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NATIONAL NEWS

KKK Sues College Radio Station for Refusing to Air the Group's Message

The Ku Klux Klan in Missouri has filed a federal lawsuit against the University of Missouri System and the public-radio station on its St. Louis campus, seeking to force the station to air the White-supremacist group's slogan. The lawsuit charges the university and the radio station, KWMU-FM, with censorship and with violating Klan members' First Amendment rights because in September it declined to allow the Klan to underwrite the local broadcast of the National Public Radio program "All Things Considered." The local radio station gives each underwriter up to 15 seconds during the program to air its name and a slogan that identifies but does not promote it. The Klan maintains that it is "a social action and advocacy group" and meets the station's rules for underwriting programs. The Klan members want the station to describe the group as "a White Christian organization standing up for the rights and values of White Christian America since 1865," according to the lawsuit, which was filed in U.S. District Court in St. Louis. The proposed announcement also gives a Missouri address for contacting the Klan chapter and concludes, "Let your voice be heard." Bob Samples, a university spokesman, said that the university and KWMU-FM planned to contest the lawsuit. "The F.C.C. requires broadcasters to serve the public interest, and in this case, we thought it was in the best interests of the community not to accept their invitation," Nancie Hawke, a lawyer for the university system, declined to comment because the lawsuit is pending. —Julianne Basinger

Goodyear Apologizes for Offensive Ad

In a letter to NAACP President Kweisi Mfume, Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company president Samir Gibara apologized for a racially-insensitive Goodyear television ad that was airing in Peru. In the ad, an actor made fun of a Black man's lips and compared them to tires. The ad was immediately canceled, according to Gibara, when the company's top official returned from traveling and saw the ad for the first time. "I would like to extend my personal apologies to you and the African-American community for this improper situation," Gibara wrote in a letter to Mfume. "You have our assurances that we have a zero tolerance position for any incidents that tarnish our reputation for diversity." Gibara letter continued, "We appreciate the apology from Goodyear and we'll wait to see if it is followed by positive actions. We hope that other corporations are paying attention and don't make the same set of racially insensitive mistakes." Mfume said in response. "It was appropriate for Goodyear to take responsibility for this shameful ad and then make amends to those who were rightfully offended by it."

Hostility Forces UN Team to Leave Mbandaka

NEW YORK, (PANA) - Citing growing threat to their security, members of the United Nations human rights investigative team to the Democratic Republic of the Congo withdrew from Mbandaka on Monday Dec. 15, where they were deployed to begin investigation of alleged massacres of Rwandan refugees. United Nations spokesman Juan Carlos Brandt said that the team had withdrawn to Kinshasa, following continuing demonstrations by people in the community in opposition to the investigation. Besides, he said, the team reported that traditional rulers in the community had demanded money and provisions as pre-conditions for allowing team members to carry out their work. After a four-month delay, caused by government's opposition to the terms of the investigation, the UN team was supposed to survey areas of reported massacres, hear testimonies from witnesses and contact local authorities and members of the community. Efforts were underway to resolve that hitch when the Mbandaka incidence occurred, Brandt said he is not sure when the team will return to Mbandaka. But he said that the team will remain in the country, as indicated by the UN secretary general.

Nation's First African-American-Owned Theatre Chain Premieres in Chicago



Pictured during the Inner City Entertainment-Cineplex Odeon Theatre grand opening are (from left) actor/director Bill Duke; Donzell and Alisa Starks, owners of ICE Theatres; "Amistad" producer Debbie Allen and actor Djimon Hounsou. ICE

Mauro to Bush: "Show us the money!"

Mauro listens to Texas families; Bush listens to insurance agency bureaucrats

Car insurance bills for Texans are rising — not falling — and Gov. Bush is out of touch with Texas families if he thinks their bills are lower today than when he took office, Democratic gubernatorial candidate Garry Mauro said. Under Gov. Bush, the big insurance companies got a windfall profit from tort reform. Mauro said that money should be returned to Texas families in the form of lower insurance bills. "Before Gov. Bush let the bureaucrats convince him to hold a press conference to announce an insurance rate cut, he should have listened to Texas families," Mauro said. "Texas families know their car insurance bills are up. Gov. Bush is out of touch."

The Dallas Morning News reported on Sunday: "New figures indicate auto insurance companies are making the biggest profit margins in Texas they've seen in more than a decade, while many drivers are paying premiums as high as ever." Mauro outlined the car insurance portion of his Texas Families First plan, designed to lower car insurance for most Texas families by \$200 a year. Mauro's plan would enforce a 75 percent loss ratio on auto liability insurance. That would make insurance companies use 75

percent of the premiums they collect to pay claims and use 25 percent of the premiums for operation and profits. That was the way it was before Bush took office. Bush's insurance department allows insurance companies keep nearly 50 cents of every premium dollar they collect. Last year, insurance companies collected almost \$4 billion in automobile liability premiums, but paid slightly more than \$2 billion in claims. On Oct. 21, Bush told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram: "Tort reform is paying off in a major way in insurance savings for the people of Texas — drivers, small businesses and their customers." But the Star-Telegram reported on Nov. 23 that a person in Tarrant County who bought a Ford Taurus (the prototype car used to set insurance rates) in 1995 paid a \$693 premium. This year, the premium for that same car was \$740, an 6.8 percent increase. "The money from tort reform savings went in the pockets of insurance companies," Mauro said. "That's because the insurance companies want to keep your money in their corporate family. I don't care about their corporate family. I care about your family, and that is a clear difference between me and Gov. Bush."

LUBBOCK BLACK CHAMBER SUPPORTS 3/8 CENTS SALES TAX FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Using education as a back drop, the Lubbock Black Chamber stood vertical last Saturday at the Patterson Library & Learning Center and endorsed the upcoming 3/8 cents Sales Tax election which is set for Saturday, January 17, 1998 in a press conference. Earlier, the chamber voted to support such a measure. Ms. Kathyl Anderson, president of the Chamber, told the press last Saturday they were very committed to seeing this (election) would become a reality and citizens would understand why this election is so important. "Those of us who daily confront economic development issues realize the major negative factor to Lubbock's economic development program is insufficient funds," said Anderson. She went on to add: "To persuade our young people Lubbock is the place to be, it is urgent we bring better jobs to Lubbock. Let's stop sending our bright minds elsewhere." An economic development program within Lubbock, the Lubbock Black Chambers primary focus is on economic development in the Black community. "Until the middle of the 1960's, income for the majority of Black families was totally dependent upon business operated by the family," said Ms.

