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NATIONAL NEWS

State Farm Unites for Youth Achievement

NNPA, Urban League and State Farm Insurance Companies will team with the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) and the National Urban League in a program to promote youth achievement within urban communities. State Farm is contributing a three-year grant totaling \$1.2 million in support of Achievement Matters. The program is an informational campaign that will work to increase community awareness of, and their involvement in, youth achievement; to combat anti-achievement culture in African-American communities and to stress to adults and community leaders the importance of emphasizing youth achievement. The campaign will consist of targeted advertising and editorials in Black newspapers promoting the Achievement Matters theme. Sixty cities are being targeted for the program, which also will include community rallies, pledge cards, flyers and posters. Achievement Matters will be launched in Los Angeles on Sept. 20 to coincide with the National Urban League's youth celebratory events across the country. "This campaign is critical to the development of the African-American community. We are thrilled to have State Farm's extensive involvement and the commitment of African-American newspaper publishers in a dynamic partnership," said Hugh B. Price, the president and CEO of the National Urban League. "We have always respected the work of the National Urban League and its mission of focusing on the needs of African Americans," said Dorothy R. Leavell, president of the NNPA. "With the commitment and involvement of State Farm and its employees, this program will move people of all ages in the Black community to help our children achieve."

Tuskegee University Second in the Nation in Producing Black Engineers

Tuskegee University is second in the nation in awarding baccalaureate degrees in engineering to African Americans, according to a July issue of Black Issues in Higher Education. Of the five major academic colleges at Tuskegee University, the College of Engineering, Architecture and Physical Sciences is one of the largest with an enrollment of more than 900 students. "Our ranking speaks for itself. Over 90 percent of our faculty in these areas hold Ph.D. degrees from the nation's most outstanding universities. Our faculty is experienced, our students highly motivated, our research first-rate and corporate support continues to increase," said Dr. Benjamin F. Payton, the university's president. While there has been a nationwide effort to increase the number of minorities in engineering, Dr. Payton indicates that there is still a critical shortage of African-American engineers. "Not more than three percent of the engineers nationwide are African American and that number should be increased to at least 10 percent," Dr. Payton added. Some of the reasons for Tuskegee's success is the way service is delivered, says Dr. Ben Oni, interim dean of the College of Engineering, Architecture and Physical Sciences. He points to special retention efforts, including learning resource centers and tutorial and counseling programs, as well as three eight-week summer programs that give engineering students a "head start" on their studies and assist them in selecting careers.

CHARLES AND FRANCES BALLARDS RECEIVE THE 1997 NATIONAL PARENTS DAY AWARD



Charles Ballard, founder, president and CEO of the Institute for Responsible Fatherhood and Family Revitalization along with his wife Frances Ballard, executive vice president of the Institute received the national parent award on National Parents Day. President Clinton in his National Parents Day salute said, "its no surprise to any of us that the National Parents Day Foundation has chosen you as its honorees this year. Your incredible work to restore the family ideal as a tool for healing the community is felt in homes, in communities, and in the nation." In celebration of the Ballards and National Parents Day, congressional leaders Senators Orrin Hatch, Joseph Biden and Representatives Floyd Flake and Dan Burton authors of legislation supporting strong families, hosted a reception in the Ballards' honor.

South Plains College 1997 graduates of the vocational nursing program



LVN GRADUATES -- Fiedton, Leah Schooler from Seagraves, Melanie Lane and Kelly Read from Levelland, Sherry Childers from Stallwater and Elizabeth Felix from Lubbock. From left on the top row are Laura McCleskey from Tahoka, Kathy Sherrard from Seymour, Iowa, Marie Walker from Brownfield, Cheryl Pollis from Levelland, Kathy Salazar from Brownfield and Jeannie Pillow from Seagraves. After passing their state board exams, the students will be eligible to work as licensed vocational nurses in hospitals, doctors' offices, clinics and other medical facilities.

NPCBW ANNUAL AWARDS BRUNCH AND BIENNIAL CONVENTION TO HONOR THE FIVE NEWEST AFRICAN AMERICA WOMEN OF CONGRESS



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Washington, D.C. -- The National Political Congress of Black Women, inc (NPCBW) has set its Annual Awards Brunch and Biennial Convention for September 13-17, 1997. At the Brunch, we will honor the "Five Newest African American Women of Congress who were elected since we last honored the 'Ten Tenacious African American Women of Congress' in 1994," Dr. Tucker said. The five newest congresswomen are Donna Green (VI); Julia Carson (Ind.); Juanita Millender-McDonald (CA); Shelia Jackson (TN) and Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick (MI). Senator Carol Moseley-Braun will preside at the Brunch. At the Brunch, the life and legacy of the late Dr. Betty Shabazz will be celebrated by a tribute from Mrs. Coretta Scott King and Mrs. Myrlie Evers-Williams, who were honored with Dr. Shabazz by NPCBW in 1994. In addition, the daughter of Dr. Shabazz will participate and Melba Moore will bring a song in tribute. NPCBW's theme this year is "African American Women for Vision and Action in the 21st Century. It's America's biggest challenge on how best to combine excellence and diversity in order to lead," Dr. Tucker said.

During the Biennial Convention, Secretary of Labor Alexis Herman and Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala will speak on Monday, Sept. 15, at the Opening Plenary Session. Essence Magazine's dynamic Editor-in-Chief, Susan Taylor will lead the morning's Spiritual Aerobics for Mind, Body and Soul Empowerment. The Choir's Luncheon (Honoring Women in Elective and Appointive Offices), will follow with Sen. Moseley-Braun as the speaker. New Jersey State Secretary Lomua Hooks will receive an award to be presented to her by Governor Christian Todd Whitman. The Hon. Cardiss Collins, retired Illinois Congresswoman, has been invited to preside over the Luncheon.

