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NATIONAL NEWS

Thousands of Immigrants Face Loss of Medicaid

NEW YORK — A joint New York State and Assembly Health Conference Committee has voted to terminate Medicaid eligibility for approximately 14,000 immigrants, including 10,000 elderly immigrants. "We were shocked and dismayed that in a year where there is enough money to fund hundreds of millions of dollars of tax breaks and pork barrel projects, the Senate and Assembly Health Conference Committee would refuse to restore Medicaid for immigrants," said Margie McHugh, executive director of the New York Immigration Coalition, an umbrella advocacy organization for over 200 groups that work with newcomers. "Not only will immigrants be put in life-threatening situations, but they will end up in emergency rooms costing taxpayers more money," said McHugh. Committee members initially approved legislation to restore Medicaid eligibility because they supported McHugh's argument of the added cost of emergency care. However, when the committee could not come to an agreement on allocating \$10 million to fund the proposal, the recommendation was excluded. The committee did recommend over \$80 million in new health and Medicaid spending, mostly to care-providers. "It is a sad commentary that pleasing the providers was a higher priority than ensuring that thousands of elderly and disabled immigrants have access to comprehensive health care" said McHugh.

House Approved Meek Learning Disability Amendment

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The House of Representatives has approved an amendment by U.S. Rep. Carrie P. Meek (D-FL) to help college students who have learning disabilities. Meek's amendment was added to the massive Higher Education bill presently working its way through Congress. "This amendment extends—for the first time—a helping hand to college students with learning disabilities," said Meek, a former educator and co-chair of the House Reading Caucus. "For many years, the Federal government has mandated 'free and appropriate education' of millions of elementary and high school students with learning disabilities, but has essentially ignored their needs when they went off to college to develop their abilities. This amendment closes a major gap in our efforts to help every person in our society achieve his or her full potential."

The National Institutes of Health estimate that there are 39 million Americans with learning disabilities, which include dyslexia (difficulty identifying sounds, letters and words), dysgraphia (difficulty in writing thoughts on paper), dyscalculia (confusing shapes and simple mathematical functions) and a host of auditory, visual, motor and attention disorders.

Harry Belafonte First Recipient of Marian Anderson Award

PHILADELPHIA — Mayor Edward G. Rendell announced that Harry Belafonte will become the first recipient of an award named in honor of Philadelphia's Marian Anderson. The award "will celebrate extraordinary individuals who have used their talents not only for personal artistic expression, but have coupled them with a deeper commitment to the betterment of society. Throughout Marian Anderson's career as a singer, her courage helped to eliminate barriers both great and small between artist of color and their dreams of participation in artistic enterprises," said Rendell. Accompanying the award, to be formally presented on June 27, is an honorarium of \$100,000 sponsored by First Union National Bank. "Harry Belafonte has been called the consummate entertainer. He is a formidably talented singer, actor and producer, who has made his mark on the concert stage, the recording industry, in films, on Broadway and on the television screen. He is also a consummate humanitarian, whose activities on behalf of human rights have been felt around this country and around the world," said Rendell.

DO YOU REMEMBER THESE SISTERS?



JO ANN GIBBS BYERS

Many Dunbar High School alumni and supporters will be in Lubbock July 2-5 for ALL-CLASS REUNION IV. The activities and events planned are numerous and for ALL AGES! We say, "THANK YOU Dunbar for such extraordinary show of loyalty and support toward your school! Now we understand GNCE A PANTHER, ALWAYS A PANTHER!"

Two Dunbar High School exes who will be in attendance during ALL-CLASS REUNION IV will be sisters Jo Ann Gibbs Byers of Abilene, Texas and Virginia Gibbs of Maplewood, New Jersey, both graduates of the 70's. Welcome home!!



VIRGINIA GIBBS

RING OF BLACK ROSES, INC. SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET



The Ring of Black Roses, Inc. will be hosting its 10th Annual Scholarship Banquet, Saturday evening June 6 at Parkway Neighborhood center at 7:00 p.m.

