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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Housing Opportunities in Inner-Cities

Sixty-six percent of Americans live in the Great American Dream and own their own homes. Forty-one percent of African Americans are homeowners. Fifty years ago, 60 percent of residents of metropolitan areas lived in central cities. Today, 60 percent live in suburbs. However, there is ample opportunity for more blacks to be comfortable on their own in livable central cities communities and low-income areas and the government will help. In the FY 2000 budget, President Clinton's New Market Initiative requests \$150 million per year for 10 years to fund new Urban Empowerment Zones and \$50 million to fund a competitive grant program that would help to reclaim abandoned housing. The effort, headed by the Small Business Administration (SBA) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), has four components that make funds available to targeted communities. For information on these programs and how contractors, a well as home seekers, can take priority advantage of these programs, a directory of current real estate and development opportunities is available from the International Exchange Network, 2054 National Press Building, Washington, D.C. 20045.

Racial Issues Continue to Mount in Cola Industry

As the nation's number one soft-drink company, Coca Cola, Inc., continues to reel from a class action lawsuit from black employees over discrimination, its top competitor, PepsiCo Inc., has been burned in a case by a white who says she was passed over for a management job for a black. A federal jury has awarded Patricia Steffes, a 46-year-old \$73,000-a-year PepsiCo Inc. manager, \$2.6 million because the company passed over her for a "less-qualified" black man. She said that after she had applied for the post and was passed over, her complaints only gained her critical performance ratings and attempts to transfer her. PepsiCo said it plans to appeal the case. At Coke, black employees accused the company of paying them less and offering them fewer promotions than whites.

Kodak's Unflattering Snapshot

Rochester, New York-based Eastman Kodak Co., the nation's largest camera company, has admitted that it underpaid over 2,000 female and minority workers. The company says it fired a group of managers because of discrepancies that were discovered in an internal audit which was carried out in reaction to unequal pay concerns voiced by the local NAACP.

Marion Barry to Wall Street?

A New York investment firm, M.R. Beal & Co., says it has hired former D.C. mayor Marion Barry as a consultant to help it find business in the municipal bond area. Bernard Beal, chief executive officer of the black-owned firm said he hired Barry to get "advice and counsel of different marketing opportunities and strategies."

"Can You Read Your Phone Bill?"

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has issued new rules to make it easier for consumers to understand their phone bills - and, in the process, spot any fraudulent charges that may have occurred through "slamming" or "cramming." The commission's truth in billing regulations orders telephone companies to revamp their monthly bills to completely describe all charges and highlight any new company whose charges may have been added to the most recent bill. FCC officials say each company listed on the bill must be clearly identified, with a toll-free number for consumers to call. The action comes in response to more than 30,000 complaints the agency received last year.

"A TIP for You: Gratuities Guidelines"

Did you know that the term "tip" actually stands for: to insure promptness. That definition seems to be lost on most restaurant owners as well as patrons nowadays. Some upscale restaurants across the nation are adding "gratuities guidelines" to their checks. At some restaurants checks now come with a recommended tip of 15, 18 or 20 percent of the meal's cost. Tipping is not consistent and can vary from \$5 to \$25 for the same meal. For those who are unsure what they should tip, industry officials say tips these days generally vary between 15 and 20 percent - averaging about 18 percent.

Black Reparations Conference

Learn how to make your legal claim for reparations. Leading reparations activist, Dr. Robert L. Brock, says "The wealth of America is your legal property." Friday, June 11, 1999, Metropolitan A.M.E. Church, 1518 M Street NW, Washington, D.C. \$20 registration. Contact: Cosmopolitan Brotherhood Association, P.O. Box 15288, Washington, D.C. 20005.

Reparations By Y2K... Or Else!

A disproportionate number of African Americans are in jail and the judicial system. Unemployment among blacks is traditionally twice that of whites, and black institutions, social agencies, education and communities are not funded on a level with whites. Yet, leaders of America's public and private sectors deny that an institutionalized pattern of discrimination still exists in this country and still refuse to apologize for slavery and 400 years of racial bondage for African Americans.

President Clinton says, "The African Americans with whom I discuss this issue, say it is not important" to have an apology. But, President Clinton may want to open his ears to the mass of America's black people. More than he knows are concerned about the discrimination that still exists in America and are demanding payment for wrongs that continue being done to them. Similar to the Japanese, Indians and others who've been compensated for wrongs done to them, more African Americans than he knows want Clinton and the U.S. Congress to apologize, as well as pay us what is owed.

Most blacks know the sting of America's institution of racism. Instead of diminishing in chorus and discussion, as appointed black leaders would have it, the concept of Black Reparations gains momentum with each case of discrimination in the work place, restaurant facility and judicial system. In a poll among black newspaper readers, when asked: Do you think that American descendants of African slaves deserve reparations? Overwhelmingly, the response - 70 percent - was "yes." Members of the movement say Black Reparations are: 1) the debt owed to blacks for the centuries of unpaid slave labor that built America's early economy and 2) debt owed from discriminatory wage and employment patterns blacks have been subjected to since emancipation.

Robert L. Brock, an attorney who has incessantly litigated the issue. He says, "The wealth of America is our legal property. But, we must make our legal claims to get money as others have made their claims and gotten money." Brock's Washington, D.C.-based Self-Determination Committee is bringing a high-level of movement leaders together in Washington, D.C., June 11, 1999 to educate blacks on how to make more noise about the issue and make claims. This gathering for reparations will occur just three blocks from the White

House, at Metropolitan A.M.E. Church, 1518 M Street.

At this Reparations Mass Meeting presenters will include: Florida State Senator Daryl L. Jones, who successfully spearheaded getting black victims of the Rosewood (Fla.) Massacre \$150,000 each; John H. Boyd, Jr., President of the National Black Farmers Association, Inc., who got over \$350 million for the black farmers who were adjudicated as "wronged" by the U.S. Department of Agriculture; nationally syndicated columnist William Reed will report on a survey on reparations conducted among black newspaper readers; and Dorothy Lewis, who chairs the oldest group working for reparations, (N'COBRA) National Coalition for Black Reparations in America, will discuss "Reparations Now! Get Ready to Get Paid," and current actions being taken to gain compensation payments for African Americans.

Attorney Brock is organizer of the June 11, 1999 meeting and has represented U.S. African slave descendants in a successful class-action lawsuit against the Internal Revenue and U.S. Government for illegal black taxation, slavery, and a myriad of human rights violations. Brock is co-leading the movement to have African Americans make legal claims to get money and reparations. He claims: "Reparations are not new. Reparations are both legal and common. The U.S. owes reparations to all African-Americans of U.S. slave descent. U.S. Congressman John Conyers is the sponsor of H.R. 40, a bill to form a Commission to Study Reparations Proposal for African-Americans Act. Conyers, the group's 1998 keynote speaker, has submitted H.R. 40 in Congress every year since 1989. He says, "The time is ripe now to push for a galvanizing of national efforts to put the reparations movement and H.R. 40 at the top of the American agenda. The President's recent initiatives on American race relations underscore the long-standing domestic imperative of healing and repairing the suffering from the legacy of slavery and its continuing effects on African-Americans today."