Lola Palana will conduct Tuesday's Spiritual Aerobics it will be followed by the Plenary Session which Secretary of Transportation Rodney Slater will address. The children of Dr. Martin Luther King, Hon. Thurgood Marshall, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Hon. Andrew Young and Medgar Evers

have been invited to participate in the Keepers of the Legacy Luncheon also on Tuesday. US Attorney General Janet Reno will be the keynote speaker Later Tuesday evening, the Fannie Lou Hamer Awards Dinner will be held. Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney will be presented with the Fannie Lou Hamer Award. In addition, the 200th Anniversary of Sojourner Truth will be celebrated. Reverend Jesse Jackson was invited as the speaker.

The Spiritual Aerobics on Wednesday will be provided by Reverend Gwendolyn Goldsby Grant. It will be followed by the Unity Prayer Breakfast where Rev. Dr. Vashti McKenzie will be the speaker. Events of the final three days of the convention will be centered at the Hotel Washington. Concurrent workshops will be held throughout each day. The topics will include Education in the 21st Century, African American Economic Empowerment, Youth Leadership for the 21st Century, Presidential Politics in 2000, and Affirmative Action and the Glass Ceiling. In addition to previously mentioned convention participants, Dr. Julianne Malveaux, Hon. Louis DeBerry, and Dr. Yvonne Scruggs are scheduled as panelists and speakers.

The Honorary Co-Chair of this year's events are Mrs. Myrlie Evers-Williams, Dr. Dorothy I. Height, Mrs. Coretta Scott King, and Hon. Rosa Parks. Ms. Hala Modellmog, President of Churches Chicken, is the Brunch Corporate Chair.

NPCBW is non-partisan. It is the first organization whose primary mission is the political empowerment of African American Women through activities that promote the mentoring of African American women and their participation in the political process, encouraging them to seek political office.

Dr. Dorothy Height, president of the National Council of Negro Women; Mrs. Coretta Scott King, the Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton (DC Delegate) and the Honorable Alexis Herman are among the founding members.

NOTICE!!! September 11th a Great Historical day in Lubbock. The Birth of the Southwest Digest formerly the Lubbock Digest! The first Recognized Minority (Black) owned publication in Lubbock. September 11th is a Special day in Lubbock, Texas. Watch the Digest for more info.

Tips to be Fit By Vince Faust Dieting, Exercising and Weight Loss

What is the difference between losing weight by dieting alone and losing weight by exercising?
Janet S., Wynnefield, PA.

Dieting alone to lose weight will lead to a 90 percent loss of muscle mass, water and bone tissue and a fat loss of around 10 percent. The loss of lean muscle and bone tissue will weaken the muscles and organs. Weight loss through proper diet and exercise will lead to a fat loss of around 98% and lean muscle mass and bone density may increase.

When you lose weight by dieting alone your metabolism decreases and your body will burn calories at a slower rate. Then, when you quit dieting your body continues to burn calories slowly. So as soon as you start eating normally you eventually gain back the weight you lost and sometimes more because your metabolism is burning food calories so slowly.

The bottom line is exercise tones muscle, burns flab and increases your metabolism....dieting doesn't.

Also, eating stimulates your body to burn calories because the digestion process uses a lot of energy. Eat small low fat meals three to six times a day to keep your energy level constant.

Include plenty of fruits, vegetables, beans, whole grain breads, cereals, pasta, brown rice and only lean cuts of meat in your diet.

Make sure you consume between 12 to 15 calories per pound of body weight daily.

Instead of starving your body to lose weight workout for 30-60 minutes three to five times a week. Walking is great for the beginner and jogging can become addictive. You'll also want to do toning exercises such as weight training or calisthenics for each part of the body.

Depending on your interest you may also want to join a karate class, a dance class, take aerobic dance, swim, skate or bicycle to get your aerobic workout. Experiment with different exercises and find something you enjoy. Cross-training (doing several types of exercises throughout the week) can keep you interested in exercising.

So, which do you want muscle or flab? Work that body and tighten up that diet while you tighten up those buns.

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The entry fee is \$3.00 a person. Registration on site that morning.

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Moton is the proud pastor. You are always welcome to come by and visit our church.

Services began last Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday School and Superintendent Bruce Tharrington presided. Classes received 30 minutes of instruction with all teachers at their post of duty. Classes reassembled at 10:15 a.m. in the main auditorium of the church singing "Yes, Jesus Loves Me."

High points of the morning lesson were given by Pastor Moton who had some very good points to say. Let us continue to think about the morning subject.

Secretary's Report: Youth Department--Senior Class captured both banners while in the Adult Department, the Class No. 1 retained the Attendance Banner, and Class No. 4 received the Offering Banner.

The morning devotional period at 10:45 a.m. was conducted by the Women's Missionary Society and was led by Sister Lucille Jackson and Sister Margie Runnels.

The Senior Choir marched in the processional singing "We Got To Praise Him." Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Jeff Brown. A song, "O Lord Have Mercy", was sung. Sister Michelle Jones read the morning scripture, St. Matthew 5. Another song, "All My Help," was sung. Responsive reading was done with the congregation standing and led by Sister Joan Y. Ervin.

The morning hymn was "My God Is Real." Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton. He asked questions. One was, "Do you know God is real in your life?" A song, "To A Great Creation," was sung which is a favorite of this writer. The hymn of preparation was "Have Thine Own Way."

