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Breaking News

Court Rules Web Site Names Are Property

(NU) - Good news for individuals and organizations who wisely registered their Web site names with an Internet domain company.

A federal court in Virginia has ruled that domain names are property, and subject to greater legal protection than previously thought.

The ruling stems from a trademark-infringement suit filed against a Canadian corporation, 3263851 Canada, Inc., by Umbro International, a manufacturer of soccer equipment.

In the suit, Umbro claimed the defendant infringed upon its trademark when it registered umbro.com in 1997. When the defendant failed to show up in the court, the judge issued a default judgment, turning over umbro.com to the company and awarding it \$25,000 in attorney's fees.

In subsequent litigation, Alston & Bird—the firm representing Umbro—instigated a garnishment proceeding against Network Solutions Inc. (NSI), the company that registered the names for the Canadian company, to force the judicial sale of the domain names the Canadian corporation had registered through NSI.

According to Alston & Bird attorney Chris Roblyer, the Canadian firm "had no U.S. assets that we could levy on, but they did have a number of other domains they had registered through NSI. We asked the court to garnish those so we could seize them and sell them to the highest bidder."

The court agreed to the request, and granted the law firm rights to 27 domains owned by the defendant.

The court's decision is good news for domain name owners everywhere because it gives trademark lawyers a new weapon to combat domain name piracy.

"Typically, we thought registrants had a two-year license to a domain name, but the court is suggesting they have a property interest," trademark attorney Bret Fausett said. He is with the law firm of Fausett, Gaeta & Lund, NSI, based in Herndon, Va., is appealing the court's decision.

Fausett said NSI had good reason to be concerned about the ruling because of its impact on the domain-registration firm's dispute-resolution policy.

The court ruling points out the reason for registering a domain name. If a company conducts business over the Internet they should register their domain names to fend off possible piracy.

To learn more about Internet domain names or to register yours today, log on to www.registrars.com. Registrars.com offers the fastest and most efficient domain registration in the world.

Iles Students Excel in 'Gymnastics



Gymnastics students from Ella R. Iles Elementary School recently brought home a total of 42 medals from a meet in Idalou, Texas. Shown above are the K-6 students who competed and won medals. Their coach, Denise Wilson, can be seen in the upper right corner.

Coats needed for "Give a Coat, Share the Warmth" Drive

Lubbock - The annual "Give a Coat, Share the Warmth" Drive to college coats to be distributed to the area's less fortunate kicks off Nov. 13. Covenant Health System and nine dry cleaners will gather coats at several drop-off locations in town until Dec. 8.

"This is a great project for employees as well as community members. We have multiple locations as drop-offs. The dry cleaners are so cooperative and eager to donate their services. The biggest plus for this project, though, is that we are able to help those that need us. In 1999, we collected almost 1,000 coats. I hope we collect even more this year," said Judi Blakey, Healthy Communities manager at Covenant.

Coats, windbreakers, sweaters and jackets of all sizes can be dropped off at collection sites listed below. All sizes are needed, especially those suitable for children. The items will be cleaned and then distributed free of charge through several community agencies.

Following is a list of the Covenant Health System drop-off locations:

- Covenant Medical Center, Valet Parking Counter;
- Covenant Medical Center-Lakeside, Public Relations & Planning Office;
- Covenant Family Healthcare Center, 6502 Slide Road;
- Covenant Family Healthcare Center, 416 Frankford Ave.;
- Covenant SurgiCenter, 2301 Quaker Ave.;
- HealthPlus, 7601 Quaker Ave.;
- Lubbock Diagnostic Clinic, 3506 21st St., Suite 100
- Covenant Medical Group—Business Office, 2107 Oxford Ave., third floor and
- Professional Office Building—Office of Dr. Diane McIntire, 3601 21st St., Suite 107

In addition, donated items also can be dropped off at the following participating dry cleaners:

- American Cleaners, 2904 50th St.
- Brieway Cleaners, All Locations
- Comet Cleaners, 82nd Street and Quaker Avenue and 60th Street and Slide Road locations only;
- Gristy's Cleaners, All Locations;
- Holder's Cleaners, 3410 Frankford Ave.;
- Mahra Cleaners, 4902 Knoxville Ave.;
- Master Cleaners, All Locations
- Spic & Span Cleaners, 2109 50th and
- Plaza Cleaners, 2707 26th St.

For more information about the campaign, contact Rose Hoeve, Health Communities Specialist for Covenant, at (806) 725-6074.

Christmas Greetings Are Available in the Digest

The Southwest Digest is offering anyone an opportunity to display a Christmas and New Year \$5.00 to \$20.00.

If you are interested, then call (806) 762-3612. Or you may write to: Christmas Greetings, Southwest Digest, P. O. Box 2553, Lubbock, Texas 79408. This is an opportunity to wish someone in your family or anyone a greeting, and it will appear in the Southwest Digest.

Deadline for the opportunity is November 30, 2000, by 5:00 p. m.

"Farewell to Coach Louis Kelly" Day Thursday, November 9, 2000

The Estacado High School Staff, student body and community payed tribute to the years of service provided by Coach Louis Kelly during the EHS vs. Snyder pep rally. The rally was held in the gym at 10:45 a.m. on Thursday and the EHS Family invited former EHS football players to attend.

The EHS Football Booster Club made presentations to Coach Kelly at the Football game on Thursday night.

Coach Kelly has served as Head Football Coach at Estacado High School for 26 years. Coach Kelly has worked with LISD for 38 years at Dunbar and Estacado High Schools. Accomplishments include: District Champions: '75, '78, '79, '80, '82, '83, '85, '86, '91, '92, '94, '96, '97. Advanced to Regionals: '75, '83, '85, '91, '92. Advanced to Semi-finals: '75, '79, '80, '83, '92. Advanced to Quarter-finals: '82, '83.

Advanced to State Championship game in 1983
130 former players have played in college ranks
9 former players have played professional football

Overall Coaching record: 233-95-8
City Coach of the Year 13 times
District Coach of the Year 12 times
All-South Plains Coach 7 times
Head Coach, North All-Stars, 1985, THSCA All-Star Football Game (North 14 South 7)

Abilene Public School Hall of Honor, 1989
Texas High School Coaches Association Hall of Honor, 1997

Dunbar Alumni Hold Called Meeting

The Dunbar International Alumni Association, Inc. held a special called meeting Saturday, November 18th to further final plans for "CALL-CLASS REUNION V," which is set for the weekend of July 12-15, 2001. The excitement is building daily, and letters will go out soon. Make sure that they have YOUR address, telephone #, etc. They want this to be one of the largest and best ever!

Some new activities and procedures are being used for All-Class Reunion V, and your help is needed. We have been told that they will have a special assembly that will include former teachers, a performance by the band and Panjammers, class photos, gag gifts, welcome, and an open attitude for fun!

If you are a supporter of or attended Dunbar High School, you need to make plans to participate and be a part of this occasion July 12-15, 2001. "Once a Panther, Always a Panther!" a spokesperson told us. "We're asking for and want a solid showing of pride for the institution that gave to many of us our first best start in life! Hopefully we will fill the auditorium on Friday, July 13, 2001!"

If you were a cheerleader, band member, or Panjammer, contact a member of the Dunbar Alumni Association or attend their next meeting Saturday, December 9th at 4:00 pm. Write them for an itinerary of activities.

National Council of Negro Women celebrates 11 years of Excellence in Teaching

Washington, DC (September 21, 2000) The National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW) honored the 2000 winners of its annual Excellence in Teaching Award during a special luncheon and ceremony at the Omni-Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC recently.

Sponsored by Shell Oil Company, the Excellence in Teaching Award pays tribute to the legacy of NCNW founder, Mary McLeod Bethune, by honoring teachers for their tireless efforts on behalf of educating African-American youth. The Excellence in Teaching Award recipients distinguished themselves among their peers as leaders in the field of education. A group of nationally respected educators selected the winners from nominations solicited by NCNW from across the country.

The luncheon highlighted the achievements of one national and six regional winners who were chosen for their skill, innovation and enthusiasm. On-hand to

present the awards were: NCNW President and CEO Dr. Jane Smith, NCNW Chairwoman and President Dorothy I. Height; Susan M. Borches, Shell Oil vice president, Corporate Affairs; and Paula Saizan, Shell Oil manager, constituent relations.

"Each year I look forward to celebrating the achievements of such dedicated professionals," says Dr. Dorothy I. Height. "It is an honor to present the Excellence in Teaching Award so that the rest of the world can recognize and applaud those who have such an enormous impact on our children's lives."