Brock says, "More Black Americans want an acknowledgement of the injustice and inhumanity of slavery in the United States than any of the people clinging to the status quo. If White America doesn't take the initiative and pro-active steps toward an apology for slavery and appropriate payments, blacks are not likely to stay appeased for long."

EHS Students Excel In Program



Some of the Estacado High School students excelled in the "Problem of the Week" program during the 1998-1999 school year, and are shown in this photo.

Because of their efforts, they were treated to lunch and a ride in a stretch limousine. The limousine picked them up from school Thursday, May 20, 1999, and took

them to the County Line for a celebration lunch.

Pictured are those students: Ramiro Cruz, Michelle Collins, Andrea Morgan, Jamar Jordan, Rebecca Renteria, Shantavian Austin, Amy Lilly, Michael Samford and Shameeka Taylor.

In a word, after the lunch, was "Wow!"

Franklin Graham Announces October "West Texas Festival 2000" Here

The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BEGA) announced that Franklin Graham, along with hundreds of local church and civic leaders, will hold "West Texas Festival 2000" in Lubbock at the United Spirit Arena, April 28-30, 2000.

Graham recently accepted local church leaders' invitation to preach the West Texas Festival. "I look forward with great enthusiasm to presenting the Good News of the Gospel of our Lord to as many people as possible," said Graham. "It is my prayer that God will use the time leading up to the Festival to draw the churches of West Texas together, so that we can have an impact for Christ like never before."

More than 200 clergy and lay leaders from the West Texas area attended the Festival 2000 announcement meeting, May 20, at the Holiday Inn Lubbock Civic Center. Coldwell Banker CEO Kick Canup was named chairman of the General Festival Committee and will oversee the 11-month festival preparation process. "We are amazed by what God is doing for all of West Texas as He has graced us by sending His servant Franklin Graham to our region," said Canup.

The General Festival Committee, comprised of volunteers from the West Texas area, will assist

in the planning and operation of Festival 2000. "I am thrilled about the coming of Franklin Graham to our city in the year 2000," said Dr. D. L. Lowrie, pastor of First Baptist Church in Lubbock. "It will be an opportunity for our churches to demonstrate a unity in Christ and to give an effective witness to a generation of students and young adults."

For the last several months, pastors and church leaders in the West Texas area have urged Franklin Graham to conduct a festival in their region. According to church and community leaders, support for "West Texas Festival 2000" is widespread and includes many evangelical and mainline denominations. "I am seeing unprecedented unity and cooperation among the churches of Lubbock as we prepare for the Franklin Graham Festival," said Dr. Bill Couch, pastor of LakeKidge United Methodist Church in Lubbock. "We are praying that thousands of people will discover a life-transforming relationship with Jesus Christ. What an exciting way to begin the millennium."

Others voiced the need to spread the message of Christ as the world nears the end of the millennium. "We look forward to this revival occurring the springboard of Christian renewal in the next millennium," said W.H. Watson, bishop of Texas Northwest Church of God in Christ. "We thank Franklin Graham for agreeing to come to Lubbock and lend his God-given talent to our city."

All Festival programs will be open to the public and free of charge.

In 1995, Franklin Graham, son of Reverend Billy Graham, was appointed first vice-chairman of the BEGA, a newly created position with direct succession as chairman/CEO. Throughout the year, Graham travels the world as president of the international Christian relief organization Samaritan's Purse.

Graham, 46, has conducted 68 festivals around the world since 1989, speaking to more than 1.8 million people. His 1999 Festival schedule included stops in Montego Bay, Jamaica; Kingston, Jamaica; and Tuscaloosa, Alabama. In addition, Graham is scheduled to conduct festivals in Perth, Scotland (May 28-31); Calgary, Alberta (October 28-31) and Santa Cruz, Bolivia (Nov. 10-13).

Educators Gather In Washington, D.C. To Choose Nation's Finest Teachers

It may take a village to raise a child, but quite often it's a teacher that has the most profound influence in a child's life. They recognize untapped potential and help children fulfill their dreams. Their duties go beyond the classroom, and often serve as parents, role models, mentors and community leaders.

For 10 years, the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW) has paid tribute to these guiding lights by presenting it prestigious Excellence in Teaching Award to seven outstanding teachers. Sponsored by Shell Oil Company, this award was created in honor of NCNW founder, Mary McLeod Bethune, to recognize and reward public and private school teachers who continue her legacy by instilling a thirst for knowledge in African-American children.

"NCNW was founded by one of the nation's finest educators, Mary McLeod Bethune. In her honor, this award represents all educators who's will and dedication inspire our children to achieve and make their dreams a reality," said Dr. Dorothy I. Height, NCNW chair and president emerita.

A panel of judges, comprised of respected educators, parents, elected officials and members of the NCNW Commission on Education, met recently to review applications and select one national and six regional EITA winners. Candidates are nominated by NCNW sections and members, parents students, administrators and community members. In the next few weeks NCNW will announce this year's winners.

When choosing the winners, Dr. Gloria Gilmer, Chair of NCNW's Commission on Education, says the judges will look at the contributions teachers have made in developing

children. "It's the legacy we're interested in, we want teachers that have a significant impact in their student's lives."

Candidates must be grades K-12 teacher for at least five years in an urban or rural school that has at least a 30 percent enrollment of African-American students; inspire a high level of achievement among those students; represent excellence in the teaching profession through outstanding contributions to their field; and distinguish themselves among their colleagues and peers.

In addition to special regional ceremonies and a national celebration in Washington, D.C., awardees

receive a specially designed sculpture from Tiffany and Co., a certificate and a cash prize. Each winner also receives a commemorative plaque for display in their school.

NCNW is a nonprofit, voluntary service organization with 38 affiliated national organizations, 252 community based sections chartered in 38 states and 60,000 individual members. It is dedicated to improving the quality of life of African American women, their families and communities.

For more information about the EITA program, contact Cheryl Wainsonant, National EITA coordinator at (202) 383-9150.



A panel of distinguished educators, parents and elected officials met recently in Washington, D.C. to choose the 1999 Excellence in Teaching Award recipients. Sponsored by Shell Oil Co., the Excellence in Teaching Award honors seven teachers who consistently go beyond the call of duty to enrich and advance the education of African-American children.

Pictured from left to right: (seated) Dr. Gloria Gilmer, Chair, NCNW Commission on Education; Dr. Dorothy I. Height, president emerita & board chair, NCNW; Dr. Jane Smith, president & CEO, NCNW; (standing) Dr. Keith Plowden, professor of nursing, University of Maryland (Baltimore); Dr. Chelstine Fairley, director, Anne Arundel County Prevention Services (MD); Mrs. Barbara Pope Bennett, teacher, Banneker Senior High School and 1993 EITA Mid-Atlantic winner (D.C.); Ms. Eva Spence-Johnson, teacher, Hamden High School (CT) and 1992 EITA Northeastern winner; Ms. Helen Arnold-Musey, school administrator, Chicago, IL and 1995 EITA Great Lakes winner; Mrs. Altha Muhammad, parent, Mahammad University of Islam (D.C.); Ms. Elenor P. Mathews, teacher, Western High School (Baltimore); Cheryl M. Wainsonant, national coordinator, EITA. Not shown: Delegate Howard "Pat" Rawlings, Maryland House of Delegates - 40th Legislative District (Baltimore)

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 pastor. The doors of New Hope Baptist Church are always open to those of you who are looking for a church home.

Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. with Assistant Superintendent Brenetta Cooper presiding. All teachers and students were in their various places of learning. After 30 minutes of instruction, all reassembled in the main auditorium marching and singing "How Great Thou Art." Prayer was given by Kenyetta Barnes.

High points of the morning lesson were given by members of the Adult Class. All remarks were very well delivered.

Secretary's report: Youth Department — Intermediate Class received the Offering Banner. The Senior Class retained the Attendance Banner.

Adult Department: Adult Class No. 1 received the Attendance Banner while Adult Class No. 4 captured the Offering Banner.

The morning devotional period was conducted by the Prayer Team consisting of Sister Julia Swain and Brother F. J. Jenkins who read the scripture and prayer.

The Male Chorus marched in the first Sunday processional singing "Help Me To Hold Out!" These men really sang out of their hearts. Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Jeff Brown. A song, "It's All In The Word", was sung. Scripture was read by Brother Joe Hereford with prayer given by Brother Napoleon Cooper. Another song, "I'm So Satisfied," was SUNG.

Responsive reading was done with the congregation standing, led by Brother Henry Eigh. The morning hymn was "Are You Washed In The Blood of the Lamb"

Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton. He's always on time with his observations. A song, "I'll Go If I Have To Go By Myself," was sung. The sermonic hymn was "Near The Cross Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "I Find No Fault In Him." His scripture text was St. John 19:1-5. It was another great message. It was just alright. Praise God!

Pastor Moton is getting involved with the Jail Ministry. He thinks others should do same. The jails are full.

Pastor Moton asked the church to pray for those who are sick and shut-in. He asked for all to call their name out when you pray.

Sister Laverne Williams' uncle was funeralized last Friday at Jamison Funeral Home.

Final rites were read at New Hope Baptist Church last Tuesday for Sister Wanda Bunton-Jones.

A fun, educational and exciting Annual Youth Trip is set for this year. This will be a trip to Atlanta, Georgia June 24 through June 28, 1999. There are so many sights for them to see. For one is the Memorial for the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. If you are interested, then see Sister Margaret Moton this week. She will be glad to advise you about it.

"Big Ed" Wilkes, Jane Prince Jones Are 1999 Honorees

Civic Lubbock, Inc. announces "Big Ed" Wilkes and Jane Prince Jones are the 1999 honorees for induction into the Buddy Holly Terrace, located within Buddy Holly Plaza. By a resolution from

the Lubbock City Council, the Buddy Holly Terrace is dedicated to those citizens of Lubbock who have devoted a significant part of their lives to the development, promotion or production of regional art, music,

or entertainment in the West Texas area.

The induction ceremony, scheduled for Thursday, June 10, will honor "Big Ed" Wilkes and Jane Prince Jones. The induction ceremony will take place at 5:30 p.m. in the Buddy Holly Terrace, located adjacent to the Buddy Holly Statue, 7th Street & Avenue Q. In case of inclement weather the ceremony will be moved to the Civic Center's Pedestrian Mall. As a part of the induction ceremony, Jeff McCreight will perform some of Big Ed's favorite gospel songs and Jane Prince Jones will do a monologue from a few of her favorite plays.

citizens knew Ed by both sight and sound. He always took the time to help any charity promote their event on his show as well as giving the Lubbock citizens his advice on every subject under the West Texas sun. He was definitely a Lubbock Legend - loved and missed by all.

JANE PRINCE JONES

Jane graduated from Texas Tech with a Master of Arts in Theatre Arts in 1977. She then went to KCBD as the first female co-anchor in Lubbock in 1976. She was the news director and talk show host at KTLF FM from 1983-

84 before joining the award winning morning show team of Jon, Don, and Jane at KLLL, which she did for the next thirteen years.

Jane could not stay away from her first love though - the "theater". In 1991 she became the managing director at the Garza Theater in Post directing and acting in such productions as "Driving Miss Daisy", "The Rainmaker", "Right Bed, Wrong Husband". She is currently directing and acting at the Cactus Theater in "Always - Patsy Cline". She also directed the internationally known play "Buddy - the Buddy Holly Story". In addition to her job at the Cactus she is currently involved in producing "The Wizard of Oz" for the Lubbock Community Theatre and is a morning talk show host on the radio station KXTQ AM.

BIG ED WILKES

Lubbock lost another legend on December 21, 1998, with the passing of Big Ed Wilkes. Big Ed was born in Arkansas but raised in Lubbock. He graduated from Texas Tech in 1956 and started his radio career at KFYO as Farm Director. Big Ed owned KDAV and KRLB-FM until 1984.

His morning mix of interviews and homespun philosophy made him the "King" of the morning radio on the South Plains. Ed continually won the Best Local Radio Talk Show and Best Local Radio Personality in the Lubbock Avalanche Journal's Best of Lubbock Readers Choice Awards. William Kerns referred to him as the "Dizzy Dean" of radio talk shows. Lubbock

Summer Mission Art Reaching Texas

The Lubbock Fine Arts Center is pleased to announce the beginning of the annual SMART program, Summer Mission Art Reaching Texas. SMART is a community outreach program designed to encourage learning and promote self-esteem in the youth participating in the project. The art classes are free of charge and taught by local area artists. This is a unique opportunity for youth to connect with artists from the community and learn about art in a fun and exciting way.

SMART includes opportunities for youth to learn about Jewelry making, Black and White Photography, Papermaking and Book Arts, Sculpture and Clay, Printmaking, Kite making, and Music and Dance.

The program will be held in four sessions:

- Session 1 is beginning June 7 and ending June 17

- Session 2 is beginning June 21 and ending July 1

- Session 3 is beginning July 12 and ending July 22

- Session 4 is beginning July 26 and ending August 5.

Each session is two weeks long and meets Monday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Classes will be scheduled at Harwell Elementary, Dupre Elementary, Jackson Elementary, Mac Simmons Community Center, and Parkway Neighborhood Center.

For more information, a class schedule can be obtained from any one of the above sites or the Lubbock Fine Arts Center. Feel free to come by the Lubbock Fine Arts Center, 2600 Avenue P, or call us at 767-2686.

Juneteenth Booths

Juneteenth festivities planning is underway once again. The dates for 1999 are June 15th - 20th if you would be interested in renting a space on the park this year, the price remains the same, \$25 for vendors selling goods and free for information vendors. Vendors will be assigned spaces again this year.

Enclosed you will find a vendor registration form to be returned by June 14th along with your rental fee. The instructions for vendors are:

1. Vendors will be located only on the shoreline (north of the festival grounds), no exceptions.
2. Vendors must arrive prior to the parade arriving at the park.
3. There is to be no driving on the festival ground once the public has arrived for the activities.
4. Be sure to have all your

supplies delivered prior to the parade (public) arriving on the park. Vendors selling goods may want to consider selling ice as one of your products since it is usually in high demand by other vendors.

Enclosed is a map of the festival grounds, electrical outlets are available as is running water. The set up times are Friday June 18, 1998 8a.m. until Saturday June 19, 1998 10 a.m.

