average, and 17 ACT (SAT 810) or 2.3 cumulative high school grade point average and 18 ACT (SAT 800) or 2.0 cumulative high school grade point average and 19 ACT (SAT 800).

The Ambassador scholarship totals \$21,000.00 over the next four years. However, to maintain this award the student must earn a 2.0 grade point average for the semester and cumulative, enroll and complete at least twelve hours per semester, a total of at least 24 credit hours for the academic year and complete service hours as required by the Office of the

Vice President of Enrollment Management and Academic Services.

The Ambassador program promises to be an exciting program for recruitment, scholarship and retention. If you know someone who may be interested in the program for Spring 2003 and Fall 2003 and meet the qualifications, let them know about this fantastic opportunity. For additional information, contact the Office of Admissions and Recruitment, P.O. Box 804 Grambling State University, Grambling, LA 71245, Attention: C. Collier.





## Garland NAACP Youth Council Members Christmas Luncheon Meeting

**Saturday, December 14, 2002 at 11am-2pm  
South Branch  
Garland Library ~ Oates  
and Broadway, 4845  
Broadway 972-205-3920**

Complimentary Luncheon Provided; Come and bring a friend who wants to join the youth council/find out more about the youth council.

Speaker: City of Garland, Assistant City Attorney, Ron Jones, Jr.

Topic: Law and Order/Juvenile Justice

Two-Thirds of all children in the criminal justice system are children of African American descent.

African American youth are seven times as likely to be detained as children of Caucasians.

African American teenage males are locked up

for drug offenses 30 times the rate of their Caucasian counterparts.

Meeting Topics to be Discussed:

Membership Drive: Each member brings one member each month. Bring a new member with you to this meeting. What should our monthly membership goal be?

Is it time to RENEW your membership???

Voter Registration Drive: Approval Sought to Register voters at Blockbusters in Garland and Rowlett Registering 12th graders in their Government classes in Garland ISD Have you registered to vote if you are 18 or will be 18 by Summer???

Do you have friends who need to be registered? We can do that at this meeting.

Fundraiser: Frederick

Douglass Designs (Cards, art prints, calendars, books, gifts) July through Dec.

Magazine Subscription Sales (Essence, Ebony, Jet...etc) January through June At least Two fundraisers each year.

Website:

2003 Teen Summit/Lock-In Speakers Suggestions

Theme: Careers, Sexually Transmitted Diseases juvenile Justice Issues

Committee Chairs Education: Jennifer

Coleman

Fundraising: Erin Evans

Membership: Jasmine Steward, Anthony Collins,

Victoria N., Ashley Williams

Public Relations: Erin Evans, Jennifer Coleman,

Reuben Griffin

Political Action:

Health:

Community Service:

Please ask to have this announcement made at your school this week.

## Kid Council Program Educates Kids About the City of McKinney

"This meeting will come to order"...Says the Mayor of Kid Council. Kid Council is a program offered by the City's Community Services Department for second and third grade students in McKinney. The program includes introductions of city operations and staff, taking students through an agenda during a simulated council meeting. Prior to the event, the third grade will elect seven students to represent them as Mayor and City Council members.

Kid Council will begin at 9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13 in the City Council Chamber of City Hall, 222 N. Tennessee. Members of the Kid Council will be seated by 10:15 a.m.

The goal of this city program is to educate students about the City of McKinney and the role of its elected officials. "Through this program we hope to encourage the students to understand that each decision made their Mayor and City Council members has a direct impact on the entire community. They are part of that community," Kristen Roberts, Community Services Manager, said.

For more information on Kid Council or other Community Services programs, please contact Kristen Roberts, Community Services, 972-547-7517 or kroberts@mcKinneytexas.org.

## Southern University/Raytheon

### Scholarship Opportunities

The Southern University Alumni Federation-Dallas Chapter is looking for high school seniors interested in majoring in Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Computer Engineering, or Computer Science.

Raytheon Inc. and Southern University have partnered to provide a 4-year scholarship valued at over \$50,000 to a student in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area with a minimum 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale and an ACT of 27 or SAT 1210. The scholarship also includes summer internships with Raytheon Inc. beginning the summer following your senior year of high school.