Speaker for the banquet will be Mr. Ronnie L. Sterling of De Soto, TX. Mr. Sterling, a teacher in the De Soto Independent School District was the very first recipient of the Ring of Black Roses, Inc. Scholarship.

The Ring of Black Roses, Inc. is a local non-profit organization that present a \$500.00 continuing scholarship to a graduating senior each year.

The theme for this year's banquet is "Your Attitude Determines Your Altitude." Tickets for the event are \$-00 and can be purchased from any Ring of Black Roses member.

National Association of Market Developers Presents "Infonomic Evolution: Marketing In The New Age Of Information" MSBET sponsors a Cyber Showcase for consumers worldwide

"Infonomic Evolution" features power speakers Cheryl Broussard, Dr. Mariynn Kern-Foxworth, George Fraser, Keith Clinkscales; cyberspace marketing leaders Sandi Thomas, Stephen Jackson; plus NAMD award recipients Daymond John, Dr. Debra A. Miller and Donzelle and Alisa Starks.



Donzell & Alisa Starks ENTREPRENEURS OF THE YEAR



Dr. Debra A. Miller COMMUNICATOR OF THE YEAR



Daymond John MARKETER OF THE YEAR



Sandi Thomas CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER MSBET

WHO: The 46th Annual National Association of Market Developers (NAMD) Conference presents top communicators from the entertainment and business industries who will share information and professional support. NAMD, established in 1953, is a professional organization of corporate professionals and entrepreneurs in the areas of marketing, management, advertising, sales, public relations, urban affairs and other related fields. MSBET will sponsor a cybercast of the conference activities on the global internet. MSBET is a jointly owned subsidiary of Microsoft Corporation and BET (Black Entertainment Television) Holding, Inc. Over 1,500 persons will participate in the conference. Other major sponsors include Seagram Americas, Sony Music Entertainment, Inc., Philip Morris, City of Columbia and NationsBank.

WHAT: The 1998 NAMD Conference is an advanced business symposium, cyber showcase and entertainment/cultural extravaganza - all rolled into the Memorial Day Weekend. "Infonomics is the study of the relationship between people, information and the systems that connect them. Each year NAMD honors outstanding individuals in marketing. In 1998 NAMD will honor Daymond John, CEO of the FUBU Collection as "Marketer Of The Year," Dr. Debra Miller as "Communicator Of The Year," and Donzelle and Alisa Starks of Inner City Entertainment as "Entrepreneurs Of The Year."

The National Association of Market Developers Cybercast, sponsored by MSBET will be the first time a national African-American organization will produce a broadcast on the global internet.

WHEN: Friday, May 22 to Saturday, May 23, 1998

Cybercast Schedule

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. daily
To participate in the cybercast or for more information, visit the NAMD website at www.namdnf.org or call 908-561-4062.

WHERE: 4-Arms Mark Hotel, 1200 Hampton St., Columbia, SC

WHY: NAMD has been at the forefront of Black business-development for more than 45 years. Its founders were pioneers of the concept of ethnic target marketing, affirmative action and urban affairs. The conference will utilize the most advanced communication technology with a conference cybercast, four-city promotional video conference, multi-media seminar presentations and the NAMD Radio Network.

SPECIAL: The National Association of Market Developers "Infonomic Evolution" guests GUEST: include:

Sandi Thomas, Chief Operating Officer, MSBET, will be a panelist in a workshop titled "Marketing On The Internet: Harnessing The Power Of New Media For Commerce."

NAMD MARKETER OF THE YEAR

Daymond John, CEO of FUBU the Collection, a Black owned apparel company that designs and produces sportswear, created a financial partnership with the Samsung Corporation. Sales in 1997 exceeded \$100 million.