Please share this information with any organization you think might be interested in participating in this year's festivities. Thank you in advance for your interest and participation. If you have questions you may contact me at (806) 747-8696.

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South Plains Opry Set For Summer Debut

LEVELLAND—Mix a soft summer evening and live bands performing top 40 and traditional country, western swing, rock n roll and other styles and you have the South Plains Opry.

The fifth summer season of the family-style musical variety show kicked off Thursday, June 3 on Levelland's Courthouse Square. Concert time is 7:30 p.m. and admission is free.

"We invite everyone to come on out for an enjoyable summer evening of great music and fun," said Cary Banks, Opry coordinator and coordinator of SPC's commercial music program. "They will be treated to some wonderful entertainment by a group of very talented young people as well as by our weekly special guests."

Performances are scheduled June 10, June 17 and June 24 on the Courthouse Square in downtown Levelland. Admission is free. The Jimmie Dean True Value Country Music Showdown will be the focus of the Opry June 24.

The South Plains Opry is presented by the South Plains College Creative Arts Department in cooperation with the Levelland Main Street Program, Levelland Area chamber of Commerce and the Panhandle-South Plains Fair Association.

Guest artists for the first show will be the Rex Thomas Band from Lubbock, a country and western dance band specializing in the dance music of Ray Price, Bob Wills and other classic country music artists. The band includes Rex Thomas, bass; Wally Moyers, steel guitar; Jeff Hammond, drums; Steve Williams, guitar; Mike Carr, lead guitar; Cary Banks, keyboards; and Tina Carraway, fiddle.

South Plains Opry ensemble will be featured in two sets for the first show.

The first set will feature "Neon Rainbow," performed by Kyle Hind; "Every Time I Cry," Amanda Brown; "Thunder Road," James Randorff; "Down in the Boonocks," Jeremy Crady; "With You," Janslei Potrament; "Folsom Prison Blues," John Hartin; "Under the Double Eagle," featuring John Hartin and the South

Plains Opry Band; and "Night Time Man," Kyle Hind, Jeremy Crady and James Randorff.

The second set will spotlight "Someone Else's Trouble," Amanda Brown; "Tracks of My Tears," Allison Branch; "If You're Ever Down In Dallas," Janslei Potrament; "Home in San Antonio," Kyle Hind; "Keep Walkin' On," Potrament and Branch; "Seven Bridges Road," featuring the male vocalists; "A Soft Place To Fall," Barbara Curry; and "Jump, Jive and Wail," featuring the ensemble.

Additional cast members for the 1999 production are Melody Harlow from Odessa, fiddle; Lance Smith from Houston, electric guitar; Les Lawless from Midland, drums; John Hartin, chairman of SPC's Creative Arts Department, pedal steel and electric guitar; and Cary Banks, master of ceremonies and guitar, piano and mandolin.

Additional South Plains Opry performances are scheduled June 19 at the Roxy Theatre in Olton, July 4 for the Fourth of July show in Levelland and July 10 for Levelland's Early Settlers Day Celebration. Guests for the July 4th show will be Heartsound, a women's gospel group from Lubbock.

Municipal Garden & Arts Center

Garden And Arts Center Announces Acrylic Painting Workshop to be Instructed by Paul Milosevich

The Lubbock Municipal Garden & Arts Center will host an acrylic painting workshop instructed by nationally recognized artist Paul Milosevich. Milosevich's artwork is shown in seven national museums and numerous public and private collections and he is the subject of a 30-year retrospective book, *Out of the Ordinary*, published by Texas Tech University Press. He has been featured in *Southwest Art* magazine, on the NBC "Today" show, the "Texas Country Reporter" television show, Japan's "Golf Digest" magazine and *Golf Illustrated* magazine. This workshop is geared for both beginning and intermediate students and students will do painting studies in still-life, portrait and landscapes. This workshop will meet from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on June 8th, 9th and 10th at the Garden and Arts Center located at 4215 University Avenue. The cost of this workshop is \$75. For more information, a supply list or to reserve a spot for this class, please call the Center at 767-3724.

Garden And Arts Center Announce Booth Space

Availability For FIESTA! Arts and Crafts Fair

The Lubbock Municipal Garden & Arts Center is accepting booth rentals for the 29th Annual FIESTA!, a one day arts and crafts fair to be held on Saturday, September 11, 1999. FIESTA! will be held on the front lawn of the Garden and Arts Center, located at 4215 University Avenue, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

FIESTA! is a family-oriented event that includes over 140 vendors selling handcrafted items, all day entertainment, art demonstrations, concession booths and it has traditionally attracted over 10,000 visitors annually.

Cost for an outdoor booth, which is 5'x7', constructed of scaffolding and covered with tarps is \$50.00. Booth rental agreements can be picked up at the Garden and Arts Center Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information on FIESTA! or other programs, please call the Center at (806) 767-3724.



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CITY OF LUBBOCK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG)
The Lubbock City Council will conduct a final Public Hearing to allow citizens an opportunity to comment on the proposed use of 1999-2000 Federal Community Development Funds as recommended by the Community Development Services Board (CDSB). The scheduled time and date for this hearing is:
June 10, 1999, 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, Municipal Building
1625 13th Street

1999-2000 Proposed use of Community Development Resources by Grant	
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)	
Budens	\$8,754
Fire Arts Center	10,000
Fire Dept. Smoke detectors	1,000
Health Dept. Step up to Health	5,750
Park Rec Action	No funding
Park Summer Youth	16,000
Neighborhood Coordinator	2,500
Court Ordered Visitation Exchange	1,000
Guidance/Parkway Centers Summer Youth LEARN Inc.	14,720
Lubbock Area Coalition for Literacy	No funding
Lubbock Black Chamber	31,550
Lubbock Housing Finance Corp Keys	No funding
RCADA Girl Power	2,125
LUNA Achieving the Goal	6,125
LUNA Entering the Circle	9,675
LUNA Neighborhood Development	No funding
Parenting Cottage	24,750
SPARC Dental program	16,710
South Plains Regional Workforce childcare	1,000
West Texas Housing Foundation	60,000
YWCA Health Initiative	No funding
American Red Cross Acquisition	No funding
RCADA Acquisition	No funding
Teen Publications Acquisition	No funding
Economic Development Revolving Loan	No funding
North University Facade	40,765
Barrier Free Living	200,000
Citywide Homeowner Rehab.	No funding
Critical Home Repair	250,000
Exterior Improvement	100,000
Land Disposition	No funding
Rental Reconstruction	No funding
Replacement Reserve	45,000
Senior Painting	600,000
Target Area Homeowner Rehab.	100,000
West Texas Housing Foundation DPCC	20,000
Sidewalk	No funding
Streets Paving	50,000
Lubbock Habitat for Humanity	No funding
MH-IR parking lot	300,000
Environmental Inspection	141,000
Housing Authority of Lubbock demolition	1,374
K-12 Camp Lights and Locks	15,700
SPCAA Child Care Mgmt. Playgrounds	No funding
South Plains Food Bank Expansion	466,461
YWCA Rehabilitation	95,000
Administration	No funding
Housing Direct Delivery Services	466,461
Indirect Costs	95,000
Total Recommended CDBG funding	\$2,153,000
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM	
Homeowner Reconstruction	\$372,250
New Construction	No funding
Rental Rehabilitation	50,000
Community Housing Resources Board Operation	50,000
Community Housing Resource Board Lease Pgm	174,250
West Texas Housing Foundation Housing fund	10,000
Women's Protective Services Transitional Housing Administration	300,000
Total Recommended HOME funding	\$1,163,000
EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT	
Alcohol Recovery Center Rehab.	19,750
ASK House for Women Rehab.	5,500
MH-IR Billy Meeks Center Rehab.	2,000
Salvation Army Essential Services	20,000
Women's Protective Services Parental Services	11,300
Alcohol Recovery Center Operations	5,560
Inertial Hospitality Est. Services/Operation	6,480
Unliver Houses Inc. Essential Services	6,480
Salvation Army Homeless Prevention	1,500
Salvation Army Homeless Prevention Administration	30,000
Total Recommended ESG funding	\$113,000

