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## BUSINESS EXCHANGE

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### What's the Whack for Welfare-to-Work Reform Programs?

Data for the nation's Welfare Reform programs offer evidence that although most adults do get jobs after leaving "the rolls," overall, it is harming some recipients - perhaps millions. Welfare reform may be working, but is not reducing poverty. Former welfare recipients are likely to experience some deprivation after leaving welfare than while on welfare. Although they are gaining a valuable work ethic and experience, most are not earning enough to cross the poverty line and governments are unsure whether programs are pushing more poor people into destitution. Three years into the Welfare-to-Work program, data says that: 1) Only a "distinct minority" of working recipients have sustainable jobs that pay above the poverty line. Most recipients have low-paying, unstable jobs at less than \$7 per hour and are often in jobs without health care and other benefits. Since welfare reform took effect, the average disposable income of the poorest single mothers has either stayed the same or fallen. The poorest 10 percent of women with children actually lost about \$860 in annual income. Susan R. Jones, a professor at the George Washington University Law School and director of the Small Business Clinic, has authored "Self-Employment Possibilities and Problems" for women and work in the post-welfare era. She can be contacted at Legal Clinic, 2000 G Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C. 20052. (202) 994-7463.

### Moms Spend More Hours on Paid Jobs

The President's Council of Economic Advisors say the time married women with children spend working outside the home for pay has almost doubled in the past three decades, to an average of 1,200 hours per year, leaving them much less time for caring for their children. The share of families headed by a single parent, usually a woman, rose to 30 percent of all families, and the number of hours worked annually by single parents rose by 300 during the period from 1969 to 1995. The average amount of time moms have available to spend with families and children has decreased by 22 hours per week. While women's working hours have gone up, the average hours of paid work by married husbands decreased - from 2,211 to 2,132.

### Are You Ready to Give Up Coke, Cognac and Coors?

Saying "We must stop underwriting our own oppression by cooperating with businesses that disrespect us," a coalition of groups and individuals, that gathered recently in New York City, have launched a national campaign of economic sanctions and avoidance, to fight racism. Civic, media and religious leaders the likes of Rev. Calvin Butts of New York's Abyssinian Baptist Church; Kwame Keyatta of the Detroit-based FIANKRA International; national black talk-show host Bob LaVoy; and others, are in the vanguard of showing African Americans how billions of dollars can be accumulated if we pare down our consumer spending habits and invest in our own communities. Law says "our target now is to empower ourselves by giving up malt liquor, colas and the local daily newspaper." To spread the word, program organizers are relying on black media and selling tee-shirts inscribed: "Freedom Summer, No Justice, No Profit." Whether Black America will respond to the call, or continue as the nation's most ardent consumer groups remains to be seen.

### Black Reparations Conference

Learn how to make your legal claim for reparations. In a conference to educate African Americans how to successfully make and obtain claims against the U.S. government, leading reparations activist, Dr. Robert L. Brock, says "The wealth of America is your legal property and you must make claim to obtain what is due you." The keynote speaker for the Friday, June 11, 1999 event was Daryl Jones, a Florida State Senator, who lead the legislative process that helped victims of the Rosewood (FL) Massacre get over \$2 million in compensation. The event occurred at the Metropolitan A.M.E. Church, 1518 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

### American Express Names Black to Become 1st CEO

Financial and travel services group American Express Co. says that President Kenneth Chenault will be promoted to chief executive in two years, which will make him the first African American to run one of the nation's biggest and best-known companies. The company, whose businesses include: charge cards, travel services and financial planning; said Harvey Golub, its current chief executive officer and chairman, is scheduled to retire as CEO in April, 2001, and quit as chairman one year after that. Chenault, 47, will also become chairman when Golub, 60, retires from that post.



## TABCCM Board Of Directors Met Here

During the annual meeting of the Association of Mayors and City Councilmembers (AMCC), members of the Board of Directors of the Texas Association of Black City Councilmembers and Mayors (TABCCM) met at the City Hall to discuss important business. Councilman Doc Jackson of Bastrop, Texas serves as their president. Councilman T. J. Patterson hosted the group. Ms. Neil Webber of Fort Worth, Texas serves as their executive director.