Anderson. "It has taken over 30 years for the Black community to regain numbers close to the businesses owned and operated by Blacks prior to the mid 1960's," she continued. The Black Chamber is in business to remind the Black community of how important it is to look within our own families and find several of our family members who have had to leave Lubbock to seek gainful employment. "Our youth who graduate from high school and college who desire a professional career should not have to leave Lubbock," said Ms. Anderson. Continuing, Ms. Anderson said: "The Black voice at the economic development tables was not being heard until the Black Chamber became a recognized organization. As the City of Lubbock moves into the 21st Century, it is vital our (Black Chamber) has input into the planning process. We must realize the value of economic development is best measured by how the majority of the residents perceive job availability, housing resources, education and entertainment within the city." Based on these issues, "the Black Chamber can say, without any doubt, the Black community is on the

move," said Ms. Anderson. "We see more Black owned businesses and are increasing annually. There are more Black professionals than ever before. Our average annual income has risen. We are living in better homes; our community is being revitalized and our quality of life has improved," said Ms. Anderson. While we say the Black community is on the move, we must also raise the red flag of caution for all citizens of Lubbock, Texas, warns Ms. Anderson. "The rules of economic development are changing. In order to maintain what we have and to attract new businesses requires creative long range planning, up to date resources, and, most important, dependable, sustaining financial programs," she continued. "Those of us who daily confront economic development issues realize the major negative factor to Lubbock's economic development program is insufficient funds," she says. "This is why the Lubbock Black Chamber supports the 3/8 cents sales tax, and ask all citizens to help us pass this important measure," concluded Ms. Anderson.

ADVICE FOR GRADUATES, AT&T EXECUTIVES SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE



After the graduation parties have ended and the thank-you letters are written, graduates must turn their attention to two things: jobs and success. What will make a person successful in his or her adult endeavors? What path can he or she pave now to ensure a better future? Answers to these questions are not always easy to find, but some of AT&T's top African American executives share their experiences and advice: **Beyond Education** Students learn more in school than just cramming for tests, working on group projects and writing reports. Out in the working world, these activities translate into resume building skills such as having the ability to write, work under pressure and to contribute to team building. These basic skills are building blocks to success, according to Ted Darcie, AT&T Vice President Communications Infrastructure Research Lab "Learn how to think, communicate and solve problems, with less emphasis on what to think or which problems to solve," Darcie says. **Find What You Love** You may have thought that you've left research projects behind you. Wrong. To find your niche, Curt Fields, AT&T Vice President — Strategy and Marketing Services, recommends taking time to talk to people in different professions to find out more about their jobs; what's good, what's not so good, and what's expected. Talk to a broad base of individuals, including recent graduates and people who are in early, mid and late stages of their careers. "Don't be afraid to change course until it feels right," Fields advises.



Creativity Counts Tapping your creative talents carries a lot of weight in the business world. The ability to think "out of the box" is admired and rewarded. AT&T's Mercedes Walton, Vice President—Business Development Division, advises graduates to refine their problem-solving skills and sharpen their resourcefulness. "Know how to acquire additional data and information, be focused and consider business situations from a non-conventional perspective," she says. **Develop Relationships** People talk about networking all the time, but does it really work? Fields landed his first job through relationships he had developed during summer jobs. What he remembers most: Landing that first job "caused an early realization that you are always being assessed and that you never really know where an opportunity will come from, so you can't afford not to be 'on' all the time." **Never Stop Learning** Even though you may be finished with school, your learning curve has a long way to go. Walton thinks people should continually challenge themselves to build upon existing skills and venture into new and related arenas. She says, "The world is changing at warp speed and those who succeed will be able to stay in front of the learning curve by initiating their perpetual expansion of skills, capabilities and knowledge." **Sports Played A Role** In the business world, you'll often hear top executives say that they will roll up their sleeves and help stuff envelopes if it will help get a project done. And they mean it. Sports team experience during school helped Fields lay the foundation for his future success. He says it taught him about common goals and



participating in a group as both a leader and supporter. Darcie agrees and adds that sports and other social scenarios helped him learn "how people work." **Balancing Your Work and Lives** Developing a career can be very demanding and time spent on work can overlap into personal time that is normally spent with family and friends. Fields encourages people to "make more time for family and friends. As time goes by, one realizes more and more how critically important both are." **The Right Attitude** When the going gets rough, friends and relatives can help keep you on track. Having the right attitude also means being there for others. No one is an island and you have to be willing to give of yourself, too. Darcie says he developed his self-confidence from the support and encouragement of his parents. They instilled a positive "can-do" attitude, which helped him develop critical life skills throughout his youth. Thanks to his parents' early input, he acquired traits that developed throughout the years: a strong education, creative problem-solving abilities, ambition, energy and good communication and interpersonal skills. **Thoughts To Ponder** Here are some thoughtful comments from executives who have climbed the ladder and walked the talk: "Do what you love (or at least like) and you will be successful and always in balance," Curt Fields. "I would place a higher premium on the holistic balance of family, friends, self and spirituality in pursuit of higher ground, finding greater meaning and purpose in one's journey," Mercedes Walton. "Those who lead by anticipating change and learning new skills fast will succeed," Ted Darcie.



Columbia artist and actor Will Smith (l) with Columbia Records Vice-President of A&R Sam Sapp. Sapp is the mastermind behind the *Love Jones* and *Men In Black* soundtracks. Smith has completed the new rap album for Columbia, *Big Willie Style*.

Drug Companies Cool To Anti-AIDS Vaccine Production

From Peter Masebu

ABIDJAN, Cote d'Ivoire (FANA) - Lack of interest by major pharmaceutical companies is one reason why there has been no success in producing an anti-AIDS vaccine, a ranking United Nations AIDS specialist said recently.

The official, Peter Piot, is the executive director of the U.N. United Nations joint program on HIV/AIDS.

He said in Abidjan, where he was attending the 19th International conference on HIV/AIDS, that companies were investing heavily in producing AIDS drugs rather than in vaccines.

Yet, he said, only vaccines were capable of turning AIDS from a killer to an ailment. "I think the issue is economic. The pharmaceutical companies believe they will be forced to sell the vaccines at very low prices because their procurement is usually done by governments," he said. "Yet we urgently need a vaccine, even if it initially cannot work 100 percent."

Piot said it was an erroneous assumption that companies were disinterested in producing a vaccine simply because AIDS was viewed as becoming "a disease of the poor" in developing

countries. "Aids affects everybody, the rich and poor, hence the need for a global alliance, including the drug companies, ordinary people, religious and opinion leaders to combat the spread of HIV," he said.