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THIS N THAT

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION BAND WANTS YOU! THIS N THAT ... who cannot play any kind of a ... **MUSICAL INSTRUMENT** ... is asking those of you who can to come take part in the ... **JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION BAND** ... **ALL JUNIOR HIGH** ... that is ... 8th & 9th graders only ... **HIGH SCHOOL** ... and ... **ADULTS** ... who are interested in playing in the ... **JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION BAND** ... to ... **PLEASE** ... meet at the ... **DUNBAR JUNIOR HIGH BAND ROOM** ... 2010 East 26th Street ... on ... **THURSDAY** ... **JUNE 17TH** ... beginning at 6:30 p. m. This is for ... **SIGN-UP** ... and ... **REHEARSAL** ... **INSTRUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE** ... and a colorful ... **T-SHIRT** ... will be provided ... For more info ... contact ... either ... **MARY J. WILSON** ... director ... or assistant ... **MR. DAVID ANDERSON** ... at Dunbar Junior High School ... or ... **Alderson Junior High School** ... Come and get involved this year! The ... **LUBBOCK EMANCIPATION JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION COMMITTEE** ... needs your help ... Will you march and play in this annual celebration!! ...

ALL INVITED TO MARCH AGAINST DRUGS & GANGS! THIS N THAT ... wants to make sure ... **ALL OF YOU** ... are aware of the ... **ANNUAL MARCH AGAINST DRUGS & GANGS** ... which is ... for ... **TUESDAY** ... June 15th ... beginning at 5:45 p.m. at the corner of ... 26th Street ... and ... **Teak Avenue** ... If you want to stand tall against the ... **MANY EVILS** ... in our community ... be there ... and be with us ... Let our young people know we will continue to accept the evils in our community ... **TELL SOMEONE** ... and be with us ... on June 15th!

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "A MAN OR WOMAN ... show their ... **CHARACTER** ... in nothing more clearly ... than in what ... **THEY** ... think laughable..."

YOUTH COMMISSION CAN WORK! THIS N THAT ... is very elated over the recent ... **PRESS CONFERENCE** ... headed by Mayor Windy Sitton ... to pave the way to bring a ... **YOUTH COMMISSION** by the Lubbock City Council ... It could be an added means to deal with the problems of our ... **LUBBOCK YOUTH** ... Hopefully ... it will become a reality ... but it lies in the hands of the ... **LUBBOCK CITY COUNCIL** ... No doubt about it ... it is a ... **VERY GOOD MOVE** ... for the City of Lubbock ... Time will tell!

FINISHES THIRD IN CLASS! THIS N THAT ... and family members ... attended the high school graduation ... of their ... **GRANDSON** ... and ... **NEPHEW** ... **MARCUS JERROD WILLIAMS** ... son of ... **AVIS ELISE PATTERSON-WILLIAMS** ... who finished third in the Class of 1999 ... at Reading High School ... in Cincinnati, Ohio ... last week ... Plans are to attend ... **OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY** ... **THIS FALL** ... **CONGRATS** ... **MARCUS** ... for a job well done...

WOULD YOU BELIEVE? THIS N THAT ... who has never had an ... opportunity to **PADDLE** in a **CANOE** ... But did so ... Thursday while in ... Eau Claire, Wisconsin ... A very good way ... to exercise ... and able to live through it ... You might not want to believe ... but ... **THIS N THAT** ... did ... **PADDLE** ... **EIGHT** ... leading the pack ... down the ... **BEAVER CREEK RESERVE** ... in Eau Claire ... Sure was ... **FUN** ... but it was painful the next day ... So what ... **THIS N THAT** ... would do it again ...

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT! THIS N THAT ... will be host to the ... **THIRTY-EIGHT** ... plus staff ... of the ... **ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT, AND NATURAL RESOURCES STEERING COMMITTEE** ... of the National League of Cities ... come this September. This committee consists of ... **MAYORS AND CITY COUNCILPERSONS** ... from all over America ... Should be a very ... **INTERESTING TWO MEETING IN LUBBOCK** ... More on this later!

BBB Issues Alert On Bogus Pyramid

The BBB system has issued a national alert to warn consumers who are investing in an "international program of wealth distribution", called **PENTAGONO** or **FUTURE STRATEGIES INTERNATIONAL**. The plan, which is based in Italy and promoted on the Internet, advertises that consumers can receive up to \$116,000 for an initial investment of \$170. Participants are asked to purchase three certificates, and to sell those to three other people. Tied to the promotion is a discount shopping card, which consumers complain is honored by very few businesses and saves shoppers most a few dollars. The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has taken enforcement action against Future

Strategies during its third nationwide Internet fraud sweep. The SEC alleges that Future Strategies sold "Pentagono Certificates" now called "Card Purchase Orders" to more than 400 investors in the U.S. making false promises that an investment of only \$120 or so could earn up to \$116,400. The SEC alleges that the entire program was a sham, a fraudulent pyramid scheme, designed to bilk investors. Pentagono promoters advertise the plan as an exciting short cut to riches, easy living and retirement; you're asked to pay a large entry fee; and then plan focuses more on the recruiting of other participants than on the selling of a product or service. Email and calls to the BBBs indicate that consumers are being lured by the company's claim that

it is registered with the Italian government's Chamber of Commerce; its contention that any financial rewards are not subject to taxes; and, by they many enthusiastic testimonials posted on its web site. Trying to stop foreign schemes such as this from operating in the United States is virtually impossible. BBBs nationwide are advising consumers to consider two facts: One, pyramids are illegal in this country and if you recruit others to join, you may be subject to prosecution. Two, if you choose to buy into this type of venture, there is no recourse if you end up dissatisfied. "In order for everyone to profit in a pyramid scheme, there has to be a never-ending supply of potential and willing participants", says Nan Campbell, President of the South Plains BBB. When the supply runs out, and it inevitably does, the pyramid collapses and most participants lose their investment. "Like other pyramid schemes, this one seems intent on exploiting people with limited means and limited knowledge of business. It's also typical of pyramid schemes to target closely-knit groups, like churches or civic groups, and to encourage participants to recruit friends, neighbors and relatives", Campbell said. The Pentagono promotions have targeted deaf people in some states; in other states, the main focus appears to be on senior citizens. State Attorney General Offices are taking action against Pentagono promoters. The Pennsylvania Attorney General's office and the State of Louisiana's Attorney General, for instance, have issued warnings in response to complaints from consumers in their states. Consumers complain that they had joined the program but had yet to receive a return on their investment.

