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NATIONAL NEWS

AAF Plans "First Diversity Summit on Capitol Hill"

The American Advertising Federation (AAF) will host the first Diversity Summit in Washington, D.C., July 14, to explore issues facing minority entrepreneurs in advertising and strategies to increase diversity in mainstream companies. The Summit will bring together top executives from leading minority ad agencies and media companies, major advertisers, and two leading lawmakers—Chief Deputy Whip of the House of Representatives, Congressman Robert Menendez (D-NJ), and Congresswoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick (D-MI), a member of House Banking and Finance Committee. The program will address the implications of America's increasing ethnic diversity for the advertising industry, including workforce diversity and minority business development. African Americans and Hispanics comprise less than seven percent of ad industry managers and the majority are employed by minority-owned businesses. Access to capital and to a representative share of media dollars also pose challenges for minority-owned companies, despite the growth of ethnic buying power. "Research shows that cultural differences affect everything from viewing habits to purchasing behavior. Advertising must acknowledge and reflect these differences to be effective," said AAF president and CEO Wally Snyder. "After all, minority consumers now have a combined purchasing power of \$800 billion."

Report Warns of Health Reversals as

Minority Teen Smoking Increases

Rapid increases in smoking by minority teenagers threaten to reverse the progress against lung cancer among minority populations made during the early 1990s, according to a report from the surgeon general. The report is the first in the 34-year history of surgeon general's studies to focus on tobacco use among ethnic and racial minorities. "We are witnessing the first steps of a potentially tragic reversal for the health of American minorities," said Dr. David Satcher, the new surgeon general. The report surveyed tobacco use and its health consequences among all four major U.S. racial and ethnic minority groups: African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian-American/Pacific Islander and Hispanic. According to the report, cigarette smoking is a major cause of death and disease in all four groups. Death rates from lung cancer are 50 percent higher among African-American men than among White men. In recent years tobacco use among adolescents from racial and ethnic minority groups has begun to increase rapidly. Though their rates remain considerably lower than those of Whites, cigarette smoking among African-American

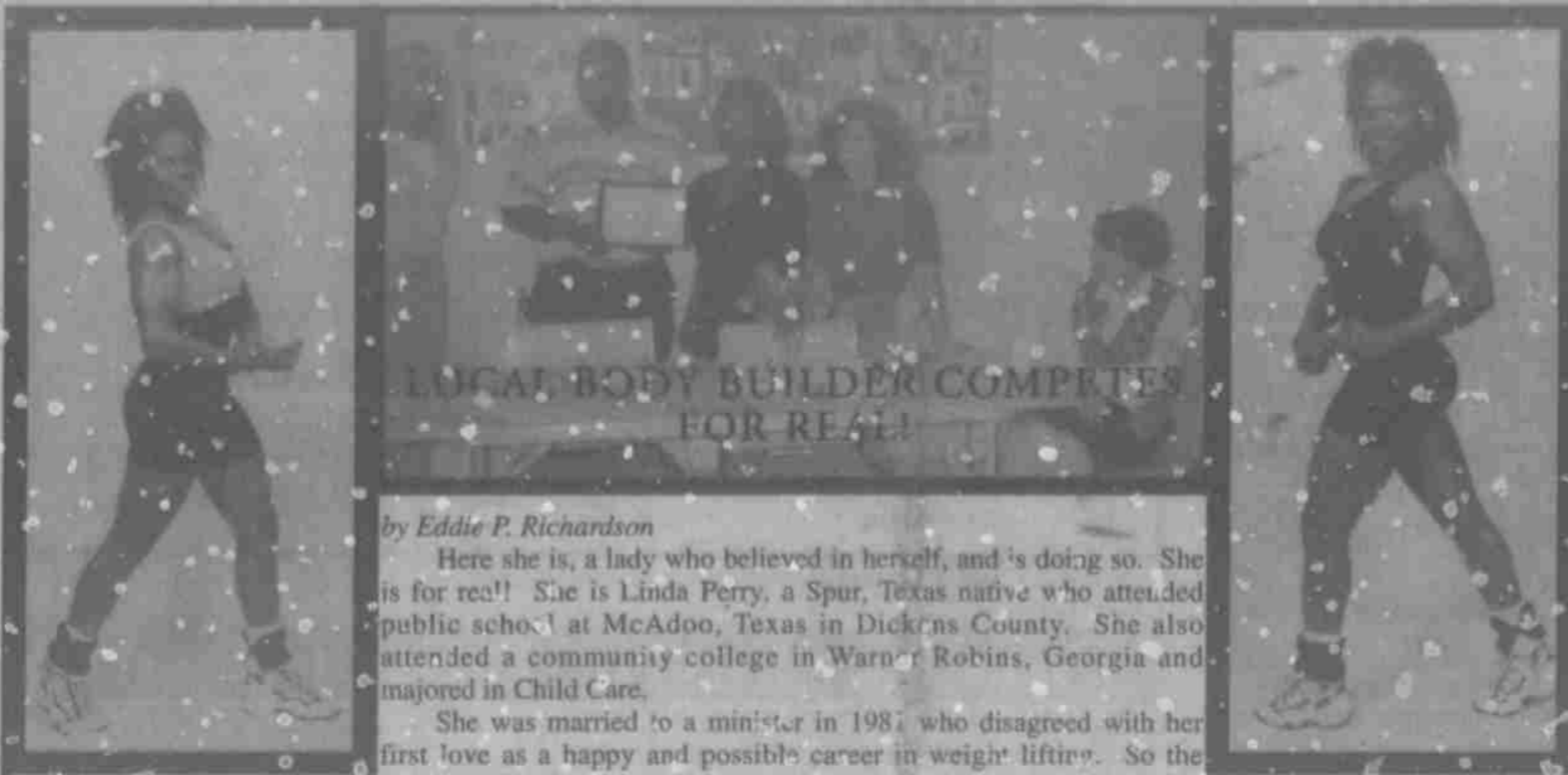
and Hispanic adolescents has

increased in the 1990s after several years of substantial declines among adolescents of the major racial and ethnic groups. African-American youths had the greatest decline of the four groups during the 1970s and 1980s, but the steepest increase in use in the 1990s. Cigarette smoking among African-American teens has increased 80 percent over the last six years—three times as fast as among White teens. For a copy of the report call 1-800-CDC-1311.

Events to Honor African-American

Civil War Troops

From Wednesday, July 15 through Saturday, July 18, the long ignored contribution of the United States Colored Troops (USCT) to the Union effort in winning the Civil War will finally be recognized in the nation's capital in a series of events and ceremonies. The highlight of the four day event will be the dedication of the African-American Civil War Memorial and the unveiling of the "Spirit of Freedom" sculpture. Other activities include: the second annual tribute at the Arlington National Cemetery to honor and recognize the 208,943 U.S. Colored troops and their White officers and their estimated 30,000 sailors who served in the Civil War. Other activities include a symposium hosted by Howard University to salute Dr. John Hope Franklin, chair of the Presidential Commission on Race and to address the history of the USCT. A Re-enactors Parade to salute the USCT will travel along a route chosen in memory of George Washington Williams. He not only fought in the Civil War, he was later elected to Congress where he introduced a bill to have a memorial erected at the site now known as Banneker Field on historic Georgia Avenue, to honor the Black soldiers who fought in the Civil War. The Bill passed in the house but not the senate.



LOCAL BODY BUILDER COMPETES FOR REAL!

by Eddie P. Richardson

Here she is, a lady who believed in herself, and is doing so. She is for real! She is Linda Perry, a Spur, Texas native who attended public school at McAdoo, Texas in Dickens County. She also attended a community college in Warner Robins, Georgia and majored in Child Care.

She was married to a minister in 1981, who disagreed with her first love as a happy and possible career in weight lifting. So the marriage dissolved.

She will admit she has always been interested in body building and weight lifting as long as she can remember. While she was married to this preacher, she drove from Spur to Lubbock at least three times a week to work out at Gold's Gym. The preacher husband became more and more upset with her lifestyle. So she abruptly stopped. At home, however, she worked out with water jugs, canned goods and anything else she could find to use to work out with, including bricks. As you can imagine, she was a determined young lady.

At this time, Linda is a single parent. She still works out, but not as much. She runs a lot, but also devotes most of her time to rear her children.

Linda's first encounter with Lubbock was through Women's Protective Services. While a participant of the program, the gym was mentioned to her. So she would work out to relieve the stress. This, as one would imagine, rekindled her interest in body building. It gave her self-esteem. She had been told "You cannot make it in this field."

Linda has never had a trainer. She has always been self taught, i.e. from books, television programs and any type of information she could find. Through all of this, she entered amateur body building contests. She was told repeatedly she was too fat, too ugly and now too old. But Linda has a strong belief in God, and she constantly asks Him for guidance. Since she has never had a trainer, she observes the pros in the gym. She asks questions from anyone who has information she can use from all types of body building personalities. This includes information about diet and nutrition. She also reads anytime she can about various subjects on this subject.

Although she needs help, she believes in helping others at the Women's Protective Services. She tells them they can make it. She likes to motivate and help others to gain self esteem. She says, "It has been hard for me, but I am on my way by the help of God." "You know, if one believes in God and has self esteem, they can make it."