Canada's University of Manitoba is conducting research into HIV-resistant commercial sex workers in Majengo, Nairobi. Hopes for the production of a vaccine, from the research findings, cannot be ruled out.

"We do not know yet what protects these people although the study on their biological mechanism of protection might yield, something in terms of vaccine production," he said.

Meanwhile, AIDS patients in Africa wait for access to affordable drugs. France has proposed a global solidarity fund to subsidize the cost of antiretroviral drugs for HIV-infected people in Africa.

"I hope it will mean, some funds for AIDS programs in African countries, some of which don't have any up to now," Piot said.

Study Shows Business Loan Bias

By Dalia Dangerfield

A history of inefficiently distributing loans to low-income neighborhoods among some banks in Chicago, IL may have gotten worse. According to a recent study, small business loans were eight times harder to come by in poor communities throughout Chicago in 1996, than in other areas.

"Low income neighborhoods aren't getting their share of small business loans," said Ed Wang, lead organizer for Chicago Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN).

The report, released by ACORN, said one out of every eight loans in Chicago is directed towards businesses in upper income communities. And for every dollar that is given to business owners in low-income areas, \$11.64 is given to those in high-income communities.

"We have a group of lenders that are completely ignoring the needs of people in low-income neighborhoods," Wang said. "Anybody can take a walk around Englewood and see what's happening in the community."

Boarded up storefronts and vacant lots frequently line the streets of Chicago's low-income communities. Residents often walk or drive miles, bypassing nearby buildings, in order to find a store to buy their weekly groceries.

According to the study, potential entrepreneurs in such areas, who seek to revitalize the neighborhoods have the odds stacked against them. Small business loans are hard to get for people who want to rebuild in low-income areas.

"They're not receiving the money they need to attract jobs and small businesses," Wang said. "That's why a lot of those communities contin-

ue to be left out economically."

He also said that banks continuously ignore the industries in rundown areas.

"It's a long history of discrimination within the banking industry," Wang said.

A couple of months ago, ACORN issued another study showing that potential home-buyers in low-income neighborhoods haven't received their fair share of home loans in past years.

"Banks are completely out of touch with what's happening in the low-income community," Wang said.

In order to rectify the problem, the study suggested that small business loan requirement be improved.

"You can't use the same type of standards that you would use in a high-income community," Wang said.

The standards made for low-income communities should help the bank aggressively market its products in poor areas. This is an important component in reducing the loan gap that exists.

"Banks have not really targeted low-income communities," Wang said. "The banks need to be working with community organizations."

The study also refuted an earlier report by the Federal Financial Institution Examination Council (FFIEC) released in September. It focused on lending in low-income areas and found that there wasn't a big discrepancy between the nation's poorer and more affluent areas. According to the ACORN study, that data underrepresented the plight that residents and entrepreneurs in poor communities face with the banking industries.



Ruby Jay's Corner

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and Rev. Billy R. Moton is the proud pastor. If you don't have a church home, then you are invited to attend New Hope anytime.

Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. with Superintendent Virgil Johnson at his post of duty. Teachers and students were in their various classrooms for thirty minutes of instruction. They reassembled at 10:15 a.m. in the main auditorium singing "Blessed Assurance." High points of the morning lesson were given by Brother Earnest Swain. He gave some mighty good thoughts. An invitation to discipleship was extended.

Secretary's Report: Youth Department - Intermediate Class won both banners - Attendance and Offering. Their offering was \$26.50. Adult Department: Adult Class No. 1 also won both banners. This Men's Class had an offering of \$300.26. There was one visitor.

The men are making a great start for 1998! Beware, there may be an accident further up the road.

The morning devotional was led by Sister Julia Swain and Brother R.J. Givens.

The Male Chorus marched in the processional singing "Can't Nobody Do Me Like Jesus." Altar prayer was offered by Rev.

Jeff Brown. A song, "Haven't Been To Heaven, But I've Been Told Streets Arc Like Gold", was sung. The scripture, 23rd Psalm, was read by Sister Vickie Kendrick, and prayer given by Brother F.T. Jenkins. Following another selection, the responsive reading was done with the congregation standing and led by Sister Helen Watson.

The morning hymn was "Draw Me Nearer". Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton. Another song, "Lord, You've Been Good To Me" was sung. The hymn of preparation was "Old Snip of Zion." Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "Lord Let Me Be Reel." His scripture text was St. Matthew 23: 27-28. We need to start working on it today. Pastor Moton gave us a good start for 1998.

An invitation to discipleship was extended and one came forward by Christian experience.

Let us continue to whisper a prayer for our sick and shut in citizens of Lubbock. Also our bereaved families.

Sister G.H. Davis was funeralized last Monday at New Hope Baptist Church.

Sister Vickey Kendrick entered the hospital on Monday for surgery. She asks for your precious prayers during her present state.

Our young people are back in school this week, so let's be careful while driving in the school zones.

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Two of gospel music's hottest groups, Men Of Standard and The Williams Brothers, will perform on the massive Power '98 Tour that will blanket America.

Seldom have two groups had such a positive, major impact on gospel music -- and the five-month tour will continue that trend.

The Power '98 Tour will showcase the best in gospel music with concerts in 80 U.S. cities. It will kick off Jan. 14, 1998 in Charleston, S.C. and close May 10, 1998 in Houston, Texas.

The itinerary runs from Los Angeles' Universal Theatre to Philadelphia's famed Academy of Music, from New York's Beacon Theatre to Seattle's Key Arena, and from Nashville's Grand Ole Opry to Washington D.C.'s Constitution Hall. Smaller cities set for stops include Orlando and Sacramento, Tulsa and Peoria. More dates will be added in the coming months. Rehearsal will be in Detroit Jan. 4 to 11.

The careers of both Men of Standard and The Williams Brothers have caught fire in 1997. Each are nominated for a flurry of Stellar Awards, which

are gospel music's highest annual awards, and both groups have earned other major honors.

The tour, which will be presented by ALW & Walt "Baby" Love, will showcase eight artists. Others also featured will be Fred Hammond & Radical For Christ, Hzekiah Walker & The Love Fellowship Crusade Choir, Dottie Peoples & The Peoples Choice Chorus, Vickie Winans, Karen Clark-Sheard and Marvin Sapp.

Men Of Standard and The Williams Brothers' new Billboard-charted hit albums, respectively, are the namesake disc Men Of Standard and Malaco's Muscle Shoals Sound Gospel (MSSG) label and the new Still Standing on the Williams family's own Blackberry label, which Malaco distributes.

MSSG director Telisa Stinson, who signed Men Of Standard to the MSSG label, said, "It's been a great year for Men Of Standard and we're totally excited about them being chosen for the Power '98 Tour. It will enhance their visibility and ability to reach the masses with their ministry."