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IN CINQUE

By Renetta W. Howard



I was appalled as I listened to the radio a few days ago as I prepared to attend the last day of school for this academic year as a teacher. I was already nervous when I heard the radio commentator speak about the incidents of school violence as negligible. He stated that there was not a lot of school violence. I thought, "Compared to what? Church violence!"

Violence in itself is intolerable. School violence, where innocent children and school personnel are being injured, killed or both is even more intolerable. Schools of all places, yes, schools, not churches, were considered neutral ground between

rival gangs and no rumbles took place on school grounds. Today, no place is sacred and this is not only sinful but it is also shameful.

Shame has no place in a school but it is visualized every day when a child or a teacher dies because someone attending school has no shame and holds no value for human life, especially when the daily "Big Story," or "Top Story" headlining the news each day is some act of school violence by children. It has become an uncontrollable fad in our nation. It has to stop. The starting place to stop youth violence is still in the home. Parents MUST control their children or start seeing them in jail serving a life sentence, often without parole, after having been tried as an adult! It is time for us to get "in cinque" and take control of our wayward, violent youth.

Al Edwards Organizes National Juneteenth USA

State Representative Al Edwards of Houston, Texas has reached a goal in Texas. It is the establishment and founding of the National Juneteenth U.S.A. Association. It was held last week in Austin, Texas with the 1999 Official Juneteenth Opening Ceremony. Several awards were presented to board members who have labored over the past years.

This celebration is for 20 years of continuing service for the Juneteenth Celebration which began in 1979 and covers through 1999. It was held in the Texas State Capitol House Chambers on Friday, June 4, 1999, beginning at 6:00 p. m.

Eddie P. Richardson, co-publisher and member of the Juneteenth Committee, who received the Al Edwards Emancipator Award.

With the name of the "New Juneteenth", it spells out that freedom is a cherished word to all humanity, particularly to those in bondage. It was January 1, 1863, as the church bells extolled the news and President Abraham Lincoln had issued his promised Emancipation Proclamation. Upon receiving the news; slaves and sympathizers in Boston, Mass; Washington, D. C.; Richmond, Va. and New York City as well as other cities danced in the streets, sung praises unto God and cried tears of joy.

Although General

Robert E. Lee surrendered his Confederate Army on April 9, 1865, the Trans-Mississippi Department of Texas generals and officials had already set into motion scheduling for prolonging the war in the Southwest. Federal forces smothered their efforts and General Kirby Smith surrendered the Confederate bayou and issued General Order No. 3: EMANCIPATION. This was the birth of Juneteenth in Texas.

Juneteenth Celebrations were held informally for 114 years. But in 1978, a state representative by the name of Al Edwards envisioned that Blacks could have a formal celebration of Emancipation from slavery. During his first term as a state legislator, he authored the most meaningful piece of legislation for the Black community which had ever existed in a history of Texas or any other state. He wrote and lobbied to get it passed into law.

This bill made June 19th a legal state holiday, the first official Black holiday in the United States of America. After numerous setbacks and hard work on behalf of Edwards pushed the bill through successfully — receiving votes from the House of Representatives and Senate within the last twenty-four hours in the Texas' 66th Legislative Session. At a memorable and historical ceremony on

the grounds of Texas' State Capitol in Austin. Hundreds of supporters witnessed the bill signed into law by Governor William Clements on June 13, 1979. As a result, Representative Edwards stated: "Texas now witnesses the 'New Celebration of Juneteenth' an official state holiday."

All of this led to the celebration June 4, 1999 at the State Capitol in Austin, Texas. The program with Blacks in charge of the State Capitol without protest, takeover or shut in — former slaves and slave masters celebrating freedom of people together.

It all began in the morning with the general meeting of the Commissioners. A gourmet lunch was served which was sponsored by a business establishment on the Lakefront. The program consisted of a music prelude. Master of ceremonies was done in a positive manner. There was a positive greeting to the distinguished people in attendance, including the former senator who passed Senate 1215.

Also present were Senator Jerry Patterson, State Comptroller Carol Rylander. Special recognition was given by State Representative Edwards.

With closing remarks by Edwards, the closing song was "We Shall Overcome," led by a local musical group and the audience. Of course, State Representative Edwards gave the benediction.

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SPC Plainsman Press Staffers Win Awards

LEVELLAND - Students on the staff of the Plainsman Press, South Plains College's student publication, recently won six first place awards in state and regional competition, according to Dale Hosen, assistant professor of journalism and sponsor.

They competed with two year college and university students in a 13-state region at the Rocky Mountain Collegiate Media Association convention in Albuquerque and at the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association convention in Kerrville.

At the Rocky Mountain meet, John Leeson from Abernathy won two first place awards for his cartoons in the humorous and editorial cartoon categories; and Kristin Harter from Andrews won first place for a single ad she designed. Honorable mentions went to Amalia Aguerro from Lubbock for a news story and Conchetta San Filippo from Plains for a feature story.

At the TIPA convention, Jay Ortega from Levelland won first place for his newspaper series titled, "Native America Today." Linc Armes from Levelland won first place for his photography in the news page design category; and Azalia Barajas from Lubbock earned a first place for her layout work in news page design.

Honorable mentions went to Amanda Hamilton, formerly from Levelland, for her general column, J'Lyn Green from Levelland for feature page design and Jimmy Robertson from Plains for sports page

design. The 1998-99 edition of the newspaper was edited by April Cook from Three Way. The online version of the paper, accessed at www.spc.edu/press, was edited by Kande Dcknatik from Whitharral.

Host Families Needed

If you have room in your hearts and room in your home, the SHARE! High School Exchange Program is seeking families to host high school exchange students for the coming school year. The exchange students, who are between 15 and 18 years old, speak English, are covered by medical insurance, and have spending money for their personal expenses.

The students will arrive in early August, 1999 and will stay with the host family for one semester or until the end of the school year. The host family will provide a bed, meals, as well as friendship, understanding, and a genuine desire to share the American way of life with a youngster from overseas. The students are from over 20 different countries, including Germany, France, Japan, Brazil, Chile, Venezuela, Italy, China, Poland, Czech Republic and Romania.

The SHARE! High School Exchange Program is sponsored by Educational Resource Development Trust (ERDT). Families are able to review student applications and select the student they feel will best match their own interests. For more information, call Amy Lynn, at 806-794-4238 or the ERDT Southwest Regional Office at 1-800-414-3738.

Pepperdine University Presents Award to Dr. L. Ken Jones

Prestigious Pepperdine University in Malibu, California, presented the "Distinguished Christian Service Award" this year to Dr. L. Ken Jones, President of Lubbock Christian University, during ceremonies at their 56th annual Pepperdine University Bible Lectures program on April 27, 1999.

The award states that Dr. Jones was chosen as recipient of the award for his years of preaching, teaching, mentoring young preachers, and being a "Champion of education" at Lubbock Christian University. He was also cited for his leadership.

