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NATIONAL NEWS

Book Details Benefits Eligibility for Veterans, Families and Survivors

Although over \$42 billion were paid out in veterans benefits last year, billions more are still unclaimed. Every year the types of benefits available and the eligibility criteria changes and very few veterans or their survivors keep up with the latest rules. Because of this, and changes in individual circumstances, many veterans, their families, and survivors are now entitled to money and other benefits from the government even if they may not have been eligible in the past. The Consumer Education Research Center, a 25-year-old national nonprofit consumer group, compiles a book annually that details the latest rules, available benefits and how to qualify. Robert L. Berko, the Center's executive director, says that many survivors of veterans are unaware that they might be eligible to receive money, medical care, educational assistance, help in buying a home or other benefits. In fact, eligibility and benefits change constantly and some people ineligible in previous years are now able to start receiving money. Besides the veteran, those who qualify to receive benefits may include: common-law spouses, those who remarried after the death or disability of a veteran, children born out of wedlock and the parents of veterans as well as dependent grandchildren. The 240-page Complete Guide to Federal and State Benefits For Veterans, Their Families and Survivors, with a forward by former Sen. Robert Dole, is available from the Consumer Center by calling (800) 872-0121.

Karenga Awarded Honorary Doctorate in South Africa
Activist-scholar, Dr. Maulana Karenga, received an honorary doctorate of philosophy from the University of Durban-Westville in South Africa. The holder of two earned Ph.D.'s and a professor and chair of the Department of Black Studies at California State University, Long Beach, Karenga also delivered a commencement address titled "Reaffirming Human Dignity, Justice and the Good in the Next Millennium: The Legacy and Lessons of African Culture." Other recipients of honorary doctorates at the graduating ceremony were Dr. Julius Nyerere, former president of Tanzania and one of Africa's most esteemed elder statesmen and Miriam Makeba, Africa's First Lady of Song, who played a central role in the struggle against apartheid and in carrying the message of the South Africa's struggle for freedom to the world. The citation acknowledging Karenga noted that he was chosen for his "intellectual and practical work on behalf of African people" nationally and internationally. Especially stressed was his intellectual and practical contributions to Black Studies, "not only in the U.S. but also worldwide," including his vanguard role in the founding and development of the discipline and the incorporation of ancient Egyptian studies in Black Studies as a critical field of research and instruction. The citation also praised Karenga's creation of the African American and pan-African celebration of Kwanzaa.

Alpha Phi Alpha Launches Nationwide Housing Reinvestment Program

In a move to create a mass reinvestment in housing in the African-American community, the Alpha Phi Alpha Building Foundation has embarked on a nationwide neighborhood revitalization project to build homes for low- and moderate-income families. This announcement was made while leaders of the fraternity were in Chicago to dedicate its newest set of family homes in the city's historic Brouseville community at the site of the fraternity's former headquarters. The area has been renamed Alpha Village. Everett B. Ward, chairman of the Building Foundation, told those in attendance, "the sole mission of the Foundation is to lead a massive reinvestment campaign in order to protect, preserve and promote African-American communities throughout the nation." Alpha Village was developed by Urban Equities, an African-American development firm. The homes were constructed by Best American, also African American owned. The fraternity will soon begin reinvesting in similar communities around the nation as part of the national project. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. is the nation's first and largest African-American Greek-letter organization.

MORE ALLEGED DRUG DEALERS



MORE ALLEGED DRUG DEALERS ARRESTED HERE

The Southwest Digest, in keeping with our theme of showing the photos of those alleged drug dealers, here are some more this week. When someone is arrested for selling drugs in our community, it is necessary for this newspaper to advise you of who they are. We applaud those law enforcement agencies who join together and do all in their power to arrest these persons. There is no place for these alleged drug dealers in our community. Some say this is wrong for us to publish their photos, but we say they shouldn't have gotten caught. If you are caught doing this kind of a thing, then we say it's only fair to show who you look like. Some of you even say, some of these alleged dealers are not involved in drugs at this time, but we say they shouldn't have been caught.

Anyway, here are twelve more alleged drug dealers: Marquis Brown, P.C.S. w/Intent w/Cocaine; Robin Elaine Davis, Obtain C.S. by Forgery, Hydrocodone; Clarence Garner, two counts of Delivery C.S., Cocaine; Linda Kay Hill, P.C.S./Cocaine; Michael S. Humphreys, P.C.S. w/Intent, Cocaine; Peggy Jo Jenkins, P.C.S. w/Intent, Cocaine; Jorge Lopez, P.C.S. w/Intent 1-4g of Cocaine.

Also Robert P. Mooring, P.C.S. w/Intent 1-4g Cocaine; Martin Montanes, 3 counts of Delivery C.S., 1-4g of Cocaine; Tyrone D. Roberson, Possess Marijuana - Class B; Peggy J. Stokes, two counts of Delivery of C.S., Cocaine; and Patrick L. White, P.C.S. w/Intent, Cocaine.

During this April 24, 1998 narcotics round-up, the following substances involved and total weights were: Cocaine, 34.83 grams; Methamphetamine, 5.19 grams; Marijuana, 7.06 Oz.; Amphetamine, 6.41 grams; Hydrocodone, 12.3 grams and Butalbital Acetaminophen, 60 tablets.



DRESSED TO KILL

Ida Marie Bolden Austin is definitely ready for All-Class Reunion IV!! She's looking forward to seeing all of her friends and classmates in order that they can enjoy the fun times in school. Dunbar Alumni International Inc Appreciates all who have supported us and who have shown dedication to our efforts to keep Dunbar High School's memory alive!!



REMEMBER PATSY FULBRIGHT?

Patsy Fulbright Woods is looking forward to returning "home." She is seated holding her grandson, Anthony, and with her entire family. This will be her first all-class reunion, and she will be coming from Maryland.