Linda will be in a body building contest in Fort Worth, Texas on Saturday, August 22, 1998, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

At present time, Linda works at the Children Learning Center, 3515 22nd Place. She advises young people, especially Black females, in many cases can see no hope - is "All things are possible for me with God's help. Nothing beats a failure, but a try. If you must dream, dream big always; believe in yourself."

Linda has very little support and being a Black female what little support she gets comes from her employer and few friends. You know, this young lady could possibly be a world champion or at least a very strong contender. It would be a very positive thing if there was a company or an organization in Lubbock would help her with a trainer. This would be great, because Linda came from nothing with nothing. She has come a mighty long way on her own with the proper help and support, the sky could be the limit.

Linda knows competition and compassion. She came from a family of twelve siblings - 6 boys and 6 girls, plus she was a twin. She was always referred to as the "fat one", her twin was referred to as the "slim one." With twelve young people in this family, this writer there was plenty of competition for everything she wanted as a child.

Linda was referred to the Southwest Digest by the humble servant of the people, Eller Contreras-Calderon. Ellen, you pulled on on us! Thank you!

"In the Words of America's Noble Ancestors"

Precious, Precious MAMMY



By Donna Wyant Howell

In the 1930s, thousands of former American slaves dictated their full life stories. This bi-weekly column gives American history in their own words, often providing little-known information. The following quotes from the ex-slaves' full life stories are taken, along with their photographs, from the series of books entitled

"I WAS A SLAVE." Please deal well with the usage of the word "nigger" and accept it in the era of time and the context in which it is used.

Margaret Thornton: "I was brung up ter nurse [care for white children and adults] an' I se did my share of dat, too, honey, let me tell you. I has nursed gran'maws an' den deir gran'chiles."

Isaac Martin (TX): "My mudder she raise 't' Mistus' baby chile. She uster suckle [breastfeed] him jis' like he her own baby and he allus t'ink [always thought] lots of her. After he a' growed up man, he uster bring her presents lots of times. He call her 'Mammy' all de time."

Jeff Calhoun (AL): "My massa had 15 chillun and my mamma suckled every one of dem, 'cause his wife was no good to give milk."

Walter Rimm (TX): "Mammy ... done ever'thing. She cleans de house, 'tends to de white an' black chillun's clothes an' also chastise de kids."

The honor that is due to Mammy somehow became lost in the undeserved shame created by caricatures on products and figurines. Mammy was the title of the head house slave (not used here as "mammy" meaning mother). Slave men were not allowed to have her kind of power for obvious reasons. The closest to her in status was the male field slave overseer. Mammy, however, was looked to as next in line to the slaveowner and the white overseer. As far as day-to-day operations were concerned, she usually had more decision-making ability than even the slaveowner's spouse (but, of course, could not assert any authority if actually challenged). Mammy molded the minds of the white children that she raised. She influenced the actions of the household. She was

held in high regard by her master and usually by all of the house and field slaves. Somewhere along the line, we have forgotten to pay our respects to this force that persevered through such adverse circumstances. Not much has been said about her. She cleaned the Big House, cooked, raised the children, and tended to the slaveowner's needs, did the same for her family, and (amazingly) sometimes found ways to help the poverty-stricken white people living nearby. She was America's mother.

Mildred Graves (VA): "You know in dem days, dey didn't have many doctors. Well, I was always good when it come to de sick, so dat was mostly my job. I was also what you call a midwife, too. Whenever any o' de white folks 'roun' Hanover was goin' to have babies, dey always got word to Mr. Tinsley dat dey want to hire me fer dat time. Sho', he let me go. 'Twas money fer him, you know."

Charity Anderson (AL): "I had charge of all de keys to de house and I waited on de Missis and de chillun. I laid out all de clo'se [clothes] on Sat'dy night, and den Sunday mawnin's, I'd pick up all de dirty things. Dey didn't have a thing to do." Gus Feaster (SC): "In dem days, all de darky wimmens wore dey hair in strings, 'cep' when dey 'tended church or a wedding. At de camp meetings [which included several plantations], de wimmens pulled off de head rags, 'cept de Mammies. On dis occasion, de Mammies wore linen head rags fresh laundered. Dey wore de best aprons wid long streamers ironed and starched cut a-hanging down dey backs."

Harriet Jones (TX): "Fer breakfus, I bring in de coffee an' de waffles. Mammy makes dem on de waffle iron. She move de stove lid an' sets de waffle iron down on de fire. W'en hit gets hot, den she pour in de dough, brown hit on one side, turn hit over time er two. W'en hit brown, open up de waffle iron an' butter dem good, den pour on de 'lasses. An' effen yo' never did eat de ole time waffle dat [Mammy] used ter make, den yo' miss half yo' life."

To volunteer for the American Slaves National Monument project or for information about this series of books containing full life stories, call 202-737-7827. Please call now while you're thinking about it. We need you.

Barbara Cottman Bechel discusses her collaboration with Stanley "Tookie" Williams on

LIFE IN PRISON



In the spring of 1971, seventeen-year-old Stanley "Tookie" Williams teamed up with Raymond Lee Washington, also seventeen, to start a street gang in South Central Los Angeles that would protect them from other neighborhood gangs. Stan and Raymond had about thirty friends who were the first members of this new group—a gang that became the notorious Crips.

Raymond was murdered in 1979 by a rival gang member. Two years later, Stan was found guilty of killing four people during two robberies. He was sent to San Quentin's death row on April 20, 1981. He has been there ever since, while he appeals his imprisonment and his death sentence.

From his prison cell, Stan has kept track of the growth of violent copycat Crips gangs across the nation and around the world: They are in forty-three states and in parts of western Africa, South Africa, Sweden, Canada, Germany, and France.

Stan now greatly regrets the violent history of the Crips. He is doing as much as he can to guide young people away from the road that led him to death row. These days, Stan writes books for children of all ages that focus on the tough lessons he has learned. He wants to teach kids how to make better choices than he did. Stan has also created "Tookie's Corner," an Internet education site at www.tookie.com on the World Wide Web. There he regularly posts messages to young people that he hopes will convince them to live a life that keeps them out of prison. And Stan has an e-mail address—tookie@tookie.com—where kids can write to him if they have questions or need to communicate with someone.

I met Stan in January 1993, while I was writing a book about the history of the Crips and Bloods gangs. I needed to talk to Stan to find out how the Crips got started. After I wrote him several letters, he invited me to San Quentin to ask questions about his past as a Crips leader. During that meeting, I learned of Stan's remorse for having cofounded the Crips and discovered he wanted to make amends for that mistake—to make up for at least some of the destructiveness that had come from starting the Crips. Soon I began helping him write violence prevention books for children and develop other projects, such as "Tookie's Corner."

The way Stan and I work together is this: He writes a chapter and then dictates over the telephone what he has written. I type it into my computer and edit his work. We also talk about how a book should be written before he writes the first page. With Life in Prison, for example, Stan decided early on that there would be "no sugarcoating of what goes on in prison."

I agreed to work with Stan because I believe he is serious when he says he wants to help young people experience a better life than he has had. I also believe in redemption, which means that I believe people who make mistakes even terrible mistakes—can change their lives if they are willing to admit what they've done; wreat and work hard to rebuild their character.

From all that I've witnessed over the five years since I first met Stan, he has truly met that test of redemption.

—Barbara Cottman Bechel

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Ruby Jay's Corner

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2602 Birch Avenue, is the church where the people really care, and the Rev. Billy R. Moton is the proud pastor. Pastor Moton and members cordially invite those of you who are looking for a church home to come and visit New Hope.

Last Sunday morning was Youth Day and they were in charge of Sunday School with Supt. Henry Higginbotham presiding. All teachers and students had their regular 30 minutes of instruction in their various classrooms. All reassembled at 10:15 a.m. singing "Love Lifted Me" and marched into the main auditorium. High points of the morning lesson were given by Adult Class No. 4. It was very well done. The Secretary's report: Youth Department Kindergarten class received the Offering Banner with a collection of \$22.00. There was a tie between the Intermediate Class and Junior Class for the Attendance Banner. Adult Department: Adult Class No. Men's Class lost both banners to Class No. 2 who were both banners with an offering of \$590.90.

The morning devotional period at 10:45 a.m. last Sunday morning was led by brother and sister R.J. Givens.

The Senior Choir marched in the processional singing "I'll Praise Him." Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Jeff Brown. A song, "I Made It Over" was sung. Scripture was read by Sister Gayla Hereford, and prayer was given by sister Vickie Kendrick. Another song, "Order My Steps" was sung. Responsive reading was done with the congregation standing and led by Sister Lena Sheffield. The morning hymn was "There's Power in the Blood."

Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton. He told the congregation of power in the blood. The Senior Choir really sang out of their hearts. The hymn of preparation was "Near the Cross." Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "He Cares for Me." His scripture text was St. Luke 15:4-7. It was a great message as Pastor Moton told the congregation how much God cares for each of us. It was some message! We praise God for Pastor Moton who speaks from his heart each week. An invitation discipleship was extended and one came back to the church for restoration, and two came to join the church by Christian experience.