## Downtown High-Rise Office Complex Undergoing Major Upgrade

Construction is scheduled to begin in July on the complete renovation and upgrade of the former Citizens National Bank (Citizens Tower) building at 14th Street and Avenue K, a project highlighting the continued development of downtown Lubbock. The major facelift will transform the building into premier Class A office space featuring "Intelligent" technology and life safety design. The name of the complex is being changed to omni office centre.

W. Wesley Hallmark, leasing broker and building manager, said the first phase would feature developing one entire floor into model suites for leasing / marketing purposes, closely followed by construction on the building exterior, landscaping, building entry, and elevator lobby areas.

Leasing already is underway and newly remodeled suites will be available in early September. Leases may be arranged for weeks or months in the future and custom designing of office space is possible, Hallmark said.

The new owner is Dolores Milhous and M.D.M. Investments, Inc. of Lubbock.

"This will be one of the finest buildings in West Texas," Milhous said. "The Intelligent building systems infrastructure will allow tenants to have shared access to high speed Internet and communications without big up front costs, as she noted. "Our tenants will have fiber optic bandwidth readily available for data and telecommunications in the building."

According to project engineer and designer of the Intelligent building systems, David Branson of Compliance Services Group, Inc., "the omni office centre complex will be on the same fiber optic "ring" with City of Lubbock offices, Reese Center and Texas Tech."

The entire building - interior and exterior - will undergo renovations designed to make the complex "The" place to office in Lubbock. In addition to a high-rise view, it will provide a professional environment with high tech, state-of-the-art amenities and unsurpassed tenant comfort and convenience; all at competitive lease rates.

While overall safety features will meet or exceed all codes for new high rise buildings, fire safety also has been given high priority. A state of the art fire detection system with an

automated mpublic address unit will provide warning and instructions in case of fire. According to Hallmark, the Lubbock Fire Marshal's office is using the building as a "before" and "after" case study in training new firemen. "When completed, the project will be the only downtown high rise building that meets all of the newer life safety and fire codes for high rise buildings," Hallmark said.

He noted that while hook and ladder units normally cannot reach beyond the fifth floor, omni office centre will offer "areas of refuge" on each of the 11 floors in the building. The refuge locations include the elevator lobbies, restrooms and stairwells on each floor, completely sealed from the rest of the building. They provide fire-rated walls from deck to roof and will allow occupants to wait safely there for at least two hours in the event a fire rescue was required. Each floor will also be provided duplicate means of egress to the first floor exterior.

Other safety features will include a fire sprinkler system throughout the building and installing camera surveillance in common areas. After hour access to elevators will be available with a pass code system and coded elevators for extra security. The adjacent five-story parking garage is connected to the main building by an underground tunnel so tenants and visitors may come and go without getting outside in inclement weather.

A computerized building automation system providing energy management and other building functions is being installed to computer control temperature set points in each tenant-zone and to more efficiently handle energy management to reduce operating costs.

Other "Smart" features of omni office centre will include a multi-media and real time video conferencing facility that can be utilized by tenants and outside users alike. An executive suite including secretarial, communications and computer services also is on the drawing board.

## "Back To School March Against Drugs & Gangs" Has Been Set For Sunday, August 15th

The public is asked to mark their calendars and make preparation for the 72nd March Against Drugs and Gangs in the community. This event will take place Sunday afternoon, August 15, 1999, beginning at 7:00 p. m.

The location of the march will be given at another time. If you would like to participate, or would have any suggestions, then call (806) 762-3612. Your help is needed!

## Medicine For Less

Are you unable to pay for the medication you need? Many pharmaceutical companies offer free or discounted prescriptions, through rarely publicized programs, to patients who meet criteria for assistance. The programs vary in scope and eligibility requirements.