Ruby Jay's Corner

Pastor Moton preached on the subject "You Don't Have To Go To Hell Unless You Want To!" His scripture text was Ephesians 2:1-10. He let the congregation know you don't have to unless you desire to do so.

Invitation discipleship was extended. One of our own and former member of the Senior Choir, Sister Shirley, who resides in Dallas, Texas was present. She sang "There's a Brighter Side Somewhere!". Her mother, Sister Clara Lawson, and in law, Sister Odell Williams and Bobby Ross were restored back in church.

Congratulations are in store for Rev. and Mrs. Larry Brooks on the birth of twin girls.

The Ruby Jay family is glad to be back home. Every moment was very enjoyable. They visited the Chantell Jay kids in Arlington, Texas. It was August 22nd when Rita Mitchell, my niece, cooked a big birthday dinner in Cleburn, Texas. Linda came to visit us while in Arlington.

Remember our sick and shut in citizens with your precious prayers and visits. Sister G.H. Davis is back in the nursing home.

Sister Pearlene Chase is back home from the hospital.

This writer, Ruby Jay, would like to thank all of you in Lubbock for the many birthday gifts when we returned home. You will never know the feeling. LOVE YOU! Thanks to T.J. Patterson for filling in my column last week at my absence.

Sister Ida Johnson is on the sick list this week. Let us continue to pray for her.

There is still a little more time if you would like to be on our Southwest Digest Congratulations Patron list. If you are interested in doing so, just call 744-4127. Forget the person, think about the good he has done!

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Scandal Continues at UPS

By Dianne Anderson

In early May, a package displaying a swastika which was found in a truck being used by an African-American UPS worker, was the latest of a half-dozen similar incidents to scandalize the company since January. The package turned up a week after a lawsuit was filed by African-American employees charging racial bias at the company.

"The bottom line at UPS (is) we don't tolerate discrimination and we're going to do whatever it takes to find the people who are responsible," said UPS Regional Community Relations Manager Oscar Sepulveda.

Responding to allegations of discrimination in the suit, Sepulveda maintained the company is "in full compliance with affirmative action as well as full compliance with federal contract regulations."

However UPS could not provide the Precinct Reporter with an ethnic breakdown to help gauge the parity between workers, some suggest that Black workers are relegated to low-level jobs compared to whites who occupy middle and upper management positions.

On that and related issues, 16 African-American employees filed a class action suit in Oakland Federal Court accusing UPS of discrimination in promotions and procedures. The suit encompasses 10 states within the Northwest and Pacific regions.

The plaintiffs allege they were routinely given dangerous work assignments, denied training and promotions and because of the suit, continue to experience harassment.

Etienne Carter, one San Bernardino employee represented in the class action, said ever since filing the complaint against the company, he and others have faced retaliation and intimidation.

"This stuff has been continuing since day one," said Carter, noting he is the only African-American supervisor throughout the seven-city district. "Not only is racism prevalent at UPS, but it is being acted out by those who shouldn't be perpetuating the ignorance."

Carter said the first episode began the morning after he gave a deposition against the company. A package with the hate acronym "KKK" was placed in the back of another African-American employee's company vehicle. Later that evening, the same message was scrawled on the bathroom wall.

"They keep hiding it," said William Lewis III, another plaintiff from the San Bernardino division. "This is our complaint: Pattern, practice and policy."

Emphasizing that the police was not notified at that time of the "KKK" incident, Lewis said his supervisor simply crossed out the acronym on the package and for-

warded it through the mail. He added that two weeks lapsed before the graffiti was finally removed from the walls of the bathroom.

"They had a meeting five days later (saying) 'there will be no writing on the packages or UPS property.' That was it--no outcry--nothing," he said.

Lewis, a UPS driver for 23 years further charged that whistle-blowing on the inadequate way the hate crimes were handled has had severe ramifications.

Harassment on the job escalated, he said, after he sent a letter to the corporate office in March asking why police were not called in to investigate the hate crimes and why the company was lax in openly condemning the matter.

Lewis said he was especially shocked when his supervisor informed him a few days later that based on the content of his letter, management felt he was too emotionally unstable to drive.

After being escorted off company grounds he said he was subjected to a battery of psychological tests along with hours of humiliating drug and alcohol testing, all of which came back negative.

Surprisingly, he noted, the company had given him a safe driving award one week earlier.

The legal goal now is for injunctive relief to get procedures in place for fair opportunities in training, promotions and bidding processes, said Trina Parker, one of several attorneys on the case.

Currently, two other multi-discrimination lawsuits are also underway against the company, one in Missouri and the other in Florida, sources informed.

Guadalupe-Parkway Neighborhood Center (a United Way Agency) is now enrolling for their fall preschool program. The Little People's Play Group is an enrichment program for 3 and 4 year old children. Opportunities are provided for the children to gain self-esteem, play and learn with children their own age, and form an early interest and joy in learning. The children attend the program from 8:30 A.M. until 11:30 A.M. Monday thru Friday.

There is a nominal fee for the Little People's Play group. There will be an additional fee, if parents would like children to be transported back home. Guadalupe-Parkway Neighborhood Center has many other activities for children, both young and old. There are still places available for children to be tutored, join a football league, be in a friendship club with children their own age, or learn to dance. For further information, please call 763-3963.

BUSINESS DIVERSIFICATION ARCHITECT

By Theresa Walker



NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Corris Boyd, assistant vice president, materials resource management for the nation's largest healthcare services provider, Columbia/HCA Healthcare Corporation is the mastermind of Columbia's PRO HUB (Procurement Resources Opportunities for Historically Underutilized: Businesses) program. Boyd started with the company as a purchasing agent nine years ago and has been promoted five times to his current position. Along with directing the Diversification Programs, Boyd is also in charge of system-wide communications, customer service, waste management, linen implementation, forms standardization, and hospitality support services.