NAMD COMMUNICATOR OF THE YEAR

Dr. Debra A. Miller, President, D. Miller and Associates, is the first African-American woman to head the 50-year-old Public Relations Society of America

NAMD ENTREPRENEURS OF THE YEAR

Donzelle Starks, President and CEO, and Alisa Starks, Executive Vice President of Marketing and Communication, founded Inner City Entertainment to develop a national chain of first-run multi-screen cinemas in urban communities. The first two Chicago projects were developed in conjunction with Cineplex Odeon for \$36 million and \$56 million.

For information about the conference, contact Clyde Allen, 908-561-4062 or visit the NAMD website at www.namdnf.org.

SCOTT GRUNS

Subject: Phone Scam! Hope this story helps you. I received a telephone call from an individual identifying himself as an AT&T Service Technician who was running a test on our telephone lines. He said that to complete the test we should touch nine (9), zero (0), pound sign (#) and hang up. Luckily, we were suspicious and refused. Upon contacting the telephone company we were informed that by pushing 90# you end up giving the individual that called you access to your telephone line and allows them to place a long distance telephone call, with the charge appearing on your telephone bill. We were further informed that this scam has been originating from many of the local jails/prisons. I have verified with UCB Telecom that this actually happens. Please beware. This sounds like an Urban Legend - IT IS NOT!!! I called GTE Security this morning and verified that this is definitely possible and DO NOT press 90# for ANYONE. It will give them access to your phone line to make long distances calls ANYWHERE!!!! The GTE Security department told me to go ahead and share this information with EVERYONE I KNOW!!! Could you PLEASE pass this on. If you have mailing lists and/or newsletters from organizations you are connected with, I encourage you to include this information.

MS. MARY JO WILSON RETIRES AFTER

33 YEARS

MS. MARY JO WILSON, a graduate of Dunbar High School, has retired after 33 years of teaching in the public school system. She would say "blessed!" Referring to the many young people she has had an opportunity of working with over the years. Her experiences take her from 1963-64 to 1993-98.



If you would ask Ms. Mary Jo Wilson how she would explain her 33 years of teaching in the public school system, she would say "blessed!" Referring to the many young people she has had an opportunity of working with over the years. Her experiences take her from 1963-64 to 1993-98.

A graduate of Dunbar High School, she received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music Education from Langston University, Langston, Oklahoma. Her graduate studies attained from the City College of the City University of New York, New York and Texas Tech University.

Her first teaching experience was at Booker T. Washington High School as band director in Clarkton, North Carolina and the following year at Columbus County Band Director, Chadbourn, North Carolina. She also taught as a music specialist in Public School No. 9 in Brooklyn, New York.

In 1969, Ms. Wilson was hired by the Lubbock Independent School District as a fourth grade teacher in music at Tubbs Elementary School. In 1971, she moved to Alderson Junior High School as a band director, and remained until 1974. She returned to Public School No. 11 as an Art/Music teacher in Brooklyn, New York from 1975-76.

She came back to Lubbock in 1976, and taught as a substitute teacher. In 1978, she returned as a social studies, English and Music teacher in New Directions. In 1981-82, she was band director at Alderson Junior High School. In 1982, she became band director of Dunbar-Struggles High School, and became activities Director in 1987. Her last position was as band director at Dunbar Junior High School.

Ms. Wilson received the Texas Teacher of the Year Award for 1997-98. She has been entered in the Regional Texas Teacher of the Year Award competition.

The Southwest Digest would like to wish Ms. Mary Jo Wilson the very best as she has been truly "blessed."

DUNBAR ALL-CLASS REUNION UPDATE

Southwest Digest has learned that hopefully within the next week or so, DUNBAR ALUMNI INTERNATIONAL, INC will be able to have its building moved to its location at East 27th and M.L.K. Blvd. If this does take place, our congratulations and hats are definitely off to their association and those who have taken an active part in seeing this long-awaited moment come to pass!!