Sister Florenza Stokley is home from Austin, Texas after spending a most enjoyed visit with her children.

Mary Mitchell attended the family reunion of her father last week in Birmingham, Alabama. Her sisters joined her there. All had a wonderful time.

Funeral services were held for Mydra Hereford last Saturday at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church at 2:00 p.m. with Pastor J.J. Johnson officiating. Ossie Curry Funeral Home was in charge of direction.

The members of the Barbara Jordan Senior Citizens met at New Zion Baptist Church last Sunday where Rev. Marshall D. Harris is pastor.

Let Salute these workers: Helen Watson read the announcements last Sunday morning at New Hope while Margie Runnels greeted the visitors. Both did a wonderful job.

Let us remember our sick and shut-in citizens of the community and other places. You just don't know when your time will come...GOD ONLY KNOWS.

Buy Back Program

The City of Lubbock Solid Waste Department and the County of Lubbock will be conducting a Large Item Buy Back Program the week of July 27th in an effort to reduce the number of mattresses, large furniture items and appliances illegally dumped into the alleyways, vacant lots and county roads. This will be the fifth buy back program offered by the City and the second joint City and County effort. During the previous buy back in April, the City bought back 4,187 items and paid out \$8,334.

City and County of Lubbock residents can bring old mattresses, box springs, couches, chairs, appliances and other household items that are too large to place into dumpsters, to the landfill for proper disposal. City and County residents will be paid \$2.67 for each large item that they bring to the landfill. The City and County do reserve the right to limit the number of items accepted each day.

Drop-off hours and location will be as follows:

CITY OF LUBBOCK LANDFILL, 6603 NORTH AVENUE P.	
Monday, July 27th	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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Wednesday, July 29th	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 30	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday, July 31st	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 1st	7:00 a.m. to noon

The buy back program is an ongoing program that is held the last week of the month in January, April, July and October. In case of bad weather, call 775-2482 for an alternate drop-off location.

In addition, the City of Lubbock Solid Waste Department also provides the Dial A Dumpster Program where residents and neighborhood groups can borrow a 30 cubic yard roll-off container to be used free of charge to clean up property and neighborhoods.

For more information on either of these programs, please call the Solid Waste Department at 775-2482.

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Parents Settle Lawsuits in Son's Death

By Sonya M. Teiser
Special to the NNPA from the Pittsburgh Courier

The parents of Jonny Gammage, the Black motorist who died while in the custody of suburban Pittsburgh police, did not come to town on June 11 to formally announce the acceptance of a \$1.5 million settlement offered by the defendants in a civil lawsuit they filed as a result of their son's death. The Syracuse, N.Y. couple was unavailable because of a recent death in the family. On hand was local attorney William King, who represented the family in the lawsuit. He said the Gammages will return to Pittsburgh for a later press conference. "We felt it was time to settle," said King. "It at least gives them something they can live with." None of the defendants in the lawsuit admitted any wrongdoing in Gammage's death. However, the suburban communities of Brentwood, Whitehall and Beldwin as well as the Brentwood EMS will each pay one-fourth of the settlement. King spoke briefly to the Courier prior to the cancellation of the scheduled press conference. He said the settlement proves that Black attorneys can successfully represent clients in complicated cases. Gammage, a 31-year-old businessman and cousin to former Pittsburgh Steeler Ray Seals, was stopped by Brentwood Lt. Milton Mulholland on Oct. 12, 1995, approximately one mile inside the Pittsburgh city limits. Gammage was driving Seals' Jaguar through a predominantly White community. Reports say four more officers converged on the scene and a scuffle ensued. An autopsy revealed Gammage died of compression to his upper torso. His body showed signs of a beating. A coroner's inquest recommended that all five officers be charged with homicide but, their district attorney Robert Colville only filed charges against three officers (Mulholland, Brentwood Sgt. John Vojtas and Baldwin Officer Michael Albert) and reduced the charge to involuntary manslaughter. Vojtas has since been acquitted, and after two trials, a jury has yet to

decide on the innocence or guilt of Mulholland and Albert. In earlier interviews, Narves and Jonny Gammage Sr. have repeatedly stated they wanted closure in the case. But the community, which has no direct connection with their son, is still concerned about the future of the officers involved. However, University of Pittsburgh Law professor Robert Harper said the focus must be on what is in the best interest of the family. "When you have a suit like this, the question that comes up most often is to look at the parties and the parents and their desire. The policy of the law is to favor settlements and, if the parties can agree, you don't have to go to court and have prolonged representation...This is in the best interest of the family and brings closure," Harper said. He further explained that he could not speculate on whether or not the civil suit would have been successful. "When you go to court and you have to prove individual liability, it is difficult in this case. You would have to prove that the government condoned the wrongful death..." "It's really impossible ever to put a value on a human being's life. Therefore, you have to go to the party and ask for what would you accept. If they've agreed upon it, it has to be a good settlement," he said. But Dorothy Urquhart, who organized many protests in the aftermath of Gammage's death said she is "still concerned about getting justice." She said her organization, The United Concerned Christians at Work, is still insisting that all of the police officers be charged and held accountable. "No money can bring her son back," but felt the settlement should have been more. "It should be \$10 million (and) the city of Pittsburgh should be included in the settlement because it was within the city limits. He was a businessman and would have made his million. The police cut short a businessman's life."

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 Hours vary somewhat at each location and are based on previous patterns of usage by the neighborhoods. The senior center at 2061 19th St. and Mae Simmons Senior Center at 23rd and Oak are open from 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday.
 The combination Copper Rawlins senior/community center at 40th and Ave. B is open from 8 am to 8 pm, Monday through Friday and on Saturdays from 1 to 6 pm.
 The Maggie Trejo Super Center at 3200 Amherst and Simmons Community Center at 23rd and Oak are available from 7:30 am to 9 pm, Monday through Friday and from 1-6 pm on Saturdays.
 Macey Community Center at 30th and Oxford is open from 7:30 am until 8 pm Monday through Friday and 1-6 pm on Saturdays.
 Hodges Community Center at 41st and University is open from 9 am to 8 pm weekdays and from 9 am to 6 pm on Saturday. All of the centers are closed on Sundays.
 For more information about the community and senior centers, contact Angie Hobbs at 775-2678.
 Of course, if you really need to cool off, go to one of the Parks and Recreation swimming pools. Admission is just \$1.50 for age 17 and under and \$2 for adults 18 and older. And an even better value is on family nights each Tuesday. A family of four pays only \$2, with each additional member paying \$1.
 Pool hours are from 11 am to 3 pm on Saturday and Sunday, and 1 pm to 9 pm weekdays except Tuesday. Tuesday's hours are 1 pm to 6 pm, with family night starting at 6:30 and lasting until 9 pm.
 Pools are located at Macey Park, 30th and Oxford; Clapp Park, 46th and Ave. U; Rodgers Park, 3200 Bates; and Mae Simmons Park at 24th and MLK Blvd.
 For more information about the swimming pools, contact the pool manager at Clapp-767-2736; Macey-767-3739; Rodgers-767-2734; and Mae Simmons-767-2732.


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Nicole Weatherspoon Speaks to Youth



One of Lubbock's own, Mrs. Nicole Weatherspoon delivered a dynamic message to the young people during Youth Night at the Northwest Conference of the Annual Conference June 3, 1998 at the Four Points Hotel by the Sheraton. She spoke on the theme: Hold on, Change is Coming! She brought forth information which was very positive about the future of youth in the church. She was introduced by Ms. Alicia Walls, daughter of Ms. Lena Walls.
 Ms. Weatherspoon is the daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Clarence Weatherspoon, pastor and wife of Carter Chapel C.M.E. Church. Nicole graduated from Coronado High school in 1991, and Texas Tech University in 1995 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She majored in English, with a minor in Biology. She enrolled in Texas Tech in the Master's program in 1996. Pursuing a degree in Public Administration with emphasis on Health Care Administration.
 This was the 64th Session of the Northwest Texas Annual Conference of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Bishop Marshall Gilmore, prelate.
 The Rev. Sharon Westly, director of Christian Education was in charge of this effort. Master of Ceremonies was Mr. Cory R. Donley.

