

Congresswoman

# Eleanor Holmes Norton

## Hold On!

*D.C. Tax Breaks for Residents and Businesses Coming* (see page 3)

### Digging Federal Tax Credit Dollars

**C**ongresswoman Norton pictured with (from left) Newseum President Peter Prichard, D.C. Council Member Carol Schwartz, Mayor Tony Williams, Council Member Jack Evans and Freedom Forum Chairman/CEO Charles Overby at the museum's recent ground-breaking. Norton's business tax credits were important in the Newseum's decision to move from Virginia to downtown D.C. The credits also have sent construction cranes to District neighborhoods and helped to revitalize the city's small business and commercial economy.



## Mark Your Calendar for Two Important Norton Events!

### The Annual Norton Tax Preparation & Information Fair

**1st come, 1st served!**

**Saturday, February 21, 2004**

**10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**A Free Service!**

The New Washington Convention Center  
801 Mount Vernon Place, NW (between 7th & 9th)

#### **You Can Get Free Help Filling out D.C. & Federal Taxes**

If you file 1040, 1040-A, 1040-EZ, DC D40 and D40-EZ 2003 forms only. Get the Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, Child & Dependent Care Credit, Elderly & Disabled Credit, D.C. Homebuyer Tax Credit.

**Bring** Photo ID, W-2's, Form 1099, itemized deductions, documentation such as dependents' social security cards to support deductions and credits, blank check for direct deposits.

*The government may owe you money if you bought a home in D.C. in 2003 or qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit or D.C. Business Tax Credits.*

**Learn about other valuable credits and e-filing**

*Both spouses must be present to sign forms for electronic filing.*

**Please Note!** If you have income from rental property, partnerships, small business corporations, estates and trusts, or stocks/bonds sales or if you are self-employed, please seek assistance from a paid tax preparer.

**Metro:** Mt. Vernon Square/7th St.—Convention Center  
Green & Yellow Lines

**Buses:** 70, 71, 66, G8, P6

**Parking:** Private Lots & Street Meters

**Help Eliminate Taxation Without Representation**

### Special Senior Day Medicare Town Hall Meeting

*To help you get your benefits and learn how to survive the new Medicare prescription drug benefit while Congresswoman Norton cosponsors a better bill to get seniors the benefits they deserve.*

**Lunch Provided**

**Tuesday, April 6, 2004**

**10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**345 Cannon, 1st & C Streets, SE**

*Medicare experts will explain what every senior needs to know, regardless of income level.*

*How to get the most from the new benefit, despite its flaws*

**Information Seniors Cannot Afford to Miss!**

**Mark Your Calendar**

**Metro:** Capitol South, Blue & Orange Lines

**Buses:** P6, 32, 34, 35, 36

**Parking:** Limited Street Parking

**D.C. Residents Only!**

# Norton to Build on 2003 Victories

▲ **Choice Committee Assignments.** Norton got a much sought-after seat on the new Homeland Security Committee. Elected ranking member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee subcommittee that determines the direction and vitality of the D.C. economy. Got the Government Reform Committee to abolish the D.C. Subcommittee.

▲ **New Tourism Sites.** Carter G. Woodson bill approved. She also helped forge the compromise that resulted in the final African American History Museum bill. \$2 million Norton sought for renovation of the badly deteriorated Frederick Douglass home also approved. (see page 3)

▲ **First Congressional Structural Deficit Contribution.** A \$3 million breakthrough contribution to help meet D.C.'s annual Metro payment — an acknowledgement by the federal government of its responsibility for that part of the structural deficit linked to federal employees who ride Metro from the suburbs to jobs in D.C.

▲ **D.C. Authorized in Major Water Infrastructure Bill.** Norton got D.C. included in the Water Resources Development Act for the first time; \$55 million for combined sewer overflow upgrade and other infrastructure and water resources protections for the Anacostia River; \$5 million for the new pedestrian Anacostia riverwalk and bike trail.

▲ **DOT Funding.** Norton got the first \$42 million for construction of the new Department of Transportation headquarters at the Southeast Federal Center, retaining 7,000 jobs in D.C. with revitalization of the Anacostia Waterfront.