During the program, awards were presented to Excellence in Teaching Award National recipient Leotta Chover, a biology and physics science teacher at South Atlanta High School in Atlanta, GA; Mid-Atlantic regional recipient, Clemonette Routree, a biology and life science teacher for Alice Deal Middle School in Washington, DC; and



Northeastern regional recipient Carolya Gray, a science teacher at J.R. Masterson School in Philadelphia, PA.

The event also celebrated the achievements of four other regional recipients who have received or will receive their awards at regional luncheons throughout the summer and fall: Midwestern regional recipient Elsie Mesoudi, a life skills and vocational music teacher from Monticello Middle School in Cleveland Heights, OH;

Western regional recipient Floretta Chaney Brumfield, an algebra and geometry teacher from Jessie Bethel High in Vallejo, CA; Southern regional recipient Jacelyn Hepburn, a math teacher from Hood Middle School in Dallas, TX; and Southeastern regional recipient Wessell Tubb, a drama teacher from Hillside High in Durham, NC. Each recipient received a specially designed sculpture from Tiffany & Co., a certificate and a cash prize.

Each recipient's school will also display a commemorative plaque.

"We are extremely proud to honor these well deserving teachers. We look forward to honoring these shining stars for many years to come," said Dr. Jane Smith.

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

For more information about the Excellence in Teaching Award program, contact Loretta Lucas at (202) 863-9109.

Coming Soon!!

A new publication, *Black Press of America*, will be launching in the near future. It will be a weekly publication that will focus on the lives and achievements of Black Americans. It will be a must-read for anyone interested in the Black community. It will be a publication that will give a voice to the Black community and will be a source of inspiration and motivation for all. It will be a publication that will be a source of pride and a source of information for all. It will be a publication that will be a source of hope and a source of strength for all. It will be a publication that will be a source of love and a source of life for all. It will be a publication that will be a source of joy and a source of peace for all. It will be a publication that will be a source of happiness and a source of well-being for all. It will be a publication that will be a source of health and a source of wealth for all. 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Ruby Jay's Corner



The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and Rev. Billy R. Moton is pastor. As we enter into the Thanksgiving Season, why not come and visit the New Hope Baptist Church if you are looking for a church home. You will be glad you did so.

Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School beginning at 9:30 a. m. with Assistant Superintendent Henry High presiding. All teachers were at their post of duty for 30 minutes of instruction. At 10:15 a. m., all reassembled to the main auditorium marching and singing "Yield Not To Temptation." Prayer was given by Brother C. G. Givens. High points of the morning lesson were given by the Senior Class and Sister Marget Moton. All were very well done.

Secretary's Report: Youth Department received the Offering Banner - the Senior Class. We all received joy out of the Adult Class. Praise God Praise God for each of the members.

The morning devotional period was conducted by Brother and Sister Clarence Ervin as well as members of the Praise Team.

The Senior Choir marched in the morning processional. The altar prayer was offered by Pastor Moton. There's no doubt about it, the Lord visited New Hope last Sunday morning. It all began with the various selections by the Senior Choir Sister Moton gave a prayer and there was scripture. The responsive reading was done with the congregation standing and led by Sister Winnie Jackson.

The morning hymn was "Walk With Me." Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton. The sermonic hymn was "Guide Me Oh Thou Great Jehovah."

Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "Just Tell Him What You Want." His scripture was I Samuel 1:1-9.

Let us keep praying for our sick and shut-in citizens. The vice president of the B. M. E. and Sunday School Convention, Rev. L. H. Degrade of Midland, had to be airlifted from the meeting in Abilene Texas recently our prayers go out to him.

Funeral services were held for Brother Sammie Beaty last Tuesday at New Hope Baptist Church at 11:00 a. m. Our prayers goes out to this family.

Army & Air Force Hometown NEWS

Geoffrey R. Wright

Geoffrey R. Wright has graduated from the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Advanced Camp at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash.

At camp, the cadet completed a five-week course consisting of intensive military leadership training and evaluation exercises in communications, management, and survival training.

After successfully completing advanced camp, and graduating from college, the cadet will be commissioned as a second lieutenant to serve in the U.S. Army, National Guard, or Reserve.

He is the son of retired Lt. Col. Garry R. and Donna K. Wright of Kenosha Drive, Lubbock, Texas. Wright is currently attending Texas Tech University, Lubbock.

Joseph M. Johnson

Army Spec. Joseph M. Johnson has graduated from the U.S. Army Primary Leadership Development Course (PLDC) at Schofield Barracks, Oahu, Hawaii.

During the five-week course, the soldier learned basic leadership and counseling skills,

and perform duties and execute responsibilities of a junior noncommissioned officer; train and lead soldiers to work and fight under supervision of the battle-competent, first-level noncommissioned officer. The course included written and physical fitness tests, and hands-on field training and land navigation exercises.

Johnson is the son of Joseph M. Johnson Sr. Mindedahl Road, Plant City, Fla., and Rethia D. Simmons of Sixth St., Lubbock, Texas.

Faith L. Johnson

Army Pvt. Faith L.

Johnson has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the training, the soldier received instruction and practice in drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

She is the daughter of James and Denise Johnson of Rural Route 6, Lubbock, Texas.

Johnson is a 2000 graduate of Lubbock Cooper High School.

Handling the Trauma of the Thanksgiving Visit Home

This month will see the beginning of the "holiday visit home" season. And although the Thanksgiving holiday is still several weeks off, lots of people already have plans for, and, unfortunately, anxieties about that upcoming family gathering around the turkey dinner.

Many of us look forward to these opportunities to renew relationships with our parents, aunts and uncles, brothers and sisters, and their families. We see this as a warm and inclusive environment that is secure and reminiscent of our childhood where, in our innocence, we felt that we "belonged."

But for others of us, there may be mixed feelings about that holiday trip - It may be a time of anxiety or conflict. We may feel troubled over the warm and happy feelings that we "should" be having about a family visit, and the uncomfortable or nervous feelings, or a sense of

dread, that we actually are experiencing. We've been led to believe by Ozzie and Harriet television images that these occasions are all warm and fuzzy, when the reality of past visits might have been something quite different.

There are a number of reasons why holiday visits can feel so traumatic:

- There may be old wounds. Perhaps the memories of your childhood or teen years are not very pleasant. You may not have felt that you belonged with your family as much as you were held captive. A holiday visit can easily rekindle those memories.
- You've changed. You've grown intellectually,

emotionally and psychologically since you left home. Yet your parents or other family members may be expecting the same person they knew you to be when you were still younger. They carry with them the remembered image of you as the "good kid" or the "badkid," but you no longer are that kid. You

may feel you are being treated as the child you once were, rather than the responsible adult you've become.

- Things have not worked out as expected. Perhaps there has been a divorce, financial problems, or a job that isn't working out. Your parents or family may have had expectations for you that are far different from who and what you really are. You may find it difficult to face the fact that you are not the person they expected you to become. And you may find that they are not able to understand the struggles you have faced or the burdens life has given you to carry.

There can be many reasons why a holiday visit may seem unpleasant, but what can be done to minimize the negative effects? First, you need to realize that one reason such trips feel uncomfortable is that you're experiencing a normal reaction to stress. Plan your trip to include activities you know are enjoyable and less stressful. Plan on

spending time with a favorite family member, or finding ways to be by yourself.

Perhaps it would help if the trip were a bit shorter. Stay only as long as is needed to avoid being rude or insensitive to other family members. Most importantly, remember not to try to change things over which you have no control. Be sure you are not frustrating yourself by expecting parents or other family members to change in a certain way. They will have changed, to be sure, but each in his or her own way just as surely as you have changed in yours.

Lastly, if the trip home promises to be significantly traumatic and, for whatever reason, cannot be avoided, it may help to visit with a counselor prior to making the trip. Seeing a counseling professional is not going to provide you with instant, perfect answers, but it may realistically assist you in dealing with the visit in a more healthy fashion.

SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR LUBBOCK, TEXAS AccuWeather.com

Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday	Saturday
Rather cloudy with rain, cool; breezy later. 48	Cloudy, rain changing to snow; breezy, cold. 30	Cloudy and cool with rain or snow showers. 42/34	Clouds will break for some sunshine. 46/28
RealFeel: 40	RealFeel: 18	RealFeel: 34	RealFeel: 39
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Cloudy and cool with a chance of rain or snow. 48/30	Partial sunshine. 52/26	A few clouds. 50/22	Partly sunny with a chilly start. 48/22
RealFeel: 38	RealFeel: 49	RealFeel: 44	RealFeel: 43

The RealFeel Temperature™ is a composite of the effects of temperature, wind, humidity, sunshine intensity, cloudiness, precipitation, pressure and elevation on the human body. The number is the highest for the day and the lowest for the night.