A Father, Seen Newly
 By Ruth Oron
 In his essay "The Disesteemed Father" Eli Siegel the founder of Aesthetic Realism, writes:
"It is quite clear that fathers have been disesteemed and are disesteemed today. I believe that the fathers who feel, deep in their individual hearts, that they are seen rightly, would, if numbered, be stunningly few."
 When I began to study Aesthetic Realism, I heard that how we see our parents has a large effect on how we see the world. I didn't think this was true of me, because I grew up in a Kibbutz in Israel where children spent only a few hours each day with their parents. I learned that the mistake children make is to have contempt for their parents, rather than trying to use them to understand the world, and I saw that I did this. Contempt is defined by Mr. Siegel as the "disposition in every person to think he will be for himself by making less of the outside. My father, Zalli Shazar, married and settled in Palestine in 1936, and worked with others building the state of Israel. One of my earliest memories is of seeing him in the fields. He was driving a tractor with a great load of hay, and singing so loudly that his voice nearly drowned out the sound of the tractor. He looked proud and pleased. But I also saw my father resigned, not wanting to talk to anyone. Then there were times he would get into fistfights with people. I had contempt, feeling important thinking less of him; telling myself he was irrational.
 One afternoon, when I was eleven, my brother was drawing with a piece of chalk, which I wanted. I grabbed it from him and a fight began. My father tried to break it up. I shouted at him scornfully, "Go to hell!" He was so hurt and infuriated that he hit me in the face and broke my glasses. I ran from the house in tears, but inside I felt I had had a victory. Even though this was the only time my father hit me, I never let him forget it. I showed him that he couldn't give me a day's pleasure. "Children these days, as in other days," Mr. Siegel writes, "...can make and do make a father feel he isn't everything."
 I did not know then that the thing my father most hoped for was also my, and every person's deepest hope which Eli Siegel explained: to like the world. In one of my first Aesthetic Realism consultations, my consultants asked me, "Do you want to have good will for your father—to know what he feels and have him stronger? Do you think your father would like to feel he is a good person?"
 For the first time, I began to think of what my father deserved, and I realized how much his desire to like the world had been squashed by his own family. I thought with regret about comfortable being with my father. I was listening to what he was saying and felt it was important. It is Eli Siegel who has explained the tremendous danger of contempt. It makes for pain in domestic life—and it also is, he showed, the cause of war. The study of Aesthetic Realism is urgently needed because it teaches how to see people, both near and far away. Learning to have good will for people beginning with Zalli Shazar made it possible for me to have a passion about justice coming to the Palestinian people, persons I regret I once hated and feared.
 It meant a lot to me that my father who died not too long after I wrote this, had a chance to read it and was so glad that the beautiful effect Aesthetic Realism had on both of us could be useful to others. I am deeply grateful to Eli Siegel and Aesthetic Realism for enabling me to love and respect my father, and for understanding what fathers and daughters are hoping for all over the world.
 Note: This article is based on a talk I was honored to give at the Aesthetic Realism Foundation.

SHOWTIME PRESENTS "LINC'S,"
A NEW SERIES PREMIERING AUGUST 1 AT 10:00 PM (ET/PT)
 Edgy, Candid, Outspoken Comedy Series Stars Pam Grier, Steven Williams, Georg Stanford Brown
 Tisha Campbell Guest Stars in Recurring Role
 New York, NY, June 29, 1998 — On Saturday, August 1 at 10:00 PM (ET/PT), SHOWTIME premieres a new 13 episode series titled LINC'S. LINC'S, set in a popular bar and grill of the same name in Washington D.C., is an edgy ensemble comedy that deals candidly with adult issues — sex, politics and race — from an African-American perspective. Starring Pam Grier ("Jackie Brown"), Steven Williams ("The X-Files") and Georg Stanford Brown ("Tyson"), with special guest stars Tisha Campbell ("Martin") and Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje ("OZ") in recurring roles, LINC'S aims to deliver a comedy series that breaks television stereotypes, with a realistic and relentlessly honest view of the world. LINC'S, a half-hour series, premieres with a special one-hour episode.
 Co-starring Joe Inscoe ("Ill Fly Away"), Golden Brooks (Nickelodeon's "The Adventures of Pete and Pete") and Daphne Maxwell-Reid ("The Fresh Prince of Bel Air"), the series is created and executive produced by Tim Reid ("Frank's Place") and Susan Fales-Hill ("A Different World").
 LINC'S is the first series to shoot at Tim Reid's New Millennium Studios in Petersburg, Virginia. Debbie Allen ("Fame," "A Different World") directs the series' premiere episode. Adriana Trigiani is supervising producer with Charles Randolph-Wright serving as executive story editor.
 Set in a popular Washington D.C. watering hole that attracts everyone from political insiders to cab drivers, LINC'S offers a diverse cross-section of African-American lifestyles and opinions — conservative, liberal, Democrat, Republican, working class and professional.
 Pam Grier stars as "Eleanor," a children's rights activist with a crumbling marriage, who is a continuing counterpoint to the tavern's namesake, the very conservative Russell A. Lincoln a.k.a. "Linc," played by Steven Williams. Georg Stanford Brown plays "Johnnie," a D.C. lobbyist with questionable ethics. Tisha Campbell plays "Rosalee," Linc's daughter. Other characters include "Harlan," a white chief of staff for an incumbent senator, played by Joe Inscoe, "CeCe," a wisecracking waitress played by Golden Brooks; "Eartha," the neighborhood prostitute/call girl, played by Daphne Maxwell-Reid; and "Winston," a Nigerian cab driver with his finger on the latest gossip from Capitol Hill, played by Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje.
 Tisha Campbell starred as Gina on the series "Martin." Her film credits include "Sprung," "Boomerang," "House Party," "House Party II," "Another 48 Hours," "School Daze" and the cult classic "Little Shop of Horrors."
 Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje has a recurring role in the television series "OZ." His other television credits include "New York Undercover," "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" and "Deadly Voyage."
 Daphne Maxwell-Reid is well known for her character "Aunt Viv" on the hit television series "The Fresh Prince of Bel Air." Her other television credits include "Frank's Place," in which she co-starred with husband Tim Reid and "The Tim and Daphne Show," which the Reids created and co-starred in together. Reid is co-founder of New Millennium Studios with Tim, the first full-service film studio in Virginia.
 Showtime Networks Inc. (SNI), which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Viacom Inc., owns the premium television networks SHOWTIME, THE MOVE CHANNEL and FLIX. SNI operates and manages the premium television network SUNDANCE CHANNEL, which is owned by SNI Robert Redford and PolyGram Filmed Entertainment. SHOWTIME en Espanol, a separate audio feed of SHOWTIME, is available for the Spanish-speaking audience. SNI markets and distributes sports and entertainment events for exhibition to subscribers on a pay-per-view basis.

Cross Country Cycling Team Celebrates a Decade of Cycling and Service
 Lubbock, TX - Students from colleges and universities nationwide cycled into Lubbock on July 14 as part of Push America's Journey of Hope. The cyclists are traveling from San Francisco to Washington, D.C. to raise funds and awareness on behalf of people with disabilities. After spending the night in Lubbock, the team continued eastward with Post, TX as their next stop on the long trek to our Nation's Capital.
 Cyclists and crew arrived at noon at the Saturn of Lubbock where they were treated to lunch. At 2:30 pm, Journey of Hope performed a "Kids on the Block" puppet show for the Campfire Group. The team's schedule for the day was arranged through the efforts of Sandy Anderson (763-1092), and concluded with a 6 pm dinner and friendship visit with the Lubbock State School. Larry Throm (766-1052) has provided lodging at Lubbock High School for the team.
 The Journey of Hope is celebrating its tenth anniversary this year. Since its inception in 1988, 395 members of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity have raised more than \$2 million for Push America and cycled a combined 63,000 miles or 2.5 times around the world.
 The Journey of Hope team, comprised of 68 members, will visit 28 states this summer. The team split in Fallon, NV into a North and South team. In

celebration of the Journey of Hope's Tenth Anniversary, an additional group of eight cyclists have been selected to retrace the original route of Journey of Hope founder, Bruce Rogers. This "Anniversary Ride" kicked off in Florence, OR on June 7. All three teams will reunite on August 15 at the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.
 The combined routes cover approximately 11,600 miles, with an average ride of 70 miles per day. After each day's ride, the team members will join forces with local allied organizations to provide educational programs or participate in awareness events in the communities they visit.
 Through team member fund-raising and corporate sponsors, the Journey of Hope will raise more than \$300,000 for the projects and programs of Push America. The corporate sponsors for 1998 are: Superior Junk, FGB, Saturn Corporation; KRG Capital Partners, Inc. WhiteCap Industries; and Galorade.
 The national outreach project of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, Push America is a non-profit organization that enhances the lives of children and adults with mental and/or physical disabilities through educational programs, awareness-raising events, and donations of specially designed equipment and recreational environments.



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THIS N THAT

HISPANICS WILL BE IN MAJORITY IN 2030! THIS N THAT..... along with hundreds of elected officials.....attended a very dynamic.....ASSOCIATION OF MAYORS, COUNCILMEMBERS AND COMMISSIONERS.....AMCC..... last weekend in.....BRYAN COLLEGE STATION.....with host mayors.....MAYOR LONNIE STABLER.....and MAYOR LYNN MCLANEY.....doing their very best.....It was a very good conference.....The luncheon speaker on.....SATURDAY MORNING.....was very dynamic speaker.....DR. BARRY THOMPSON.....CHANCELOR OF TEXAS A & M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.....in College Station.....He advised us of the upcoming demographics of Texas in the year of.....2030.....DR. THOMPSON.....said the population posture will change to the following: MEXICAN AMERICAN 48%.....ANGLO 38%.....AFRICAN AMERICAN 9%.....and the remainder will be.....ASIAN at 5%.....Dr. Thompson reminded us we must.....DO SOMETHING ABOUT OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM IN TEXAS.....Dr. Thompson was very convincing in his remarks.....but his words were very well received by all in attendance.....He told us of the.....HIGHER NUMBER OF HOMOCIDES COMMITTED BY BLACKS IN HOUSTON, TEXAS.....and advised of the.....55% DROPOUT RATE IN THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY OF TEXAS.....THANKS.....DR. THOMPSON.....for a job well done.....