▲ **Airport Noise Reduction and Access.** New flights at Reagan National Airport reduced from the proposed 36 down to 20. Got a provision that mandates the restart of general aviation and charter service at National, closed since 9/11. Got \$100 million in economic hardship compensation for general aviation businesses.

▲ **D.C. Stamp.** A hometown D.C. stamp featuring Shaw homes and D.C. monuments was issued after Norton got the USPS to include D.C. in its 50-state series. →

▲ **Downtown Shuttle.** \$500,000 for a shuttle transit system that will help address traffic congestion resulting from the shutdown of Pennsylvania Avenue and of E Street near the White House.

▲ **Pennsylvania Avenue Improvements.** Norton successfully pressed approval of \$15 million for a design security plan to eliminate unattractive security barriers.

▲ **Alternative Energy.** A Norton Energy amendment that authorizes the GSA to equip new and existing federal buildings with advanced solar systems at \$60 million annually for five years passed in the House.

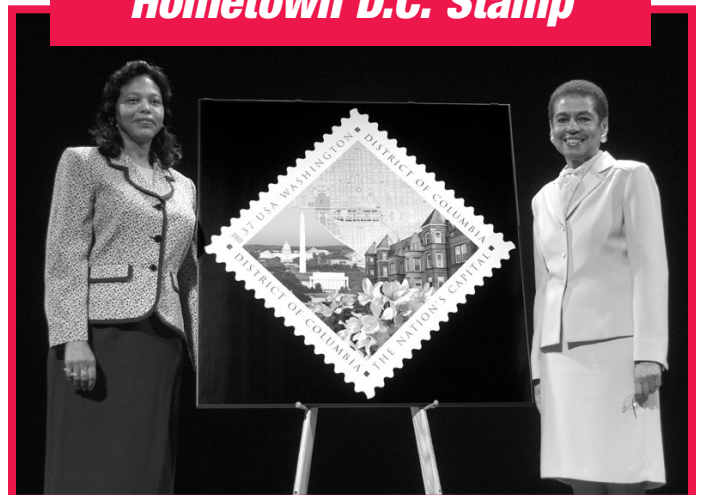
▲ **First Comprehensive Anacostia River Bill.** (see page 3)

▲ **Unacceptable Judicial Nominations.** Norton led the Congressional Black Caucus fight against five Bush nominees to federal circuit appeals courts, including the D.C. Circuit. All had records opposing equal rights. She worked closely with Senate Democrats on their historic filibuster that prevented confirmation of these judges with extreme views.

▲ **Appropriations Priorities Funded:** More than \$30 million in extra federal funding for D.C. projects and resident priorities, from public and charter schools to tourism, a close to record amount that she worked with appropriators to achieve.

▲ **Hearings on D.C. Issues:** Norton got the Republican chairs of two committees to conduct three hearings on important D.C. priorities—Black Men and Boys, the Curseen-Morris Postal Facility (Brentwood), and Adams Morgan Document Fraud.

## Norton Unveils First Official Hometown D.C. Stamp



*Seventy million D.C. commemorative stamps are in circulation throughout the world, providing a new tool for marketing D.C. At the unveiling, Norton, pictured with D.C. Postmaster Delores J. Killete, presented the first stamp to Vernon Dent, Sr., father of D.C. National Guard Specialist Darryl Dent, a Roosevelt High School graduate killed in Iraq. (see page 3)*

## Norton Forges Ahead to Meet 2004 Goals

- ◆ Introduce a bill for a federal contribution to eliminate D.C.'s dangerous, federally imposed structural deficit.
- ◆ Extend two tax breaks already passed in the House, now pending in the Senate—D.C.-only tax credits that have helped stabilize the residential tax base and revitalize the city's commercial and small business economy. (see page 3)
- ◆ Pass the D.C. Budget Autonomy Act in the House, already approved in the Senate, to give the city control of D.C. taxpayer-raised funds on time without requiring enactment by Congress. This is the first major advance for home rule since passage of the Home Rule Act 30 years ago.
- ◆ Reauthorize the popular D.C. College Access Act, expiring this year, which is already providing unique tuition assistance to almost 4,000 D.C. students attending colleges and universities here and nationwide.
- ◆ Use the 2004 election year to make Americans aware of the District's treatment as second-class citizens and to garner

support and action for full democracy, beginning with passage of Norton's No Taxation Without Representation Act.