To make the information more widely known, The Cost Containment Research Institute in Washington DC, has published a 32-page booklet, "Free and Low Cost Prescription Drugs". The booklet lists phone

numbers and addresses of 85 pharmaceutical companies, and an easy to use index of the 1,500 drugs they make, as well as several discount mail-order services.

The information is available to download for free from The Institute's Internet Web site [www.institute-dc.org](http://www.institute-dc.org) or for a paper copy send \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: institute Fulfillment Center, Prescription Drug Booklet #: PD-370, P.O. Box 462, Elmira, NY 14902-0462.



According to project architect Scott Schellhase of SLS Partnership, the architectural division of Compliance Services Group, Inc., the exterior of omni office centre will be changing to give the appearance of black glass and white marble. Architectural elements will be added to give the tower a distinctive new roofline and to hide roof top equipment and antennas from view. In addition, park-like landscaping is planned for the 13th Street side, both sides of 14th Street fronting the tower and the parking garage and all along the Avenue K side of the project to unify the total complex.

Among the key features of the "Intelligent" Building Systems infrastructure Building Network Topology are integrated:

- Internet with enterprise firewall
- Telephony
- Fire detection
- Environmental controls
- Building security
- Local area networking
- E-mail

Those services support the following: facility-wide shared color printing and plotting, fax, environmental control and video conferencing.

## Ruby Jay's Corner



The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People REALLY Care," and the Rev. Billy R. Moton is the host pastor. If you are looking for a place to worship each week, then come and visit New Hope Baptist Church. You are always welcome at New Hope.

Services began last Sunday morning at 9:30 a. m. with Superintendent Virgil Johnson presiding. All teachers and students were in their various places. After 30 minutes of classes, all reassembled at 10:15 a. m. marching and singing "Near The Cross."

High points of the morning lesson were discussed in the main auditorium. Members of the Adult Class brought some very positive remarks. It was very well done.

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

Adult Department: Adult Class No. (Men's Class) received the Offering Banner. Adult Class No. 4 retained the Attendance Banner. Sunday School dismissed with a prayer; by Superintendent Johnson.

The morning devotional period was conducted by Brother and Sister John Howard. The prayer team assisted them.

The Senior Choir marched in the processional singing "Glad To Be In The Spirit." They really did sing out of their souls! Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Jeff Brown. A song, "Somebody Needs To Testify," was sung. Sister Annie Flowers read the morning scripture, and Sister Elnora Dyer gave the prayer. Another song, "Jesus Said Give It Up," was sung.

Responsive reading was done with everyone standing and led by Sister Majorie Thomas. Another song, "Blessed Assurance," was sung. Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton as he brought greetings from the State Board B. M. E. Conference which was held in Dallas, Texas. The hymn of preparation was "Amazing Grace."

Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "God Will Fight Your Battle If You Obey." His scripture text was Deuteronomy 20:1-4. He really did give all of us something to feast upon.

An invitation to discipleship was extended and some came for prayer while others came by Christian experience.

Don't forget prayer meeting each Wednesday evening. The Solace Board is in charge this month.

Let us continue to keep the sick and shut in in our prayers. Among them is Brother Larry McBride who had foot surgery last week. He is on a walker until recovery.

Linda Henderson and husband are at the bedside of his mother in Austin, Texas.

Pastor Moton and members of New Hope were special guest at the Lubbock Baptist Temple Church last Sunday evening where the pastor is Rev. Donald Kennedy. Pastor Moton delivered the sermon. The New Hope Senior Choir sang. What a wonderful time all had.

Wednesday, August 4, 1999, the West Texas Women Auxiliary For Older Persons will be held in Odessa, Texas. Special features will be around women in their Golden Year. Mrs. Vinnia Hibbler will represent the New Hope Baptist Church. Your donations will very much appreciated.

Mrs. Dorothy McKeever's daughter, Deametta, who lives in Houston, Texas, was a visitor in the "Hub City" last week. She was here to attend her cousin's wedding. A surprise, she's wearing an engagement ring.