GARDENING FORECAST

A storm will push to our south Thursday, but will spread rain into the region that will last into the day Friday before ending as a period of snowfall. Sunshine will be very limited.

FISHING REPORT

Strong north to northeasterly breezes at 8-16 knots will cause a light chop on most lake surfaces Thursday. It will be unseasonably chilly with rain and snow through Friday.

TV INDEX

Highest Thur. 2: Minimal
Highest Fri. 2: Minimal
Highest Sat. 3: Minimal
Values indicate the exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays.
1-3 Minimal
4-6 Low
6-7 Moderate
8-9 High
10+ Very High

SUN & MOON DATA

	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
Sunrise	7:02 a.m.	7:02 a.m.	7:08 a.m.
Sunset	5:41 p.m.	5:41 p.m.	5:40 p.m.
Moonrise	6:02 a.m.	6:32 a.m.	7:02 a.m.
Moonset	4:37 p.m.	5:12 p.m.	5:49 p.m.

MOON PHASES

New	First	Full	Last
Nov 25	Dec 3	Dec 11	Dec 17

REGIONAL CITIES

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City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	HI/LO W	HI/LO W	HI/LO W	HI/LO W	HI/LO W	HI/LO W	HI/LO W
Abilene, TX	50/28 r	50/28 sh	50/28 pc	48/26 c	52/28 pc	52/28 s	46/20 pc
Albuquerque, NM	50/28 c	54/28 pc	50/53 c	48/26 c	52/28 pc	52/28 s	46/20 pc
Albuquerque, NM	50/28 c	54/28 pc	50/53 c	48/26 c	52/28 pc	52/28 s	46/20 pc
Amarillo, TX	48/26 r	52/28 c	48/28 c	48/26 c	52/24 pc	48/16 pc	48/16 pc
Austin, TX	50/28 r	52/28 sh	50/28 pc	48/26 c	52/24 pc	52/28 s	48/16 pc
Branson, MO	48/31 sh	52/36 pc	54/35 c	49/32 c	47/22 pc	47/30 pc	42/25 sh
Clarks Summit, PA	52/28 r	52/28 sh	50/28 pc	48/26 c	52/24 pc	52/28 s	48/16 pc
Dallas, TX	54/38 r	56/44 r	58/42 pc	52/38 c	50/30 pc	50/34 pc	52/32 c
Denver, CO	55/23 pc	55/23 sh	55/23 pc	50/30 c	50/30 pc	50/34 pc	52/32 c
El Paso, TX	58/36 c	60/34 s	60/32 pc	58/30 s	60/24 s	60/24 s	55/24 s
Fort Worth, TX	50/28 r	52/28 sh	50/28 pc	48/26 c	52/24 pc	52/28 s	48/16 pc
Houston, TX	60/48 r	62/46 sh	64/46 c	64/42 c	60/36 c	58/36 s	58/36 pc
Lake Tawakoni, TX	59/37 r	56/40 r	60/41 pc	58/35 c	56/27 pc	50/32 pc	49/28 c
Lubbock, TX	48/30 r	48/34 r	48/28 c	48/30 c	52/26 pc	50/22 pc	48/22 pc
Memphis, TN	52/34 r	52/34 sh	50/34 pc	48/26 c	52/26 pc	52/28 s	48/16 pc
Oklahoma City, OK	47/33 r	58/40 pc	55/35 pc	60/33 c	51/25 pc	46/32 pc	45/24 sh
Phoenix, AZ	52/34 r	52/34 sh	50/34 pc	48/26 c	52/26 pc	52/28 s	48/16 pc
Roswell, NM	59/32 c	58/32 s	58/31 s	55/29 s	57/21 s	56/21 pc	51/20 s
San Antonio, TX	62/48 r	64/42 sh	64/44 pc	64/36 pc	62/34 pc	58/36 s	58/36 pc
San Diego, CA	68/40 r	68/40 sh	66/42 pc	64/36 c	62/34 pc	62/34 pc	58/36 pc
Tulsa, OK	49/35 sh	56/36 pc	56/36 c	54/33 c	49/26 s	47/34 pc	44/25 sh
Wichita, KS	50/30 r	50/30 sh	50/30 pc	48/26 c	52/26 pc	52/28 s	48/16 pc
Wichita, KS	49/27 r	53/34 pc	51/30 pc	48/27 c	45/26 pc	41/31 r	38/22 r

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, s-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, f-fog.

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OBITUARIES

TERESA WHEATLEY



Funeral services were held for Teresa Wheatley last Saturday morning,

November 18, 2000, at the St. Elizabeth Catholic Church with Rev. Jesse Cruz officiating.

A rosary service was held for her last Friday evening, November 17, 2000, at the W. W. Rix Chapel.

Arrangements were under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors.

She passed away on Wednesday, November 15, 2000, at Covenant Medical Center.

Born March 4, 1922 in New Orleans, La., she married Raymond A. Wheatley on September 4, 1946 in St. Louis, Mo. He died on December 12, 1973. She moved to Lubbock in March of 1950 from St. Louis.

She received her education at Holy Ghost School, Hoffman Junior High, McDonogh 35 High School, Xavier University of Louisiana, and St. Mary's Infirmary in St. Louis.

She was a member of the Deleta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Ms. Wheatley worked in the Lubbock Independent School District for 30 years, retiring in May, 1980. She was a member of St.

Elizabeth Catholic Church. She is survived by her three sons: Argonne J. of Lompoc, California, Barre L. of Amarillo, Texas, and Brian K. of Lubbock, Texas; a daughter, Melessa Wheatley Lawson of Lubbock, Texas; two grandchildren; and a sister, Elaine LaCroix DuConge of New Orleans, La.

SAMMIE BEATY, SR.



Final rites were read for Sammie Beaty, Sr. Tuesday morning,

November 21, 2001, at the New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. Billy R. Moton, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Brock's South Plains Funeral Directors of Lubbock.

He passed away Thursday, November 16, 2000. Mr. Beaty was born November 24, 1917 in Harrison County, Texas.

He was a member of the New Hope Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mattie Beaty; five sons: James, Ulysses, A. D., Sammie, Jr. and Robert; three daughters: Linda Henderson, Branetta Cooper and Katherine Gregory; 20 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

TDH sweeping retail stores for recalled children's items

The time from peeking at a carefully drawn up wish list to filling out a shopping bag is a short one, often crammed into hectic hours of scanning store shelves to find just the right item to make a child happy.

Product Safety Division inspectors at the Texas Department of Health (TDH) want those selections to be not only good matches to fulfill desires but safe ones as well. Awareness is the key.

To emphasize that awareness, TDH inspectors make the rounds of retail stores several days each fall, looking for children's items that have been recalled. The 2000 Toy Sweep is set for four days—Nov. 16, 17, 20 and 21. Each inspector will have a list of 10 items geared toward children that have been listed as recalled items since the first of the year by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

"The toy sweep is a reminder to both consumers and retailers that some items are not safe for children and have been recalled," said Charles Branton, director of the TDH Product Safety Division. "These recalled items should not be out on shelves for sale."

This year the list includes two items that are meant to ensure safety—bicycle helmets from Rand International and Cycle Express, Inc. Other items include Fisher-Price's Lift & Lock Swing and Get Up & Go Walkers; Kmart children's decorative lamps; Playskool Klackeroo toys; Galoob Toys, Inc., Sky Dancers flying dolls; Today's Kids Music & Lights Kidaround Spinner; Playtex Classic Patterns Cherubs and Soft Comfort latex pacifiers; Shelcore, Inc., Stand-Up 'N Play

Tables; and Playskool Busy Poppin' Pals toys.

These items are 10 out of hundreds recalled annually, and TDH's product safety inspectors investigate problems and head off potential dangers year round. Reasons for recalls include head injuries, falls, bruises and cuts, choking, eye injuries, broken teeth, broken bones, mild concussions, lacerations and fire hazards.

"We check for dangerous children's products all the time," Branton said.

CPSC sends its recall notices to major retail stores across the country. Store managers then are to remove these recalled items and return them to the manufacturer. Some stores also post notices to inform consumers who may have bought the item before the recall.