Please contact the Southern University Alumni Chapter by December 23 at 972-480 JAGS (5247), or email SUAFD@al@aol.com if you are interested in applying for this scholarship.

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with White Chocolate  
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Members of the CCCCD-LULAC Young Adult Council present a check to the parents of Jesus Valdivia. (l-r) Mr. and Mrs. Valdivia, (back row l-r) José Ramsay, Megan Folk, Rob Villareal and Ivan Garnica, (front row l-r) Blanca Amezcua, Christian Trejo, Elicia Garcia, Tara Garcia and Cristina Berlanga.

has been hospitalized for several weeks but is yet undiagnosed," explained Lassiter. Tests need to be run on the

HVAC system and ductwork as well as a test for stachybotrys, also known as "black mold." On doctor's orders, the Valdivia's have moved out of

their home until the source of Jesus' illness is identified.

The family is accruing soaring medical bills and has been getting by with the help of generous people like the students in the CCCCD-LULAC Young Adult Council and other groups around the Collin County area.

If you would like to help Jesus' family, send your donation to: The Jesus Valdivia Fund, c/o Ford Middle School, Attn: Kendyl Rhone, 630 Park Place, Allen, TX 75002.

For more information about the CCCCD-LULAC Young Adult Council, please contact club representative Elicia Garcia at LULAC@cccd.edu or call Lisabeth Lassiter, club advisor at 972-377-1627.



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### My Holiday Recipe

- Grandma's slammin' cornbread dressing
- Some old-school Christmas LP's
- Kayla and Sharise messing with their toys
- Tavis home from college
- A serious feast with holiday flavor
- The men mad into the game
- Some belt-loosening and kickin' back
- And a lot of thankfulness for another year together

Add Coke. Mix it all together. Chill. And serve.

peace



## Blackonomics

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before, why do you think those folks on that balcony at the stock exchange always clap at the end of the day—regardless of a loss or a gain?

Why do you think the call went out from George W. Bush and the gang to spend more money immediately after the World Trade Center tragedy? Why would he wipe out a budget surplus to give the proletariat \$600 in advance tax refunds, thus, putting us back into a deficit? Of course, we know the richest folks received the greatest benefit from that so-called tax cut. Have you given much thought to the executives from Tyco, Enron, WorldCom, Arthur Andersen, Halliburton, General Electric, and all the others who have pilfered billions from their stockholders? That's money talking, folks, and it's speaking volumes.

Now what about Black money? Well, I see a great deal of it in the hands of brothers and sisters who seem to have plugs

in their ears, unable to hear what their money is saying. I see the hip-hop crowd doing voting summits but not economic summits, despite their collective worth of billions of dollars. I see many of our Black athletes and entertainers, also large and in charge of billions of dollars, spending, spending, spending rather than investing in businesses of their own brothers and sisters. And I see millions of everyday brothers and sisters spending their share of our \$600 billion haphazardly, aimlessly, and unashamedly on the baubles, bangles and beads made by everyone else except Black folks. It is obvious they are not listening to their money. Black money is talking and saying positive things to White-owned businesses, Asian-owned businesses, Arab-owned businesses, and the many others that Black consumers support. Our money is saying nice things like, "Hi, how are you today? I hope you are doing well, sir, and I trust that I can help make your

day much better by soothing your mind and fattening your bank account. You know, we really love you so much, and we want you and your children to prosper, and always feel secure in your knowledge that we are here for you. All you have to do is make something and we will purchase it. So, don't you ever worry about anything; we will be with you and we will support you. Have a nice day." Yes, money talks, and Black money talks even more. But do you know what Black money is saying to Black folks? It's simply saying, "Good-bye!"

James E. Clingman, an adjunct professor at the University of Cincinnati's African-American Studies department, is former editor of the Cincinnati Herald Newspaper and founder of the Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber of Commerce. He hosts the radio program, "Blackonomics," and is the author of the book, "Economic Empowerment or Economic Enslavement—We have a Choice." He can be reached at (513) 489-4132, or by e-mail at [jeclingman@blackonomics.com](mailto:jeclingman@blackonomics.com).

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months. We had speakers to talk, lunches and meetings", Mr. Rodriguez stated. Currently, there 85 members in CCHCC.