PANTHER PRIDE INDEED!!

Say, "Hello" to the Cecil B. and Pamela Lawson family, who will be attending All-Class Reunion IV. They will be coming from Altadena, California. What is so special about this family is that all of them are sons of the late Cecil B. Lawson. Cecil took TWO family plans for life (1990-2000)!! So far, he has a reputation of being a very good father. He has a long time with his family, always a panther!





Ruby Jay's Corner

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and the Rev. Billy E. Moton is the proud pastor. The doors are always open to those of you who are looking for a home to worship.

Sunday School began at 9:30 a.m. last Sunday morning with Superintendent Virgil Johnson at his post of duty. Each teacher and class were in their places for 30 minutes of instruction. All reassembled at 10:15 a.m. in the main auditorium singing a song, "Oh How I Love Jesus." Prayer was given by Sister Callie Howard. This being youth Sunday, the Youth were in charge.

The young people gave some very positive remarks about the morning lesson. All did a splendid job about the lesson. We're proud of these young people.

Secretary's Report: Youth Department - Senior Class retained the Attendance Banner while the Junior Class received the Offering Banner. There were three visitors to the youth classes. Adult Department: Class No. 1 received the Attendance Banner. Class No. 4 received the Offering Banner with an offering of \$750.00.

Two of the visitors were Sister Joan Jones grandchildren. She will tell you she has had a wonderful time with her grandchildren this summer.

The Youth were responsible for a heartfelt devotional period. Each participant did their part, and they showed why they are wonderful young people.

Affirmation by the choir, altar prayer was offered by Deacon R.J. Givens. A song, scripture which was the 121st Psalm by young Aaron Williams. Eric Walker gave a prayer. After another song, the responsive reading with the congregation standing and read by Pam Moton. The morning hymn was "Blessed Be The Name."

Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton. He brought greetings from the West Texas Baptist Congress, which was held in Kermit, Texas last week. It was reported the youth of New Hope came through with flying colors. The sermonic hymn was "Amazing Grace."

Pastor Moton preached on the subject "Knocked Down, But Knocked Out." His scripture text was St. Luke 15:11-24. You should have heard this message if you didn't do so. It was another great sermon preached by Pastor Moton.

An invitation to discipleship was extended and one came for baptism and two came for prayer. The remainder of the service was the same as usual.

Let us keep our prayers going for our sick and shut in citizens. Among those who are ill include Larry McBride who is still a patient at St. Mary Hospital. He's much better, at this report, but is still a long way from being well.

Mrs. Julia McFadden is a patient at St. Mary Hospital.

Vacation Bible School begins June 29th through July 31st at New Hope Baptist Church, beginning at 6:00 p.m. until 8:45 p.m. Sister Dorothy Kimer will like to have you as a teacher. You could teach a class. If you are interested, let us know.

Those of you who were on Southwestern Public Service have something to thank God for last Saturday night.



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ERIKA BADE AND HEAVY D ANNOUNCES NOMINEES FOR 12TH ANNUAL SOUL TRAIN MUSIC AWARDS



The Spirit sponsored 12th Annual Soul Train Music Awards, presented by popular new recording artist Erika Bade, center, and legendary Heavy D, second right. Welcome to the soulful duo to the luncheon at Hotel Nikko in Beverly Hills are, left, A&P's assistant brand manager Spring, and Corbin's co-owner and founder of Soul Train, and Brian Brown, head manager, Coca-Cola's champagne, Soul Train Party Lab. He will join Bade and Heavy D to host the awards show, which will be broadcast live from the Shrine Auditorium, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on June 19. The event will be part of the "Live" from the Hollywood Bowl series. Coca-Cola USA is the exclusive soft drink sponsor of the Soul Train Music Awards.

FAMILY FUN- TIME SET

The Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association will be hosting "Family Fun Time" on Friday evening,

June 19, 1998 beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Mae Simmons Park.

There will be games, food and visitations.

Ribbons will be awarded to winners of each game. This will be a fun time during the annual Juneteenth Celebration.

The next general meeting of the Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association will take place Thursday, June 25, 1998, at 6:00 p.m. at the Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center.

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1 (one-pound) loaf Bridgford Frozen Bread Dough, thawed
Water for brushing dough cup granulated sugar
2 cup brown sugar
1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
Glaze: Mix together
2 cups powdered sugar, 2 tablespoons water or milk, 1/2 tsp vanilla or orange extract.

Make sure dough is completely thawed (see back of package for thawing options). On a lightly floured surface, roll thawed dough out to a 10 x 12 inch rectangle. With a pastry brush, lightly brush dough with 1-2 tablespoons water. Mix together granulated sugar, brown sugar and cinnamon. Sprinkle evenly over dough. Roll dough up tightly in jelly-roll fashion. Seal seams and ends. Cut log of dough into 9 equal slices. Spray a nine inch round cake pan with a non stick cooking spray. Place slices equally spaced in pan. Spray rolls with cooking spray. Let rolls rise in warm area until double to triple in size. Bake in a preheated 375 degree oven for 20 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from oven and let cool for a few minutes. Drizzle with glaze.

*Rolls can rise in the refrigerator overnight to bake for breakfast. Simply assemble and pan up the rolls as stated above. Cover loosely with plastic wrap. Place in refrigerator overnight (8-12 hours). In the morning, remove the rolls while oven is preheating. Follow remaining instructions above.

Nutritional Information: Serving Size 3 oz, Calories 270, Total Fat 2.5g, Saturated Fat 0.5g, Cholesterol 0mg, Sodium 260mg, Total Carbohydrate 61g, Dietary Fiber 1g, Sugars 38g, Protein 4g.

An Elegant Dinner—In Just Thirty Minutes!