"We do find items still for sale from time to time," Branton said. "The retailer may not have received the recall or the items may have been overlooked. Most retailers are happy to have our help getting unsafe items off the shelves." Inspectors who find a recalled item still for sale will ask the store manager to remove the item and return it to the manufacturer.

Even with toys manufactured correctly, problems may arise when a child is not the right age for the item. What may be safe and appropriate for children of one age group may be uninteresting or dangerous for youngsters of different ages or skill levels.

Labels help answer many questions about a toy's safety and suitability. "Consumers should take manufacturer recommendations seriously," Branton said. "If the label says the item is not recommended for a child under 3 years

of age, then it isn't. It may have parts or strings that can choke or strangle a young child."

A good toy should be:

- Safe for that child's age, well constructed and durable.
- Appealing and interesting to the child.
- Suited to the child's physical capabilities.
- Suited to the child's mental and social development.

Branton said to look for sturdy construction such as tightly secured eyes, roses, buttons and other small parts. Also, discard plastic wrappings on toys immediately before they become deadly playthings. And always be sure a helmet and other protective gear is available along with a bicycle, tricycle, skates, skateboard or sporting equipment. Be sure a helmet fits the child's head and that the child likes the design and will wear it.

People who find what they believe are dangerous, defective or mislabeled toys may call the TDH Product Safety Division at 512-834-6773.

Information is available at on the TDH Product Safety Web site

www.tdh.state.tx.us/beh/ps/about toy and product hazards. TDH together with CPSC also offers an extensive checklist on Safety Suggestions for Gift Giving at the same Web site.

(For information, contact Charles Branton, Product Safety Division Director, at 512-834-6773, ext. 2260; Terry Johnson, Product Safety Division, at 512-834-6773, ext. 2344; or Emily Palmer, Communications Division, at 512-458-7400.)

The Texas Department of Health Product Safety Division's 2000 Toy Sweep will be conducted Nov. 16 - 17 and 20 - 21 in:

- Austin: Terry Johnson, 512-834-6773, ext. 2344.
- Dallas/Fort Worth metro area: Glenn Dunlap, 817-264-4707 phone, 817-816-1168 pager.
- El Paso: Jose Rangel, 915-834-7711 phone or 915-749-3663 pager.
- Houston: Robert Lance, 713-767-3256 phone, 281-266-7663 pager; or Turonda Jackson, 713-767-3255 phone, 281-266-7664 pager.
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EAST LUBBOCK STILL MOVING IN RIGHT DIRECTION! THIS N THAT had an opportunity to attend the HOUSE DEDICATION for the EUNICE WHITE and her children KYSHUNNA GEORGE & KEEONA at 2421 Hickory Avenue. This is the ELEVENTH HOUSE constructed by the LUBBOCK HABITAT FOR HUMANITY with the help of COVENANT HEALTH SYSTEMS and the BROWN-FIELD RUDD PRISON UNIT. This n that sees this new home as a positive catalyst for more citizens moving into the East Lubbock area. JOHN MALLORY executive director of Lubbock Habitat for Humanity gave a brief welcome and encouraged all present to become a member of the CARPENTER CLUB and contribute to this fund so others without a home will have an opportunity. For example you can become a 2x4 member for \$8.00 per month or a 2x6 for \$12.00 per month. Why not become a CARPENTER CLUB MEMBER!! THIS N THAT is just excited about what is happening in EAST LUBBOCK and the works of the dedicated LUBBOCK HABITAT FOR HUMANITY.

ANOTHER GOOD OMEN FOR LUBBOCK! THIS N THAT has learned that the City of Lubbock ranks with a 50% INCREASE for the percentage of employers in the state of TEXAS who plan to change or maintain the size of their work-force during the 1st quarter of 2001 months January, February and March. The average increase as being projected at the state level is . THIS N THAT says LUBBOCK, TEXAS is still moving in the right direction.

SUPPORT U CAN SHARE FOOD DRIVE! This n that reminds us that the U CAN SHARE FOOD DRIVE for the South Plains Food Bank is set to open DECEMBER 4 THRU 9 at the United Supermarkets Store at 82nd & Boston. Why not get involved and make a positive contribution to this very much needed program. Because of this effort MANY FAMILIES are able to receive food during this time of the year. THANKS SOUTH PLAINS FOOD BANK for a job well done.

RAIDERS, YOU MADE US PROUD! THIS N THAT wants the TEXAS TECH RED RAIDERS football team to know we are PROUD OF YOUR EFFORTS in the game against the Oklahoma University Sooners in Norman, Oklahoma last Saturday. Keep on doing your very best. Hopefully you will go to a bowl game.

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "Remember that a LONG JOURNEY begins with a SINGLE STEP and you can't afford to QUIT!"

DUNBAR ALUMNI MAKING GREAT PLANS! This n that THIS N THAT has learned of the upcoming ALL-CLASS REUNION V sponsored by the Dunbar International Alumni Association, Inc. has been set for July 2-12-15, 2001. Should be a great event.

ALDERSON PLANNING FOR ANNUAL BLACK EXPO! THIS N THAT IS really pleased to see that the Black History Committee of the Alderson Junior High School is making preparation for the ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY EXPO which is set for February 16, 2001. The purpose is to first IN STUDENTS OF MANY CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR THEM. More info call 766-1483. More on this later.



"We must Help Ourselves"

By Eddie P. Richardson

things which are making, being, and living positives examples."

We must be the examples who set the tone and the leadership in building and rebuilding our long denied communities into the competitive market places. They should and must be for survival. You cannot sit still. You will grow or you will go. We can no longer afford to wait on someone to save us from us for us. The leadership and initiative must come from us by using resources, knowledge, money, and whatever it takes to get us to a level playing field, because in the past has come and gone, are now into the present, and future. We must also learn from denials and setbacks, and strive for higher goals and the help of friends. Level the playing field, but the first steps must come from us. We must get into our heads and hearts, the U. S. Government aid,

grants, etc. are a drying up stream. The mighty ocean is business and industry as business and industry own ghetto, suburbia, inner-city Republican and Democrats. We must form a marriage with private enterprise, business an industry for a win, win situation for all. This is necessary, because when we help ourselves with their assistance.

If it works for everyone else, we leave the relief rolls and move to the tax rolls. We become competitive with our goods and services at the market place. We need to build and rebuild our long denied community into competitive market places by being good and giving the better services. We need to stop worrying about making money and concentrate on goods and professional services. If we do this, only then, will the money come. Service is the key and not the money!

We can no longer sit around and wait for someone else to do for us what we should be doing for ourselves, because no one else is going to do for us what we must be doing for ourselves.

Our images and role models should not have to be some national athlete for an entertainer. It should be someone in our own neighborhood and community who is doing positive things our young people are able to see and touch. Our role models would come should come from our homes, churches, communities and school set-

Vibrate Job Market on tap for Lubbock

Workforce demand will be booming in the Lubbock area as the new year begins, according to the First Quarter 2001 Employment Outlook Survey issued today by Manpower Inc.

"In our survey of hiring intentions for the January/February/March period," Cindy Lenert of Manpower said, "50% of firms queried plan staffing level increases, 3% project reductions and 47% expect no changes during the winter months."

"Three months ago the outlook was solid, when 20% anticipated workforce additions while

none thought payrolls were too high. At this time last year the scene was positive, as 21% predicted personnel gains and none reported cutbacks were planned."

This winter, job opportunities are expected in construction, durable goods manufacturing, wholesale/retail trade, finance/ insurance/real estate, education, services, and public administration.

Nationally, 27% plan further hiring, 10% expect staffing decreases, 58% anticipate no change and 5% are uncertain. The totals represent an all-time high level among first quarters following record-setting

third and fourth quarters. **THE EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK SURVEY**

Manpower Inc. conducts the Employment Outlook Survey on a quarterly basis. It is a measurement of employers' intentions to increase or decrease the permanent workforce, and during its 25-year history has been a significant indicator of employment trends. The survey is based on telephone interviews with 16,000 public and private employers in 489 U.S. markets. Manpower Inc., global provider of workforce management services and solutions, annually provides employment to more than 2 million people through 3,600 offices in 54 countries. For more information, visit Manpower's Web site at www.us.manpower.com.



Ask A.G. Credit Repair Scams

by John Cornyn, Attorney General of Texas

Q: Several years ago, I had trouble paying my credit cards bills. This wound up in my credit report, and it's making it hard for me to get a car loan now. A credit repair business has offered to fix my credit rating for a fee. Is this a good idea, or just a scam?