CCHCC consists mostly of small businesses. Mr. Rodriguez stated, "We are still small and we do not have a corporate sponsor. We are growing. We're in association with other Hispanic Chambers of Commerce around the metropolitan area. An exposition for the chambers of commerce is in the planning for some time next year."

Plano Family Clinic has been with CCHCC since one month. Rosemarie Madrid, an office manager of Plano Family Clinic, said "CCHCC has been very helpful to us by promoting our name. There are meetings and we learn about other businesses and also what's available through CCHCC."

CCHCC holds a Christmas party, Amigo De Los Hispanos, every year to

recognize people who have performed positive services in the community. In 2000, Mr. and Mrs. Klemm, owners of Klemm Furniture in McKinney, were honored. Mr. Klemm helped hundreds of Hispanic children receive eye glasses and free eye examinations. In 2001, Chris Stevens, store manager of Albertsons in McKinney, was recognized because he supported non profit organizations. This year, Dr. Toni will be recognized as a patron of Hispanics. Dr. Toni, an Allen dentist, will be honored because of tremendous contributions to Azteca soccer team in Prosper, Texas.

To support and build youth self esteem, CCHCC gives away a computer to a public school student in Collin County. The first winner in October 2002 was Pearl Hernandez, a 16 year old junior at Plano East High School. Another computer was issued to high school senior Jorge Lugo in November 2002. Ree Plus Realtors furnish the computers.

Computers are given away every first Sunday of each month at Ole Foods on Park and Jupiter in Plano.

As President of CCHCC, Mr. Rodriguez have goals in mind for the future of CCHCC. "I am planning another satellite office in McKinney. I want to bring minority businesses together and do things for the community, expand and do things as a group. I want to get in touch with banks and have loans for members of the commerce. I want to have seminars on how to open, operate, network and market a business. I want to create a base for the expansion of more businesses. I also want more minority businesses and to let them know that we are here to help them. We invite everyone to come to meetings and participate", Mr. Rodriguez stated.

For more information on the Collin County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce call 972-801-2717 or visit [www.cchchamber.org](http://www.cchchamber.org)

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putting education first. Jones-Scaife said, "We felt that letting teens know that regardless of his success, his first priority is his education." R&B group B2K talked about their success and the stages it took to get them where they are now. They also talked about keeping their lyrics clean and trying to set good examples to fans. Actor/Singer Ray J talked about taking his love for acting and his talent for singing and making them both work for the best. "Parents seem to appreciate it. We try to have celebrities not only talk about their success, interests and so on but to also provide positive, motivational and inspirational advice for our teen and young adult reader", Jones-Scaife stated.

Beginning 2003, Teen

Graffiti will begin awarding scholarships to Graphic Design and Journalism students. The amount and number of scholarships will be determined by funds raised through corporate and individual donations as well as other fund-raisers such as the Father/Daughter Valentines Day



Dance "Scholarship Benefit" scheduled for February 2003.

Every second and fourth Tuesday, the Teen Advisory Council meet at St. Phillips school in South Dallas to discuss what issues or topics go into the magazine. 16 year old Josanne Howard, a member on the Teen Advisory Council, said "Teen Graffiti is a developing magazine that informs teens about issues that relate to them. I like the magazine because it is a way to express opinions, to be heard by your peers, and to make a difference. The council has allowed me to help my community and to work with kids who care." The Teen Advisory Council consists of teens in grades 7-12. Unique S. Garner, a 17 year old employee and reader of Teen Graffiti stat-

ed, "I started working and reading Teen Graffiti magazine in May. I enjoy reading it because it gives teens a voice that really in Dallas does not get heard. It exposes you. Everything I've learned in high school, I am able to apply it within Teen Graffiti, especially English." Whitney Howard, 13 years old and on the advisory council for two months, said "Teen Graffiti is a magazine that allow teens to speak their minds. I like the magazine because it is fun and a great way to help others. The council has allowed me to grow as a person and to work unified."

For information on how to subscribe to Teen Graffiti visit [www.teengraffiti.com](http://www.teengraffiti.com) or call 972-496-9457. The subscriptions are 6 issues for \$14.97.