In today's Black American home, cooking is no longer the responsibility of one person. Because of busy and varied schedules, usually every member of the family at some time or another has to prepare personal meals or meals for other members of the family. The Kitchen Beat is designed to meet some needs of the various cooks in the modern Black family.

Ah, to prepare dinner in 30 minutes. No, not with a take-out order from a local restaurant. Nope, not frozen food in the microwave. Something different, colorful, nutritionally sound. Something that tastes good. Well, it can be done, says Donna Higgins, director of Del Monte Kitchens. "If you've thought about a recipe, and have all of the ingredients on hand, a nice dinner can be prepared in about 30 minutes."

To test her theory, Higgins developed a full-course dinner. To make it interesting, she's created something different—Chinese Hunan-style Chicken with a Mandarin Spinach Salad. To ensure her time was used efficiently, Higgins brought out all of the ingredients needed ahead of time. Then she timed her preparation, a plan she offers to consumers.

YOU WILL NEED:

1 large whole chicken breast, skinned & boned
1 cup chicken broth
1/3 cup white wine vinegar, divided
2 Tablespoons soy sauce
2 Tablespoons dry sherry
1 Tablespoon cornstarch
5 teaspoons mustard, divided
1 teaspoon sugar
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon dried red pepper flakes
1 can (15 1/4 oz.) pineapple chunks, in its own juice
1 can (15 1/4 oz.) LITE apricot halves or sliced peaches
1 medium banana
2 Tablespoons dark rum
5 cups spinach leaves or Romaine lettuce, washed
1 can (11 oz.) mandarin oranges, drained
1 can (8 oz.) sliced water chestnuts, drained
1/2 cup oil
2 Tablespoons orange juice
1 Tablespoon honey
1/8 teaspoon salt

Dash pepper
1 can (16 oz.) cut green beans
1 can (8 1/4 oz.) sliced carrots
3 green onions

6:00 to 6:05

1. Dice chicken breast.
2. In bowl combine chicken, broth, 3 Tablespoons vinegar, soy sauce, sherry, cornstarch, 2 teasps (Jons) mustard, sugar, garlic powder and red pepper. Marinate 15 minutes.

6:05 to 6:20

1. In serving bowl, combine pineapple and its juice, drained apricots, bananas and rum. Cover and chill.
2. Tear spinach in bite-size pieces. In salad bowl, arrange spinach, oranges and 1/1 cup water chestnuts. Cover and chill.
3. Combine oil, orange juice, remaining vinegar, honey, remaining mustard, salt and pepper. Thoroughly blend.

6:20 to 6:30

1. Drain vegetables. Cut green onions in 2-inch lengths.
2. In skillet, heat 1 Tablespoon oil over high heat. Drain chicken, reserving marinade. Add chicken; stir-fry 3 minutes. Add beans, carrots, onion and remaining water chestnuts. Stir and add reserved marinade. Cook, stirring constantly, until thickened and vegetables are heated through.

We believe that our readers will want to support those advertisers who support the press of Black America. We are sure, therefore, that when you select can the ingredients for this week's recipes, you will want to use: CHUN KING Sliced Water Chestnuts CHUN KING Soy Sauce Del Monte bananas Del Monte canned fruits & vegetables Grey Poupon Dijon mustard



San Diego, CA (June 1, 1998) - One of the nation's most cherished writers, Iyanla Vanzant, will give the keynote address on Sunday, Aug. 30 at 1:30 p.m. when the 1998 Mobil Oil African American Women on Tour (AAWOT) travels to the Atlanta Hilton & Towers, Aug. 28—30 for the final stop of its 6-city tour. Presented by the United States Postal Service, this best-selling author and Yoruba priestess first came into public view in 1992 with the release of her book Tapping the Power Within, and has soared to literary prominence with her other works, Acts of Faith: The Value in the Valley, The Spirit of a Man and One Day My Soul Just Opened Up.

She is recognized by thousands as a leading advocate for the empowerment of women and a proponent of spirituality as a vehicle for growth and change for all people. "Change is an inside job!" she exclaims. "If you want to change your life, begin within." Ms. Vanzant teaches personal empowerment, stressing the principles of conscious breathing, unceasing prayer, patience, forgiveness, faith, unconditional love and her favorite - the principle of minding your own business! Ms. Vanzant will be featured at all remaining AAWOT conferences - including Brooklyn, NY, Sun., July 12; and Washington, D.C., Sat. Aug. 22.

Also featured at the Atlanta conference, Sat., Aug. 29 will be Dr. Maya Angelou, the internationally acclaimed "Renaissance Woman," poet, writer, actress and producer.

Her outstanding accomplishments include stage and screen performances and recording her literary works. Her awards and honors are incomparable in virtually every field in the Liberal Arts. Her best-selling books of poetry and prose including her autobiography I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, Just Give Me a Cool Drink of Water 'Fore I Die, Gather Together in My Name and And Still I Rise. Dr. Angelou will share her insights about life, love and empowerment at AAWOT Saturday luncheon, presented by the Kellogg Company at 1:30 p.m.

Though comedy became the medium which would take Phyllis Yvonne Stickney most directly into stardom, she is best-known for her national television debut in the ABC mini-series "The Women of Brewster Place." A favorite among AAWOT conference goers, Ms. Stickney will open the Atlanta conference on Fri., Aug. 28 at 8:00 p.m., hosted by J.C. Penney.

These women are among nearly 30 speakers who will be featured at the Mobil African American Women on Tour in Atlanta, GA. Regarded as the nation's foremost Black women's empowerment conference, AAWOT will host workshops on business and career development, male/female relationships, money management and personal

empowerment. The conference features an Entrepreneur's Forum and panel discussions on preventive health care and domestic violence. Attendees at this alcohol- and tobacco-free event can enjoy the Sassafras Tea and Coffee Bar and a Village Marketplace-bazaar. Youth participants can join in the Rites of Passage programs for girls, ages 12-18; boys, ages 12-18; and young women, ages 19-25.