A: Good credit is one of the most valuable 'assets' a consumer can have. It is difficult to qualify for a home mortgage or a car loan without having a good credit rating. Consumers who are desperate to restore their damaged credit rating make good targets for a credit repair scam.

Credit repair and credit improvement companies promise to fix your credit and 'erase' negative items from your credit report. They charge a fee ranging up to \$500. Unfortunately, while they keep the fee, these companies often are unable to

deliver on their promise to repair your credit rating.

Typically, a legitimate credit improvement company will write to a credit bureau, asking to have inaccurate or false items corrected or removed. You can do the same thing yourself for free. Under the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act, consumers have the right to have inaccurate information on their credit reports corrected. By law, the credit reporting agency is not allowed to charge for correcting the information in your file.

A disreputable credit repair firm may simply take your fee and do nothing. Or, it may try to look effective by exploiting the procedures used to verify credit information. For example, suppose your car was repossessed several years ago. This negative item still appears on your credit report today. The credit repair outfit writes to the credit bureau

asking to have the repossession erased. The credit bureau contacts the person or company that repossessed the car for confirmation. If the repossession is slow to respond, the item may temporarily disappear from your credit report. This makes it look like the credit repair has been successful. However, the negative mark will reappear on your report as soon as the credit bureau gets confirmation from the repossession.

Q: Where can I go for help with restoring my credit rating?

Many communities have nonprofit consumer credit counseling services that can review your situation and help you create a strategy for restoring your credit rating. Check the business listings in your telephone book under 'Credit' to see if this service is available where you live. In addition, the Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner (OCCC), a state agency, provides general information about consumer credit in Texas. You can reach the OCCC at (800) 538-1579 or on the Internet at www.occc.state.tx.us.

Experian, Equifax and Trans Union, the three largest credit reporting agencies, are required by law to give you one free copy of your report if you have been denied credit. You should request a copy of your credit report from each agency to ensure that it is accurate. Experian can be reached at (800) 392-1122; Equifax at (800) 685-1111; and Trans Union at (800) 851-2674.

There is no easy, one-step method for fixing bad credit. The only effective way to restore a good credit rating is to pay off old debts, pay current bills in full and on time, prepare a realistic budget and stick with it, and plan future spending carefully.

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Keeping an Eye on Texas

Bringing Home the Bucks

Hunting bolsters the Texas economy by about \$3 billion annually. This year, Texas Parks and Wildlife biologists estimate a white-tailed deer population of more than four million, and deer harvests in the top counties should be comparable to those reported in 1999.

Top Counties in 1999

COUNTIES	HUNTERS	HARVEST
Llano	13,321	17,165
Gillespie	11,989	12,665
Mason	11,656	14,529
Edwards	10,990	11,829
Kerr	10,490	10,415
Uvalde	9,575	7,907

SOURCE: Carrie Koehn Bylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts www.wildowarata.tx.us, Texas Parks and Wildlife

The people to worry about are not those who openly disagree with you, but those who disagree with you and are too cowardly to let you know.

Lubbock residents can make dreams come true

Lubbock, TX—Right now, there are bright and motivated high school students in far-away countries dreaming of America. They have seen American movies and postcards of our nation and have even listened to American music, and now more than anything, they dream of coming to the United States—to perfect their English; to share stories of their home country; to become part of your community.

These bright young "ambassadors" will arrive in

September with full medical insurance, their own spending money, solid academic records and English skills—as well as great hopes. The only thing missing is the love and care of Lubbock families. By bringing an international student into your home for 5 or 10 months, you can experience another culture without ever leaving your home. You can also develop a close tie to someone who genuinely wants to experience your way of life. Eric Via, a host father from Texas, recently hosted an

exchange student, Christina. He said, "I know I was only her host father but I felt like I was her real father sometimes. We never forget her, and I'll cherish her stay with us."

For more than 19 years, Academic Year in America (AYA), a program sponsored by the American Institute For Foreign Study (AIFS) Foundation, has brought international students between the ages of 15 to 18½ to the U.S. The AIFS Foundation is a not-for-profit organization founded in

1967 with the assistance of late Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

In addition to the tremendously rewarding experience of helping make someone's dream come true, you can earn up to \$1,000 toward any number of travel abroad programs sponsored by AIFS. For more information on hosting an international exchange student, please call Danielle Carpino at 800-322-4678, ext. 5164 or e-mail dcarpino@aifs.com. You can also visit AYA on-line at www.academicyear.org.

"Empty Bowls" Go on Sale

Hand-thrown soup bowls are going on sale for the "Empty Bowls" fund-raiser for the South Plains Food Bank. This is the 3rd year for the program, sponsored by Well Body Natural Foods Store. Fifty bowls are available, each with its own unique design. The bowls are all original works of art created by students at the Texas Tech Art Department Clay Club.

Donations range from \$10 to \$50 and more. It buys filled with fresh "Well Body natural soup." And it will help needy families have a happier, healthier holidays. All proceeds benefit the South Plains Food Bank.

The Bowls will be sold on a "first come, first served" basis.

The bowls go on display from 8am through 8pm Saturday November 18th. The Well Body Natural Foods Store is located at 3651 34th street. Contact Carla @ 793-1015

AARP Will Meet December 6th

The public is invited to attend the AARP monthly meeting Wednesday, December 6, 2000, at 1:00 p. m. at the Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center.

At this meeting, we welcome new members, have our annual Christmas fellowship, and draw a ticket for our special effort which will be a jam box. Tickets are \$1.00 each.

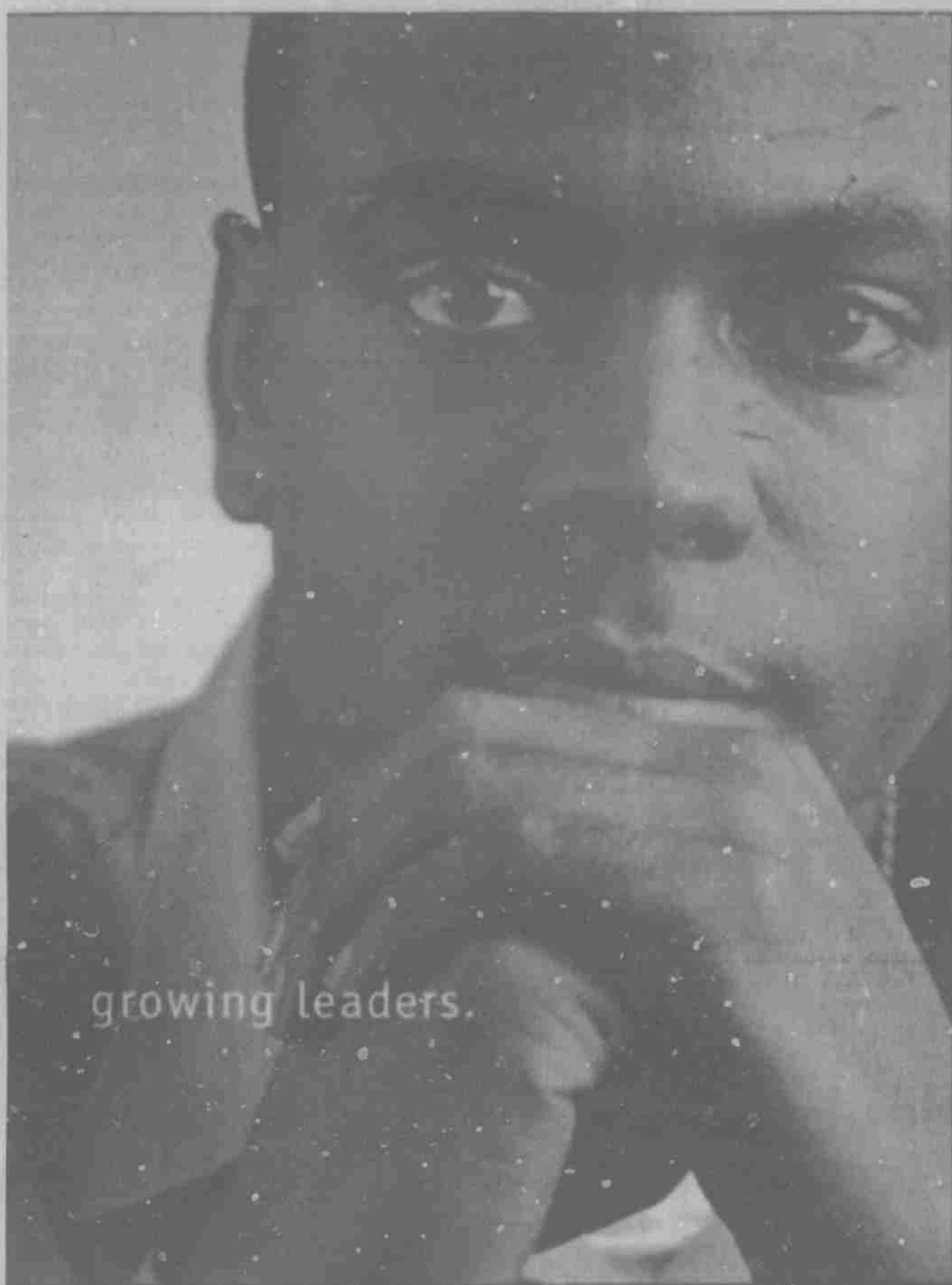
Please join us on this day. For more information, you may call either Mrs. Jewel Love, 747-9800, or Mrs. Annie Sanders, 744-698.