Contemporary gospel newcomers, Men Of Standard became the flagship artist for Malaco Music Group's revived MSSG label with their Men Of Standard debut album. The vocal foursome just swept five 1997-98 Stellar nominations, including for New Artist of the Year. (Winners will be announced in Dec. 18 ceremonies.) In 1997, Men Of Standard already have captured two key gospel honors: a GMWA Excellence Award for Contemporary Group of the Year and a Vision Award for New

Artist of the Year. The Men Of Standard are Lowell Pye, Isaac Carree, Michael Bacon and Bryan Pierce.

The Williams Brothers have been major gospel stars for three decades. They seemed to have already won or been nominated for every major award in the business -- until the honors piled up in 1997.

The group most recently captured seven Stellar nominations for their work on Still Standing. The album features pop superstar Stevie Wonder teaming up with the trio on the hit single I'm Too Close. The Williams Brothers are brothers Doug Williams and Melvin Williams and friend Henry Green.

"The tour gives us the unique opportunity to take our ministry to new heights," Doug said. "With the unusual amount of dollars to be spent on tour marketing and promotions, it will give people a chance to look at gospel music in a new light and allow many more lost souls to give their lives to Jesus Christ."

In previous years, The Williams Brothers won four Stellas, a 1992 Vision Award and earned three Grammy Award nominations. They have chalked up a staggering 18 Top 10 albums on Billboard and Cashbox charts -- including three No. 1 records -- since they were founded in 1960.

After recording their first LP on the Songbird label in 1973, The Williams Brothers gained further fame recording four albums on the Malaco label. In 1991, they founded their own Blackberry label, but ultimately came home to Malaco for distribution.

ALVEDA KING, NIECE OF SLAIN CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER, IS FOCUS OF HEADWAYS DEC./JAN. EDITION

HOUSTON - The niece of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. is accustomed to facing the heat in her pursuit to carry on her family's name and reputation throughout the nation and world.

Alveda Celeste King, who was a teen-ager when her uncle was assassinated in 1968, shares his penchant for speaking out on the problems facing America—even when those views don't rhyme with convention.

In recent months, Alveda King has chosen to go where few of her family members have elected to venture by backing some decidedly conservative values and ideals. At least two of those issues—school choice and homosexuality—have placed her in the national spotlight.

The outspoken founder of King for America Inc., a faith-based civil rights organization, shared her views with Headway in a

candid interview in its December-January edition. Through provocative commentaries, the civil rights leader's views are brought to the center of national debate in Headway.

After Martin Luther King Jr.'s wife, Coretta Scott King, publicly voiced her support for legislation that would outlaw workplace discrimination based on sexual preference, Alveda King wrote an open letter to her aunt opposing the view.

"To demand that business owners who still live by God's word promulgate and support the homosexual or adulterous or fornicating lifestyles of their employees is ludicrous," Alveda King said in the letter, also addressed to President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore.

Many concerns characterized as civil rights issues today, she told Headway, "certainly should not be elevated above the category of

behavior because there is a choice."

Alveda King is equally as blunt on the issue of school choice, which she views as the best way to empower parents to ensure their children's education.

"I believe that if Martin Luther and A.D. King were here, they would say, 'Do what's best for children,'" she told lawmakers at a recent press conference in Washington, D.C.

"It (the idea of school choice vouchers) may sound radical, but so were they," she said of her uncle and father, the late A.D. King, who also was killed while fighting for civil rights in the 1960s.

Alveda King's public pronouncements may place her at odds with her relatives, but she seems willing to pay that price, if necessary. Media representatives may request a copy of the Dec./Jan. edition by calling Headway at (281) 444-4265.

CITYWIDE USHERS WILL MEET

The City Wide Ushers will meet Saturday, January 10, 1998 at 5:00 p.m. at the New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue. Rev. Billy R. Moton is the host pastor.

This being the first meeting of the year, we know Christ left his heavenly home above and put on humanity. Then walked the long road to the cross to pay

sin's penalty. Let's drive the short distance to learn how to serve Him together. Please attend this meeting.

Please don't forget your canned items and non-perishables.

Brother Robert Cork, president; Sister L.E. Harris, Sister A. Conway, secretary; Sister Annie Sanders, director; and Sister Minnie Darthard, reporter.

DUNBAR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WILL MEET

The Dunbar Alumni Association will meet Saturday, January 10, 1998 at 4:00 p.m. at Mae Simmons Community Center. All members are asked to be present as plans are underway for the 4th Dunbar All Class Reunion.

It is most important for members to please attend. Members are needed! Anyone wishing to join the Association may do so also. Membership dues are \$12.00 a year per household.

R.L. Toler is president.

Obituary



ALLIE SIMS

Final rights were read for Mrs. Allie Viola Sims last Wednesday afternoon, December 31, 1997 at the Hope Deliverance Church with Elder Charles Tanner, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the directions of Jamison's Funeral Home.



ALVIS WRIGHT

A U S T I N , TEXAS -- Services were held for Alvis Joyce Wright, 40, last Saturday afternoon at the King-Tears Mortuary Chapel of Austin, Texas with burial in Assumption Cemetery.

She passed away Sunday, December 21, 1997.

A native of Lubbock, Texas, she graduated from Estacado High School. She moved to Austin in June, 1981.

Mrs. Sims passed away here on Saturday, December 27, 1997 at St. Mary Hospital.

She was born in Gonzales, Texas on March 23, 1930.

She leaves to mourn her passing; her husband, Johnny Hewitt Sims; two sons, Robert DeShawn Sims of Lubbock, Texas and Robert F. Lampkin of Arlington, Texas; two daughters, Wonder F. Nelson and Linda K. Christian, both of San Antonio, Texas; and eight grandchildren.

Survivors include: her parents, Alvin and Onetta Wright of Lubbock, Texas; five children: Iris Denise Anderson, Jennifer Gayle Lewis, Mikah Erin Wright, Sheldon Blake Freeman and Rachel Rene Freeman; four brothers: Michale Eugene Wright of Lubbock, Texas, Alvin Wright, III of Dallas, Texas, Kenneth Wright of Kingsville, Texas and Stephen Wright of Dallas, Texas; two sisters, Gayle Gragg of New Port News, VA and Helena Putnam of Austin, Texas; and her fiance, Louis Chalmers Freeman.