For more information, contact AAWOT at (619) 560-AAWT (2298). Email: aawot@mindspring.com or visit the web site at www.aawot.com. African American Women on Tour is title sponsored by Mobil Oil Corporation, and co-sponsored by The Coca Cola Company, Hewlett Packard, Kaiser Permanente, Publix Supermarkets, Sally Beauty Company and Pro-Line Corporation.

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It is a known fact in the community, Rev. Stanley has done all he could to help citizens of the community regardless of what church they belong and even if they didn't belong to any church, he has been a friend of Lubbock. As a former boxer, he used the same style in fighting the devil in the community.

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JUNETEENTH SENIOR CITIZENS PICNIC

The Senior Citizens Juneteenth Picnic Committee will be providing FREE BBQ Dinners in celebration of Juneteenth. Dinner will be available to the general public on Saturday, June 28, 1998, 12 noon. Senior Citizens will have their own line and non senior citizens are requested to form a separate line. Each person can have a choice of 2 meats, with potato salad, beans, drink and dessert. Hot dogs will be available for young children.

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Harlem Ambassadors Announce 98-99 Tour Seek Fundraising Partner for Lubbock Area Game

The Harlem Ambassadors Show Basketball Team have announced their 1998-99 tour schedule, an itinerary which includes Texas and the Lubbock area in January, February, and March, 1999.

Although similar to the Globetrotters basketball show, the Harlem Ambassadors do not play a traveling "stooge" opponent, but instead face the challenge of a different local squad each night selected by the sponsoring organization. School groups, youth groups, and charitable organizations sponsor the Ambassadors games as fundraising events.

"By playing local all-star teams, the attraction expands beyond seeing the professionals with their skills and tricks, but also includes watching your local teachers, neighbors, and friends," Ambassadors General Manager Dale Moss observed. "We'd love the opportunity to bring our show to the Lubbock area of Texas and help a local group with their fundraising," Moss added.

Sandie Prophete, also known as Lady Majic, the Queen of Show Basketball, leads the Harlem Ambassadors on the court. Ms. Prophete was an All-American candidate at the University of Missouri before entering the world of show basketball with the renowned Harlem Wizards organization. As Head Coach of the Ambassadors, she is believed to be the first woman in professional sports history to coach a team of male players. The Ambassadors roster includes athletes with experience playing with the Globetrotters and in professional leagues throughout the world.

A performance by the Harlem Ambassadors includes dazzling ball-handling skills, hilarious comedy routines, and high-flying slam-dunks. Fans of all ages love the fun atmosphere at an Ambassadors game and the kids are particularly thrilled to be able to meet the players during the post-game autograph session.

Groups raise funds by promoting the Ambassadors game and selling tickets. Most find the attraction to be a refreshing change from the traditional magazine and candy bar sales. The Harlem Ambassadors furnish a complete promotional kit to help the organizing group maximize their sales.

Lubbock area groups interested in learning more about sponsoring a Harlem Ambassadors game should contact the team at 1-888-FUN-HOOPS for additional information.



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THIS N THAT

NO QUESTION ABOUT IT, MICHAEL JORDAN IS THE MAN IN CHICAGO!!! THIS N THAT...had an opportunity to spend two days in ...CHICAGO... the Windy City... last Friday and Saturday... On last Friday night, it was to have been the night for the ... CHICAGO BULLS... to capture their ...SIXTH CHAMPIONSHIP... in eight years ... but it didn't happen until Sunday night... THIS N THAT ...would have liked to have been there... out it was not to be... One thing for certain is that...CELEBRATION WILL TAKE PLACE THIS WEEK... and you can be assured of that... no doubt about it ...CHICAGO... is the city of the ...CHICAGO BULLS... In talking with... MAYOR RICHARD DALEY... he advised that ... MICHAEL JORDAN ... is more than a player... HE IS A COACH FOR THE MIGHTY BULLS... It is evident of all the good things which ...MICHAEL JORDAN... does for young people in Chicago... He is surely a ... ROLE MODEL... for the ... NATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE... and all young people who want to make it in life... You're right... MICHAEL JORDAN... is the ... "MAN IN CHICAGO..."

MARCH AGAINST DRUGS, GANGS & VIOLENCE SET! THIS N THAT... would like to invite all of you to attend the ...SECOND ANNUAL JUNETEENTH MARCH AGAINST DRUGS, GANGS AND VIOLENCE... set for ... THURSDAY EVENING... June 18, 1998... beginning at 6:30 p.m... All you need to do is come by and participate in this annual affair... THIS N THAT... reminds us we have a responsibility to come out and... LET THOSE WHO PARTICIPATE IN EVIL... we will not allow them to continue what they are doing in the community... Don't forget the ... MARCH AGAINST DRUGS, GANGS, & VIOLENCE... in the community ... Show up... and make it a great effort...

WE SAID IT ALL THE TIME, CHICAGO BULLS WOULD WIN IT !!! THIS N THAT... made it known during the

later part of the year the ... CHICAGO BULLS... would win the ... CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE... and they did this on Sunday evening... Some are saying it was too close... but you must keep in mind if you win by ... ONE POINT OF A HALF POINT... YOU STILL WIN... History will not talk about how many points the game was... BUT WHO WON THE GAME... THIS N THAT ... has been right... and the ... CHICAGO BULLS ... are the champions...

DON'T FORGET FATHERS DAY SUNDAY!!!! THIS N THAT... would like to remind each of you who have... FATHERS... that Sunday ... June 21, 1998... is ... FATHERS DAY... WHY NOT... step and let your dad know you love him... as we do... MOTHERS... on Mother's Day... After all... FATHERS... have made many positive contributions to the world... Anyway... HAPPY FATHERS DAY... to all of you!