After speaking with a representative of DUNBAR ALUMNI INTERNATIONAL, INC., we also understand that Dr. Curtis Culwell, superintendent of Lubbock ISD, and his staff are to be given a lot of credit for this accomplishment as well! Virgil Johnson, Director of Marketing & Reunions for the group, says that such a monumental task would not have been possible without the continued efforts of those LOYAL Dunbar exes and supporters who have continued to meet and give financial support to the group. "All these individuals will be recognized during the banquet, and special recognition within the building will be noted. We have found that only those who are truly loyal support our efforts, and we can no longer worry about those who have chosen not to become a part of our efforts. It is their choice, and we must focus on the goals of our organization: preserving Dunbar High School's history, its goals, its ideals, and its memorabilia," he said.

It's not too late for YOU to be a part of its upcoming all-class reunion. Simply write them at P.O. Box 3362, Lubbock 79452 or call them at 794-6543. JO IT!! Their next meeting will be this Friday, June 5th, at 7:30 pm at East 27th & M.L.K. ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!

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 proud pastor. If you are looking for a church

home, then come and visit with the New Hope Baptist Church.

Services began last Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday School and Assistant Superintendent of the Adult Department, Brother James Sterling, presiding. All classes received their 30 minutes of instruction, and reassembled at 10:15 a.m. singing "Blessed Assurance." Prayer was given by Brother Sterling and Pastor Moton gave high points of the morning lesson. They were very well given. The morning subject gave all of us something to think about.

Secretary's Report: Youth Department - Intermediate and Senior Classes tied for the Offering Banner. The Senior Class received the Attendance Banner. Adult Department - Class No. 1 and No. 2 tied for the Attendance Banner. Class No. 2 received the Offering Banner with an offering of \$168.00.

Last Sunday was Mission Sunday, and devotion was conducted by Sister Foua Y. Ervin and Sister Bernice Kelly.

The Senior Choir marched in the processional. They sang very beautiful. The morning hymn was "What A Friend." The sermon hymn of

preparation was "There's A Fountain." Pastor Moton preached on the subject "The Lord God Can Change Your Cursing Into A Blessing." His scripture text was Zechariah 8:11-15. Pastor Moton made it so clear and plain, as always. What a message. Praise God for the word.

Let us not forget our sick and shut in citizens as well as the bereaved families. Brother D.C. Kinner's brother's wife was funeralized last Friday in Waco, Texas.

Sister Ruby Jay received message last Saturday her nephew, Freddy Simmons, wife's mother passed in Southland, Illinois. We desire your prayers for all.

Pastor Moton and wife carried her mother back home last week to Lincoln, Alabama. She enjoyed her visit to the "Hub City" where she visited with family and friends.

During the 3:00 p.m. services last Sunday afternoon, the Youth of the Missionary Society sponsored a wonderful program. It was well done.

Rev. Cleo Marshall of San Antonio, Texas who graduated from Texas Tech University was called to preach from New Hope Baptist Church. He has a church in San Antonio. New Hope has been invited to come and visit it. Pastor Moton will preach the installation sermon. Watch for the date.

Bank Loans & Worry for Minority Women Business Owners

Special to the NNPA from The Birmingham Times

Black business owners of Black female entrepreneurs and 20 percent of all female business owners were denied a bank loan last year, according to a national study.

Each year study of female business owners in all 50 states found a capital financing barrier. The study found that 20 percent of female business owners were denied a bank loan last year, according to a national study.

Black female business owners were denied a bank loan at twice the rate of all businesses, those owned by white women are being denied at triple the rate.

Of 16 percent of Hispanic female entrepreneurs, 23 percent of black and 20 percent of Asian were denied a bank loan last year, according to the study.

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LIFE ABUNDANTLY

By Minister Abdul Alim Muhammad, M.D.
Fake Food Flood Continues



Are genetically altered foods the rage of the future? Yes, if Monsanto Chemicals and DuPont Chemicals have anything to do with it. If they have their way more than 75 percent of what you will be eating will be genetically altered in the future.