Prior to entering the healthcare field, Boyd, 36, gained two years of experience in materials management while a Commissioned Officer in the US Army Reserve, and he served as an assistant football coach at the collegiate level. He holds both a Bachelor of Science degree of Business Management and an Associate of Computer Information Systems from Northwestern State University, Louisiana.

After years of collecting competitive data, standardizing products and services, communicating Columbia contract issues to and from the over 500 member facilities, and facilitation of implementation of contracts

to maximize efficiency, "I saw the need within Columbia to provide a new system of procurement that would offer better opportunities for qualified minority businesses and build new relationships that will deliver excellent business results for all," says Boyd. The PRO HUB program includes communication, application profile, certification, business match, recommendation, award contract and implementation. Boyd adds, "Through this program we want to make an economic impact and build strong community relations."

Boyd designed the program to improve patient care and to reduce the total cost of supplies, equipment and pharmaceuticals used within the Columbia system. By selecting and standardizing around the highest quality of supplies and services, minority suppliers can become a part of a centralized procurement system which values the total relationship over all.

The program has been in operation since March 1997 and has generated several key relationships, i.e. National Black Chamber of Commerce, solidified to date \$8 million contract partnerships with \$18 million close to closure.

For more information on the Columbia/HCA PRO HUB program, call (615) 344-2434.

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TWENTY YEARS BRINGS ABOUT SOME INTERESTING NUMBERS! THIS N THAT...put the pencil...to the publication of the...SOUTHWEST DIGEST...and came up with the figure that...1,040 ISSUES...of the...SOUTHWEST DIGEST...will be printed by...SEPTEMBER 11, 1997...It is just...interesting when you look at where you have come from...over the years...that is...20 years...It is just exciting what has happened...and what plans are in the making for another year of publishing the...SOUTHWEST DIGEST...If you are not a subscriber...you should do so today...For only \$20.00 a year...or...\$35.00 for two years!! Call...762-3612...for more information...

Where Do We Go From Here? Final

By Eddie P. Richardson



If F.D.R. another side of the coin that is could "A person can be or do anything they want to if they are and see w i l l i n g what is to...work...at...it...and...pay...the price"... We must take...as...our...personal...creed...if...it...is...to...be...it...is...up...to...me" and live by it.

redie. When the welfare was first set up to bring America out of the depression every one that got a check worked.

President Roosevelt set up the C C Camps, WPA's, ladies quilted, did crafts, starving artists painted murals on government walls, etc. but as time rolled by all kinds of freeloaders jumped on board. The system became overloaded with bureaucrats, major corporations jumped on board but theirs was called subsidies, while the little mother with illegitimate hungry children was and is called welfare.

Welfare reform is long past due because it has gotten out of hand from every angle but you cannot cut helpless children off overnight without some to replace it in place. We have professional welfare cheats. Some of these people walk around with signs saying will work for food. Try to get some of them to work for food. The answer will not be what you think.

We have professional bums and so called homeless that make that a career and hustle hundreds a day. Which makes it bad for the for real hungry and homeless. A lot of shelters across the country have jobs, job training, counseling and placement that cannot be filled. We have some gamblers, some needy.

What is so important there is

One must have patience and be persistent to be successful. No one said it would be easy but you can make it if you try. The Southwest Digest is approaching twenty (20) years. During that time we have been out of business over 8 times. We refused to close the doors.

With the help of God, a few good subscribers and advertisers we were able to hang in there. We have had people drive by our door to see if we were still there.

We have had our ups and downs, basically more downs, but as we reach our 20th year it is beginning to level off and one day we will have more ups than downs and more day mostly all ups and very few downs.

Since we started preparing for our 20th year celebration we have had some business associates, friends that started with us when we first started in business. Then some that came along shortly after we started business plus we picked up some good friends along the way. For this we are forever grateful. Thank you for your resources and support. With this kind of push, backing, and support we are on our own. The right people now know what we are about, and some of our future plans and goals. We are pro Lubbock and striving to make a positive contribution.

7-7-5, THE NEW WAY TO CALL CITY HALL

Beginning the first week of September, the City of Lubbock will have a new phone prefix, 7-7-6. Installation will begin August 29th and completed by September 12th. Until City department phone numbers become familiar, citizens may call the main City telephone number, 775-3000 for assistance and information.

In September, Lubbock Power & Light electric and water billings will include a flyer outlining the change in the telephone prefix for most City of Lubbock

departments. The flyer will also include some specific phone numbers that citizens will want to keep by their telephone to request city services or to report any problems with services.

The new prefix is being placed into service along with a new phone system throughout the City of Lubbock municipal offices. City departments will be changed to the new prefix in states: August 29th - Civic Center, Mahon Library, Health Department and Municipal Square; September 3rd -

Communications Center and Emergency Operations Center; September 5th - City Hall, Municipal Hill and Airport; September 12th - Fire Administration, Fire Training, Animal Services, Water Treatment, Water Reclamation and the Municipal Auditorium & Coliseum.

For additional information, please call the City of Lubbock Public Information Office at 767-2283 prior to September 5th, after September 5th call 776-2283.

NAACP Women Share Their Accomplishments and Challenges

Pittsburgh - "Mothers, Daughters, Sisters - Paving the Way for Our Future-I am my Sister's Keeper!" This was the theme that nine dynamic women spoke about on Tuesday morning at the Plenary Session during the 88th Annual NAACP National Convention. The session, led by Myrlie Evers-Williams, emphasized the need for African-American women to honor their past and to encourage their children to take responsibility for the future. This particular session reflects the goals of the NAACP, since it is the youth who will continue to further the organization's mission.