GET INVOLVED IN JUNETEENTH! THIS N THAT... would like to advise each of you of the upcoming week of activities for ... THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION... which will begin on ... THURSDAY ... June 18th ... thru... Sunday... June 21st... You need to get involved in this year's effort... This holiday ... which is a state holiday ... is part of our heritage... and we need to come together by showing unity... in this year's celebration!

SHIRLEY CANADY THE BARBER SAYS: "THE MOST DIFFICULT ... thing in the world to know... HOW TO DO A THING ... and to watch... SOMEONE ELSE DOING IT WRONG... without commenting about it..."

HAPPY JUNETEENTH! THIS N THAT ... would like to take this opportunity and wish each of you... who are of the ... EROCAM COMMUNITY... a very ... HAPPY JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION!

NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A PUBLIC HEARING

RE: City of Lubbock/Citibus Section 5307 Capital, Technical Studies, and Operating Assistance Grant Application.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public hearing will be afforded, in the Citibus Conference Room, 801 Texas Avenue, on June 30, 1998 at 12:00 noon for the purpose of: considering project for which financial assistance is being sought from the Federal Transit Act of 1964, as amended. The financial assistance is as follows:

CAPITAL ASSISTANCE GRANT Program of Projects: this project will consist of the following: the purchase of 2 expansion vans and 1 replacement van for the Demand Response Service, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); the purchase of 8 replacement buses for the fixed route service; spare parts and preventive capital maintenance items which include engines, transmissions, tires, and other main components; various pieces of maintenance, administration, and operations equipment which include tools and computers; and the construction, purchase and procurement of bus pullouts and shelters.

This project is estimated at \$3,165,500. Of this, \$2,532,400 will be provided by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 funds, \$633,100 will be provided by local funds. This project is proposed to begin October 1, 1998 and be completed by March 31, 2000.

TECHNICAL STUDY GRANT Program of Projects: this project will consist of the following: training and travel for professional development; development of a five-year capital plan and five-year marketing plan; conducting short-range planning; and the purchase of office equipment, including computers.

This grant is estimated at \$80,000. Of this amount, \$64,000 will be provided by FTA Section 5307 funds and \$16,000 will be provided by the City of Lubbock. This project is proposed to begin October 1, 1998.

OPERATING ASSISTANCE GRANT Program of Projects: this project will consist of providing the transportation services in the Lubbock urbanized area, which are provided by City Transit Management, Inc., d/b/a Citibus and includes the following:

1) Providing the transportation services beginning October 1, 1998. This portion of the grant is estimated at \$3,700,000, of which \$1,700,000 will be provided by FTA Section 5307 funds, \$260,100 by the City of Lubbock, \$1,000,000 by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), and \$739,900 by non-farebox revenues.

Interested persons or agencies may submit, orally or in writing, evidence and recommendations with respect before 11:00 a.m. June 30, 1998. The preliminary Program of Projects is available to the public at the Citibus offices, located at 801 Texas Avenue. The final projects will also be available to the public at the Citibus offices.

LUBBOCK JUNETEENTH EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION CELEBRATION 1998

State Theme: "Empowering Our Future, Our Journey Through The Next Century"

Local Theme: "True To Our God, True To Our Native Land"

JUNE 18 - 21, 1998

Thursday, June 18, 1998 5:30 P.M. Registration & Health Fair
Mae Simmons Center

5:00 P.M. "Walk for Health" Mae Simmons Center Parking Lot

6:30 P.M. March against Drugs & Gangs
MLK Blvd. & Parkway Drive
March to Mae Simmons Park

Friday, June 19, 1998 6:00 P.M. Dunbar-Manhattan Heights
Neighborhood Association Hosts "Family Fun Night"

7:00 P.M. Man & Woman of the Year
Lubbock Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Saturday, June 20, 1998 9:00 A.M. Assemble For Annual Parade
Lubbock Memorial Civic Center
East Side of Building

10:00 A.M. Annual Parade - To
Mae Simmons Park

12:00 NOON Official Opening of Juneteenth
Activities Immediately
Following Parade
Eddie P. Richardson, President

1:00 P.M. Activities in Park

Sunday, June 21, 1998 5:00 P.M. Religious Program in Mae
Simmons Park Under Gazebo

THE PUBLIC INVITED TO ATTEND ALL ACTIVITIES!

NPCA PRAISES HOUSE FOR RECOGNIZING UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

Legislation Would Commemorate, Interpret America's Resistance to Slavery

Washington, D.C. The nation's leading national parks advocacy group today praised the U.S. House of Representatives for approving legislation to recognize the historic significance of the Underground Railroad. The National Parks and Conservation Association (NPCA) says the bill is essential for the preservation, commemoration, and interpretation of the hundreds of routes, sites, people, programs, activities, and events involved in America's resistance to slavery.

"The House today has acknowledged the importance of this period in our history to all Americans," said Lenita Gantt Wright, NPCA's Cultural Outreach Manager. "This network will provide our youth with a better understanding of the institution of slavery, and the fact that thousands upon thousands of Americans risked everything fighting against slavery - either by seeking freedom or by helping others to escape along the Underground Railroad."

The National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom bill (H.R. 1635) would link more than 400 sites identified as part of the Underground Railroad with community organizations, educational institutions, museums and other institutions to create a unique interpretive network. Many of the sites already are part of the National Park System. The bill would not create any new park system units, but would provide a means of educating the public about how each individual site fits into the overall system of "stations," "conductors," and "railroads" responsible for moving hundreds of thousands of slaves to freedom. H.R. 1635 is sponsored by Ohio Representative Louis Stokes (D) and Rep. Portman (R).