According to a spokesman of DuPont, Senior Vice President William F. Kerr, "The next silicon valley is plant biotechnology." Putting its money where its mouth is, DuPont has invested nearly \$3 billion within the last year to increase its holdings in food and food technology firms, especially in the mid-west where many of the food items in the American bread-basket are grown. Many of DuPont's major competitors such as Dow Chemicals and Monsanto are also deeply involved in acquiring companies that sell down to "Mom and Pop" farmers so that they will be able to distribute their genetically engineered seeds.

What is driving these chemical giants into the food industry? The allure of products that can be advertised as guilt free choices for health conscious American consumers — such as a dinner that looks, taste and smells like beef, but has no cholesterol or fat content at all. Or, how about vegetarian cheese that is produced without the benefit of a cow, but from genetically engineered soy beans. The profit potential of such products is enormous because they are cheaper to produce.

Some of the genetic alteration of crops are designed to enhance the salability of chemical products such as organophosphate herbicides. For example, a normal corn plant might be killed by a potent herbicide that is used to kill weeds. But, a genetically engineered corn plant might be able to survive and go on to produce an abundant yield. Sounds like a bonanza for farmers, food producers and chemical manufacturers. The down side? O yeah, the pesticide and herbicide chemical residue that shows up on your dinner plate.

So you ask, "How will I be able to recognize whether or not the food that I'm buying at the supermarket has been genetically altered?" You won't, because there is no requirement that genetically altered food will be labeled as such. In fact, some surveys show that most consumers, if they knew the contents of food would never choose genetically altered food items.

Certain activists groups like the Union of Concerned Scientists, are pushing the U.S. Government to regulate the food biotechnology industry demanding that labels be on foods that contain genetically altered products. Few Americans realize that nearly half of the soybeans grown in the United States are already genetically altered and are used for feeding chickens and other livestock to the production of end-of-the-line consumer products.

Dr. Muhammad is head of the Abundant Life Clinic in Washington, D.C.

CITY OF LUBBOCK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

The Lubbock City Council will conduct a final Public Hearing to allow citizens an opportunity to comment on the proposed use of 1998-99 Federal Community Development Funds as recommended by the Community Development Services Board (CDSB). The scheduled time and date for this hearing is:


June 11, 1998; 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers
Municipal Building
1625 13th Street

The following are the board's recommendations to City Council: 1998-99 projected Use of Community Development Resources by Grant