## Roosevelt Teacher Receives Statewide Award

AUSTIN - Jonathan Smith, a theatre arts/speech teacher at Roosevelt High School, has been selected as the Texas Classroom Teachers Association's 1998-99 Faculty Representative of the Year. TCTA presents the award annually to honor a local affiliate leader who has demonstrated outstanding school district service and has contributed to the growth and success of the local organization.

Smith will be honored at a July 9 awards luncheon in San Antonio, being held in conjunction with TCTA's summer leadership conference. He will be recognized with recipients of the CTA of the Year award, which will be presented to members of the Angleton Classroom Teachers Association.

Smith was selected as a statewide award recipient based on a nomination submitted by the

Roosevelt Classroom Teachers Association. He has served as a RCTA faculty representative for two years and in 1998-99 served as the group's local president. He is credited with maintaining high visibility in the district and for his untiring work in forming initiatives to improve benefits for teachers and support staff. Smith has presented district administrators with proposals to improve salaries and provide paid maternity leave, and has provided evidence of the need to implement a stronger insurance program for all district employees. He also helped launch many programs to benefit educators, including "Top Teacher and Paraprofessional Awards" given five times during the 1998-99 school year and a scholarship program to assist educators planning to further their studies.

Some 500 leaders from TCTA local affiliates across the state will attend the July 8-9 TCTA leadership conference to discuss current education issues, including the recent legislative session, violence in the schools and student discipline. They also will attend sessions on being effective leaders on the local level.

TCTA has presented Faculty Representative of the Year awards since 1989. Nominees are

evaluated according to their service to TCTA members in their local affiliate, and their commitment to the association and public education.

TCTA is a nonprofit, nonunion professional association that was founded in 1927. It is the only Texas education association that limits Active membership to public school teachers and related professional, nonadministrative personnel.



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## THIS N THAT

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GOOD TO SEE STREET WORK!! THIS N THAT ... is happy to see the ... STREET WORK ... at the corner of ... MARTIN LUTHER KING BLVD. AND EAST BROADWAY AVENUE ... It is a very ... GOOD OMEN ... of what is going to happen in this part of the city ... There's no doubt about it ... EAST LUBBOCK ... is now in view of the ... BUSINESS COMMUNITY ... It is just good to see things are happening ... and things continue ... as we expect it will ... EAST LUBBOCK ... will not look the way it once did ... No doubt about it ... THINGS ARE HAPPENING ... in this part of our city ... No doubt about it ... IT'S JUST TIME FOR THINGS TO CHANGE ... and it appears as though things are changing for the better ...

UPCOMING MARCH AGAINST DRUGS AND GANGS SET! THIS N THAT ... want to announce the upcoming ... MARCH AGAINST DRUGS AND GANGS ... is being set for ... SUNDAY EVENING ... AUGUST 15, 1999 ... beginning at 7:00 p. m. More on this march ... and we would hope you will take part in this special march ... THIS N THAT ... would like to hear from you ... about this march ... would like to hear from you ... if you want to get involved in this ... MARCH ... It will be ... MARCH NUMBER 72 ... WILL YOU JOIN US? For info ... call 762-3612 ... and do it today!! ...

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY! THIS N THAT ... attended a ... SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY ... for ... BIDAS AGUERRO ... No doubt about it ... he was surprised ... He became ... 50 YEARS YOUNG ... HAPPY BIRTHDAY ... BIDAS! ...

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "A COMMITTEE is a CUL-DE-SAC ... down which ... ideas ... are lured and then ... QUIETLY STRANGLER" ...

WOULD YOU BELIEVE SCHOOL BEGINS SOON! THIS N THAT ... was just looking at the calendar ... and have discovered that the ... SCHOOL DOORS WILL OPEN ... in a few weeks ... To be exact ... SCHOOL BEGINS ... AUGUST 16TH ... Boy ... where did the ... SUMMER VACATION GO ... this year ... Boy how time really flies ...