NPCA worked with the Ohio representatives in crafting the legislation and organized a coalition of 35 national and regional organizations to spur Congressional approval of the bill.

Many states, including New York, Ohio, New Jersey, and Michigan, are currently working on legislation that would complement the national effort. The Senate has approved the bill at the committee level, but has yet to vote on final passage.

"I hope the Senate will move quickly to help us create a visible and identifiable commemoration that can engender the spirit of freedom and national reconciliation," said Gantt-Wright.

The National Parks and Conservation Association is America's only private non-profit citizen organization dedicated solely to protecting, preserving, and enhancing the U.S. National Park System. An association of "Citizens Protecting America's Parks," NPCA was founded in 1919 and today has nearly 500,000 members.

A library of national park information, including fact sheets, congressional testimony, position statements, press releases and media alerts, can be found on NPCA's World Wide Web site at <http://www.npca.org>.

The Women of St. John's Baptist church cordially invites all adults and Adolescents Women to a salad luncheon and Seminar on Church ethics.

To be held at: St. John Baptist Church
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Lubbock, Texas 79404

Keynote speakers will be:
Sis L. Fields- Church Attitudes
Sis D. Hamiltons- Church Dress
Sis J. Lethridge- Church Jobs

Time: Friday, June 26, 1998 at 6:00 p.m.

Plant the seed and let god do the rest.
S.E. Fields, Pastor

NEWS RELEASE JUNETEENTH FIREWORK

For Friday, June 19, 1998, approximately 6:00 p.m. the first of the Black Chamber will be a special Juneteenth fireworks display in the Mae Simmons Park.

All of the fireworks will be set off in the park area, and the display will be a celebration of the day.

The Black Chamber is a special Juneteenth celebration that will be held on the east side of the Mae Simmons Park during the 1998 Juneteenth celebration. This area will be surrounded by a 10-foot high fence. The fireworks display is set for 6:00 p.m. and the public must be at least 100 feet away.

The fireworks display is FREE. Come early to get a good spot. The fireworks display is set for 6:00 p.m. and the public must be at least 100 feet away.

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There is no charge for these screenings. But reservations are appreciated by calling 806-725-7970.



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Increase in Rubella Prompts TDH Alert

The City of Lubbock Health Department received a statewide health alert from the Texas Department of Health (TDH) regarding an increase in the number of rubella cases in Texas. Reports from Mexico of increased numbers of rubella in some Mexican states has prompted TDH to alert travelers to Mexico that they could be at increased risk of contracting the illness.

Since January 1, some 300 cases of rubella have been reported in Reynosa, Tamaulipas, across the border from McAllen, Texas. Texas has recorded 26 cases of rubella this year, including 18 cases in a federal Immigration and Naturalization Service detention center in Port Isabel. All cases in the detention center were from Mexico or had traveled in Mexico. Since January 1, rubella has also been confirmed in eight people from Bell, Cameron, Dales, Harris, Hidalgo, Nueces and Travis counties. All had traveled to Mexico or had been exposed to someone who had recently traveled to Mexico.

Most cases of rubella, sometimes called German measles or three-day measles, are mild, but rubella can cause birth defects, miscarriages and stillbirths if contracted by pregnant women, especially in the first trimester of pregnancy.

Rubella, a viral illness, typically is spread from person to person by droplets from the nose or throat of an infected person.

Signs and symptoms of rubella can include: sudden onset of a fine pink or red rash, a fever higher than 99 degrees, joint pain, swelling or tenderness of the lymph glands and red, watery eyes. The rash usually lasts a few days. Persons with rubella are infectious from one week before to one week after the onset of the rash. Health officials say half the people who have rubella experience no symptoms.

Persons who have been vaccinated against rubella are considered immune to the illness 30 days after receiving the vaccine. A rubella vaccine has been available since 1966. Since 1971, a rubella vaccination (Measles Mumps Rubella, MMR) has been required for enrollment in Texas schools. Most people who have had rubella are considered immune.

The incubation period, or time from exposure to the development of symptoms, is from 12 to 23 days.

Texas recorded 12 cases of rubella in 1997 and 8 cases in 1996. There were two rubella cases in Lubbock in 1996. No rubella cases were reported in Lubbock in 1997.

The best prevention against rubella is to be vaccinated. Rubella vaccine can be obtained from health providers, citywide, and the City of Lubbock Health Department.

The South Plains Mall Health Fair, Lubbock, on April 17 & 18 will have immunizations for the public. Please bring a shot record or proof of immunization.

For more information, contact Tigi Ward at 775-2941 Surveillance Manager
After Hours: 775-2935
Fax: 775-3184

Bill Cosby Unveils First-Ever Jell-O Billboard in New York City's Times Square

New York City — May 19, 1998 — This evening, under the bright lights of Broadway,

Bill Cosby — America's famous funnyman — unveiled the first-ever Jell-O billboard in the heart of New York City's world-renowned Times Square.

Times Square was transformed into a magical spectacle of lights, music and fanfare as Cosby flipped the switch and addressed the spectators in his comedic style. Cosby, the Jell-O brand spokesman for 24 years, said he was delighted to see Jell-O do its part to help add more smiles to the revitalized Times Square area.

Designed to thank Americans for more than 100

years of Jell-O smiles, the 55x105-foot billboard features a mosaic of spoons (3,850 to be exact) which are crowned by the Jell-O logo, a giant spoon (over 52-feet) and an electronic display that scrolls fun Jell-O facts, the Smile More™ tagline and thousands of fond Jell-O stories and anecdotes sent in by Americans. The Jell-O billboard is located on the Doubletree Hotel at the southeast corner of 47th Street and Broadway. In honor of the new display, the hotel will offer its guests free Jell-O



upon check-in. "As Jell-O wiggles into the new millennium, we wanted to create a billboard that allowed Americans to celebrate their favorite Jell-O stories," said Lorraine Hansen, senior brand manager.