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WHY NOT VISIT A SCHOOL THIS YEAR! THIS N THAT...would like to challenge all of us...who have young people in school...or do not have school age kids...to visit a...SCHOOL THIS YEAR... This will help our young people... Just as...THOMAS W. DORTCH, JR...said while he was here... **"IF WE WOULD JUST SPEND ONE HOUR A YEAR WITH A YOUNG PERSON...just think about how they will feel... Let's help our young people...by visiting a school this year... Let's help our young people!!"**

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE...JANUARY 17TH!!

WHEN KIDS PERFORM, THEY LEARN!

by Dr. Lenora Fulani



The Development School for Youth, a project I co-direct, employs a new performance-based educational approach that challenges the prevailing view of how young people learn. It is a rigorous three-month leadership training program for young adults between the ages of 16 and 22 that uses performance to enable them to make the transition from school—which is where they are now—to the world of work.

The Development School for Youth is structured as a 12-act "play" in which the students, most of them in high school, perform as leaders in a variety of "scenes." These are some of the scenes in which the first group of 17 trainees—who were graduated last May—performed: a tour of the New York Stock Exchange, conducted by a retired managing director of Merrill Lynch; a visit to the ABC-TV television studios in midtown, led by a senior writer on a popular daytime show; a public speaking class taught by a professional actor; classes in computer proficiency, resume writing, and dressing for success; and a two-day visit to Washington, D.C., during which the students made presentations to

members of Congress on issues of concern to youth. All of these workshops are led by adult professionals who are supporters of the program and who volunteer their time. Many of these adults have told me how it has been developmental for them, too!

A scene that was recently added to our development play was directed by one of our supporters, the owner of an advertising agency. This advertising executive and members of his staff met with the young people to develop an advertising campaign for their Development School for Youth as a way to show them something of how the advertising business works. As part of creating the "campaign," the young people were organized into a "focus group" where they came up with a slogan to describe the leadership training program: **SCHOOL AS IT SHOULD BE.**

In addition to such basic performance requirements as being ready to go on-stage, on time and "in costume" for each scene, the students are expected to do the homework assignments based on the exercises in *Let's Develop!*—the marvelous book by Dr. Fred Newman is our textbook. They also produce a professional resume, and take part in a mock job interview. All 17 members of the Spring class were placed in paid summer

internships. We are enormously proud of the rave reviews our students received, with several of them being invited to come back next summer or offered permanent part-time jobs after school.

The current class consists of 14 young people, who will graduate on December 17. Like the first group of trainees, the class is very heterogeneous. It includes a Muslim young woman, a 15-year-old from Hong Kong whose family came to New York two years ago, a Jewish young man who is a freshman at John Jay College (at 22 he is our elder statesman), several young people whose parents are recent immigrants from the Caribbean, and African American youngsters.

In the Development School for Youth, young people are performing ahead of themselves, doing more than they are "scheduled" to do, stepping outside the fixed identities that keep them undereducated and unconnected to the world at large.

As the co-director of the DSY, I've also been performing. At The Development School for Youth and the All Stars, we're participating with the young people in creating new developmental performances for all of us, and together are learning a great deal in the process.

LETTER TO EDITOR: GOOD JOBS NEEDED FOR INNER-CITY RESIDENTS

Dear Editor:

There are those who rather engage in self-deception and withholding one's better judgement when it comes to the problems of the inner-city and the Black and poor of Lubbock. But from sea to shining sea, the solution to the problems of the impoverished is the same. Good paying jobs!!

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If we are truly concerned about the welfare of our youth or if we are around for kids or just kidding around, especially in the absence of an income-tax. It is a critical era in the future of the development of Lubbock.

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CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS URGES FULL DISCLOSURE IN CIA-CRACK COCAINE REPORT

Raises Concerns About Classified Material

Washington, DC -- this matter will be issued by Congresswoman Maxine Waters today released letters to Michael Bromwich, Inspector General of the Department of Justice (DOJ) and Edward Hitz, Inspector General of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) urging them to present their findings on the allegations of involvement of the CIA to drug trafficking in South Los Angeles in a "complete and open" manner that will be easily accessible to the American people.

After allegations were made in the San Jose Mercury News citing possible links between drug trafficking in South Central Los Angeles, the Nicaraguan Contra movement and the CIA, a request for a full investigation was made by Rep. Waters and other Members of Congress. Congress mandated that the Inspector Generals of the CIA and the DOJ determine whether the CIA was involved or had knowledge of drug trafficking. Both the CIA and the Department of Justice have indicated that their reports on

"The American people have a lot of questions about the possible connections between the CIA and drug trafficking and they deserve answers to those questions that are clear and thorough," said Rep. Maxine Waters. "My biggest concern is that the reports, when they are issued, will provide answers, not raise more questions."

"There has been a national outcry for the truth. Any report that fudges on that truth or seeks to camouflage the truth under the guise of national security, is going to be greeted with distrust and suspicion. I am hopeful that both Mr. Bromwich and Mr. Hitz recognize that and that the report provide full and detailed answers."

The letter to Mr. Hitz reiterated some of the critical questions that have been raised, including whether the allegations of drug trafficking by the CIA made by the San Jose Mercury are true and what organizations were involved.

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COMBEST DRIVES HOME COMMON SENSE TEENAGE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

LUBBOCK -- U.S. Representative Larry Combest (R-Texas) says licensed 16 and 17 year old employees who legally drive to work should be able to sit behind wheels of the company car for an occasional errand. Combest is responding to the U.S. Labor Department's unannounced re-interpretation of on-the-job driving with "The Teen Driving Employment Act" (H.R. 2327). Combest, the U.S. House Small Business Vice Chairman, wants clear rules to ease the concerns of small businesses reluctant to hire licensed 16 and 17 year old drivers for occasional errands on the job.

Nationwide, teenage unemployment stands at 15 percent.

"Under the federal government's regulations, a young adult licensed to drive to work cannot move a car across the street while on the job," said Combest. "As it stands now, car dealers, law firms and other small offices will not hire licensed 16 or 17 year olds if they need them for occasional errands around town. Small businesses have no problem following the law, if government referees provide a rule book of regulations that are clear and fair. U.S. Labor Department inspectors reinterpreted the rules with penalties

of up to \$10,000 for any instance of more than a once-a-week driving errand." Combest's legislation sets firm safety standards for young adult driving errands that must occur only:

- * During daylight hours
 - * Within 50 mile radius of the worksite
 - * No more than 20 percent of the workweek or one-third of the workday
 - * Behind the wheel of automobiles, not trucks
 - * In vehicles no more than 6,000 pounds
 - * While holding a valid driver's license
- Combest's legislation has the backing of a total of 75 Democrats and Republicans.

SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE DATES SET FOR SPRING REGISTRATION

LEVELLAND--Registration dates for the spring 1998 semester have been announced by South Plains College.

Registration dates for the SPC Levelland campus, 1401 S. College Avenue in Levelland, are Jan. 15 for both day and evening registration.

Spring registration dates for the SPC

Lubbock campus, 1302 Main in Lubbock are Jan. 14 for returning students and Jan. 15 for new students.

Sign-up is Feb. 23-24 for the spring session at the SPC Reese Center, 6421 W. 4th St. in Lubbock.

Classes begin Jan. 20 on the SPC Levelland and Lubbock campuses.

Spring classes begin Feb. 25 at the SPC Reese Center.

To obtain a spring 1998 schedule of classes through Dec. 19 and beginning Jan. 5 contact SPC Levelland at 894-9611, ext 2373, SPC Lubbock at 747-0576, ext. 4606, or the SPC Reese Center at 747-0576 ext. 2902.

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THERE ARE MANY CHURCHES, THAT HAVE A SO CALL DRESS CODE; WHEN THE CHURCH SUPPOSE TO BE A FORT OR HOSPITAL; FOR LOST SOULS!!!

MARK 2:17, JESUS SAID, THEY THAT ARE WHOLE HAVE NO NEED OF THE PHYSICIAN, BUT THEY THAT ARE SICK; I CAME NOT TO CALL THE RIGHTEOUS, BUT SINNERS TO REPENTANCE. SOME CHURCHES ARE HUNG-UP; ON LIPSTICK THIS AND LIPSTICK THAT; BUT HAVING LIPSTICK ON ONE'S MOUTH IS NOT WHERE THE PROFANITY IS AT. MARK 7:15, JESUS SAID, THERE IS NOTHING FROM WITHOUT A MAN, THAT ENTERING INTO HIM CAN DEFILE HIM; BUT THE THINGS WHICH COME OUT OF HIM, THOSE ARE THEY THAT DEFILE THE MAN. (I BILLY B.J. WAS ONCE THAT DEFILE MAN; I USE TO INVENT CURSE WORDS; THE DEVIL USED ME BIG TIME. THAT IS WHY MY HEART GOES OUT FOR THE LOST MAN; I KNOW HE IS TIRED. LOOK AROUND CHURCH; HAVE YOU SEEN HIM??? HE WANTS TO COME IN FOR REST; BUT--MANY TIMES THEY SAY I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO WARE, BECAUSE HE HAVE SEEN ON SUNDAYS; PEOPLE WITH FIND CLOTHES ON GOING TO CHURCH; AND HE THINKS THAT IS THE WAY TO GO. CHURCH; TELL THEM TO COME AS THEY ARE!!!) MANY CHURCHES PREACH MEN'S HAIR; IS TOO LONG, NEED IT CUT; BUT IF YOU DON'T KNOW THE WORD OF GOD; THEN YOU NEED TO SHUT UP!!!

1 CORINTHIANS 11:14,16, DOTH NOT EVEN NATURE ITSELF TEACH YOU, THAT, IF A MAN HAVE LONG HAIR, IT IS A SHAME UNTO HIM? BUT IF ANY MAN SEEM TO BE CONTENTIOUS (QUESTIONABLE), WE (THE SAINTS) HAVE NO SUCH CUSTOM, NEITHER THE CHURCHES OF GOD (ONLY THE DEVIL'S CHURCHES).

MANY CHURCHES PREACH; SHORT DRESSES, HIGH-SPLITS, AND EVEN BLUE JEANS; BUT THEY NEED TO BE ON THE GOSPEL OF JESUS; WAYS TO GET THEIR SOUL CLEAN.

JOHN 3:16, JESUS SAID, FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD (THE UN- SAVED), THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON (JESUS), THAT WHOSOEVER (YOU AND ME) BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH (GO TO HELL), BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE (GO TO HEAVEN). CHURCH; THEY ALREADY KNOW ABOUT STYLES AND THING ON CLOTHES; SO THEN YOU NEED TO BE TEACHING AND WELCOMING; THEM INTO THE FOLD!!!

JOHN 10:16, AND OTHER SHEEP I HAVE, WHICH ARE NOT OF THIS FOLD: THE ALSO I MUST BRING, AND THEY SHALL HEAR MY VOICE; AND THERE SHALL BE ONE FOLD, AND ONE SHEPHERD (JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD).

CHURCH; WHY DON'T YOU DRESS, THE SAME ON WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAY NIGHTS; THE WORLD CAN'T SEE YOUR FANCY CLOTHES; I ASK IS THAT RIGHT???

MARK 7:6,7,8a, JESUS SAID, WELL HATH E'SAI-AS PROPHESED OF YOU HYPOCRITES, AS IT IS WRITTEN, THIS PEOPLE HONOU'RETH ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR FROM ME. HOWBEIT IN VAIN SO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING FOR DOCTRINES THE COMMANDMENTS OF MEN. FOR LAYING ASIDE THE COMMANDMENT OF GOD, YE HOLD THE TRADITION OF MEN.

***** WILL A CHURCH ROB GOD???******
WHEN THE SINNERS COME TO CHURCH; WELCOME THEM THU THE DOOR; YOU AND I WAS THAT SINNER ONE DAY; THAT IS WHAT GOD SAVED US FOR!!!

REVELATION 3:13,20, JESUS SAID, HE THAT HATH AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT SAITH UNTO THE CHURCHES. BEHOLD, I STAND AT THE DOOR, AND KNOCK; IF ANY MAN HEAR MY VOICE, AND OPEN THE DOOR; I WILL COME IN TO HIM, AND WILL SUP(DINE) WITH HIM, AND HE WITH ME.

GOD IS NOT THROUGH WITH US YET. SO LETS PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ALWAYS. WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY B.J. MORRISON, IN YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS ALWAYS!!!

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E. M. Blaiklock, says in "New Light of Bible Imagery", "But light, like God, exists by itself apart from that which it illuminate ... Light on earth is a medium, a means by which we see this and that object. It picks up and reveals the loveliness of shape and color, exist by itself and apart from that which it gilds and glorifies. It is an environment, a condition, a wonder which fills and floods the whole immensity of space."

Most of us will agree with Blaiklock. The image is rich, and it totally appropriate to describe the Lord Jesus Christ. He is

the image of the invisible God, the One who fills all in John Ruskin, a nineteenth century author and critic, once sat with a mend in the evening and watched a lamplighter, torch in hand, lighting the gas lamps on a nearby street. After the lamplighter had disappeared, Mr. Ruskin said, "There—that is what I mean by a real Christian. You can trace his steps by the light he leaves burning."