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	
Fine Arts Center	\$30,000
Estudio de Artes	No Funding
Step Up to Health	\$5,750
South Plains Aids Resource Center	\$20,000
Hub City Sertoma	No Funding
Fire Department - Smoke Detectors	\$6,000
SMART Moves	\$6,545
Summer Youth	\$75,000
Girl Power	\$12,650
Parenting Cottage	\$45,000
Court Ordered Visitation Exchange	\$47,083
Parks and Recreation - Job Training	No Funding
Literacy Outreach	\$8,250
Broadway Festivals	\$3,500
LEARN, Inc.	No Funding
South Plains Regional Workforce Development Board	\$120,000
SHAPES	\$56,000
YWCA- Childcare	\$8,500
Contact Lubbock- Information & Referral	No Funding
Contact Lubbock- Kidline	\$25,552
Neighborhood Coordinator	\$33,559
Lubbock United Neighborhood Assoc.(LUNA)- Youth	No Funding
Lubbock United Neighborhood Assoc.(LUNA)- Curfew	No Funding
Lubbock United Neighborhood Assoc.(LUNA)- Neighborhood Dev.	\$12,211
Arnett Benson Neighborhood - Ombudsman Project	No Funding
Lubbock Housing Finance Corporation - Keys to Homeownership	\$15,000
Chatman Memorial Center, Inc.	\$91,430
City of Lubbock - Residential Rehabilitation	\$600,000
City of Lubbock - Barrier Free Living	\$75,000
City of Lubbock - Emergency Repair	\$250,000
Lubbock Housing Finance Corporation - Down Payment Assistance	\$200,000
City of Lubbock - Replacement Reserve	\$20,000
City of Lubbock - Soft Second Program	No Funding
City of Lubbock - Land Disposition	\$20,000
City of Lubbock - Rental Reconstruction	\$55,000
Lubbock Housing Authority	\$141,000
Our School	No Funding
YWCA Rehabilitation	No Funding
Environmental Inspection Service & Graffiti Removal	\$291,698
Catholic Family Services	\$12,259
Chapel Hill Neighborhood	\$15,000
City of Lubbock - Neighborhood Beautification	\$95,000
City of Lubbock - Senior Paint Program	\$45,000
Interfaith Hospitality	\$45,000
City of Lubbock - Traffic Circles	No Funding
Community Housing Resource Board (CHRB)	\$46,200
Teen Publication	No Funding
City of Lubbock - Micro Enterprise Program	\$90,000
City of Lubbock - Contractor's Apprentice Program	\$100,000
City Administration (20% cap)	\$413,479
Housing Delivery Services	\$487,867
Indirect City Costs	\$94,687
TOTAL RECOMMENDED CDBG Funding	\$5,849,000
HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)	
New Construction	\$59,900
Community Housing Resource Board (CHRB) - Operating	\$50,000
City of Lubbock - Reconstruction Program	\$550,000
Community Housing Resource Board (CHRB) - Elderly	No Funding
Community Housing Resource Board (CHRB) - Lease/Purchase	\$162,300
Lubbock Housing Finance Corporation - Rehabilitation	\$151,800
City Administration (10% Cap)	\$105,200
TOTAL Recommended HOME Funding	\$1,082,000
Emergency Shelter Grant	
ASK House	\$3,000
Women's Protective Services (WPS)	\$21,212
West Texas Human Resources Corporation	No Funding
Walker Houses	\$7,500
Behavior Army - Homeless Prevention	\$35,700
Lakeside Services	\$2,068
Salvation Army - Essential Services	\$18,000
Interfaith Hospitality	\$16,000
South Plains Children's Shelter - Renovation	\$12,000
Alcohol Recovery	\$10,000
South Plains Children's Shelter - Other	\$2,500
South Plains Aids Resource Center	\$7,750
City Administration (5% cap)	\$6,250
TOTAL Recommended ESG Funding	\$141,000

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GARY TEAM NEGOTIATES \$2.9 MILLION SETTLEMENT



ST. CROIX, VIRGIN ISLANDS - Nationally known trial lawyer, Willie Gary and his partner, Donald Watson, and associates Linda Weiksnar and Ginger Jenkins of Stuart, Florida and co-counsel Victor Gold of St. Croix negotiated a \$2.9 million settlement for their client, Norton Williams, Jr. who lost his left arm in an industrial maintenance accident in September 1994.

Mr. Williams was working for Industrial Maintenance Corporation, a subcontractor to Hess Oil Virgin Island Corporation (HOVIC). While he was inspecting a conveyor system, another HOVIC employee started the conveyor machine. Mr. Williams grabbed a transverse beam to prevent himself from being swallowed by the machine. As he did, he felt a burning, shearing sensation, his left arm was violently torn from his body.

After several hours of savvy negotiations by the Gary team, HOVIC attorneys gave agreed to settle the case for \$2.9 million.

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UNCLAIMED PROPERTY INTERNET SITE CELEBRATES A SUCCESSFUL FIRST YEAR

(AUSTIN)—During the last year, the Unclaimed Property list has become one of the most popular features of State Comptroller John Sharp's Window on State Government Internet site.

"Only the lottery results and, during some months, the state mileage guide are consulted more often than the Unclaimed Property list by Window on State Government users," Sharp said.

"Since we put the Unclaimed Property list online one year ago, almost 642,000 name searches have been conducted by people hoping to be reunited with cash and other valuables that they had somehow forgotten," Sharp said.

"That is 642,000 people who didn't have to make a phone call or write a letter to find out whether the state is holding unclaimed property in their name," Sharp said.