"It was only natural for 'America's Most Famous Dessert' to appear in America's most famous square where an average of 1.7 million individuals per day will gaze upon the billboard and smile through a national essay contest. Jell-O asked Americans to tell how Jell-O makes them smile for a chance to win a once-in-a-lifetime

opportunity to meet Bill Cosby and to have their memory "in lights" on the Jell-O billboard. With over 6,000 stories submitted, Catherine Weber from Bloomfield Hills, MI, won the contest with a poem that colorfully captured the essence of Jell-O. Bill Cosby's anecdote (he loves going to the refrigerator and finding that there is still some Jell-O left) was the first to scroll along the electronic display at the unveiling. Excerpts from Weber's poem along with thousands of Americans' fond Jell-O stories followed his anecdote.

Jell-O was invented 101 years ago, and today the brand name is found on over 145 products including 22 flavors of gelatin, 15 flavors of puddings, 10 No Bake desserts and 18 ready-to-eat snacks.

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JOHN 20:21, JESUS SAID, "PEACE BE INTO YOU; AS MY FATHER
HATH SENT ME, EVEN SO SEND I YOU."

JESUS SENT THE CHURCH INTO THE WORLD, TO PREACH FOR-
GIVENESS OF SIN, BUT THEY WANTED TO DO IT THEIR WAY, LIKE IN THE
GARDEN, THEY SUCCEEDED!!!

JAMES 4:17, THEREFORE TO HIM THAT KNOWETH TO DO GOOD,
AND DOETH IT NOT, TO HIM IT IS SIN.

GOD TOLD ADAM, OF WHAT TREE HE WAS NOT TO EAT, LIKE HE
TOLD THE CHURCH, TELL THE WORLD OF MY SALVATION, AND HOW TO BE
FREE!!!!

MATTHEW 28:19, JESUS SAID, GO YE THEREFORE, AND TEACH ALL
NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE
SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST.

NOW! THE CHURCH WANTED TO BE LIKE ADAM, A RIGHT TO DO
THEIR OWN THING; THEY TOLD THE WORLD: THEY HAD THEIR RIGHTS;
NOW LOOK, SHAME, SHAME, SHAME!!!!

ISAIAH 1:2, BLASPHEMERS, O HEAVENS, AND GIVE EAR, O EARTH, FOR THE
LORD HATH SPOKEN, I HAVE NOURISHED AND BROUGHT UP CHILDREN,
AND THEY HAVE REBELLED AGAINST ME.

***** THE CHURCH DID ROB GOD!!!! *****

(THE CHURCH AND ITS RIGHTS: RUN AWAY RIGHTS, OAY RIGHTS, ABOR-
TION RIGHTS, WHITE RIGHTS, BLACK RIGHTS, NO PRAYER IN SCHOOLS
RIGHTS, WOMAN RIGHTS, DRUGS IN SCHOOLS RIGHTS, DRIVE BY SHOOTING
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THE ABORTION DOCTOR RIGHTS, CLONING RIGHTS, KILL THE FAMILY
RIGHTS, AND MANY MORE: THAT IS OF THE DEVIL!!!!)

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

***** GIVE GOD THE GLORY!!!! *****

DIDN'T NOBODY HAVE TO GIVE UP THEIR SEAT WHILE RIDING ON
THE CIBICUS; MY FREEDOM CAME FROM UP ABOVE; AND GOD SAID,
THAT'S ENOUGH!!!!

ISAIAH 9:6, FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN, UNTO US A SONE IS
GIVEN; AND THE GOVERNMENT SHALL BE UPON HIS SHOULDER; AND
WHOS NAME SHALL BE CALLED WONDERFUL, COUNSELOR, THE MIGHTY
GOD, THE EVERLASTING FATHER, THE PRINCE OF PEACE.

***** FREE AT LAST, FREE AT LAST!!!! *****

DIDN'T NOBODY HAVE TO GET BEATEN WITH THE POLICEMAN'S
BILLY CLUB; MY FREEDOM CAME FROM UP ABOVE; IN THE FORM OF
GOD'S OWN LOVE!!!!

JOHN 3:16, JESUS SAID, FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD (ME),
THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON (JESUS), THAT WHOEVER
BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH (DIE), BUT HAVE EVERLASTING
LIFE.

***** FREE AT LAST, FREE AT LAST!!!! *****

DIDN'T NOBODY HAVE TO GET BIT BY THE POLICEMAN'S ATTACK
DOGS; MY FREEDOM CAME FROM JESUS DYING ON THAT OLD RUGGED
CROSS!!!!

ROMANS 5:8, GOD COMMENDETH HIS LOVE TOWARD US, IN THAT,
WHILE WE WERE YET SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US.

***** FREE AT LAST, FREE AT LAST!!!! *****

(EVERYBODY HAVE EQUAL RIGHTS; TO THE CROSS OF JESUS,
BELIEVE IN HIM AND ONLY HIM! THAT IS YOUR ONLY EQUAL RIGHT!!!!)

I SAY AGAIN: BELIEVE THE WORD OF GOD; BELIEVE ON WHAT IS
SAID; GOD RAISED HIS SON JESUS, FROM THE GRAVE; WHEN HE WAS
DEAD!!!!

ROMANS 10:9, IF THOU SHALT CONFESS WITH THY MOUTH THE
LORD JESUS, AND SHALT BELIEVE IN THIN HEART THAT GOD HATH RAISED
HIM FROM THE DEAD, THOU SHALT BE SAVED.