## Mayor Wellington Webb Saluted

Atlanta - The National Conference of Black Mayors, Inc. (NCBM) paid tribute to its 1st Vice President, Mayor Wellington E. Webb of Denver, Colorado, at a reception recently in New Orleans, Louisiana. The Tribute Reception saluted his election as president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) at their 67th Annual Convention. Hosted by NCBM's newly elected president, Mayor Jesse M. Norwood of Prichard, Alabama, the reception was attended by

representing cities with populations in excess of 30,000. In introductory remarks, Mayor Norwood praised Mayor Webb for the way he handled the Columbine High School tragedy, which occurred on the first day of NCBM's 25th Anniversary Convention in Denver. In remarks to guests, assembled at the reception, Mayor Webb pledged to work with the USCM and NCBM to position mayors at the helm of public policy, legislative initiatives and programs to make substantive changes in the new millennium.

Mayor Norwood expressed interest in "forming an alliance with the USCM to work on projects of mutual benefit to mayors, representing both urban and rural municipalities."

### City Of Lubbock Announces Buy Back Program

The City of Lubbock Solid Waste Department and the County of Lubbock will be conducting a Large Item Buy Back Program July 26th to May 31st in an effort to clean up the mattresses, large furniture items and appliances illegally dumped into the alleyways, vacant lots and county roads. City and County of Lubbock residents can bring old mattresses, box springs, couches, chairs, appliances and other household items that are too large to place into the dumpsters. This program is not for businesses and items from commercial establishments are not eligible. City and County residents will be paid \$2.00 for each large item that they bring to the landfill for proper disposal. The City and County reserve the right to limit the number of items accepted each day. Drop-off hours and location will be as follows:

- CITY OF LUBBOCK LANDFILL, 6500 NORTH AVENUE P**
- Monday, July 26th, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.;
  - Tuesday, July 27th, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.;
  - Wednesday, July 28th, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.;
  - Thursday, July 29th, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.;
  - Friday, July 30th, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.;
  - Saturday, July 31st, 8:00 a.m. to noon.

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

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## IN CINQUE

By Renetta W. Howard



Most Americans who are not rich or even well-to-do, work hard most of their lives and eagerly look forward to the years of retirement when they feel that they will have attained most of the worldly goods that they wish for or need or want. The daily work is often accompanied by the idea that, that glorious day of retirement will some day, even if not soon, arrive. Though retirement is longed for, very few retirees really see beyond the 'free time.' They have the view of time to play, travel or do whatever their hearts desire. For some retirees this may very well be their reality. For others, it will be the things hoped for but never realized. Many retirement dreams do not come true simply because plans have not been made to make the dreams come true. Many workers do not realize that if a financial

retirement fund or Social Security benefits is all they plan to retire with as income, that their dreams will indeed 'go up in smoke.' Pension funds and Social Security benefits seldom equal one's take-home salary and never exceeds it. One is lucky if the benefits are one-half of take-home pay. If benefits are received along with other sources of income, it is possibly taxed, thereby reducing income even more. Income reduction at a fixed rate often makes it difficult to pay utility bills, real estate taxes, insurances, medical bills and other necessities which do not include the high cost of food, even if your home and car are paid for. Taxes never cease, even though some senior citizens are exempt from real estate homestead taxes and the need for insurance is constant. Increased medical bills become a reality too often, too soon. Medicare does *not* pay for medicine and it is *all* expensive. It is therefore time that we all, young and old, get 'in cinque' and plan for our retirement just as we planned our careers.

## We Have To Be Real: Face The Facts!

by Eddie P. Richardson

We had one of the better Juneteenth Celebrations in the history of Lubbock, Texas, especially the parade. We take this opportunity and salute Ms. Mary Jo Wilson and Mr. David Anderson for making this become a reality with their expertise. This is also true for the annual Fourth of July On Broadway, and the exciting fireworks display, which was great! But guess what, we had complainers about the Fourth of July effort. Let's face it, nothing or no one is perfect. Nor are we ever going to please everyone. People will always complain about the traffic conditions when you have such a large number of people. Crowded events will always create some kind of congestion.