GOOD TO SEE WHAT MIDS IS DOING! THIS N THAT..... was glad to hear that the.....MIDWAY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT..... is standing tall in seeing that.....BAGGY BRITCHED WILL NOT BE TOLERATED IN SCHOOL CLASSROOMS.....come this school year.....The new legislation states: ING SHIRTS, JACKETS OR COATS LONGER THAN.....MID THIGH LENGTH (NO LONGER THAN THE TIPS OF THE FINGERS).....WILL BE ALLOWED.....THIS N THAT.....hopes other school districts will take note of this effort.....We must do what is best for our children.....and

not continue to let them get out of control.....

SHIRLEY CANDY THE BARBER SA'S: YOUNG PEOPLE.....need to be.....TOLD WHAT TO DO.....and not always.....ASKED WHAT THEY WANT TO DO!.....

THANKS FOURTH CORPS FOR JOB WELL DONE! THIS N THAT.....would like to say.....CONGRATS.....to the.....FOURTH CORPS.....for a.....JOB WELL DONE.....during the.....FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION.....Not only did they work all over the city.....but they took time to.....STOP BY THE T.J. PATTERSON PARK.....and did a splendid job in seeing that the park will look much better.....THIS N THAT.....is just happy to know there are organizations in our community.....who are doing things to help make.....LUBBOCK A MUCH BETTER PLACE TO LIVE!! THANKS FOURTH CORPS!!!!

TEXAS HEALTH STEPS MEDICAL CHECK-UP! THIS N THAT.....has learned about a very good program.....from DEBORAH PEREZ..... who has been doing things in our community to make it a more safer place for all of us.....She talks about the.....TEXAS HEALTH STEPS MEDICAL CHECK UP.....which allows us to have.....A COMPLETE MEDICAL CHECK-UP.....This program is set for.....THURSDAY.....AUGUST 11, 1998.....at the.....COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER.....406 Martin Luther King Blvd.....beginning at 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.....VERY IMPORTANT.....to bring the following: SHOT RECORD.....and.....MEDICAID CARD.....For more information call Sister Perez.....767-9732.....or 767-9744.....THIS N THAT.....salutes this program.....because it will help people help themselves!!! Get this.....TRANSPORTATION.....will be available.....that is.....if you call me 24 hours before the program.....767-9732.....There is no excuse for not taking part in this needed program.....

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PLEASE TAKE CARE

For the past two weekends I have been noticing at the Booker T. Washington Park that we have certainly been busy. The city has provided us with dumpers, trash cans, and there is no need for us to stroll trash, bottles and cans all across the park. Why must you park your cars and trucks on the grass when you have parking lots and streets to park them on? Why must you blast your music and be disrespectful toward residents and churches while services is going on. Why must we let kids destroy the play ground area and water sprinklers? There are citizens and city officials who have worked hard to beautify our communities. PEOPLE we can have fun without being out of control. Let us take our morals and values to our city parks so that our pride can SHINE!

Just a concern citizen who felt I needed to share..

PLEASE TAKE CARE!

Editor's Note

This is Good, This is True! One can not hide behind if you have a problem. You have to face it head on and stand up for what is right. This is a big portion of our problem, we say don't use my name or I can't use my name. Why not!

Citizens respond to request to conserve water

Citizens all across Lubbock have complied with the City's request to conserve water, and usage is now down more than 10 million gallons a day from the peak of 79 million gallons, a day reached in June.

Terry Ellerbrook, Managing Director for Lubbock Water Utilities, reports that the average water use in the city today is, between 65 and 68 million gallons, daily. "If the citizens had not responded so well to our request to conserve," said Ellerbrook, "we would probably be looking at usage in the low to mid-80s range now."

Water usage in May and June set records for the City of Lubbock. In May, 1.83 billion gallons of water were used, breaking the old record of 1.60 billion gallons in May of 1996. This June, a total of 1.07 billion gallons of water were pumped to Lubbock residents, topping the old record of 1.92 billion gallons set in June of 1990.

One hundred degree plus temperatures also are taking their toll on other cities in the region. Amarillo consumption of water reached more than 80 million gallons a day in late June, prompting the City Council to ask residents to follow a voluntary alternate-day lawn-watering plan. Even number addresses water three days a week, odd numbered addresses water on three alternate days. No one waters on Friday, which gives the storage

take time to refill before the weekend.

As the heat wave continues, the City of Lubbock asks residents to persevere in their efforts to conserve water, especially during the weekday hours of 2-6 p.m.

When considering outdoor water use, the following conservation methods are recommended:

- Water lawns early in the morning to avoid evaporation loss
- Use sprinkler heads that throw large drops of water rather than fine mist to reduce wind drift and evaporation loss
- Don't over water or water too frequently
- Use mulch to reduce soil moisture loss
- Don't water the street, driveway and sidewalk
- Don't use the hose to wash off sidewalks after mowing
- Keep your lawn free of weeds, which rob plants of water
- Mow as infrequently as possible and use as high a setting as possible
- Accept that your lawn will not be a lush during a drought and know that your grass will regenerate when water becomes available
- Reduce traffic on stressed turf areas to protect your grass
- Don't use the sprinkler or hose just for play time
- If you have a swimming pool or hot tub, cover it to prevent evaporation loss

THIS WAY FOR BLACK EMPOWERMENT RIGHT ON, BULWORTH

By Dr. Lenora Fulani

Jay Bulworth, the character portrayed by Warren Beatty in his recent movie, Bulworth is the prototypical U.S. politician so viscerally distrusted by American voters (76% now think government is run by powerful interests working for themselves, not the people). A Kennedy liberal turned pawn of California's voracious corporate interests, Senator Bulworth has come face to face with his own moral corruption. He pledges to stop an anti-insurance company bill in exchange for a \$10 million life insurance policy gift from an industry lobbyist. Then he contracts a hit on himself

In this brilliantly designed set up, the first five minutes of the movie shows us not simply a political system gone mad with corruption but a politician gone mad as well. Shortly after he seals his "suicide" deal and hits the campaign trail for the final days of his reelection bid Senator Bulworth, freed of the anguish of his moral and political collapse, begins to utter the awful truth in a series of public appearances that shatter the basic canons of liberal political correctness. This includes the hallowed ground of how Black people are supposed to be depicted in film.

Suffice it to say that as an African American independent who has spent the better part of the last 15 years communicating to Black voters the extent to which the Democratic Party takes us for granted (and trying to create an alternative place for us to go) it was downright exhilarating to see the scene where a Black church member in South Central Los Angeles accuses Bulworth of saying that the Democratic Party doesn't care about Blacks. Bulworth confirms her charge.

I've spent over a decade trying to persuade such Black militants as Minister Louis Farrakhan, Rev. Jesse Jackson (who reportedly disliked the film) and Rev. Al Sharpton to be that honest. However, it was Bulworth, created by Warren Beatty along with his talented and insightful co-screenwriter Jeremy Pikser who finally reached a mass American audience with that message. Beatty, Pikser and Bulworth turn out to have more guts than America's best-known Black leaders do. Having also been critical of the extent to which the Jewish establishment has opportunistically played the "Farrakhan card" to incite and raise money from Jews, I couldn't help but enjoy Bulworth's bumbling search for the pro-forma anti-Farrakhan remark in his speech to, what the movie termed, "Hollywood's Big Jews."

Mr. Pikser was the guest on my weekly television show

and, together with my co-host Fred Newman, we had the opportunity to discuss the film's impact on the movie-going public, on progressive culture, and the statement the film was looking to make about Black/white relations, a source of some controversy in Black circles. On the show, Pikser said the film was not attempting to make a statement about race relations, but about Bulworth's experience in coming into contact with a constituency he is supposed to serve, but is thoroughly alienated from. Still, because Bulworth falls in love with Nina, a young Black woman (Halle Berry) from the heart of South Central's drug and crime ridden ghetto and begins to rhyme (as in rap) rather than speak, some Black critics felt that the film and Beatty overstepped the bounds of political correctness. They're right. And therein lies the genius of the film.

Beatty as Bulworth (and no doubt Beatty as Beatty) is the world's most god-awful rapper. Not being white myself, it's a bit hard to gauge how humiliating it must be for white audiences to watch. For our part, Blacks feel ridiculous when it's the psychotic white Bulworth who tells us the depths to which we have sunk in our slavish relationship to the Democratic Party and our ruthless brutalization of one another in drug and gang life, economic imperatives notwithstanding. We'd rather hear it from Jesse Jackson. Unfortunately, Jesse won't say it. But Bulworth does, in no small part because the film takes seriously the notion that racism is a white problem, for which whites must take responsibility and action. Jesse wouldn't say that either, because if he did, he and other Black arbiters of race relations in America would be out of a job.

For me, Bulworth was mainly about giving up the conservative and dea-ening politics of political correctness (yes, militant and moderate Black nationalism is as conservative as Newt Gingrich's family values), and being willing to look ridiculous. If Black and white America could ever get to the point of being willing to be ridiculous together, we'd probably rid the country of racism in the process. Congratulations, Jeremy, Warren and Halle! Go see the movie!