## DEPRESSED AGAIN?

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

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- Loss of interest in activities
- Difficulty sleeping or sleeping too much
- Feeling slowed down
- Feeling tired or having low energy
- Feeling guilty or worthless
- Changes in weight or appetite
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## Parks Department Receives Two Awards for Innovation and Leadership

The City of Garland Parks and Recreation Department has received two awards for innovation and leadership. The department was recognized during the Texas Recreation and Park Society Region II & III Conference last week.

The department received the Region III Lone Star Programming Award (for cities with more than 100,000 population) for best new program. The winning program was SCAMP (Where Summer and Camp Come Together), an inclusive summer camp designed for youth with and without disabilities. This unique experience combines children of all abilities in one camp program, which included games, arts and crafts, sports, music, edu-

cation, swimming and special events.

"SCAMP eliminates the isolation that youth with disabilities often feel in a segregated camp. Also youth without disabilities develop more compassion and learn to celebrate differences that make people unique," said Heather Lambert, Therapeutic Recreation Coordinator and co-creator of the SCAMP program.

The other PARD staff member who helped develop the special summer camp program was recognized with the Region III Horizons Award for best new professional. Kerri Davison is a Community Recreation Coordinator who super-

vises Holford Recreation Center, one of the top producing recreation centers in the City of Garland. She is also in charge of the City's Therapeutic Recreation program, which is ranked one of the best in the metroplex. Kerri joined PARD in May 1998, after graduating from Texas A&M University.

"Kerri is an extremely motivated, dedicated, and innovative professional who has profoundly impacted the parks and recreation profession in Garland," said Warren Bird, PARD Recreation Superintendent. Region III covers the Dallas area east to the Louisiana border.

### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

District: FORT WORTH

Contract 6090-40-001 for LOOP DETECTOR REPAIR AND/OR REPLACE in TARRANT County, etc will be received on January 14, 2003 until 8:00 am and opened on January 14, 2003 at 9:00 am at the District Office for an estimate of \$215,528.50.

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 at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 8432

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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF  
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### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Housing Authority of the City of Dallas, Texas ("DHA") is accepting Proposals from responsible and responsive businesses for a one (1) year contract with the possibility of one (1) one-year extension for Refrigerator and Appliance Repair Services.

Written Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. C.S.T., Monday, December 23, 2002 at 2075 West Commerce, Bldg. #100, Dallas, Texas 75208. A non-mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. C.S.T. at DHA's Central Maintenance Conference Room, 2075 West Commerce, Bldg. #200, Dallas, Texas 75208.

Proposals package may be obtained from DHA's Maintenance Department at 2075 West Commerce, Bldg. #200, Dallas, Texas 75208 or by calling 214/672-0210.

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THE CITY OF DALLAS, TEXAS

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Housing Authority of the City of Dallas, Texas ("DHA") is accepting Proposals from responsible and responsive businesses for a one (1) year contract with the possibility of a one (1) year extension for Cellular Phone Service and Equipment.

Written Proposals will be accepted until 10:00 a.m. C.S.T., Monday, December 23, 2002 at 2075 West Commerce, Bldg. #100, Dallas, Texas 75208. A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2002 at 2:00 a.m. C.S.T. at DHA's Central Maintenance Conference Room, 2075 West Commerce, Bldg. #200, Dallas, Texas 75208.

Proposals package may be obtained from DHA's General Services' Division at 2075 West Commerce, Bldg. #100, Dallas, Texas 75208 or by calling 214/672-0233.

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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF  
THE CITY OF DALLAS, TEXAS

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Housing Authority of the City of Dallas, Texas ("DHA") is accepting Bids for two (2), two-year contracts with the possibility of two (2) one-year extensions for Temporary Services. Maintenance Laborer and/or Office Personnel.

Interested vendors have the option of submitting a bid on Maintenance Laborers or Office Personnel or both. Bids will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. Monday, December 23, 2002 at 3939 N. Hampton Rd., Dallas, Texas 75212 at which time and place all bids will be opened and publicly read aloud.