Some people even complain about being left out or not being a part of anything. This writer, personally, knows those recent held activities are open and people are encouraged to participate. One the other hand, people do not have time to search out those who say they are left out. One must make an effort to become a part. If they truly want to be a part, and not just sit on the side line and complain. There is always a place for everyone if you truly want to be a part of any effort. But you must be willing to put forth an effort. Then, and only then, can you observe the results in a different perspective.

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**NOW ON MY SOAP BOX!**

This writer is sure some of your memories of Butler Park is something we don't want to see happen again. A few years ago, there were problems on this park. The doppers and other such characters created some problems. We had a hard and long effort, but finally, with the help of God, we had it under control. You see, it takes time to cure the cancer. This will never happen again. After over 30 years of stag-

nant and no growth in the area, and now we have finally turned the area around and have established a new trend of growth and development in the area.

We want you to really understand what is about to happen. It is, we will allow no one to turn it around. The proposed new Butler Park in Booker T. Washington Park — just like Butler Park on Sunday afternoons and evenings. We will not let this group scare our senior citizens and have them afraid to go out side, open their doors and windows, be disturbed by loud music, cars parked in their driveways on their lawns, smoking that stuff, littering, and doing illegal other things.

The Booker T. Washington Park is located between two churches in the heart of senior citizen residents. You may want to pass out your petitions to the neighbors, but we would guarantee no one would sign them. They are opposed to your negative activities. Anyway, some of the petitions passers' records are dirty. No matter what you call it, Lubbock Police Department will be on your case with the support of the neighborhood, and, most of



all, the Southwest Digest. Citizens have rights. Sometimes it appears that the law breakers have more rights than law abiding citizens. However, if citizens fail to stand up and be counted, it will only get worse if we don't do our part. It is past time for us to say "let John or Mary do it for us." We must all recapture our communities. We must, at least, help John and Mary or even do it ourselves. It takes all working together collectively in order to recapture our communities and make our neighborhoods a more positive, productive market place they were designed to become. Too many Black folk prayed all night long so we would have a much better place for all of us, we will not let those ungrateful people destroy it. Do you understand? **NUFF SED! WHY NOT?**

Keeping an eye on Texas

Sales tax on food items can be taxing

Flour, sugar, bread, milk, eggs, fruits, vegetables, and other groceries are not taxable. However, candy, soft drinks, gum, and popicles are taxable. Food served in restaurants and similar places of business is also taxable. Here are some guidelines.

**Sales tax is collected on these food items:**

- All food sold with eating utensils.
- Food kept hot (ready to eat), such as barbecued chicken (whether it's a whole chicken or just parts), chili, soups.
- Ready-to-eat sandwiches (but not frozen sandwiches).
- All ice cream sundries, unless sold prepackaged in boxes of six or more.
- All soft drinks (including powdered drink mixes), diluted juices, beer and wine.
- All doughnuts, muffins, cookies, bagels, biscuits, etc., sold from a snack bar or lunch counter when your customer buys five or less.
- Ice.
- Individual-sized portions or packages of food (including super-sized servings) when it's sold from a lunch counter or snack bar (chips, peanuts, etc.)

SOURCE: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, (www.windowstate.tx.us)



(l-r) Songwriter Jimmy Cozier, Wyclef Jean, producer Jerry Wonder, and R&B singer Mya in the studio take a break from working on her sophomore project to pose for the camera.

## Mya Does Lilith Fair With Sarah McLachlan And Is Set To Drop Her Sophomore Album This Fall

New York, NY -- The ghetto superstar is on the rise again! The multi-platinum R&E songstress Mya, is set to join artist like Monica, and Deborah Cox at Sarah McLachlan's Lilith Fair. Mya has had a huge year with several hit singles, "It's All About Me" (gold), The grammy nominated "Ghetto Supastar" from the Bulworth Soundtrack (platinum), "Movin' On", and the sultry ballad "My First Night With You" from her

self-titled double platinum CD.

What more can we expect? Mya is set to release her sophomore album this fall which is sure to be the hottest thing on

the market. Mya is currently in the studio working with hit producers Jermaine Dupri, Shakespeare (TLC's "No Scrubs"), and Wyclef Jean of The Fugees for this latest project.