"They were able to enter their name in the computer and get an answer. Those who found their names on the Unclaimed Property list were able to begin the claim process via e-mail."

Sharp unveiled the Unclaimed Property Internet site on May 1, 1997. The site offers a searchable database of unclaimed property owners who have been reported to the state during the last five years, who have at least \$50 coming to them.

"On average, there are 31,000 name searches per month. The busiest month was October, when 238,000 name searches were conducted during the weeks after the publication of the Comptroller's annual Unclaimed Property newspaper insert.

"The purpose of the Unclaimed Property web site is to ease the once-a-year frenzy when we publish the Unclaimed Property list. We have to hire extra workers to handle the thousands of phone calls and the backlog of claims," Sharp said.

"The web site means people don't have to wait for the Unclaimed Property list to be published. They can check the list anytime, and if they find their name, our phone lines will be less busy and they should get their money back more quickly," Sharp said.

"The on line unclaimed Property list will soon be expanded to include names of unclaimed property owners dating back to 1986," Sharp said.

"I want to make it as easy and convenient as possible for people to learn whether the state is holding any unclaimed property for them, and to reclaim their cash or other valuables," Sharp said.

Unclaimed money and safe deposit box contents are turned over to the state by banks and businesses that have been unable to locate the owners of the property. The state uses the money to fund public education and other services until the rightful owners are found. Unclaimed money continues to belong to its rightful owner forever, and may be claimed by the owner or his/her heirs at any time.

The state is currently holding nearly \$800 million in unclaimed property. To see whether any of it belongs to you, check the Unclaimed Property list on the Comptroller's Internet site at <http://www.window.state.tx.us>, or call toll free 1-800-654-3463.

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BIG MARCH SET AGAINST DRUGS AND GANGS SET! THIS N THAT...has learned that the upcoming...**SECOND ANNUAL...MARCH AGAINST DRUGS AND GANGS...** will take place during the annual celebration of the...**JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION...** This march will take place on...**THURSDAY EVENING...JUNE 18TH...** beginning at 6:30 p.m.... The location of the...**BIG MARCH...** will be forthcoming...as it will end up back at the sight of the...**CELEBRATION OF THE ANNUAL JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION...** Anyone wanting to participate...may do so... **THIS N THAT...** advises there will be a...**PRESS CONFERENCE...** to announce the upcoming...**BIG MARCH AGAINST DRUGS AND GANGS...** Stay tuned...and learn about...**THIS N THAT...** would hope... **MANY OF YOU WOULD PARTICIPATE IN IT...** No matter how you look at...**SELLING DRUGS IN THE COMMUNITY...** so called...**GANG BANGING IS JUST WRONG!! WILL YOU JOIN IN THIS MARCH??**

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DUNBAR GRADS & EXES COMING! THIS N THAT...has learned that...**HUNDREDS of former...DUNBAR EXES AND GRADUATES...** will be having the...**IV DUNBAR ALL CLASS REUNION...** come July 2nd... According to a spokesperson...**FORMER DUNBAR EXES AND GRADS...** will be coming from all over America... This reunion is held every three years... This is sponsored by the...**INTERNATIONAL DUNBAR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION...** It is believed this week...**A DUNBAR BUILDING...** will be moved to the corner of **MARTIN LUTHER KING BLVD. AND EAST 29TH STREET...** This will be a...**VERY POSITIVE ASPECT...** of an organization that has been working to maintain the history of...**DUNBAR HIGH**

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IN CINQUE

By Renetta W. Howard



If you in any way observe youth today and happen to discern anything about their values, you readily learn that love of humanity is not one of their strong traits. Love ends with family whether it is biological or gang related. Everyone else is the enemy. When they venture outside the family, love has one meaning only: **SEX.** Sex is the one and only thing which occupies the mind of a large number of youth about age 11 and upward. They want to emulate the singers, rappers and movie stars whom they watch on television daily. They portray the sexiest sayings, clothing, dances and actions to them. They want to be like them, say what they say, sing what they sing, dance their dances and do what they do. The sparkling, glittering, backdrops and costumes will be there when they arrive. They know that if they can get everything just right? that they will arrive.