Specifications and bid documents may be obtained from Human Resources & Administration, Suite 250 at 3939 N. Hampton Road, Dallas, Texas 75212, or by calling 214-951-8323.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## The Girls Choir of Harlem

Bass Performance Hall, February 3, 2003

In 1979, following the enormous success in cultivating vibrant, young men through the Boys Choir of Harlem and Choir Academy of Harlem programs, parents prevailed upon Dr. Walter Turnbull to found a Girls Choir of Harlem. And so in 1988, once the growing Boys Choir organization was able to sustain it, a full Girls Choir program was instituted to translate Dr. Turnbull's vision for the Girls Choir into reality. That vision - to enable young women to transform their lives through music, build self-esteem, find positive role models, experience the rewards of creativity and develop a strong value system of discipline and hard work. It would be coupled with access



to the same opportunities as the boys, address their social and educational needs and help them make a successful transition from adolescence to young womanhood.



### Gangs of New York

Martin Scorsese's sweeping tale follows the rise of Irish and Italian gangsters in New York in the 1860s. While elsewhere in the country the Civil War ensued, residents of Manhattan's Five Points were also engaged in fierce battles. Leonardo DiCaprio plays Amsterdam Vallon, the son of a murdered gang leader (Liam Neeson), who swears vengeance upon William Cutting, a.k.a. Bill the Butcher (Daniel Day-Lewis), his father's killer. Cameron Diaz plays a pickpocket who falls for Vallon.

Starts December 20th



### Intacto

Said to have similarities with M. Night Shyamalan's 'Unbreakable', this film is about chance, misfortune, and mind games. A concentration camp survivor named Sam (Max von Sydow), a preternaturally lucky fellow, runs an underground casino. One of his workers is Frederico (Eusebio Poncela), a man who "steals" other people's luck merely by laying a hand on them. When Sam and Frederico have a falling out, Frederico finds a new partner, the lone survivor of a plane crash, and the two plot Sam's demise.

Starts December 13th

## Santana - Live in Concert



Santana is the primary exponent of Latin-tinged rock, particularly due to its combination of Latin percussion (congas, timbales, etc.) with bandleader Carlos Santana's distinctive, high-pitched lead guitar playing. The group was the last major act to emerge from the psychedelic San Francisco music scene of the 1960s and it enjoyed massive success at the end of the decade and into the early '70s. The band made a monumental comeback in 1999 with 'Supernatural', an album featuring many guest stars that became Santana's best-selling release and won a raft of Grammy Awards.

**Ticket Information:** To purchase tickets, contact Ticketmaster online at Ticketmaster.com or by phone at 214.373.8000, metro 972.647.5700. Tickets are also available at all Ticketmaster outlets including, Foley's, Fiesta, Warehouse Music, & Tower Records. In addition, tickets are available at the NextStage Box Office.

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### The Jimmy Show

Based on the Jonathan Mark Sherman play 'Veins and Thumbtacks', this film, set in the 1970s and '80s, is about Jimmy (Ethan Hawke), a failed New Jersey inventor who abandons his work to become a stand-up comedian. Audiences on the amateur comedy circuit aren't known for their gentility, and following several disastrous shows, Jimmy takes up a new "profession," boozing, which further strains his relationship with his family.

Starts December 13, 2002

### BASS Performance Hall December 2002 Events

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Tuesday December 17, 2002 - 8:00 pm

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# Church Directory

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## Church Happenings

### ALL NATIONS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 15, 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Program "Christmas is Jesus"

Tuesday, December 17  
Children's video series starring Saint Bernard led by Rev. Marianna Acton, the Children and Youth Minister.

Sign up for a four-week Advent study, entitled, "Won't You Let Him In"

Classes will be offered on Thursdays 11 a.m.-12 Noon or 7 p.m.-8 p.m.

Tuesday, December 24, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Celebrate Christmas Eve with us! We will share the Christmas story through readings, songs, & candlelights.

For more information, call 972-424-8500.

All Nations United Methodist Church  
Dr. Clara Reed, Pastor  
3415 E. 14th St.  
Plano, TX 75074

### CHRISTIAN CHAPEL TEMPLE OF FAITH

Friday, December 20, 8:00 p.m.  
"Christmas in the Community"-Comedy Toy & Clothing Drive benefiting the

One Church, One School Ministry, featuring nationally known comedian Dwight Scruggs, performances from local artists and ministries including Genesis Mime Ministry

For more information, call 972-239-1120.