## Lubbock Area High School Students Can Earn Scholarship \$\$ To Study Abroad While Getting First Hand Experience By Hosting In International Student

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# Fox Sports Net Southwest Presents Documentary On Life And Baseball Career Of Texas Legend Nolan Ryan



He will go down as one of the most dominating and feared pitchers in the history of major league baseball. In RYAN EXPRESS TO COOPERSTOWN, FOX Sports Net Southwest's documentary chronicling the career of baseball's newest Hall of Fame member, Nolan Ryan is remembered as a frightening, hard-throwing right-hander on the field with a humble, small town Texas demeanor off the mound.

"We've captured the essence of Nolan Ryan - his menacing persona as a pitcher as well as being a family man and gentleman," says FOX Sports Net Southwest executive producer Mike Anastassiou, who oversaw the doc-

umentary.

The one-hour program premieres Sunday, Aug. 8 at 6:00 PM CT with several encore airings throughout the rest of the year. Replays scheduled in August include Monday, Aug. 9, 7:00 PM CT; Thursday, Aug. 12, 3:30 PM CT; Saturday, Aug. 14, 9:00 PM CT; and Friday, Aug. 20, 8:00 PM CT.

Using sound bites from interviews with 30 of Ryan's former teammates, coaches, baseball administrators, announcers and family members, the documentary follows Ryan's life from his childhood in Alvin, Texas through his years with the New York Mets, California Angels, Houston Astros and Texas Rangers to his Hall of Fame induction ceremony scheduled for July 25 in Cooperstown, New York.

The documentary opens with the Jan. 5, 1999 announcement of Ryan's election into baseball's hallowed shrine then traces the steps of one of the most durable and successful careers in the history of major league baseball.

The early years are recounted by Ryan's memories of growing up in a typical Texas small town where money was tight and family values were important. Ryan, the youngest of six children, recalls how his father Lynn, a supervisor in the oil industry, was forced to take a part-time job as a distributor for the Houston Post to help raise money to send the older kids to college. Ryan pitched in, and also developed early arm strength, by rolling and throwing newspapers from second grade until he was old enough to drive and have his own route which he continued until graduating from high school.

Alvin high school baseball coach Jim Watson remembers Ryan as a lanky, wild right-hander loaded with natural ability. Red Murff,

the major league scout who discovered Ryan, and then-New York Mets general manager Bing Devine, talk about how Murff had to convince Devine to take a chance on the physically unimpressive high school pitcher who barely weighed 150 pounds. The Mets waited until the 10th round before selecting Ryan, the 295th player chosen in the June 1965 free agent draft.

Thus began the 27-year major league career of baseball's all-time strikeout leader who hurled a record seven no-hitters and won 324 games while playing longer than anyone in major league history.

Throughout the documentary stories are told of Ryan's rise to fame. Historic moments in his career are recaptured with highlight footage and commentary from players and personalities that shared the memories with the flame-throwing right-hander.

Among the most interesting recollections is how Ryan almost quit the game during the sport's first labor dispute in 1972. Money was hard to come by at that point in Ryan's career and the 25-year-old new member of the California Angels was ready to return home to Alvin to find work to support his family that now included newborn son Reid, the first of his three children. Fortunately, the labor dispute was resolved before Ryan could resort to such drastic measures.

Rangers longtime equipment manager Joe Macko recalls how he had to treat Ryan like a rock star on the road because of the pitcher's popularity. Macko recounts how Ryan was forced to use back entrances into hotels and register under false names like Reese Reid and Reid Reese, the first names of Ryan's two sons.

Macko also remembers Ryan's generous

side. For Ryan's final season, Macko said, the pitcher brought over 30 jerseys - one for each start - and autographed each one and made them available for charitable donations.

Tom Seaver tells stories of the young Ryan and their close relationship as New York Mets teammates that allowed each to ride the other unmercifully if either pitched poorly. Catcher Jeff Torborg, now a FOX Sports baseball analyst, recalls how as a veteran with the California Angels he developed a close friendship with Ryan. He also relives being behind the plate for Ryan's first no-hitter.

