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Southwest Bank Opens Fort Worth Downtown Office

Southwest Bank of Fort Worth has announced the recent opening of a new banking center in the Fort Worth Club building in downtown Fort Worth.



Molloy

The bank's newest center, on the building's fifth floor, will deliver personalized service to commercial and private clients working or residing in the city's vibrant downtown area.

Robert Molloy, a long-time Fort Worth banker formerly with TexasBank, is the center's president. The 1987 graduate of Texas A&M University and serves on the board of directors and executive committee for the YMCA of Metropolitan Fort Worth.

Vernon Bryant, chairman/CEO of First Texas BHC, Inc., the bank's holding company, made the announcement

IBC-Laredo Targets San Antonio for New Branches

Laredo-based International Bank of Commerce (IBC) plans to open 20 to 25 new branches in Texas and Oklahoma by the end of 2008, according to an article by *San Antonio Business Journal* writer Tamarind Phinisee. About nine of these branches are planned for the San Antonio market.

IBC spokesman **Daniel Garza** says several of these branches will be located inside H-E-B grocery stores and will be seven-day-a-week operations.

Presently, 32 of IBC's 39 branch locations in San Antonio are now seven-day-a-week operations. Fourteen of these branches are located inside H-E-B grocery stores

Independent Bank of Austin Reports Sharp Growth in 2007

Independent Bank of Austin, SSB, based in Lakeway, recently reported a sharp rise in assets, loans, deposits, and profit in 2007.

The 30-month-old *de novo* bank reported at December 31, 2007, total assets of \$152.9 million and total deposits of \$105.3 million, an increase of 50% and 19%, respectively over year end 2006. Loans at December 31 were \$135.9 million, up 55% over the year earlier. Net profit for 2007 was \$2.204 million, up from \$1.441 million for 2006.

Independent Bank of Austin was recently ranked No. 4 nationally with a 17.40% ROAE among 174 *de novos* opened in 2005



LOUISIANA

Michigan Bank Buys Baton Rouge Factoring Company

Crestmark Bank of Troy, MI, recently announced its purchase of Baton Rouge factoring company Commercial Capital Lending LLC, according to a news report in *The Advocate*.

The new Baton Rouge subsidiary's new name will be Crestmark Commercial Capital Lending LLC.

Commercial Capital Lending president and founder **Pat Haney** said his 17-year-old company recognized the need to have a broader range of financial products at its disposal.

Crestmark Bank operates eight banking offices and has regional offices in FL and VA. The bank was established in 1996




OKLAHOMA

First National in Midwest City Opens Branch in Moore

First National Bank, Midwest City, has reported the opening of a 1,100-square-foot banking facility at 604 Classen in Moore.

Vice president **Jeff Arvin** serves as the Moore branch manager.

First National's main location is at 2911 S. Air Depot Blvd. in Midwest City. The \$318 million-asset and \$277 million-deposit (figures per FDIC at September 30, 2007) bank has branches in Harrah, Choctaw, Del City, Tinker Air Force Base, and at 1213 S. Douglas Blvd. in Midwest City



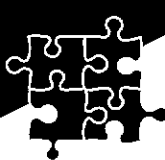
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