Christmas Program Set at Iles

The Ella R. Iles Elementary Steel Band Group, "The Panjammers", and Tap Dancers will be on program in the Iles Elementary Gymnasium on Tuesday afternoon, November 28, 2000, beginning at 1:45 p. m.

Students involved in Iles' Extended Day Program Steel Band and Tap Dance classes will get their first chance to shine as they join with the choir to perform a medley from "Grease."

For more information, contact either Denise Wilson or Chris Shinn at 766-1755.



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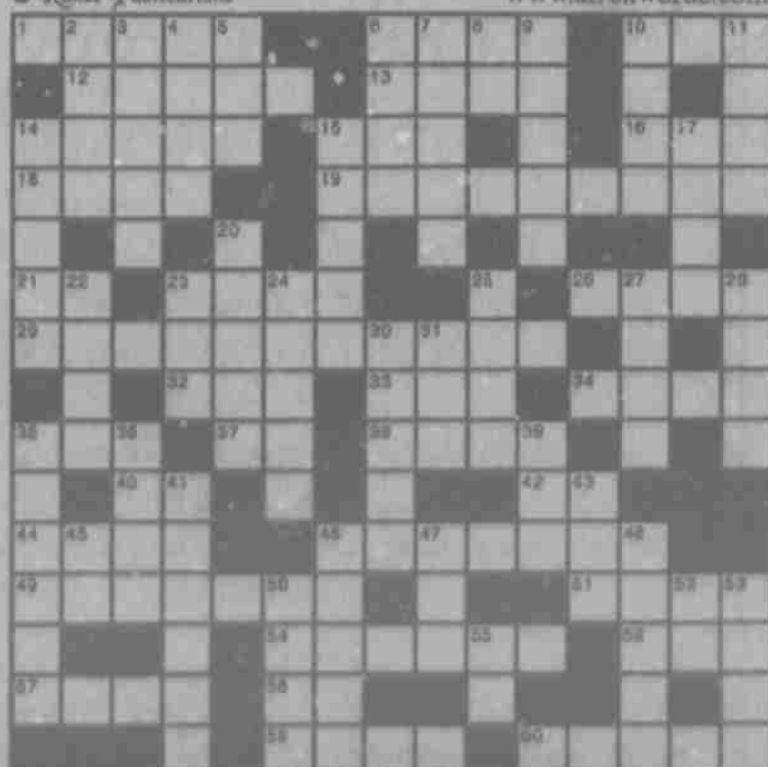
1. Ghosts of Mississippi was about his murder
6. The ____ (1973 movie about a Calif pimp starring Richard Pryor and Max Julien)
10. Urban style of music
12. Cut the soundtrack for the original Shaft
13. Prayer ending
14. Escapade
15. Baseball pitcher's rating
16. Abe Vigoda's role in the movie Sugar Hill
18. Advanced in years
19. Frequently in the company of
21. Erykah Badu's hit, ____ and On
23. Courage Under ____ (Denzel W. movie)
26. Relative
29. T. C. Johas' role in She's Gotta Have It
32. Bill Gates' computer operating system
33. Noah's boat
34. Larry Fishburne & Steven Baldwin movie
35. ____ Dubois, (co-founder of the NAACP)
37. Weight, (abbr)
38. German word for "very"
40. 1960's unity slogan, "Black ____ Beautiful"
42. International org. that promotes peace
44. It's A Thin Line Between Love and ____
46. D. Wayans' comedy about a street hustler
49. Rapper/actor that starred in Three Kings
51. "Selling ____ tickets", (boastful position taken by someone who is really trying to avoid a fight), slang
54. ____ Dogg, (G. Clinton's classic hit)
56. To take advantage of someone or a situation
57. A margin of superiority
58. She recorded Forget Me Not in 1982, but ____
59. ____ Food, (Vanessa Williams played the snobbish sister in this movie)
60. ____ Hill, (in this movie Wesley Snipes' character just wanted out of the business)

Down

2. The computer expert in Mission Impossible
3. Old Testament book
4. ____ On Eriehbe, (war movie co-starring Yaphet Kotto)
5. Pouch
6. Spik's character in She's Gotta Have It
7. To accumulate or gather
8. Dennis Rodman's wife for a while, (init)
9. ____ on wood, (gesture done for good luck)
10. She sparked the Montgomery bus boycott
11. ____ Rider, Clint Eastwood western
14. Homerun king
15. Anxious
17. Source of nuclear energy
20. Black ____ (poisonous spider)
22. Smaller
23. Current vogue
24. A follower of Haile Selassie
25. Egyptian T-shaped cross
27. Capable
28. Assistant
30. Cowboy rope
31. Anger or annoyance
35. Hawaiian woman
36. To copy someone's creativity, slang
39. ____ D.M.C
41. ____ Lovers, Atlantic Starr's 1986 hit
43. Music style Jack Swing or movie Jack City
45. Former L.A. Laker ____ Green
46. E. Murphy played a hostage negotiator
47. A "killer" housewife, Serial ____
48. 1st Black Ambassador to the U.N.
50. Robert Townsend's directing or Halle Berry's acting couldn't save this film
52. The element osmium, abbr
53. ____ of a Black Hat, (movie about a rap group's road tour)
55. L.L. Cool J sitcom, "____ the House"

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IN JESUS NAME "SOLOMON: PRACTICE WHAT "U" PREACH!!!"

PROVERB 3:5, TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL THINE HEART; AND LEAN NOT UNTO THINE OWN UNDERSTANDING.

SOLOMON WAS THE WISEST OF MEN: IN THE WHOLE WORLD, BUT HE IS ONLY FLUSH, AND NEED THE LORD; AS ALL MEN, WOMAN, BOYS AND GIRL.

PROVERB 3:6, IN ALL THY WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM GOD, AND HE SHALL DIRECT THY PATHS.

SOLOMON KNEW GOD'S LAW: BUT HIM BEING KING, WANTED WIVES, HORSES AND GOLD, EVEN WHEN YOU'RE THE BIG SHOT; YOU'VE GOT TO DO AS YOU ARE TOLD.

DEUTERONOMY 17:16a,17, THE LORD SAID, HE SHALL NOT MULTIPLY HORSES TO HIMSELF, NEITHER SHALL HE MULTIPLY WIVES TO HIMSELF, THAT HIS HEART TURN NOT AWAY; NEITHER SHALL HE GREATLY MULTIPLY TO HIMSELF SILVER AND GOLD.

OF ALL THE WISE SAYINGS IN PROVERBS: MOST OF THEM HE DID WRITE; BUT HE MUST TO HAVE PUT THEM WHERE HE COULDN'T FIND THEM, OUT OF SIGHT.

KINGS 11:2, BUT KING SOLOMON LOVED MANY STRANGE WOMEN, OF THE NATIONAL CONCERNING WHICH THE LORD SAID UNTO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, YE SHALL NOT GO IN TO THEM, NEITHER SHALL THEY COME IN UNTO YOU: FOR SURELY THEY WILL TURN AWAY YOUR HEART AFTER THEIR GODS: SOLOMON CLAVE (HELD ON) UNTO THESE IN LOVE.

***** WILL A MAN ROB GOD?*****

SOLOMON WITH HIS 700 WIVES AND HIS 300 CONCUBINES; WHERE IS WISDOM? THIS MANY WHORES; IT WILL BLOW THE BEST OF MINDS!!!

PROVERB 6:25,26, SOLOMON SAID, LUST NOT AFTER HER BEAUTY IN THINE HEART; NEITHER LET HER TAKE THEE WITH HER EYELIDS. FOR BY MEANS OF A WHORISH WOMAN A MAN IS BROUGHT TO A PIECE OF BREAD; AND THE ADULTERESS WILL HUNT FOR THE PRECIOUS LIFE.