***** FREE AT LAST, FREE AT LAST THANK GOD FOR JESUS, FREE
AT LAST!!!! *****

GOD IS NOT THROUGH WITH US YET, SO LETS PRAY FOR ONE
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ALLEN & ALLEN

BIOGRAPHY

"People think in order for music to be gospel, it has to have words, but that's erroneous,"
declares Bruce Allen, one half of the talented instrumental duo, Allen & Allen. It is an argu-
ment he and Allen Wiggins have more than backed up since the release of their self-titled
debut release on CCI Records back in 1994, which sold upwards of 50,000 units and garnered
a highly coveted Stellar award.

Just one year later, a sophomore release, "A Blazing Grace" fared even better. The duo fol-
lowed up with "Christmas Like Never Before" which enjoyed success on adult contemporary
radio as well as jazz formatted stations and their 1996 release "Come Sunday"—featuring
Daryl Coley and Albertina Walker.

Ironically, it isn't the sales, awards or growing notoriety that has gained gospel jazz pioneers
Allen & Allen clout on today's gospel music scene. Instead, it is the consistency of the eight-
year old, Florida-based, dynamic duo, who have come to coin the term "inspirational jazz" to
describe the spiritually-infused syncopated rhythms they say are inspired of God.

Now, with the release of their fifth album, "A New Beginning"—a smooth, jazz-styled piece,
they are charting a course into mainstream territory. "We chose this route because of our suc-
cess in jazz venues," Allen reports. "God has placed in our hearts that we must infiltrate the
devil's territory. You can get to a point where there's a glass ceiling in the church."

"Our new CD," notes Wiggins, "is aggressive evangelism targeting the jazz
marketplace. No traditional hymns. All original music except for a spirited
remake of Earth, Wind & Fire's "True Devotion." It's just as jazzy as Najee or Gerald
Albright, but the message is there and now that both of us are pastoring, we're committed to
using our gifts to the purpose of kingdom-building."

Both musicians—who began playing as pre-teens in church—credit their astounding musical
abilities to God. Wiggins started playing sax at the Daytona Beach church his dad pastored.
Allen, an accomplished keyboardist, was fluent with 13 instruments—including flugel horn
(which he plays on their newest CD)—while growing up in East St. Louis.

The two hooked up in 1987. Allen had been hired as Minister of Music at the church pastored
by Wiggins dad. Wiggins had hit number 23 on Billboard's gospel charts with a solo debut
release—produced while he was a junior at Florida A&M—entitled "One Way" (Command
Records). He was in dire need of a music director for a Gospelfest appearance at Carnegie
Hall. His former musical director, Ben Tankard, had ventured out on his own.

After travelling together two years, Wiggins posed the idea of a joint project in 1990. They
began using the term "inspirational jazz" with the release of their sophomore project "A
Blazing Grace" after having the doors shut in their face due
to the stigma of "gospel jazz."

"The first response from the jazz marketplace back in 1993 was that they were not going to
play anything to do with gospel," Wiggins recounts. "Just because we name gospel was on the
cover, they wouldn't even open it. So we began calling it inspirational jazz in order to get
people to listen."

As their popularity has grown, so too has their commitment to ministry. In 1997, Wiggins was
named co-pastor of his father's Orlando-based Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church
affectionately dubbed "the hope," and in January, 1998, a Jacksonville-based Bible ministry
launched by Allen evolved into the Church Fellowship Worship Ministries.

"God has greatly developed us," observes Allen. "We're more than just a name or the music,
but a ministry. Allen Wiggins, "We're delivering music in a jazz idiom but with a gospel
message."

From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

Nothing Out of It

Are Black Men Victims of Low Intelligent Primal
Schizophrenics?

On the heels of a brutal dragging murder of a
black man in Jasper, Texas, the Associated Press has
reported in Slidell, Louisiana, a black man said three
white men in a car yelled racial slurs and grabbed him by the arm, pulling
him for 2 1/2 blocks.

"Cornelius Weaver told deputies that he was walking home from
a convenience store early Saturday when the front and rear passengers of a
passing car reached out and grabbed him by the arm.

Weaver, 23, suffered abrasions and bruises on his limbs and torso
when he rolled away from the car after being dragged, sheriff's spokesman
James Hartman said. "He tells a story that amounts to a hate crime,"
Hartman said.

Weaver told The Times-Picayune of New Orleans in a story pub-
lished Sunday that he feared the men wanted to rob him or kidnap him. I
kept saying, Please, let me go."

Weaver's mother, Mary Birmeit, would not speculate on whether
her son was the victim of a copy-cat of the racial attack on Jasper, where

James Byrd, 49, was dragged to death a week ago.

Three white men believed to have ties to white supremacist
groups are suspects in that case.

Weaver was wounded a day after Baron Manning, 17 of
Belleville, Illinois, said three white youths called him over to their vehicle
early Friday, grabbed him through an open window by his shirt and
dragged him until the cloth ripped and he fell tear the back wheels."

Could the actions of these individuals reflect a form of major
mental illness—Catatonic Schizophrenia. A study has proved that this dis-
ease is frequent among persons in unskilled and semiskilled occupations
and those with relatively low education.

The schizophrenic fails to develop important personality struc-
tures. In a study of peer relationship in monkeys, surrogate-trained mon-
keys responded to others who they had not been around with excessive
amount of aggressive behavior.

Like the monkeys, could the raising of the primates in a partial
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"None of us need to be reminded of the
threats, ranging from the ever day to
the unusual, that face us in these event-
ful times," said Revelation's chairman,
Bishop William H. Graves, who pointed
out that Sedgwick, the world's
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able to custom-design coverage for
churches and denominations.
This addition, together with
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Pera.

Executive vice president for Sedgwick, which has offices around the
globe and in fact maintains its North American headquarters in
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cient handling for which our company is known," Pera cited the
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