Where does the Christian get his lamp lighted? From the source of all light, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Jesus gives a new hope to people. Since we represent Jesus here on earth, we should be saying things to people that encourage them to have hope. We should avoid things that criticize people or discourage them from doing their best.

Try to remember that as you go through life each day to leave lights burning in each life you meet. Give them joy and hope.

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The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met at 9:30 a.m. last Saturday morning in the home of Brother and Sister Delbert Hood. Election of officers for the new year 1998 were elected. Thank God for all our people. Especially our new members. We opened the meeting with prayer and praise. Scripture was read by Sister Christine Burleson. Prayer was offered by Sister Dorothy Nash. The morning scripture lesson was taught by Sister Elnora Jones. Her scriptures were Phillip 3:13-14 and St. Luke 9:62.

"I'm still not all I should be, but I am bringing all my energies to bear on this one thing; forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead. I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God is calling us to heaven because of what Christ Jesus did for us."

But Jesus told him, anyone who lets himself be distracted from the work, I plan for him is not fit for the kingdom of God."

This teacher said: "We are forgetting the things in '97. Looking forward to 1998, by pressing our way."

"Taking back what the devil has taken from us. Trusting in the word of God - standing on his promises and believing," she said.

Thanks, Sister Jones, for the encouraging message. We love you. May God forever bless you in our special prayer. Breakfast was served with love to all.

Thoughts of the week: "Greater will be our obstacles, but greater will be our miracles this year." God is moved by your faith, not your need."

"Don't try to raise the dead before you learn to love your neighbors."

"God created an answer before a problem arose."

"Everything we do for Christ, do it with perfection."

For all our sick and bereaved in our community and elsewhere, remember our Lord has the answer. So trust Him. Read II Chronicles 7:14 and Mark 11:22-26.

Write to us: Outreach Prayer Breakfast, P.O. Box 1223, Lubbock, Texas 79406. Love all men even if they are unlovable.

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Church Community Outreach Suggested

Dharma Entertainment, in association with Action Media Products Inc., has initiated a unique publishing project which will raise funds for and awareness of a wide range of inner-city improvement programs across America. The theme of this multi-media event is "churches demonstrating their faith through their actions in their communities" and will feature church sponsored outreach programs that are making a difference in the battle against the crime, drugs, illiteracy, poverty and despair that consume so many people within our communities.

"The focus," says Dharma spokeswoman, Joi Peay, "will be on ministries that reach beyond the four walls of the church and demonstrate the historical role of the church as the institution that effects positive change in the environment. By introducing the real-world successes of these programs to a wider audience, we believe we can elicit greater support for existing programs and inspire others to start similar activities in their communities."

Dharma is inviting readers to nominate church programs in our community. Homeless shelters, drug treatment, food programs, gang prevention and youth counseling, literacy and education initiatives, employment and empowerment programs and similar ministries will all be considered. "We're looking for the Mother Hales in each community," says Ms. Peay in reference to the noted foster mother who raised and inspired over 1,000 children beginning with one drug addicted parent's child back in 1969.

If you are aware of a church-sponsored community betterment program that should be considered for this project, please write a short note to Dharma Entertainment, 1918 West Magnolia Blvd., Suite 207, Burbank CA 91506. Please include the name of the organization, the need that is addressed, any historical information, copies of available media coverage, if any, and contact information including a telephone number.

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STAR ENTERPRISE GIVES \$25,000 TO THE WASHINGTON TENNIS FOUNDATION



Washington, D.C. (December 17, 1997) -- Star Enterprise, recently donated \$25,000 to the Washington Tennis Foundation, a local non-profit dedicated to improving the life prospects for D.C. youth. Presented at the Myrtilla Miner Elementary School in Washington, D.C., the funds will be used to support the Arthur Ashe Children's Program (AACP).

Guided by the vision of the late tennis star, the Arthur Ashe Children's Program promotes the aggressive pursuit of academic and athletic excellence, and focuses on building self-esteem. It attracts hundreds of children from the District's most under-resourced communities, many of whom have gone on to compete in regional and national tennis tournaments.

According to Jennifer Brown Simon, executive director of the Washington Tennis Foundation, contributions from organizations like Star Enterprise enable children to benefit from the program until they graduate from high school. Some of these talented youngsters have won partial or full tennis scholarships to attend top-notch colleges and universities across the country. "It makes us feel good as a company to do something of this magnitude," said Tommy Simpson, marketing division manager for Star

Enterprise. "Arthur Ashe was a great role model. He gave something back to the community and we want to give something back, too."

This year more than 450 children participated in the program at 12 D.C. public schools. Students attend sessions four days a week during the school year, and all week in the summer.

During these fun-filled sessions, participants are taught team play, tennis prowess, life skills and academics tailored to their abilities and special needs. A college preparatory program and mentoring are also available for older students.

"We wanted to show our support for this program not only because of the tennis, but the other program components as well," said Mike Diebus, district manager for Star Enterprise.

"It means so much to the kids," added Paul Ignatius, who chairs the Washington Tennis Foundation Development Committee. "Our aim is to help these kids through school and on to college."

Headquartered in Houston, Texas, Star Enterprise is a joint venture between subsidiaries of Texaco and Saudi Aramco. The company refines and markets Texaco products in 26 East and Gulf Coast states and Washington, D.C.

Army Pathologist: Ron Brown May Have Suffered Gunshot Wound

By Elaine Hegwood Bowen

After the sudden death in April 1996 of U.S. Commerce Secretary Ron Brown, some in the African-American community said the crash of his plane in Bosnia reeked of conspiracy. Now, more than 18 months later, a Pittsburgh Tribune Review expose, while not clearly substantive, points to tragic circumstances.

A hole in Brown's skull could have been a gunshot wound, wrote reporter Christopher Ruddy. Ruddy interviewed several major players in the ensuing plane crash investigation, which didn't prompt an autopsy of Brown's corpse.

One reason that an autopsy wasn't performed is because White House officials were pressured to speed up the return of Brown's body to the United States for his funeral, Ruddy wrote.

According to Ruddy, Lt. Col. Steve Cogswell, a doctor and deputy medical examiner with the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, said that evidence that Brown may have been murdered has been ignored. A 22-volume report issued by the Air Force said the crash, which killed Brown and 34 business executives and others, resulted from pilot error and faulty navigation equipment.

Cogswell said an X-ray showed small metal fragments inside Brown's head and he claims according to Ruddy, that this X-ray has disappeared.

Ruddy wrote, "The pathologist said the fragments could be what pathologists sometimes call a 'lead snowstorm' pattern from a disintegrating bullet."