The documentary concludes with footage of Ryan's Hall of Fame induction ceremony on July 25 in Cooperstown, the final chapter of the Texas legend's storied career.

"One thread runs consistently through the Nolan Ryan story," said FOX Sports Net Southwest

announcer Greg Lucas, who researched and wrote the script for the documentary. "He was a genetically gifted pitcher who worked harder than perhaps any pitcher who ever lived to retain those

skill levels. And he is almost without peer in being a solid citizen and family man."

"The most enduring memory I have of calling a Nolan Ryan start was that you knew something special could happen," said Lucas, who was fortunate to call play-by-play during Ryan's stints with the Astros and Rangers. "Nolan could be so dominant. I found I was not alone. Virtually every player who was his teammate that we interviewed for the documentary told us the same thing, Nolan was special. And you could see it every time he pitched."

## Texas Commission On The Arts Announces Host Cities For ArtSearch '99

AUSTIN, Texas—The Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA), the state agency responsible for arts education, arts funding, cultural tourism and other community assistance and services, announced today that Crosbyton has been selected as one of 13 locations for ArtsReach '99. The annual event will provide "hands-on" workshops designed to teach arts and cultural organizations throughout the region how to write grant proposals and how to promote their projects and

events.

The Crosbyton event will take place on Thursday, Oct. 7, 1999 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. ArtsReach '99 will also take place in Abilene, Bedford, Bryan/College Station, Carthage, El Paso, Fort Stockton, Houston, Laredo, Mount Pleasant, Pampa, San Antonio and San Benito. Interested parties are encouraged to visit TCA's web site for more information as it becomes available at [www.arts.state.tx.us/community\\_center/artsreach.htm](http://www.arts.state.tx.us/community_center/artsreach.htm).

## Michael Bivins' Pee Wee All-Stars Release Album



Tay, DJ Jus, Starsky, Ray Ray, Hutch, P-Nutt, Lil' Nique, Shortee Red, MC Glen and Antuan

New York, NY - Biv 10/Universal Records released **Michael Bivins Presents: The Adventures Of The Biv 10 Pee Wee All Stars** on June 22, 1999. The album is a compilation featuring collaborations of individual sub-groups within the Pee Wees, and is full of smart, street savvy music from an amazing pool of youthful talent.



Discovered by music impresario Biv 10 Records President Michael Bivins (also a member of New Edition and Bell Biv DeVoe), **THE BIV 10 PEE WEE ALL STARS** is a collective group of ten young men with amazing b-boy skills and performing expertise that defy their young age. Their undeniable charisma and star power, combined with banging tracks, cross generational lines.

Bivins, who discovered **Boyz II Men**, **702** and **Another Bad Creation**, has hand-picked the ten unique young men from various cities across the country. Ranging in age from 8 to 14, the Pee Wees are: From Brooklyn and Queens, 8-year-old duo Lil' Nique & DJ Jus (the world's youngest DJ); 10-year-old Starsky and 11-year-old Hutch from Boston and Brooklyn

respectively; **Shortee Red** (10) and **Tay** (11), both from Brooklyn; and Los Angeles native **P-Nutt** (10). In addition to these young rappers and DJ, the Pee Wees also represent Detroit with singers **Antuan** and **Ray Ray** (both 14), and the group's mascot, 8 year-old **MC Glen**.


In addition to their musical skills, many of the **Pee Wees** have other projects and are appearing in movies and commercials. **DJ Jus** has worked with rappers **Naughty By Nature**, **L.L. Cool J**, and **Big Punisher**. **Jus** and **Nique** performed at the Superbowl '98 half-time show, and have appeared in commercials for McDonald's and FUBU. They also have roles in the upcoming film, "50 Violins," with Meryl Streep and Angela Bassett. **Shortee Red** appeared in Spike Lee's "Hes Got Game" with Denzel Washington, and will make his second screen appearance with Washington in this fall's motion picture "Hurricane."

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