Christian Chapel Temple of Faith  
Dr. Jerome E. McNeil, Pastor  
14120 Noel Rd.  
Dallas, TX 75240

### ETERNITY COMMUNITY CHURCH

December 9-13, 7:00 p.m. Church Revival!

Guest Speaker- Evangelist Jacqueline Page

For more information concerning the revival, call 972-542-9556

Eternity Community Church  
Kenneth Diggs, Pastor  
309 N. Chestnut St.  
McKinney, TX 75069

### GRACE OUTREACH CENTER

Saturday, December 14, 6:30 p.m., Sunday December 15, 10:30 a.m.  
20th Anniversary Celebration! Featured Speaker- Dr. John C. Maxwell,

New York Times Best Seller Author

For more information, call 972-985-1112 or visit [www.graceoutreachcenter.org](http://www.graceoutreachcenter.org)

Grace Outreach Center  
Gerald Brooks, Pastor  
3301 Preston Road  
Plano, TX 75093

### KELLER SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Saturday, December 14, 7:00 p.m.

Keller Springs Singles Ministry will be celebrating the Christmas Season with a Holiday Extravaganza at the Renaissance Hotel Dallas North Hotel (635&Midway).

Theme- "Standing on His Promise"

Special Guest Speaker- Rudy V., KRNB 105.7 Quiet Storm

Musical Guest- Golden Bells of Joy, bell choir of First United Methodist Church of Hamilton Park

Tickets- \$35 per person/\$65 per couple

Registration Deadline- December 10

For more information, contact Lisa Bryant at 972-998-6282 or e-mail [lbryant@kellerspringsbc.org](mailto:lbryant@kellerspringsbc.org)

Keller Springs Baptist Church  
Larry J. Sanders, Pastor  
3227 Keller Springs Rd.  
Carrollton, TX 75006

### MT. HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH

Saturday, December 14 - KWANZAA Concert-Dallas Convention Center (for grades 6-12)

Sunday, December 15, 7:00p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Second Annual Winter Ball, sponsored by Mt. Hebron's Young Adult Ministry Renaissance Hotel North, 4099 Valley View Lane, Dallas, TX

Music by Freddie Jones Cost- \$30

Saturday, December 21, 7:45 a.m.

Mighty Men of the Mount will have a brotherhood breakfast which includes a guest speaker. Please bring a son, nephew, or a male that you are mentoring. Free

December 20-21  
Lock-In for grades 6-12, "Christmas Around Garland"- Youth will enjoy skating at Texas Skatium, then visit Celebration Station for fun and games. Pizza, dessert, and drinks will be served while enjoying an Evangelism Rally

& dancing by a Christian dance group. Breakfast will be from 7:45 a.m.- 8:30 a.m. Events are chaperoned. Cost- \$20

December 22, 8:00 am & 11:15 a.m.

Birthday Party for Jesus! The church will celebrate during both Sunday services.

For more information, call 972-276-5218.

Mt. Hebron Baptist Church  
Leonard Leach, Pastor  
901 Dairy Rd.  
Garland, TX 75040

### SHILOH C.O.G.I.C.

Sunday, December 22, 2:00 p.m.

Join us for a mouth-watering Christmas dinner while fellowshiping and remembering the birth of Christ!

Please call 972-562-4135, for more information.

Shiloh C.O.G.I.C.  
Elder Paul Jackson  
600 Lindsey St.  
McKinney, TX 75069

### ST. MARK BAPTIST CHURCH

December 15, 10:45 a.m. (3rd Sunday of Advent-PEACE) 6:30 p.m.- Christmas Program

December 22, 10:45 a.m.

(4th Sunday of Advent- JOY) 6:30 p.m.- Candlelight Service  
Advent-A season of preparation for Christmas, which includes 4 Sundays.