And while Cogswell didn't

examine Brown's corpse, Ruddy wrote, he (Cogswell) did interview colleagues who were part of the examination team. Cogswell also reviewed reports, records and photographs of the crash scene and victims.

Other Cogswell findings include the Air Force ignoring a two-step investigation process that calls for a safety board, in which all crashes are treated as suspect. Instead, Ruddy wrote, the Air Force went immediately into an accident investigation of the crash.

Shortly after the crash, the Bosnian airport maintenance chief was found dead, reportedly a suicide victim, the expose said.

Ruddy also wrote that investigators report the hole in Brown's head could have been caused by a piece of the plane, such as a rod, bolt or seat bracket.

With these and other findings Cogswell said suspicion should have been aroused because of Brown's position, Ruddy wrote. Just weeks before Brown's death, an investigation was underway to determine whether he had been involved in illegal financial transactions and possible illegal fund raising activities for the Democratic National Committee and a DNC-affiliate, the Asian Pacific Advisory Council. This investigation terminated upon his death, but a subsequent investigation of his son, Michael, was handled by the U.S. Justice Department.

Brown was in Bosnia to bolster support for trade and economic assistance by helping U.S. companies develop closer ties with Bosnia.

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New York--Success for Dionne Warwick seemingly knows no limits. Her illustrious 30-year career as an R&B and Pop songstress, has been lined with gold and platinum hits, as well as collaborating with top entertainers. She even proves her mettle as an entrepreneur with the launching of her cosmetics & fragrance line, her interior design firm and several other projects. Recently acclaimed for lending her classic tune, "I



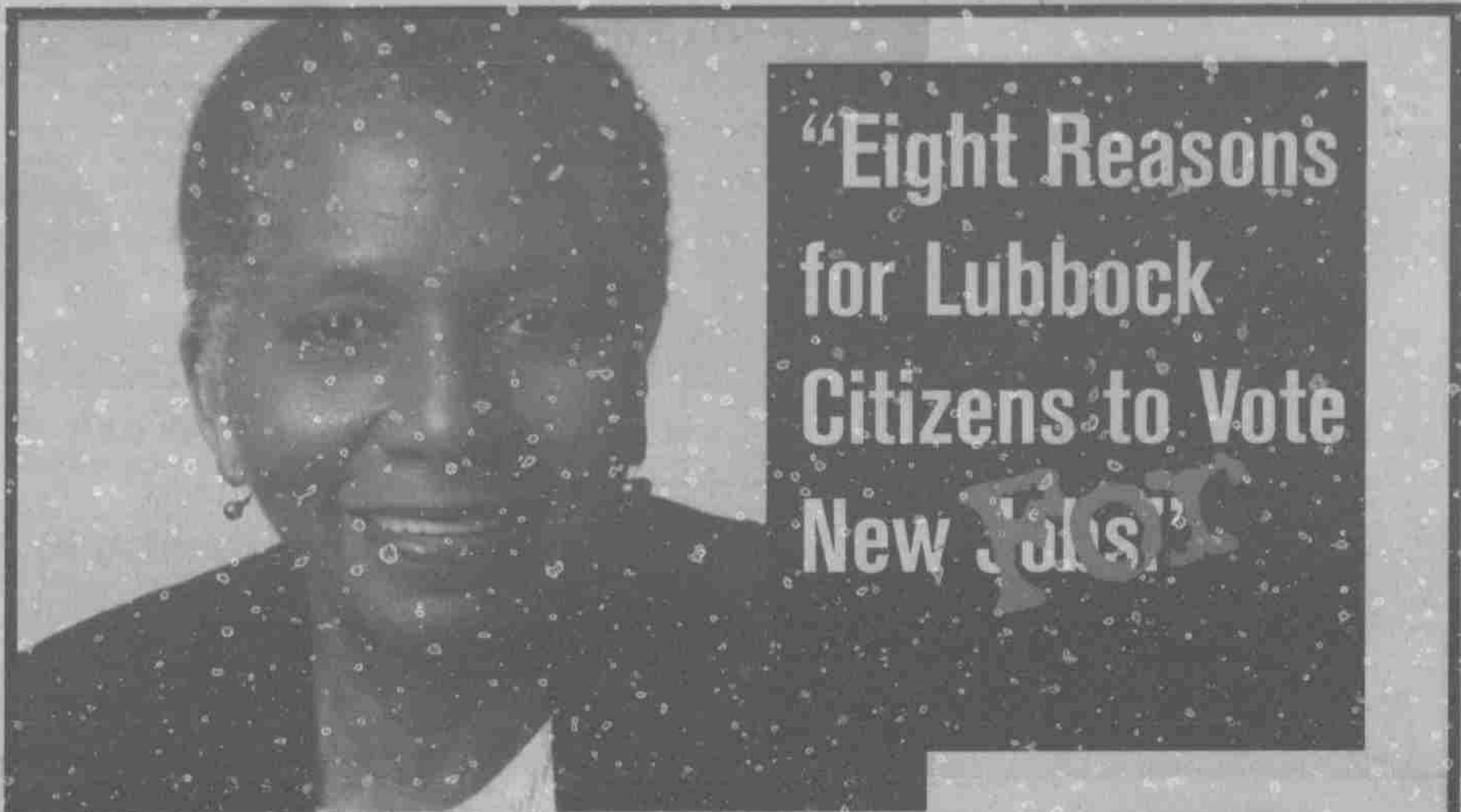
Say A Little Prayer" to the mega-hit movie, My Best Friend's Wedding, Ms. Warwick continues to tour the world with performance dates and look for her duet with Chuck Jackson, "If I Let Myself Go" on Wave Entertainment. The song proves that Ms. Warwick still has the effortless, acrobatic vocal ability that made her a household name...and a legend.

So, when the woman who has it all

sought public relations representation for her endeavors who did she turn to? None other than Angelo A. Ellerbee and his team at Double Xposure. An industry veteran of over 20 years, Ellerbee's Double Xposure provides Ms. Warwick with opportunities to share her career efforts with the public. Double Xposure Public Relations, Inc. is celebrating its' tenth year as a PR powerhouse representing such acts as Mary J. Blige, Petra, Laura Branigan, and now Dionne Warwick.

Warwick and Ellerbee share the commonality of both hailing from Newark, NJ. And, although their careers have traveled along separate paths, the two have come together, a reunion of the Ironbound City's finest.

Double Xposure is proud to welcome Ms. Warwick to their family of artists. You are cordially invited to contact Double Xposure for interview inquiries with Ms. Warwick and Mr. Ellerbee as well.



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