The panelists included Coretta Scott King, who made a tribute to Dr. Betty Shabazz, describing her as "a kind, car-

ing woman." The Reverend Vashti McKenzie, Pastor of Payne Memorial AME Church in Baltimore, and author of Not Without A Struggle, Leadership Styles and 10 Leadership Commandments, delivered an inspirational presentation that reflected her journalistic and spiritual background. Dorothy Height, President of the National Council of Negro Women, expressed gratitude to the NAACP, and paid tribute to Mary Bethune, founder of National Council of Negro Women. Frances Hooks, former director of the NAACP WIN program, gave praise for the Plenary Session theme since 65% of NAACP members are women and more than 50% of the chapters are headed by women. Actress, Rae Ven Larrymore

Kelly, from the hit television series "I'll Fly Away", related a childhood incident that helped her find her strength in being an African American woman. She also acknowledge her mother as a woman of strength and invited her to do a reading entitled "The Negro Mother." ACT-SO performer Tamaya Jackson, and the daughters of Dr. Shabazz and Reena Evers-Everette, daughter of Myrlie Evers-Williams, were also present.

The NAACP is the nation's largest and oldest civil rights organization that has been revitalized through its leadership and its membership. For information on the 88th NAACP National Convention call (412) 565-4481 or view our website at <http://www.naacp.org> for complete convention coverage.

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITY SUMMIT CALLS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT "The Last Plantation"



Calling for "massive congressional hearings," presidential leadership and holding cabinet members personally responsible for discriminatory practices within their agencies, Congressman Albert Wynn (Dem. - MD), joined dozens of other civil rights organizations in vehemently condemning discriminatory hiring and employment practices in government agencies, especially the Federal government. Dozens of African American Federal government employees testified at the "Equal Opportunity Summit" recently held by Blacks In Government (BIG) at The Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C. BIG, formed in 1975, fights discrimination in employment in all levels of government. The organization has 300 chapters nationwide.

Rep. Wynn said he will "call upon the President" to get his cabinet on board in terms of actively working to solve discrimination. He said each agency should have an affirmative action plan and hold all levels of executives and management accountable for its implementation. "I am not talking about quotas," Congressman Wynn said. "I am talking about justice." If this does not work, "We will have to take this issue to the streets," said Representative Wynn. The Congressman recently joined members of BIG and African American employees of the Library of Congress when they picketed to protest the Library's continued discriminatory practices. African American employees at the Library of Congress were awarded \$8.5 million in damages, the largest financial settlement involving a Federal agency. A second suit was recently filed

because of the Library's failure to carry out the Court's original mandate.

"The government has declared itself a leader in the area of equal opportunity, but African American employees are concentrated in lower levels in government employ," said Oscar Eason, Jr., president of Blacks in Government. Almost 60 percent of African American employees are in grades nine and under, Eason told the summit. African Americans are terminated at a rate of three times that of whites and there are too few African Americans in the Senior Executive Service, the BIG president said. Blacks in Government will join with members of Congress and other civil rights organizations to "overhaul employment and hiring practices that systematically discriminate against African Americans and other minorities," Eason said.

"I have been in this town for twenty-seven years and I was not aware of the extent of discrimination in the Federal workforce," said Robert McAlpine, head of government relations for the National Urban League. "I pledge my support in helping BIG to make the changes that are needed," he said.

"Discrimination and racism in government is a waste of the taxpayers dollars," said Dr. Yvonne Scruggs, executive director of the Black Leadership Forum, a civil rights coalition that includes more than twenty of the top African American organizations, including BIG. She called for a White House conference on race. "There has never been a change in our nation without the leadership of the President," Dr. Scruggs said.

"We are at a point where we were before the civil rights movement," said Romeo Spaulding, president of the International Association of Black Firefighters, who testified about the small numbers of African American firefighters throughout the Federal government. "Discrimination is rampant in the Federal workforce," he said.

Many of those who testified were directly hurt by the actions of their agencies. "As a proud Vietnam era veteran, I am scarred by the fact that we were willing to put our lives on the line to defend a government that cares so little for us," said Tommy Swanson, an employee of the General Services Administration (GSA). "I am forced to work in an environment of harassment despite my qualifications." Swanson initiated a discrimination suit against the GSA which he won, but lost on appeal. "All I want is the same shot at America's dreams that I fought for in conflict," Swanson said.

Ethel McCain, an employee of the Defense Accounting and Finance Services Agency entitled her testimony, "From the Bottom of the Jelly Bean Jar," referring to the derogatory statements made by Texaco executives concerning black employees. "I, too, have been one of those jelly beans who can't seem to make it up through the jar," McCain said. My agency "reeks with intimidation. Management knows that if we choose to fight for our rights, we may become tired, retired, or expired" by the time a settlement occurs, McCain said.

Jennifer Murphy, a program analyst at the Army Research Laboratory, said that "management perpetrators of discrimination should be identified and taken out of the chain of command." She said that her agency "systematically discriminates in terms of employment."

Others who testified included John Boyd, president of The National Black Farmers Association; and Lawrence Lucas, executive director of the USDA Coalition of Minority Employees. They characterized the Department of Agriculture

as the "last true plantation" where racism and discrimination "has been institutionalized" for decades. These practices have led "to the virtual extinction of African American farmers" and limited opportunities for black employees.