For more information, call 972-240-6674

St. Mark Baptist Church  
Rev. R.A. Griffin, Pastor  
601 Rowlett Rd.  
Garland, TX 75043

### ST. MARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Saturday, December 14, 7:00 p.m. -Annual Christmas Banquet

Sunday, December 15, 11:00 a.m. - Youth Ministry's Annual Christmas Program

For more information, call 972-542-6178 or visit

[www.saintmarkbc.com](http://www.saintmarkbc.com)  
St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church  
Charles S. Wattley, Senior Pastor  
1308 Wilcox  
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### PLANO NORTH METROPLEX CHAPTER

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PLANO NORTH METROPLEX CHAPTER, THE LINKS, INC., SPREADS CHRISTMAS CHEER TO HUNDREDS IN ITS 8th ANNUAL CARAVAN ACROSS PLANO

The Plano North Chapter, The Links, Inc., plans its 8th Annual Caravan Across Plano, delivering gifts that have been collected to deserving families and Seniors. Watch for flashing lights, Police escort, and a caravan of cars on Saturday, December 14, 2002 beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Douglas Community Center at 1111 Avenue H, Plano, TX. This is a very exciting time of the year for the Plano Links who will be joined by Mayor Pat Evans. The Caravan affords The Links the opportunity to address the needs of the community and actually work to fulfill these needs.

The wish lists have been received and the requests filled. The Caravan will proceed to the Plano Police Department to deliver to their Christmas Cops "Adopt a Family" project. The Links will

deliver loads of food, clothing, and Christmas items to The Boys & Girls Club of Plano, C.I.T.Y. House, Douglas Branch Senior Citizens Club, Hope's Door Women's Shelter, and Real Options for Women (Pregnant Teens). In addition we have collected books and items of clothing for Religieuses St. Francois D'Assise Preventorium in Port au Prince, Haiti, which will be delivered at a later date. All facets of the Links' program will participate in collecting and distributing these items. Each member selected an Angel from The Links Angel Tree. Their wish list will be presented at Santa's Angel party, which culminates the morning of gift giving and Christmas cheer as the caravan return to The Douglas Community Center for this event.

The Links will then treat the Douglas Senior Citizens and guest, Links, Connecting Links, Heir-O-Links and guest, the staff at C.I.T.Y. House, Real Options, Plano Police Department, Boys and Girls Club, Club Generation Success, Angels and other guest to the movie, "Santa Clause 2", at the Cinemark at Legacy. December 14, 2002 should be a day to remember.

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**Meeting Times**

Each Sunday	
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Worship Service	10:00 am
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Evening Worship	6:00 pm
2nd / 4th Wednesdays	
Couples Fellowship	7:00 pm
Each Thursday	
Intercessors	10:00 am

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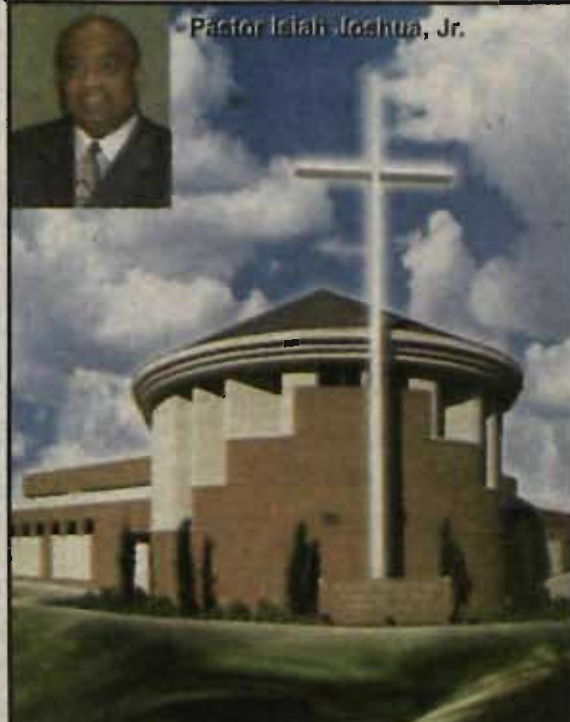
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Pastor Isaiah Joshua, Jr.



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Monday	7PM Youth, Brotherhood, Mission & Young Adult Ministries
Tuesday	7PM Bible Study & Men's Choir
Wednesday	7PM Mid-Week Service
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Mid-Week Service	Wednesdays 7:15-8:30 PM
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