- ◆ Include Norton's Racial Profiling Prohibition Act in the nationwide 2004 transportation bill.
- ◆ Hold a Special Seniors Medicare Town Hall Meeting. (see page 1)
- ◆ Improve the administration of the National Zoo in response to disturbing reports of negligent and dangerous care of animals and potential threats to the health of employees and visitors.
- ◆ Introduce a major bill to renew and conserve Rock Creek Park and eliminate its general deterioration.
- ◆ Pass the D.C. Coin bill that she got the House to pass in two previous Congresses and mount a new effort in the Senate, to allow D.C. to have its own quarter like that of the states.

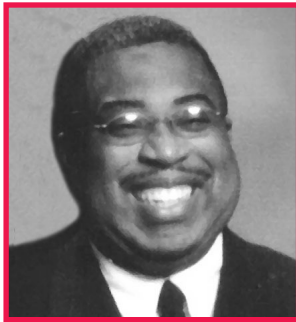
# Service and Sacrifice Without a Vote

D.C. has lost three men in the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars, more than many states. They were in a long line of D.C. residents who have served their country in every war since the Revolutionary War, despite denial of their rights. We honor them, along with Michael Kelly, the Washington Post columnist who became the first American journalist killed while covering the Iraq War.

Norton made a Christmas Eve visit to Walter Reed Army Medical Center to see seriously injured service members and Michael Weisskopf, a Time reporter and D.C. resident, who was injured while saving the lives of U.S. soldiers in Iraq. Because of these circumstances, Norton got the Secretary of the Army to grant a civilian exception for Weisskopf to receive critical surgery at Walter Reed.



**Army Specialist Darryl T. Dent, 21**  
547th Transportation Company,  
D.C. National Guard  
Roosevelt High School graduate  
Elected "King of Junior ROTC"  
A book lover



**Army Reservist  
Lt. Col. Paul W. Kimbrough, 44**  
416 Engineer Command, Fort Benning, GA  
Stationed in Afghanistan  
U.S. Dept of Transportation attorney  
Former congressional staffer



**Marine Lance Cpl. Gregory E. MacDonald, 29**  
Bravo Company, 4th Light Reconnaissance  
Reserve Battalion, Frederick, MD  
Graduate degree from American University  
Sought career in Middle Eastern affairs  
Popular bartender at The Zoo Bar Cafe

## House and Senate Act on Top D.C. Priorities:

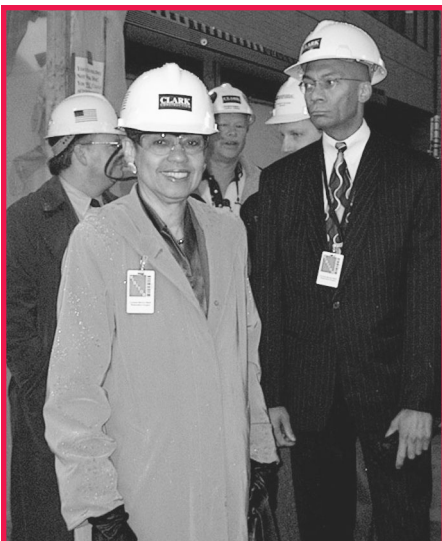
### Halfway Home on Tax Breaks and Budget Autonomy

#### House Passes \$5,000 Homebuyer Credit and Business Tax Credits for D.C. Only

- Early 2004 Senate passage expected
- Almost certain to be retroactive, with no loss of benefits, although expired in 2003
- See [www.norton.house.gov](http://www.norton.house.gov) for how to qualify for these tax credits

#### Senate Bill Increases D.C. Control of Budget

- House passage of bill, cosponsored by Rep. Tom Davis, sought this year
- Congressional enactment of D.C. budget no longer required
- D.C. to begin each fiscal year in control of its budget
- Expected gains: improved bond rating, better-managed services
- First Home Rule advance in 30 years



## A New Day for Curseen-Morris Brentwood No More

Norton led elected, union and postal officials, including Jerry Lane, USPS Capital Metro Operations Manager (to the Congresswoman's left), on a tour of the Joseph Curseen, Jr. and Thomas Morris, Jr. Processing and Distribution Center, to be the first group to enter the former Brentwood facility and demonstrate its safety prior to the official reopening on December 21, 2003. The safe reopening and the full staffing and operation of Curseen-Morris, renamed to honor two postal employees who died there from anthrax, was an important Norton priority to keep jobs here and maintain postal service for the city.