"Blacks in Government remains steadfast in its commitment to government equity in hiring and employment for African Americans," said Oscar Eason, Jr., BIG president. He promised the organization would lend its full support for congressional hearings, a White House summit and for supporting the resolution of specific cases of discrimination in government employment.

Blacks In Government Fact Sheet on African Americans in the Federal Workplace Statistics Tell the Story of Disparate Treatment
Oscar Eason, Jr., President

The testimony concerning racism and discrimination in the government workplace given at the recently held "Equal Opportunity Summit" is supported by the Federal government's own statistics.

An Office of Personnel Management study says:

- African Americans are terminated at three times the rate of whites in the Federal government.
- Black males have been steadily declining as a total of the federal workforce; from 7.2 percent in 1984 to 6.6 percent of the total in 1994.
- Blacks remain concentrated in lower grades with limited promotion potential.
- Almost 60 percent of the blacks in the Federal government are in Grades GS-9 and below.
- The average civil service rank for blacks in federal service is 7.8. The average for whites is 9.8.
- African Americans are disproportionately in positions with small growth potential.
- Only 4 of the top 10 growth jobs in the Federal government have black participation rates of 10 percent or more.
- The percentage of African Americans in 5 of the top 10 declining jobs is more than 25 percent.
- Minorities in general are disproportionately affected by downsizing.
- While minorities are 28 percent of the federal workforce, they were 33 percent of the RIFs (Reductions in Force) in 1996.
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• For more information please contact Josie Valdez, R.N. at 765-2613.

SEPT. 24
WEDNESDAY

Education - The Key to the Diabetic Puzzle
Health Education Room, 1318 Broadway, Suite 101
1:00-2:30 p.m. and 5:00-7:00 p.m.
A six-week, comprehensive course which includes:
• What is Diabetes?; Symptoms of Hyperglycemia and Hypoglycemia and How to Treat These Conditions
• Through Diet, Exercise, and/or Medications;
• Sick Days and Stress: Their Effects on Glucose; and
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Isaiah 1:4a, Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of EVILDOERS: THEY HAVE FORSAKEN THE LORD. LORD, I know the way, for I was raised in a Christian home. But I got tired of the CHURCH; and I know my RIGHTS, I left the church along: Proverb 22:6, Train up a child in the way he(OR SHE) should go; and when he is old, he will not DEPART FROM IT.(DISCIPLINE AND DEDICATE).

After leaving the church, I just wanted to do MY OWN THING. But all that I've done so far: seem to bring, SHAME, SHAME, SHAME.

Psalms 4:2, O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn MY GLORY INTO SHAME? how long will ye love vanity(WORTHLESS),and seek after leasing(LIES).

My dad and I fell out the other day; WE HAD A BIG FIGHT, I TOLD HIM I'M 17 YEARS OLD, AND YOU'VE GOT TO RESPECT MY RIGHTS.

Exodus 20:12, Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which THE LORD THY GOD GIVETH THEE.

And when THE POLICE came; THEY DISAGREED WITH DAD; AND AGREED WITH ME, SAYING: I'M OLD ENOUGH TO DO AS I PLEASE; BECAUSE I'M FREE.

Isaiah 9:16,17, FOR THE LEADERS OF THIS PEOPLE CAUSE THEM TO ERR; and they that are led of them are DESTROYED. Therefore THE LORD shall have NO JOY IN THEIR YOUNG MEN, neither shall have mercy on their fatherless and widows; for every one is AN HYPOCRITE AND AN EVILDOER, and speak folly. For this his anger is NOT TURNED AWAY, BUT HIS HAND IS STRETCHED OUT STILL.

LORD, I moved out: and in with my PREGNANT GIRLFRIEND AND HER PARENT, I THOUGHT: NOW I WILL BE HAPPY WITH HER; AND NOT HAVING TO PAY ANY RENT.

Proverb 17:21, He that begetteth a fool doeth it to sorrow; and THE FATHER OF A FOOL HATH NO JOY.

WHEN I BECAME RESTLESS; WAS AFTER I GOT MY RIGHTS I THOUGHT IT WAS COOL, NOW THE LAND IS FULL OF THIS RESTLESSNESS; I ASK WHO IS THE Fool?

Romans 1:21,22, Because that, when they(THE LEADERS) knew GOD, they glorified HIM NOT AS GOD, NEITHER WERE THANKFUL; but became vain in their IMAGINATIONS, AND THEIR FOOLISH HEART WAS DARKENED PROFESSING THEMSELVES TO BE WISE, THEY BECAME FOOLS.

The world give the IMPRESSION THAT IT GOOD TO BE ON DOPE, I STARTED ON THIS THING CALLED LITE BEER AND CIGARETTES; NOW ITS COCA.

Isaiah 5:20, Woe unto them that call EVIL GOOD, AND GOOD EVIL; that put DARKNESS FOR LIGHT, AND LIGHT FOR DARKNESS; THAT PUT BITTER FOR SWEET, AND SWEET FOR BITTER.

LORD, MANY OF MY SCHOOL MATES ARE DEALING, DYING OR DOING HART TIME, SOMETIMES I CAN'T SLEEP AT NIGHT; WAKE UP IN A COLD SWEAT; I DREAMED I WAS DYING.

Proverb 15:10, Correction is grievous UNTO HIM THAT FORSAKETH THE WAY; and he that hateth REPROOF SHALL DIE.

LORD, I SEE THIS COUNTRY FALLING; I'M YOUNG AND RESTLESS, I ASK WHY? I HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO ENJOY LIFE; EVEN NOW I THINK ABOUT SUICIDE.