Lenora B. Fulani twice ran for President of the U.S. as an independent, making history in 1988 when she became the first woman and African American to get on the ballot in fifty states. Dr. Fulani is currently a leading activist in the Reform Party and chairs the Committee for a Unified Independent Party. She can be reached at 800-288-330 or at <http://www.fulani.org>.



by Eddie P. Richardson

WAS IS POLITICS OR WAS IT SPECIAL AGENDA POLITICS?

The last Republican executive search for a replacement for a sheriff was a side show with that winning woman as ring leader. She has had her own agenda as usual no matter what it was. Everyone knew Sonny's choice was who he was going to support when he stepped down - David Gutterrez. They all said how much they loved Sonny, but why did they not respect his wishes...now this is some love. This winning woman who is also a professional againer takes her marching orders from someone outside the city limits of Lubbock.

Back to the issue at hand, that is, the choice of Sheriff. This writer firmly believes qualifications were not a factor, but race was. There's no doubt about it, Mr. Dowgar's race, looks and hair style, plus the twang in his voice was perhaps the overriding factor in the renegade's bunch decision led by that woman. No offense to the man (Dowgar), but he looks like a southern sheriff on T.V. and that's what they want.

The gentleman who has worked at small town sheriff's offices, not as a chief deputy, or even an administrator, but just as a deputy. In one case, it has been reported, he was a small town patrolman. Even his tenure at all of his duty stations were short. He also went into private business for a short while. Now there's nothing wrong with any of the above, but the only thing is "does this qualify one to run an approximately 10 million dollar institution with hundreds of employees; even the places where he has had past experiences, there were more than likely less than half a hundred people working all three shifts. Perhaps their budget was less than One million dollars. Now that's a mighty big jump from a hundred or less and less than one million dollars to an over 10 million dollar budget with hundreds of people at your call. Now the big question is "If he should be elected will he be able to make that giant leap?"

If he should be elected, let's hope there is a lot of difference between a small community and a large community that moves a lot faster with a total different personality.

Before that busy body woman did her thing, the Democrats were only going to lay out of this one. Now she has opened a can of worms. Now they may change their minds and enter the race. Hope she will soon get tired and ride out into the sunset. If she would do so, that will be a blessed day for Lubbock. One has to wonder why she does not bother Lubbock Independent School District like she does the City of Lubbock. As you may know, LISD and tax payers pay more taxes on property than the city does. Would it be that the School Board of Trustees does not give her a forum? Something to think about! We also have the County Commissioner's Court as well.



PANHANDLE SOUTH PLAINS FAIR ANNOUNCES STARS THIS YEAR

A different format for country stars appearing in Fair Park Coliseum during the Panhandle South Plains Fair has been announced by Steve L. Lewis, manager.

Some of today's top artists, as well as old favorites, are scheduled to appear for one show only at 7 p.m. while entertaining during the 81st annual event set for Sept. 26 - Oct. 3. Change from a two show nightly format was prompted by increasing performer costs for two shows. However, Lewis indicated the popular two shows per night format for sponsored free shows will continue for the 1998 fair.

Artists appearing in paid performance shows during the fair include Tracy Lawrence, Sept. 26; Charley Pride, Sept. 27; Trace Adkins, Sept. 30; Bryan White, Oct. 1; and 4-Him with Jaci Velasquez, Oct. 3. Performers appearing in free show will be announced at a later date.

Reserved seating show tickets are \$15 for the Bryan White show and \$12 for all other shows. Coliseum show tickets do not include gate admission which will remain at \$4 for adults and \$1 for children 6 - 11. Parking fees will stay at \$2 per vehicle.

Area residents can purchase Coliseum show tickets through the mail by check or MasterCard/Visa beginning tomorrow. Cash mail orders are not encouraged.

Orders should include \$1 per order handling charge, a check or money order for the number of tickets ordered and a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Credit card ticket orders should include card number, expiration date and card holder signature. Address orders to SHOW TICKETS, P. O. Box 208, Lubbock, TX 79408.

Lewis urged fair goers to purchase coliseum show tickets as quickly as possible to obtain the best seats available. Tickets will be processed daily as received and mailed to ticket holders early in August.

Across the counter sales of coliseum show tickets will begin August 3 at the following locations: Luskey's Western Store, 2431 34th St.; Ralph's Records, 909 University or 2322 82nd St.; Tejas Western Store, 5725 19th St. and the fair office, 105 E. Broadway.

Riding high over the past eight years as one of Country's hottest stars, Tracy Lawrence has had an almost unparalleled string of #1 singles and gold or platinum albums. The popular Arkansas native followed a dream to Nashville, received a recording contract within a year after his move and hasn't looked back since. Lawrence takes center stage Saturday, Sept. 26, at 7 p.m.

Beloved by old and young Country fans alike, Charley Pride is returning for his 16th appearance at the fair in

the past 29 years. Pride's 36 #1 singles, four platinum records, including a quadruple platinum, and his #2 ranking for records sold on the RCA recording label, right behind Elvis Presley, make "The Pride of Country Music" truly a legend in the entertainment industry. Charley entertains on the Coliseum stage Sunday, Sept. 27, at 7 p.m.

Trace Adkins is the 1997 Academy of Country Music Top New Male Vocalist reveling in platinum albums, #1 singles and the good life, attained after playing for many years in honky-tonks throughout Texas and New Mexico. At 35 Trace is savoring success achieved after years of hard work. Adkins performs Wednesday, Sept. 26 at 7 p.m.

Receiving 5 #1 singles in 3 years, being on the cover of 11 magazines in 1996 and 1997 plus touring with country music artist Lee Anne Rimes could keep anyone busy but Bryan White is riding the crest of the wave in country music popularity. White's 7 p.m. coliseum appearance on Thursday, Oct. 1, marks his return to the South Plains area after a fair appearance in 1996.

4 Him and Jaci Velasquez, teen singing sensation and spokesman for the True Love Waits program, will team up for a super closing Saturday night show of contemporary Christian music. 4 Him, winner of numerous Dove awards, is returning to the fair following shows in

1993 and 1994. 4 Him and Velasquez perform Saturday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m.

Fair staff members have mailed the 1998 fair catalogs, listing more than \$100,000 in exhibits prizes, for mailing to approximately 5,500 area homes. The catalog contains exhibition rules event schedules and livestock entry, judging and show times.

Fair catalogs can also be picked up at the following locations: Lubbock County Extension Office 1418 Ave. G; Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, 14th St. and Ave. I; City of Lubbock, Public Information Office, 1625 13th St.; Mahon Library, 1306 9th St.; the fair office or a county extension office.

The Panhandle South Plains Fair Association, which produces the 22 County regional fair each year, is a non-profit organization governed by a Board of Directors. Board officers include Don Hufstedler, president; Craig McDonald, vice-president and Elwood Keeney, treasurer. Board members are Lennis Baker, David Sharpe, Alan Henry and Owen McWhorter, Jr.

COLISEUM SHOWS

September 26 - TRACY LAWRENCE	7 p.m.	\$12 Reserved Seat
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Back In The Day

By Courtney L. Cannon-Scott
Finding Your Civil War Ancestors

On 17 July 1862, Congress passed legislation which allowed for the military enlistment of African Americans. The Civil War began after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation in September of 1862, to save the union and abolish slavery. African Americans also started to officially enroll in military service at that time too.

Approximately 180,000 African Americans making up 163 units served in the Union Army during the Civil War. This was about 10 percent of the Union Army. Both free Blacks and slaves joined in the fight for freedom.