SOLOMON'S DOWN FALL CAME: AS IT WILL WITH YOU AND ME, WHEN WE LEAVE THE WORD OF GOD; AND WE NO LONGER WILL STUDY AND READ!!!

DEUTERONOMY 17:19, IT SHALL BE WITH HIM, AND HE SHALL READ THEREIN ALL THE DAYS OF HIS LIFE: THAT HE MAY LEARN TO FEAR THE LORD HIS GOD, TO KEEP ALL THE WORDS OF THIS LAW AND THESE STATUTES, TO DO THEM.

SOLOMON DIDN'T PRAY: THY WORDS HAVE I HID ON THE INSIDE OF ME; THAT I MIGHT NEVER TURN; AND NO LONGER LOVE TO WORSHIP THEE!!!

PSALM 119:11, THY WORD HAVE I HID IN MINE HEART, THAT I MIGHT NOT SIN AGAINST THEE.

SOLOMON STARTED OUT ON THE GOOD FOOT; JUST LIKE HIS DAD; BUT WHEN YOU STOP WALKING WITH THE LORD; YOU ARE SO SAD!!!

PSALM 51:11,12, CAST ME NOT AWAY FROM THY PRESENCE; AND TAKE NOT THY HOLY SPIRIT FROM ME, RESTORE UNTO ME THE JOY OF THY SALVATION; AND UPHOLD ME WITH THY FREE SPIRIT.

LET US PAUSE AND THINK: OF SOLOMON'S FALL FROM GOD; AND WE MUST ASK OURSELVES; WHERE DO I STAND WITH THE LORD???

REVELATION 2:4, JESUS SAID, NEVERTHELESS I HAVE SOMEWHAT AGAINST THEE, BECAUSE THOU HAST LEFT THY FIRST LOVE.

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

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast did not meet last Saturday morning, because of reasons beyond their control. But the group will meet their first Saturday morning in December. Make plans now to attend.

We are still talking about General Faith. Remember, each of you have it. Romans 12:3 and Mark 11:24.

God hath dealt to every man the measure of Faith. There is a type of Faith we call General Faith which all believers have. This General Faith can be increased as Christians feed on the Word of God and exercise it in the arena of life. We can all have this ever increasing General Faith: The gift of Faith, however is one of the nine gifts of the Holy Spirit given as the Holy Spirit wills. General Faith is the Faith which we

ordinarily receive answers to prayer. For example, we receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit by Faith, and we receive answer to prayer by Faith, because Jesus said, "What things soever we desire, when you pray believe that ye receive them, and you shall have them." Mark 11:24.

Many of us received answers to prayer by Faith. General Faith before we received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, these answers come because we believe God by Faith, but that is not the same as the gift of Faith in operation. If the gift of Faith had to be in operation in order to get an answer to prayer to receive healing for the body, or to have a financial need met, then we could never get any prayers answered until after we had received the Holy Spirit, because that's when this kind

of Faith. The gift of Special Faith is received, but even then, it's only as the Spirit wills. Many of us, for example, were healed based on Faith in God's Word. We exercise General Faith to receive these answers to prayers.

And following this same line of reasoning, if it required the gift of Faith, Special Faith to receive answers to prayer, then not everyone, even those filled with the Spirit could be assured of having their prayers answered. Why? Because not every Spirit filled believer is promised this gift of Special Faith. The scripture says, "for to one is given the Word of knowledge to another Faith by the same Spirit." I Corinthians 12:8-9. Regarding this gift of Faith, Paul sums up at the end of the chapter. Are all workers of Miracles? Verse 29, No! Have all

the gifts of healing? Verse 30. The answer is no. Then we can add to it. Do we all have this Gift of Faith? The answer again is no. So we can see that the Gift of Faith is not the same as General Faith, which every believer has for if we had to rely on the Gift of Special Faith to get our prayers answered, then not everyone could receive answers to prayer.

Thought of the Week: "Keep using that measure of Faith and never say no. Your vote doesn't count. Our God is working it out. Believe the Word. Vote for Jesus. Let Him become a winner in your life."

Keep praying for our nation and leaders — home and abroad.

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christine Burleson, vice president; and Sister Elnora Jones, acting secretary.

from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

More than Conquerors



"I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen, and I have the keys of hell and death.— Revelation 1:18

We live in a world of constant change. Governments rise and fall, life styles change, morals weaken, standards fall, ideologies fade and pass away, and new generations succeed the old. In the midst of all this, how wonderful to realize that God never changes. His Word will never pass away, for God is timeless and eternal.

Humanity has always needed "someone" steadfast and true to cling to, and as we enter the twenty-first century there will be no exception. Our anchor is "Jesus" who is the same, yesterday, today and forever. He is our answer. Jesus Christ stands like a mighty Rock amidst today's society, rolling and seething like a stormy sea. He cries out: "I am Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End! I never change!" What a declaration of certainty! What a thought just to know that those of us who have been born again can rest our faith in Him. He is the mighty Rock in a weary land; a shelter in stormy times.

When we commit our life into His keeping we shall stand secure in Christ the Rock of our salvation. Because He lives forever we too shall live eternally.

The Apostle John received the Revelation of Jesus at a time when the early Christians were enduring great suffering. Thirty years before, Nero had caused thousands of Christians to either crucified, burned, or killed by wild beasts in Roman arenas. In this same period Paul was beheaded and Peter was crucified. Thirty years later the Emperor Domitian tortured and killed over forty thousand Christians. It was at this time that John was exiled to the Isle of Patmos. By revelation on this Island John received a fresh vision of the glorified Lord. He saw Christ's glory. He heard His voice, and felt His hand on his shoulders "Fear not," said Jesus, "I am the first and the last." John's spirit was lived away from his lonely exile into the presence of the Lord.

We too must get alone with God and turn our thoughts away from our circumstances to His higher purpose. Suffering a tribulation may come to us, but it cannot steal away our faith and our peace. We Christians live for Eternity; and we follow the risen Christ who is victorious over sin, suffering, death, and the grave. We are more than conquerors through Him who loves us

Soul Chanteuse Candi Staton "Love Herself" on new CD, Seeks Mainstream Hit



Distribution Deal With Family Lightyear Brings Singer Back To Warner Bros. Veteran soulster Candi Staton is best-known for her

70s Warner Brothers Records disco jams like "Young Hearts Run Free", "Victim," "Nights on Broadway" and "When You Wake Up Tomorrow." Twenty years after leaving the WB, Staton's new production and distribution deal with Lightyear Entertainment indirectly brings her back into the Warner family. Her own Atlanta-based Beracah Records will be distributed by New York-based Lightyear Entertainment which is in-turn distributed by WEA in the U.S. and by Koch in Canada.

Staton's past fans may not know that for well over a decade now, she has been recording exclusively in the gospel field. After being lured back into pop music last year by the British React label to record the hit UK "Outside In" CD, Staton is now testing the waters for a return to U.S. urban/pop airwaves with a new single "Love Yourself." After four abusive marriages that challenged her own self-esteem, Staton has learned to love herself and sings the song with pride and joy. The song will target urban adult contemporary and pop adult contemporary radio programmers in November 2000.

The new CD, Here's A Blessing For You releases October 24th and is mostly bluesy, down home gospel. "In the last year I had a bitter divorce— was rejected by

record labels and accused of backsliding by some church people because of my divorce," she says. "I was recording then and these songs blessed me through those hard times. I named the CD as I did because I felt the songs might bless other people going through hard times."

The CD also features "Shut Up and Start Praying," a rousing quartet-style duet with gospel star Dottie Peoples and a gut-bucket blues "Your Face" with Joe Ligon of the Mighty Clouds of Joy. Staton also included a rare live performance of her gospel hit "Mama." Recorded at the Gospel Music Workshop of America (GMWA) convention in 1995 with a humorous testimony, the song has only been available on out-of-print various artists compilations until now. Lightyear is anticipating a great welcome for Staton's new CD. "We're delighted to be involved with the legendary Candi Staton," says Lightyear President founder, Arnie Holland. "We feel this release will be a gospel hit; We plan to help Candi accomplish some of the goals that she has for this album and it will also give us a foothold in the gospel field."