MATTHEW 11:28-30, Jesus said, COME UNTO ME, all ye that labor(WEARY) and are heavy laden(OPPRESSED), AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST. Take my yoke(THE HOLY BIBLE)UPON YOU AND LEARN OF ME; for I AM meek and lowly in HEART; AND YE SHALL FIND REST UNTO YOUR SOULS. FOR MY YOKE(THE HOLY BIBLE) IS EASY, AND MY BURDEN IS LIGHT. GOD is not through with us yet. SO LETS PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ALWAYS. Directed* Arranged*Produced*Guided By OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST Written By Evangelist Billy B.J.Morrison,III Your Brother IN CHRIST JESUS ALWAYS !!!



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

Choices

"And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God."—Ruth 1:16

It was Wednesday night and the adult class was buzzing with activity. Coffee and donuts were being passed around as the chairs filled up with talkative students.

A man on the front row glanced at his watch, and then rose to call the Bible study group to order. The liveliness died down as each person found a chair and turned their attention to their teacher.

"Class," he began, "I have a question for you. We are going to spend as much time as necessary on this question. The ramifications of our discussion of this question are very important in all of our lives. We are going to discuss choices. Class recall a person in scripture who made some bad choices."

A man on the back row said, "Eau made a terrible choice when he decided to sell his birthright for a bowl of pottage."

"Very good," replied the teacher. "Who else made some unwise decisions?"

"Well, I feel Judas made a pretty rotten choice when he betrayed Christ for thirty pieces of silver," blurted a little old lady.

"He sure did, came a reply from another person across the room. "Ananias and Sapphira made a deadly choicer when they lied to Peter and the Holy Spirit."

"Yes, class, you are really thinking of good examples. Let's keep going," the teacher said, as he leaned over the desk.

"I think the worst decision a person can make is to gain the whole world, but lose his soul in the process," said an elderly woman with conviction.

"That is the ultimate, isn't it," replied the teacher. "You people are really thinking today. Ok, let's switch the question now. Who made some good decision in scripture?"

"Oh, Joseph made wise and godly decisions all his life," a man stated. "Esther made excellent choices also. Especially when she went before the king to plead for her nation," a student said.

"Are you getting the point?" asked the teacher. "There are many more Examples, such as Ruth, Paul and the disciples. What happened to all those who made unwise decisions? What was the result to the people who made godly choices?"

"Most of the ones who made bad decisions lost their lives," came a reply from the class. "Life and happiness came to the ones who made wise decisions," a quiet lady stated.

"Class, you have taught my lesson for me. Life is a series of choices. We must decide how we are going to respond to them. We can choose life or death in the spiritual realm, as well as the physical. I'm sure we could state examples in our daily lives of choices we and our friends have made to illustrate the point but we are out of time."

The questions that might be asked of the reader today and has to be answered within the reader's own soul is: "What decisions are you making today? Are you choosing life or death, God's ways or your own."

Ruth made an historic declaration of her willingness to renounce her Moabite heritage for the nation, culture and God of Naomi. Leaving the familiar behind the clinging to the love of her mother-in-law, she ventured into the unknown. "How do you choose?"

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We are living in a time when men and women feel powerless to do anything about the conditions of the world. Things are out of control and nobody has the power to stop it. Who has the power to end unemployment and poverty? Who will bring peace and love to mankind?? The answer, of course, is Jesus. It has to be supernatural power, because things are now beyond human power. But what about personal problems? Who has the power to heal broken homes and troubled marriages? Who has the power to work miracles for people's everyday problems, like loneliness, worry, depression and emptiness?? Who has the power to break the chains of evil habits and bring peace of mind to those who are messed up? Is there any human person on earth with such great power to help in miraculous ways? Absolutely yes!

To understand the secret of who this one with the power, you must read the Bible story which tells all about it. The follow story proves that the man with the power is human just like you. He is a real flesh and blood person. Here's the story from St. Luke 10.

"The Good Samaritan"

A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He was attacked and left half dead. Just half dead, he still had a chance. The priest was going down that same road, but he walked on by. A Jewish temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but went on his way. Only the Samaritan treated him as a person to love. The priest saw a problem to avoid. The temple assistant saw an object of curiosity.

This story is God's way of showing you who really has the power to help people in serious trouble. The three men in this story represent three ways to approach the problem of hurting people. The priest of this story represents the religious institutions who have gotten so big and busy they have no time for the little man who needs help. This priest was probably on his way to a conference to study poverty or maybe he was going to a Bishop's conference to draw up a political statement about war and peace. It would appear as though he stood in the Cathedral and preached some great sermon about how people should help one another.

Look around us in the ghettos of our cities and see people everywhere half dead in the churches, on the streets, in high places. This Levite probably went on the the next town to start a moral crusade against highway crime. He probably started lecturing about how to get right down on his knees in the dirt, to talk to a man who was knifed down. He may have started a petition to find the criminals and bring them to justice.

Hear us today, this kind of a person knows he can't help anybody. What good was it to this dying man to have a Levite, empty and powerless giving out useless pity, not knowing what it takes to heal. One man had the power. One man knew exactly what to do, and he saved the bleeding man from death. Just a good Samaritan. Just who is this man? This Samaritan with power? He represents the devoted servant of the Lord Jesus Christ. He wasn't a phony, hypocrite, do gooder, big talker, but had what it took to heal the man.

Believe it or not, Brothers and Sisters, there's a growing army of true servants of Jesus Christ who really cares about people and they have the power to make miracles happen in our lives and yours.

The power is in you today. Repent, Repent, Repent!! Read Acts 1:8, II Corinthians 4:7, Ephesians 1:18-20, Psalms 68:35, Ephesians 3:20, I Thessalonians 1:5, II Peter 1:3, and St. Matthew 10:1. We don't have to keep on being a pussy to the devil, a wimpy, powerless Christian.