Dr. Jones is well known in the Lubbock area for his presentations on value-centered leadership. Dr. Jones has served as President of LCU since 1993. He is a frequent seminar speaker and has conducted classes in "value-centered leadership" for several businesses and civic groups in the Lubbock area such as Texas Instruments, Plans National Bank, and Leadership Lubbock. He has also conduct-

ed these seminars for numerous businesses and churches all over the state of Texas and from California to Trinidad.

Dr. Jones blends leadership with lessons on quality living and is involved in two writing projects dealing with leadership.

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IN JESUS NAME

"ALL THE WORLD IS PREJUDICED!!!"

2 TIMOTHY 3:1,2a, THIS KNOW ALSO, THAT IN THE LAST DAYS PERILOUS (DANGEROUS) TIMES SHALL COME. FOR MEN SHALL BE LOVERS OF THEIR OWN SELVES.

SEVEN PEOPLE WAS TRAPPED IN A MOUNTAIN CABIN, IT WAS BITTER COLD EACH HAD A LOG OF WOOD, THIS IS HOW THE HATE STORY GOES!!!

LEVITICUS 19:18, THOU SHALT NOT AVENGE, NOR BEAR ANY GRUDGE AGAINST THE CHILDREN OF THY PEOPLE, BUT THOU SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR AS THYSELF: I AM THE LORD.

THEIR FIRE WAS DYING: FOR THE NEED OF ONE'S PRECIOUS WOOD, EACH HAD WHAT IT TOOK TO STAY ALIVE; ONLY IF HE OR SHE WOULD!!!

ACTS 20:35b, REMEMBER THE WORDS OF THE LORD JESUS, HOW HE SAID, IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE.

THERE WAS THIS PREACHER: HE HELD TO HIS WOOD OF BIRCH; HE SAID, WHY SHOULD I? THEY ARE NOT MEMBERS OF MY CHURCH!!!

MATTHEW 5:16, JESUS SAID, LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN, THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS, AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN.

THEN THERE WAS THIS BLACK MAN: HIS JAWS CLENCHED VERY TIGHT, SAYING WITHIN HIMSELF; IT'S A GOOD TIME TO GET EVEN WITH THE WHITES!!!

LUKE 6:27-28, JESUS SAID, BUT I SAY UNTO YOU WHICH HEAR, LOVE YOUR ENEMIES, DO GOOD TO THEM WHICH HATE YOU. BLESS THEM THAT CURSE YOU, PRAY THEM WHICH DESPITEFULLY USE YOU.

AND THERE WAS THIS RICH MAN: HIS LOG AND RICHES; HE DID ADORE, SAYING WITHIN HIMSELF; WHY SHOULD I WARM MY GOOD FOR NOTHING POOR???

1 JOHN 2:15, LOVE NOT THE WORLD, NEITHER THE THINGS THAT ARE IN THE WORLD, IF ANY MAN LOVE THE WORLD, THE LOVE OF THE FATHER IS NOT IN HIM.

AND THE POOR MAN WAS SITTING THERE; OWNING NOTHING BUT HIS HICKORY STICK, HIS HEART HARDENED: SAYING, WHY SHOULD I WARM THE MIGHTY RICH???

JOHN 15:13, JESUS SAID, GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN THIS, THAT HE LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS.

THEN THERE WAS THIS WHITE WOMAN: SHE HELD HER PRECIOUS LOG BACK, AS SHE LOOKED INTO THE FACES AROUND THE FIRE; AND ONE WAS BLACK!!!

1 JOHN 4:20, IF ANY MAN (OR WOMAN) SAY, I LOVE GOD, AND HATETH HIS BROTHER, HE (OR SHE) IS A LIAR: FOR HE THAT LOVETH NOT HIS BROTHER WHOM HE HATH SEEN, HOW CAN HE (OR SHE) LOVE GOD WHOM HE (OR SHE) HATH NOT SEEN?

AND THERE WAS THIS SPANISH MAN: THINKING OF HIMSELF; HIS LOG HE CLANGED, I 'LL GIVE ONLY TO MY PEOPLE; THIS IS HOW HE PLAYED THE GAME!!

GALATIANS 6:10a, AS WE HAVE THEREFORE OPPORTUNITY, LET US DO GOOD UNTO ALL MEN.

AND THE ORIENTAL MAN SAID: I 'LL NOT GIVE MINE FOR THE MAJORITY, I'LL HOLD BACK, THEY'LL GIVE TO ME; BECAUSE I'M THE MINORITY!!

MARK 9:35b, JESUS SAID, IF ANY MAN DESIRE TO BE FIRST, THE SAME SHALL BE LAST OF ALL, AND SERVANT OF ALL.

AND WHEN MORNING CAME; EACH HAD DIED OF THEIR HATEFUL SIN, THEY DIDN'T DIE FROM THE OUTSIDE COLD, BUT THEIR COLD HEART WITHIN!!!

OF COLD WORLD; O HOW BLESSED WE COULD ALL BE IF EACH OF US WOULD SAY: HERE, TAKE MY LOG; NO CHARGE, IT'S FREE!!!

GIVE OUT THAT HANDSHAKE, GIVE OUT THAT SMILE, THERE FREE, PUT OUT THAT BOOMERANG OF LOVE; IT WILL RETURN; BACK TO YOU AND ME!!!

JOHN 13:35, JESUS SAID, BY THIS SHALL ALL MEN KNOW THAT YE ARE MY DISCIPLES (FOLLOWS), IF YE HAVE LOVE ONE TO ANOTHER.

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

City-Wide Ushers Will Meet

The City Wide Ushers will meet at Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, 1704 East 24th Street, on Saturday evening, June 12, 1999 beginning at 5:00 p.m. Reverend W. D. Davis is host pastor.

Early Saturday morning from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., a picnic will be held in Mae Simmons Park. Everyone is asked to bring what they want to eat. There will be fund and games.

Hopefully, every usher will bring another person or usher when they come. Come and be with us.

Oh, by the way, if it rains, the picnic will be moved to the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church.

Don't forget our canned goods for those who are in need in our community.

Sister M.J. Cage, president, and Sister Minnie Darthhard, reporter.

from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

Continuity of Faith

"We are partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end."—Hebrews 3:14

Many of us are saddened when we see a fellow Christian fall away from his or her spiritual commitments or turn from godly living. Such lapses seem prevalent in our day. We need to realize that temptations to default on our spiritual commitments are many. For this reason the urges us to remain steadfast in faith.

The basic issue in the life of one who departs from God's truth is the genuineness of faith. For some reason the person no longer esteems God's fellowship or His eternal promises. Selfish priorities are established. This causes many of us to wonder why this happens. We know that attitudes enters in; sinful desires can cause one to turn from following God's path, but following these desires is a symptom and not the cause for stumbling. The basic issue relates to a weakness in faith.

I believe that one of the greatest sources of encouragement to remain steadfast in faith comes from fellow Christians. Without their encouragement our trials often seem unbearable, and we fall into sin. Many of us have song the hymn "Yield Not to Temptation." If it has not flowed from our lips, we have heard it. The hymn asks us not to yield for temptation. After yielding to sin a few times, it becomes more difficult to persevere when similar temptations arise. A lack of faith in God and in His promises begins a pattern of sin that can be lethal. For this reason Christians need to be encouraging one another in God's truth.