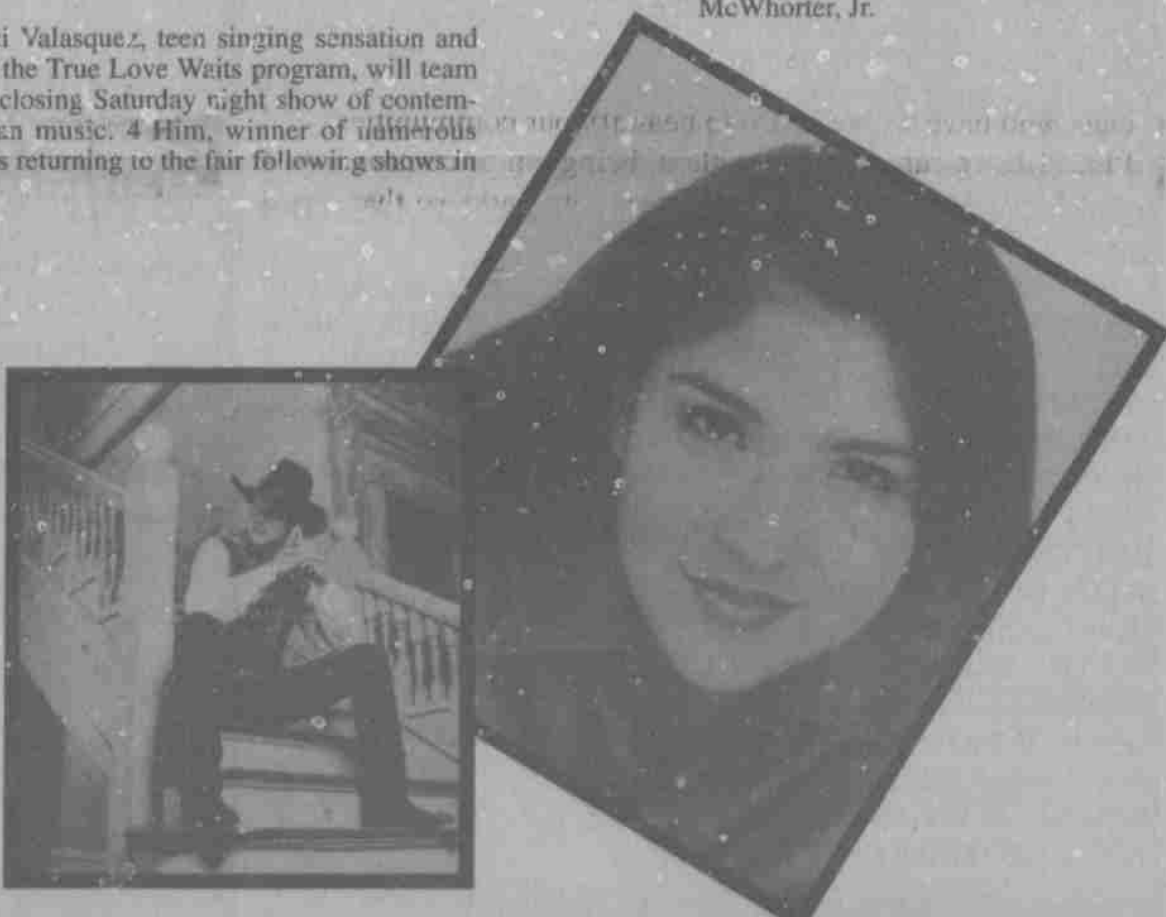
I will not go into details of the battles here, but will say, that to the surprise of many White soldiers and officers, the United States Colored Troops fought bravely. The Negro regiments showed courage and were often viewed as the best soldiers even though they were faced with widespread discrimination and lower pay rates. Losses of life were high. Approximately one third

of the African Americans fighting during the war died. After the Civil War, 16 African Americans were awarded the Medal of Honor.

Of the 10 percent of African-American soldiers, at least 111 were commissioned officers. Their service and contributions in the Union Army, Navy, and Marine Corps continue to be recognized today through MOLLUS - The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. MOLLUS was founded in 1865 by the commissioned officers and today consists of their descendants.

If you have an ancestor who fought in the Civil War, you can request his military records from the National Archives using form NATF-80. His pension record can also be requested, on a separate NATF-80 form. Use a separate form for each record request. When requesting the files, always ask for the complete file. In the next column, more sources of military records will be covered. We welcome your suggestions, comments, or questions. We will respond to all letters.

Please send a (SASE) self-addressed stamped envelope to the attention of Courtney L. Cannon-Scott: "Back In The Day," P. O. Box 162516, Atlanta, GA 30321-2516.



Why Do Some Corporations Think Blacks Are Not Really Paying Attention?

By John William Templeton

Every once in a while, something comes across my screen that confirms that White people actually do think Black people are less intelligent than them.

It seems that when some corporations make announcements geared to our community, they do not believe that we compare what they say with what they do and—with what other companies do.

These "bogus" press releases also assume that we cannot do basic mathematics, and that we don't read the business pages.

So, a couple of days after my neighbor on San Francisco's Montgomery Street, Wells Fargo Bank, announced a me-too merger with Norwest Bank of Minneapolis, there was a curious release that Wells Fargo was making a commitment to make \$1 billion in small business loans to African-American businesses—over 12 years.

An enterprising reporter for the San Diego Reader decided to ask some questions and elicited from a Wells Fargo executive that there were no plans to actually do anything different. This is cynical on the scale of:

* Nike's rip-off of Gil Scott-Heron's "The Revolution Will Not Be Televised" for a televised basketball shoe commercial;

* Ward Connerly quoting Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; or
* Wells Fargo's previous assurances that it would make a smooth transition of customer accounts after it took over First Interstate Bank.

If you've followed the business pages, the handling of that last transaction was a disaster for account holders whose funds disappeared or who couldn't get adequate customer service. Of course, one of the perks for being a White CEO is that your mistakes are always forgiven. So, the failure of the last merger allows you to wreak havoc again.

Now, Wells Fargo will tell Black entrepreneurs who apply for credit that they must meet all their rules for loan underwriting, including three years of profitability, audited financials and an up-to-date business plan. In the real world, many business owners, particularly in California, the state with the largest number of Black-owned businesses, say they have to meet an even high-

er standard—perfection.

The announcement of the loans, which wouldn't even cover a car note on average for the more than 100,000 Black firms in California alone, is only evidence that banking regulation of the Community Reinvestment Act has become so lax that banks will now brag about how little they're doing.

Fortunately, there is lots more to get excited about on the financial front. James Johnson, CEO of Fannie Mae, has reached his target to inform underrepresented minority groups about home mortgage opportunities years ahead of schedule. Johnson was serious about this press release. He built a marketing campaign around the National Basketball Association complete with advertising and celebrity athlete appearances for homebuying expos in major markets and recently created an alliance with Black Entertainment Television to advance the cause.

As if he hadn't already single-handedly demonstrated corporate responsibility, Johnson then announced his retirement in favor of Franklin Raines, who moved from being the first Office of Management and Budget director to balance the federal budget in 30 years to become the only Black CEO of a Fortune 500 company as the new Leader of Fannie Mae.

Liberty Bank and Trust of New Orleans, which had previously built relationships with Black churches to manage funds for rebuilding burned churches, also made news July 1 with the first mutual fund managed by a Black bank. Liberty is making a heavy marketing push during the Essence Music Festival which will fill the Louisiana Superdome. Fannie Mae and Liberty understand that Black people are serious about making money and having access to high-quality financial services.

We would not have gone from \$30 billion in total income in 1968 to \$450 billion in 1997 if we did not know how to count a little bit. Compared to those examples, a weak effort like Wells Fargo's sounds like a bad joke.

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"AMERICA: TOO MUCH IS TOO WRONG!!!"
ISAIAH 1:4a, AH SINFUL NATION, A PEOPLE LADEN WITH INIQUITY, A SEED OF EVILDOERS, CHILDREN THAT ARE CORRUPTERS; THEY HAVE FORSAKEN THE LORD. LORD, OUR FATHERS PRAYED, AND WORSHIPPED; GIVING THE GLORY TO YOU; YOU SAID YOU'D BLESS THIS LAND,

AND THEIR SEEDS; AND SEE THEM THROUGH.

EXODUS 20:5, THE LORD SAID: THOU SHALT NOT BOW DOWN THYSELF TO THEM, NOR SERVE THEM: FOR I THE LORD THY GOD AM A JEALOUS GOD, VISITING THE INIQUITY OF THE FATHER UPON THE CHILDREN UNTO THE THIRD AND FOURTH GENERATION OF THEM THAT HATE ME.

EVEN IN THE COTTON PATCHES; THEY'D SING UNTO YOU, AND THEY PRAYED; THEY KEPT YOU ON THEIR MIND'S AND HEARTS; ALL DAY.

DEUTERONOMY 11:18,19, THE LORD SAID, THEREFORE SHALL YE LAY UP THESE MY WORDS IN YOUR HEART AND IN YOUR SOUL, AND BIND THEM FOR A SIGN UPON YOUR HAND, THAT THEY MAY BE AS FRONTLETS (ON THE BRAIN) BETWEEN YOUR EYES. AND YE SHALL TEACH THEM YOUR CHILDREN, SPEAKING OF THEM WHEN THOU SITTEST IN THINE HOUSE (NOT FOOTBALL & OTHER BALLS), AND WHEN THOU WALKEST BY THE WAY, WHEN THOU LIEST DOWN, AND WHEN THOU RISEST UP.

LORD, BUT AMERICA STOPPED FOLLOWING YOU; TO SO HER OWN THING: NOW HER FUNK IS A DISGRACE TO MANKIND; SHAME, SHAME, SHAME!!!

***** DID AMERICA ROB GOD??? *****
(AMERICA FIGHT'S; RUN AWAY RIGHTS, GAY RIGHTS, WOMAN RIGHTS, NO PRAYER IN SCHOOL RIGHTS, NO SPANKING RIGHTS, BLACK RIGHTS, WHITE RIGHTS, ABORTION RIGHTS, DRUGS IN SCHOOL RIGHTS, DRIVE BY SHOOTING RIGHTS, CONDOM OR RUBBERS IN KINDERGARTEN RIGHTS, SHACKING RIGHTS, KKK RIGHTS, BOMB THE FEDERAL BUILDING RIGHTS, BLACK SUICIDE RIGHTS, KILL THE ABORTION DOCTOR RIGHTS, CLONING RIGHTS, KILL THE TEACHER RIGHTS, KILL THE FAMILY RIGHTS, AND MANY MORE; THEY ARE OF THE DEVIL!!!)

PROVERB 14:12, THERE IS A WAY WHICH SEEMETH RIGHT UNTO MAN, BUT THE END THEREOF ARE THE WAYS OF DEATH.