Those who are hurting, read the scriptures II Chronicles 7:14 and Mark 11:22-24. Believe them. Keep smiling and doing things which bring peace. We can make it. Together we are a strong and powerful people.

Until next week, God bless you!
Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christine Burleson, vice president; and Sister Ernestine Frazier, secretary.

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The Senior Choir of the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church will celebrate its Annual Day on Sunday, September 14, 1997 at 3:30pm. The theme will be "Bring It To Jesus," Matthew 11:28; Malachi 3:10. The public is asked to come and be part of this song and praise service. All will receive a blessing for their attendance.
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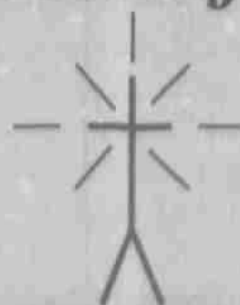
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ISAAC HAYES, STARS CELEBRATE THE POWER OF L. RON HUBBARD'S WORKS



A galaxy of Hollywood stars -- including Oscar and Grammy award-winner Isaac Hayes, Kelly Preston and Kirstie Alley -- gathered at the Church of Scientology Celebrity Centre recently to celebrate the Center's 28 years of increasing service to the community.

Over the years, Church members -- both celebrity and rank-and-file -- have spear-headed hundreds of community betterment projects throughout the coun-

try ranging from anti-drug programs to literacy programs which have transformed the lives of adults and children alike.

The programs, all based on the breakthroughs of Scientology founder L. Ron Hubbard, have been done in cooperation with community leaders, police, schools and local churches in Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., New York, Boston, Chicago, Atlanta and other cities throughout the country.

Isaac Hayes, Emmy award-winner Mark Isham and Australian singing sensation Kate Ceberano provided the entertainment for the more than 2000 attendees at the celebration.

Using the life changing-discoveries of Mr. Hubbard, the Celebrity Centre has long inspired creative freedom and increased civic responsibility among artists and is guided by his words, "A

culture is only as great as its dreams and its dreams are dreamed by artists."

Mr. Hayes put it this way, "Show business is full of lies, like you have to be crazy or do drugs to be creative. In Scientology, you find out how untrue this is and what the real answers are."

The legendary artist knows what he's talking about. Since Hayes' introduction to Mr. Hubbard's works, his career has dramatically improved and he recently received an award from the NAACP for helping to establish inner city literacy programs for children and adults.

Hayes, who helped to kick off a national tour promoting the book *Scientology: A New Slant on Life* earlier this summer, said "I always tell people to read a book by L. Ron Hubbard, that's the best way to find out what it's all about."

Schools Failing Minorities

By Vladimire Herard

All 50 states in the United States fail to provide African-American and Latino children with adequate schooling, stunting their readiness for future job markets, revealed a study recently released by the Education Trust. The Education Trust is a Washington, D.C.-based non-profit think tank, pushing for high academic standards for students from preschool to college with a primary focus on African American and Latino students.

Its 250-page report ranks different states by achievement levels. Using 17 indicators to determine educational quality and equality in those states, the study, *Education Watch: The 1996 Education Trust State and National Data Book*, reported a widening gulf between students.

After two decades of what appeared to be progress in educational parity among classmates of various income brackets and races, those advances have come to a halt. Now, the study's authors warned, the gap between the "haves" and the

"have-nots," is growing again.

When asked how state superintendents could reverse the slide, group executives said official must hold African-American and Latino youth to the same learning standards as white students, adequately prepare teachers and use challenging instructional tools.

"We support a common-sense approach to these problems," said Amy Wilkins, senior associate with the Trust.

"There are three steps that we advocate. One is to set high standards for all students, no matter what their background or income level. The second is to properly prepare teachers for the classrooms. The third is to carefully pick curriculum for students."

In New York, the study showed, more than one in three classes in cash-poor high schools are taught by instructors with less than a college minor in the subject they are teaching. By comparison, more than one in 10 classes in the state's most financially equipped high

schools are taught by such ill-prepared teachers, the study continued.

Less than 20 percent of California fourth-graders could read at the proper level, the study showed. For minority students, the scores worsened: One out of 12 African American fourth-graders and one out of 16 Latino fourth-graders were "competent readers."

Additionally, the study pointed out that Minnesota ranked dead last in reading among African American fourth-graders; while Nevada has the lowest number of college-bound minority students.

In the last two years government officials in Colorado spent three times as much money on their criminal justice system as they did on elementary and secondary education, the study stated. Expenditures on the penal system exceeded spending on higher education by up to 40 times in the state.

In Pennsylvania, 30 percent of white eighth grade students had solid math skills compared to merely eight percent of their Latino and six percent of their African-American classmates.

"We need to stop tracking our students in the dumb classes and put more of them on a challenging course. We need to train them hard in subjects like physics, english and math. These students need materials like microscopes and books," Wilkins said.

She further suggested that while government officials should give the majority of aid to schools, local entities must pick up the slack for students of color. "If we push the government, the assistance won't be that much different, we need to hold everyone accountable," she said.



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Virgil Johnson, a retired principal in the Lubbock Independent School District, will serve as master of ceremonies. "We're just happy over where we've come from, and, hopefully, we will continue to do the same in the future," says Richardson, who also writes a weekly column.

Corporate tables range in sponsorship levels from \$500 - \$1,500 and individual tickets can be purchased for \$25 each. For reservations and more information, call Donna Giovannetti or Shanneles Taylor at 797-3162.

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