The key to entering God's blessing is faith in Christ. Faith in

Christ is not an emotion or a good feeling, but rather it is a firm confidence in Christ. Many follow Christ during good times but turn from Him when temptations arise. Those who enter God's rest, however, are those who have built their lives in faith in Christ. The old sage, Rev. Edwin Scott, always says in reference to Christians, "You will know the tree by the fruit it bears." Truly those who have built their lives on faith in Christ, works bear evidence of the faith that the claim to have.

The Israelites failed to enter the promises of God because of unbelief. God will not recognize as His children those who claim faith but fail to demonstrate it by their works.

God knows the hearts of all people. In the last analysis, He will determine both who are His people and who are those who merit rewards for serving Him.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met last Saturday morning in the lovely home of Brother and Sister Delbert Hood at 9:00 a.m. Each present received a blessing by just being present.

The morning devotion began with song of praise. Scripture was read by Rev. Sister Christine Burleson who read Isaiah 34. Prayer was given by Sister Minnie Wallace. Sister Hood spoke words of encouragement for the ladies.

The morning scripture lesson was taught by Sister Louise Perry, wife of Dr. Floyd Perry of Montgomery, Alabama. Her scripture was Matthew 14. Her subject was "Let's Walk On The Water."

Peter was not testing Jesus. Something we are told not to do. Instead, he was the only one in the boat to react in faith. His impulsive request led him to experience a rather unusual demonstration of God's power. Peter started to sink, because he took his eyes off Jesus, and focused on the high waves around him. Then his faith wavered. When he realized what he was doing.

We may not walk on water, but we do walk through tough situations. If we focus on the waves of difficult circumstances around us without looking to Christ for help. We go through much despair and sink, to maintain our faith in the midst of difficult situations.

Keep your eyes on Christ's power rather than on your inadequacies. Keep your eyes on Jesus! He is bigger than any problem, that is, we can have.

When Peter ask to walk on the water, our Lord said to him, "Come!" He's saying that to many of us today. When the storms are raging in our lives, He's saying, "Come!" Think about it, Saints!

We love you, Sister Perry. May God continue to bless you in the world.

Thoughts of the Week: "Without faith, don't try walking on the water."

"Without justice, there is no peace."

A word to our guest, we want you to know you are very special to us. Come anytime. This is a standing invitation to all. It doesn't matter what your color or race. Prayer is our first priority. If you have a prayer request, write to us: Outreach Prayer Breakfast P. O. Box 1223, Lubbock, Texas 79408.

Are you hurting? Read II Chronicles 7:14 and Mark 11:24-26. Believe and receive.

Please don't forget your drive by prayers for the City of Lubbock.

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The youth Christian conference will feature youth from all over West Texas (El Paso throughout the Midland/Odessa area) in an opening parade at 7:00 a.m., Tuesday June 8, 1999, a youth Sunday School competition and musical at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 8 and Wednesday, June 9, 1999. All events are free and open to the Lubbock Community.

In a day when youth seem to go astray, the young African American youth of the Lovely Sunset District will shine as a ray of hope to our community. Come and be part of our mission to reclaim our youth.

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Minority Corporate Counsel Association Honors Local Corporations At The MCCA Dinner

Minority Corporate Counsel Association (MCCA) will honor resident corporations at the MCCA/American Lawyer Media Diversity 2000 Dinner in Atlanta. The event will be held at the Renaissance Atlanta Hotel on Wednesday, May 19, 1999, with the reception from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and the dinner from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.

The Dinner highlights the accomplishments of General Counsel, who are implementing innovative programs to increase diversity in the legal profession. The Southern region Diversity 2000 honorees are:

- James O. Cole, General Counsel, AutoNation
- Joseph R. Gladden, Jr., General Counsel, The Coca-Cola Company
- Charles R. Morgan, General Counsel, BellSouth

Corporation The basis for selection of the recipients was the responses to the MCCA survey (Diversity in Corporate Law Departments). The first dinner, held at the Chicago Marriott, was a success with more than 400 attorneys in attendance. Other dinners will be held in Washington, D.C., New York City and San Francisco honoring General Counsel in those regions.

MCCA will also honor local law firms with the Thomas L. Sager Award. The Sager Award is given to law firms that have demonstrated sustained commitment to improve the hiring, retention and promotion of minority attorneys.

"This is an opportunity to recognize those corporations who make diversity a priority by increasing awareness and

promoting change for the new millennium," says Lloyd M. Johnson, Jr., Executive Director of MCCA. "Through our magazine Diversity & the Bar, and our national and regional events, we hope to highlight the achievements, organizations and individuals who are effective change agents. We are confident that a majority of corporate law departments and law firms in this country will take steps to align diversity with their business objectives if they are given the appropriate tools and information."

"I am honored. BellSouth believes that a diverse workforce creates a richer environment that produces more creative thinking and solutions," says Charles R. Morgan, Executive Vice President, General Counsel, BellSouth Corporation. "Promoting

diversity is essential to our success and it is the right thing to do."

MCCA is an advocate for expanded hiring and pro-

motion of minority attorneys by corporate law departments and the law firms that serve them. Their goal is to achieve diversity by providing a vari-

ety of resources. The organization publishes a quarterly magazine and holds five regional dinners throughout the country.

"JUNETEENTH" CELEBRATION PARADE

Dear Juneteenth Celebrant:

You are invited to participate in our Juneteenth Celebration Parade. If you did not join us last year, we encourage and welcome you to do so this year. Our parade will be held Saturday, June 19, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. All entries will assemble on the east parking lot of the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 6th Street, at 8:45 a.m.

Please complete and return the application form to: Lubbock Emancipation Juneteenth Committee, 902 East 28th Street Lubbock, Texas 79404

All applications are to be in the office of the committee no later than 5:00 p.m. Monday, June 14, 1999.

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Temple, Texas - Steven A. Carriker, State Director for Texas USDA Rural Development announced today that federal funds are available for direct and guaranteed rural housing loans.

"We are happy to report that USDA Rural Development has had a banner year in funding housing for rural Texans," said Carriker. "Since the fiscal year began last October we have provided funding for 1,648 rural Texans to own or repair their home. Although available loan funds are run-

ning low due to high demand, the Agency will continue to accept applications for both direct and guaranteed loans, even if funding has to wait for the next cycle. "The sooner a new borrower gets his or her application in, the sooner they can be in their new home," Carriker said.

Loans are available depending on repayment ability and the location of the home or building site. There are several programs available to provide financing including direct and guaranteed housing loans and home repair loans

and grants.

The direct loans are designed to provide low income families with financing to build, purchase, or repair homes that meet local codes and provide adequate affordable housing. Funds may also be used to modernize or repair a home already owned by an applicant.

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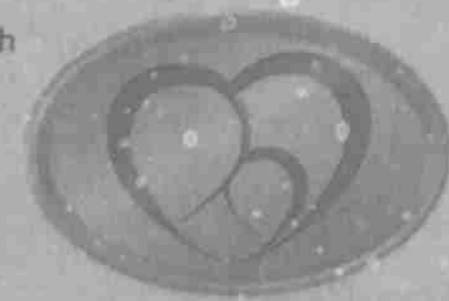
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