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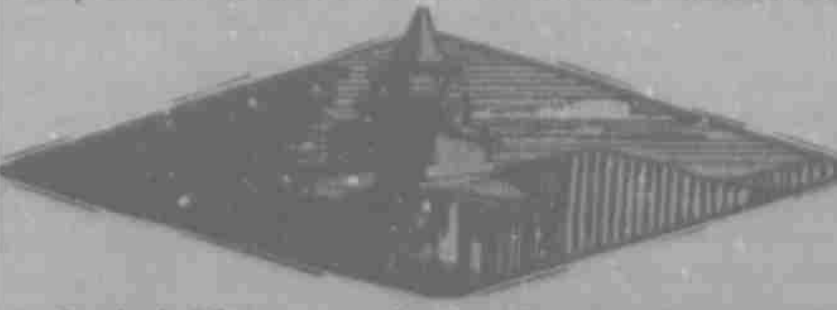
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High School Sophomores need Help Planning Upper-Level Courses, College and Careers

Iowa, City, Iowa — High school sophomores say they need help choosing a college and planning a career, and information gathered by ACT Inc. indicates that they also need assistance selecting the classes that will prepare them for college. According to the responses of nearly 635,000 students who participated in the PLAN program, four out of five tenth-graders intend to go to college immediately after high school, but a significant percentage of these students indicate that they are not going to take all the upper-level classes they will need to be ready for college.

ACT's PLAN program includes tests in English, mathe-

matics, reading and science reasoning. Together with the test results, inventories of interest and needs provide information to guide students' education and career planning. PLAN uses the same score scale as the ACT Assessment, so students can get an early estimate of their college entrance-exam score and can determine what they need to do to prepare for college.

"These students have high aspirations," said Don Carstensen, ACT vice president for educational service, "but many will have difficulty reaching their goals unless they are making the most of their junior and senior years, which would include completing a college-

preparatory, or core, curriculum consistent with their aspirations."

ACT defines the core curriculum as four years of English and three years each of math, social sciences and science. Among sophomores whose goal is a four-year college, 22 percent say they have no plans to complete such a curriculum in high school. The ratio is even higher among those who want to start out at a two-year college. Nearly half of these students do not intend to complete this curriculum.

"Too many college-bound sophomores appear to be avoiding the courses that will prepare them for college," Carstensen said. "They'll likely

end up needing remedial work after high school. They may even have their educational plans derailed. The purpose of the PLAN program is to let sophomores, and their parents and teachers, know their academic strengths and weaknesses now, so they can fill in the gaps while they still have plenty of time."

Research consistently shows that student who take the core curriculum have a much greater likelihood of success in college than students who do not. They achieve higher average scores on their college-entrance tests, do better in their freshman classes and are more likely to persist to a degree.

"We see large differ-

ences between the average score of students planning to complete a core curriculum and those students not planning to do so," Carstensen said, "and these scores are directly related to their chances of success in college freshman classes. We don't expect all college-bound tenth-graders to have developed the skills they need yet. But we do hope they take this message to heart and enroll in the necessary courses for their junior and senior years."

High school sophomores may have an incomplete picture of their options, but, according to their PLAN responses, they clearly want help filling in the picture. Three out of Four, for

instance, say they need help choosing a college or technical school. Another 64 percent express the need for help selecting the right job or career.

"It's the job of educators and parents to see that these students get the help they need," Carstensen said. "And it's the responsibility to the students to accept that help."

ACT Inc., an independent, not-for-profit organization, serves million of people in high schools, colleges, professional associations, businesses and government agencies with programs and services that have one guiding purpose—to help people achieve education and career goals by providing information for life's transitions.



Children and Remarriage

With One in Three Marriages Involving Parents with Young Children, the Time for a Family Oriented Ceremony Service Has Come.

When Nancy Ellwanger told her five-year-old son Jeremy that she was going to marry David Scott, the youngster initially seemed pleased. After all, Jeremy had grown quite fond of David, who always found the time to play a game or talk about sports

with the rambunctious kindergartner.

"But then Jeremy started asking a lot of strange questions," Nancy recalls. "He wanted to know what a step-dad was supposed to do. He was especially troubled that I was going to change my last name. It was clear he was afraid things might be different after we got married." The questions continued despite Nancy and David's ongoing efforts to assure Jeremy and his 16-year-old sister Nicole that they were not on the verge of losing their mother to a step-dad who would somehow get all the love and attention.

The Duboisstown, Pennsylvania, couple was grappling with a problem experienced by most of the more than one million single parents who remarry in the U.S. each year: What can be done to ease the concerns of children who feel, on a conscious or unconscious level, that their secure place in the family is threatened by the pending marriage of a parent?

After much research, Nancy found a simple and emotionally satisfying answer to the couple's dilemma in the form of a family-oriented wedding service that gives children a meaningful role in the wedding nuptials. This five-minute ceremony—known as the Family Medallion service—can easily be integrated into any religious or civil wedding ceremony. It differs from the traditional wedding in only one respect: after the

newlyweds exchange rings, their children join them for a special service focusing on the family nature of remarriage. Each child is given a gold or silver medal with three interlocking circles, a symbol that represents family love in much the same way the wedding ring signifies conjugal love.

The Scotts say they will never forget the moment during their wedding when Jeremy and Nicole were summoned to their sides to participate in the family wedding service. While the Mayor of Williamsport, a family friend who married the couple, recited the words of the ceremony—a promise to love and care for all the children either spouse brings to the marriage—Nancy and David placed a Family Medallion around the necks of Jeremy and Nicole. Jeremy beamed with pride. Nicole, a typical teen not easily touched by the doings of adults, was overwhelmed with emotion. "Oh, mommy," she sobbed. "This is so wonderful."

The ceremony ended with Jeremy and Nicole enthusiastically hugging Nancy and David. "We were all crying, and I remember hearing a lot of sniffing among our guests," Nancy says. Many of those guests later told the couple that they had never witnessed such a moving ceremony. "They liked the fact that David and I stood before God and our friends and family and made a formal pledge of love to our children," she adds.

The family wedding concept is an idea whose time has come now that at least one-third of all new marriages in the U.S. involve divorced or widowed parents with children under 18 living in the home, according to Stepfamily Association of America. The reality is that virtually no religious or civil wedding ceremony acknowledges the existence of youngsters. Nancy Scott learned this the hard way. "I was going crazy searching for something significant to do for my children during the wedding," she says. "I couldn't find a family-oriented wedding ceremony. And all the wedding products in stores and bridal magazines were geared toward first-time brides—not a 36-year-old woman with children."

This void also frustrated Dr. Roger Coleman, Chaplain of Pilgrim Chapel in Kansas City, Missouri, who developed the Family Medallion and the family ceremony that goes with it. "The so-called traditional wedding ceremony does not serve the needs of couples with children from previous relationships," he explains. "That's because traditional weddings focus exclusively on the union of a man and a woman. The important role of existing children and the family nature of remarriage is simply ignored."

Today, more than 15,000 couples a year—primarily in the U.S., Canada and Europe—use the Family Medallion ceremony to help cement the bond between parents, step-parents and children. "It really works," says Williamsport Mayor Steven Cappelli, who officiated at the Ellwanger/Scott wedding. "It is a simple, beautiful ceremony that communicates, both symbolically and verbally, that the parent and stepparent are going to love their children as much as they love each other. The family ceremony is a great way to ease any apprehensions or misconceptions children might be harboring."

Family therapists and marriage counselors say there is a price to be paid when children feel pushed aside rather than embraced by the remarriage of a parent. "When kids aren't included in a meaningful way in the wedding, they feel disenfranchised," explains Father Christopher Vender, director of Catholic Ministries of California in Thousand Oaks, who has used the Family Medallion wedding service on several occasions. Father Vender knows all too well the pain children experience when they are merely observers at the wedding of a parent.

"When I was 11 years old, my mother remarried," he recalls. "I remember watching the nuptials from the second pew of the church. Everybody acted like the wedding was about my mom and her boyfriend; it had nothing to do with me. I felt left out and unloved."

"Ignoring the vital role of children in remarriage is a setup for a dysfunctional family situation and possibly even a second divorce."

Nancy and David Scott believe their decision to give Jeremy and Nicole a pivotal role in their wedding will permanently strengthen their family bond. "Our family wedding made the process of becoming a family easier," says David Scott. "The ceremony kind of cemented my relationship with Jeremy and Nicki. It has served as a sound foundation for building a long-term family relationship."

For young Jeremy, now six the value of his mom and step-dad's family wedding is much less complicated. He points to his Family Medallion. "It means we're a family," he says firmly.

Pictures of Family Medallion weddings and/or a list of people in community who have used the family ceremony are available upon request. For more information, contact Clergy Services, Inc. at (800) 237-1922.

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