## Good News for D.C.'s Tourist Economy

Two bills will increase the time and dollars visitors spend here. Norton wrote the Carter G. Woodson bill and co-sponsored the African American History Museum bill.

#### Woodson Home to Become National Park Service Historic Site

- ❖ Shaw home of "Father of Black History" expected to spark renovation of entire 9th Street, NW block
- ❖ Work to begin this year with purchase of home and three adjacent buildings to facilitate tourism
- ❖ 100% funded by federal government with tours to be conducted by the NPS

#### African American History Museum a Dream for 100 Years

- ❖ A new Smithsonian museum
- ❖ Half of funds to be raised privately, half from federal government
- ❖ Site to be selected this year.



**College News.** A top Norton priority is making higher education and financial aid opportunities available to D.C. residents like Ludgarde Fall, pictured to the Congresswoman's left, with her parents and sister. Ms. Fall used Norton's D.C. College Access Act to attend Michigan State University and received a scholarship through Norton's office. Go to [www.norton.house.gov](http://www.norton.house.gov) to see how you can attend any public college in the United States at low in-state tuition rates or get grants to attend any

HBCU and many other private schools here and in the region.

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**Coming Soon!** Norton's Military Service Academy and College Night. Learn about many scholarships and financial aid available and about qualifying for the four service academies.

## Helping Seniors Get Prescription Drug Benefits and a New and Better Bill

Even before the new prescription drug bill became law, District seniors called Norton's office opposing the bill and questioning its many complications. Norton opposes the current bill and is cosponsor of another bill to provide seniors a better Medicare prescription drug benefit, but she is committed to helping seniors *learn how to get the most out of the present bill.* (see page 1)

### The Bush Medicare Act Doesn't Do the Job

#### DOES

- ✓ Cover all seniors 65 and over and some disabled people
- ✓ Until 2006: provide discount card worth \$600/year subsidy for low-income seniors and 10 to 15% savings for all seniors
- ✓ Offer one free doctor's visit with diabetes and cardiovascular screening

#### DOES NOT

- ✓ Require insurers to disclose or maintain coverage of needed drugs
- ✓ Keep drug companies from the usual price increases
- ✓ Cover full drug costs for many seniors who pay full premiums

## Region Signs on to Norton Anacostia River Bill

- ✓ 1st Comprehensive Anacostia clean-up bill
- ✓ Cosponsors: Senators Allen, Landrieu, Mikulski and Sarbanes; Representatives Hoyer, Moran, Van Hollen and Wynn
- ✓ \$250 million authorized for combined sewer overflow and other Anacostia clean-up costs for the Anacostia
- ✓ Federal responsibility because federal land and federal facilities pollute river

## !! Small Businesses Can Access Capital !!

### At Norton Small Business Workshop

#### On the Spot Applications for Bank and SBA Loans!!

- ❖ Learn How to Get a Commercial Business Loan Rather than a Consumer Loan for Your Business
  - ❖ How to Get on the GSA Schedule for Government Procurement
  - ❖ How to Buy the Space You Are Renting
  - ❖ One-on-one Advice From Federal Government Contracting Officers, Bank Loan Officers and SBA Specialists
- And Much More**

**Monday, March 29, 2004 — 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

The New Washington Convention Center ❖ 801 Mount Vernon Place, NW

**D.C. residents and businesses only ■ Limited seating ■ Pre-registration requested by March 23rd to guarantee seat**  
**Call 783-5065 to register ■ On-site late registration 8:00 a.m.- 9:00 a.m.**

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