LORD, WITH ALL THE TROUBLES IN AMERICA; WE WANT TO TEACH THE FOREIGN MAN; AMERICA IS A HYPOCRITE!!! SHE IS THE WORSE IN THE LAND!!!

MICAH 7 2,3, THE GOOD MAN IS PERISHED OUT OF THE EARTH: AND THERE IS NONE UPRIGHT AMONG MEN: THEY ALL LIE IN WAIT FOR BLOOD; THEY HUNT EVERY MAN HIS BROTHER WITH A NET. THAT THEY MAY DO EVIL WITH BOTH HANDS EARNESTLY, THE PRINCE (PRESIDENT) ASKETH, AND THE JUDGE ASKETH FOR A REWARD: AND THE GREAT (RICH) MAN, HE UTTERETH HIS MISCHIEVOUS DESIRE: SO THEY WRAP IT UP.

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

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The Members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast were set out there and engaged in a drive by and walk through prayer in the target spots in our community. We are unable to go as planned to the Parkway Manor Care Center. Plans were changed at the last minute, the Holy Spirit had other plans for us, and we obeyed, because of obedience we were truly blessed.

"The Names of God! Thought you would like to know. The Old Testament Covenant was in the name of God, Jehovah The Great I am (Exodus 3:14) Jehovah Jirah- The Provider (Genesis 22:14), El Shaddai- The Lord God Almighty (Genesis 49:24-25), Adonai- Our Shield (Genesis 15:1-3), Jehovah Rapha- The Healer (Exodus 15:26), Jehovah Nissi- Our Defender (Exodus 17:15).

Prayer access to the New Testament Covenant is in one name- Jesus. That is why he said, "And I will do whatever you ask in my name so that the son may bring glory to the father, John 14:13. The Covenant is based on God's Word, and it is good, Trustworthy, and not to be broken. Prayer is the Covenant. It is based on the vocabulary and language of his word which is why Jesus said, "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish and it will be given you, John 15:7.

His word is the word of promise. It generates faith. His word is his will. It represents his word over doubt and fear. We have no doubt our Lord will Honor those drive by prayers, for the soul of men who are practicing sin every day and night in our City and community. They are turning our kids into vicious animals and out of control. But we as people of God can make a difference today. Don't wait until tomorrow, start today. Start now!

You want to know what you can do now? I'm glad you asked! Tell everybody you can talk to them and let them know God loves them, and so do you. Now that's a good start. Tell your children first. If they are out of control, grip your teeth, but tell them you love them. Our Lord doesn't want them behind bars. He wants us to save their souls. So lets get out there, Saints and save our children. There's hope in Jesus. Prayer will track down the real demon. Repent! Repent! Repent! Lubbock!!

If you are hurting, read II Chronicles 7:14 Mark 11:22-26.
You may write to us: Outreach Prayer Breakfast, P.O. Box 1223, Lubbock, Texas 79408.
Sister Dorothy Hood, President; Sister Christine Burtless, Vice-President and sister Ernesine Pitzer, Secretary.

from the 'Desk of 'Parson D.A.' Smith

Are You a Witness For God?



THE INVINCIBLE CHRIST

"No man taketh (my life) from me, but I lay it down of myself I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again." John 19:18

It is intriguing to think of the Savior as being invincible. Often people imagine that their heroes are impervious to harm and always victorious throughout life. In fact, we may even claim invincibility for ourselves under certain conditions. We may think that we are immune to harm and sickness. We may not verbalize our thoughts, but we reveal this attitude through our lifestyle. There are no invincible superheroes. No one is incapable of experiencing tragedy or anguish.

Christ claimed to be invincible, however; and that claim was no idle boast. "No man taketh (my life) from me," he said. No one could take His life from him against His will—not Judas, the Jewish priests, Pilate, or all the soldier of Rome. These people did play a role in Christ's crucifixion.

Judas betrayed Jesus; the religious leaders demanded His death; Pilate acquiesced to their desires; and soldiers nailed Christ to the cross. Through it all, however, Jesus remained in control. In fact, He rebuked Peter for attempting to defend Him.

Christ displayed extraordinary power over life and death. There is nothing unusual about being able to end one's life. While depressed, many people have used a variety of means to end their lives. Suicide has become shockingly frequent. The person who commits suicide demonstrates the tragic ability to end his or her own life, but has no power to return from the dead. Christ, however, claimed not only the power to lay down His life but also the power to return from the dead.

The power or authority that Christ claimed for Himself and later demonstrated in His death and resurrection is available to work on our behalf. This does not mean that we have an inherent ability to resurrect ourselves. Rather, God's incredibly great power is at work in and through us. The supernatural power that raised Christ from the dead can enable us to do God's will.

We need well to remember that God's incomprehensible power is available to us not because we possess any intrinsic worth but because of our relationship to God in Christ.

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MILTON BRUNSON'S THOMPSON COMMUNITY SINGERS TO BE INDUCTED INTO THE GOSPEL MUSIC HALL OF FAME

The U.S. House of Representatives also passes bill honoring Brunson

The late Reverend Milton Brunson, pastor of the Christ TABERNACLE Baptist Church was given double honors with the announcement of his induction into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame and the passing of a bill in the House of Representatives which (posthumously) names a Federal Post Office after the Reverend and founder of the Thompson Community Singers a Word Entertainment, Inc. artist.

Representative Danny K. Davis (D-7-) noted, "Often times there are individuals with heavy and status achievements that have never been elevated to the heights of their contribution. I selected the pastor because he was an absolute role model, by any stretch of the imagination." Calling Brunson a giant and a legend that held the Thompson Community Singers together for fifty years, Davis added, "He commanded the respect of all this great talent. Brunson gave hundreds of young people the opportunity to come through and sing, but he taught them discipline. The location of Brunson's namesake is 324 S. Laramie Street in Chicago, Illinois.

Additional accolades for this "legend and giant" have come in the form of induction into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame for his Thompson Community Singers currently under the direction of his wife, JoeAnn Brunson.

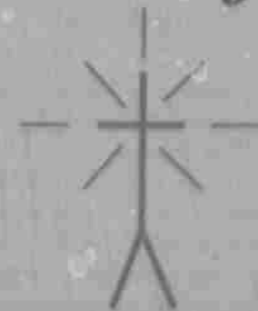
In March of 1995, the Gospel Music Hall of Fame Museum was established in the city that has produced some of the world's greatest musical talents. Under the direction of President and founder David Gough and located only a few miles from the Motown Museum in Detroit, Michigan, the Gospel Music Hall of Fame and Museum is dedicated to the preservation and education of gospel music.

The Gospel Music Hall of Fame & Museum's Annual Awards Banquet saluting Milton Brunson's Thompson Community Singers will take place on Saturday, November 14, 1998 in Detroit, Michigan. The choir will also commemorate their fifty-year anniversary by releasing a project on September 1, 1998 on Myrrh Records entitled, "Fifty Blessed Years".

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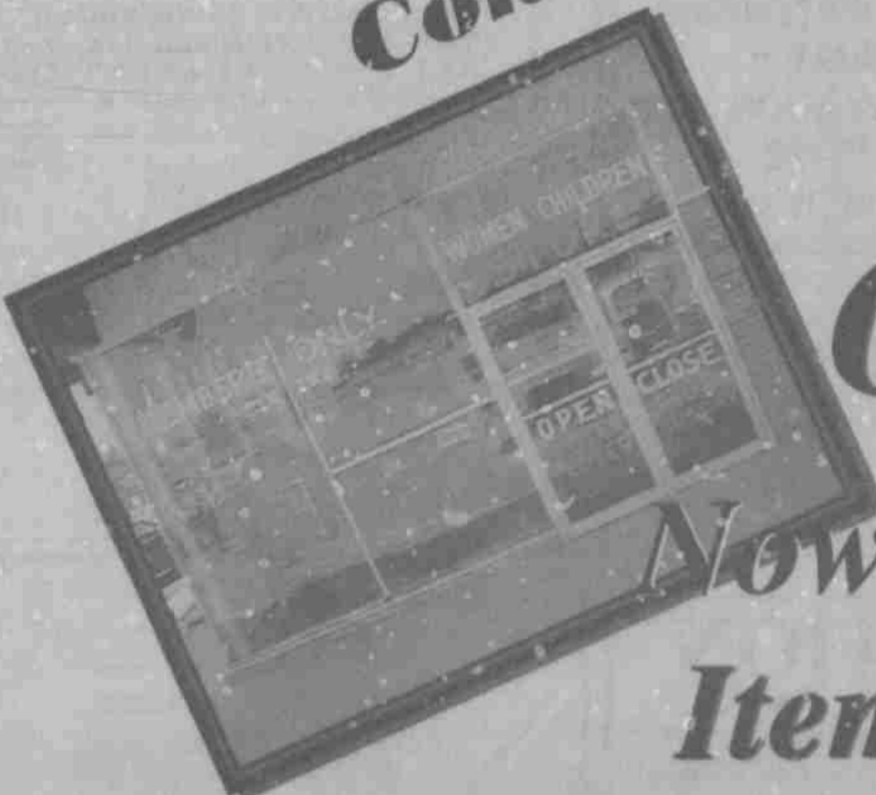
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