Every song, movement, words and rhythm give some overture to love and sex as the very same thing.

Listen to the words and hear, "Sex me up!" "Make passionate love to me!" "Can't nobody love me like you do." "Let your love come down." "Freak me with your love." "Don't gimme no lip if you can't gimme no hip." The videos make these words even more explicit. What is heard is seen and makes an even deeper impression in the mind of young people. These impressions on young minds, makes it almost impossible for them to learn anything of value which will help them in future years as adults.

Young people live and long for the time when they can legitimately engage in the visions of love that they harbor in their minds and souls. Too often, too many of them cannot get beyond these visions and consequently choose a path of destruction at a very early age. Frustrations encountered with failures lead many to turn to drugs and other illegal activities as a means of survival. Those with an aptitude to rise above their non-productive status may eventually do so if the opportunity comes their way. Many will be lost in the mire. We need to get 'in cinque' and put more effort into rescuing our youth and giving them more positive alternatives as they grow into adulthood. They need to know real love, from the heart, not the head. 5/26/98

NORTH CAROLINA A & T AND INROADS, INC. FORM PARTNERSHIP TO ENHANCE CAREER AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINORITY STUDENTS

Greensboro, NC - To enhance the career and educational opportunities available to minority students, North Carolina A & T State University and INROADS, Inc., formally approved a strategic partnership this month. The partnership is designed to create additional internships for A & T and to offer scholarship opportunities to the interns of INROADS attending A & T.

INROADS, an international not-for-profit career development organization for minority students, sought the partnership with North Carolina A & T because the University is the nation's No. 1 producer of minorities with degrees in science, mathematics, engineering and technology, several of the main industries for which INROADS supplies corporate internship opportunities. According to INROADS President & CEO, Charles I. Story, "This partnership agreement with North Carolina A & T is another step in our overarching strategy to assure continued development of America's minority youth. We are excited about the long-term benefits of the relationship with A & T and its students.

Together, A & T and INROADS will seek to introduce a greater number of pre-college students to the University while also mutually assisting to recruit students for both organizations. "Our formal affiliation with INROADS helps each institution individually achieve its mission of developing minority youth for future leadership," said North Carolina A & T's Chancellor, Dr. Edward B. Fort. "However, first and foremost our collective efforts benefits the students, our most significant priority."



INROADS, Inc. and North Carolina A&T Form Strategic Partnership to Enhance Career and Educational Opportunities for Minority Students. At a reception supporting the partnership were: First row (l-r) Dr. Edward B. Fort, North Carolina A&T Chancellor; Wendy Wilson, A&T student and North Carolina Triangle INROADS intern; Charles I. Story, INROADS President and CEO; Second row (l-r) Twanda Foster, A&T student and North Carolina Triangle INROADS intern; Corey Turner, A&T student and North Carolina Triangle INROADS intern; Christopher Christman, A&T student and Charlotte INROADS intern; Ali Goins, A&T student and North Carolina Triangle INROADS intern; Alteka Jinwright, A&T student and Charlotte INROADS intern.

In an effort to help students acclimate to the rigors of college, A & T has agreed to establish an on-campus INROADS Student Association as well as to host various events for the INROADS interns and senior-level administrators. In exchange, INROADS staff will serve as seminar panelists and facilitators in the University's programming and will provide access to INROADS' Leadership Development Institute soft-skills training and workplace preparation curriculum for non-business and non-industry students. Finally, A & T will offer scholarships to INROADS interns attending the University.

North Carolina A & T (www.ncat.edu) is the nation's No. 1 producer of minorities with degrees in science, mathematics, engineering and technology. Educating over 7,500+ minority college students annually, A & T now ranks third in research productivity within the UNC System and is the only Historically Black University with a NASA-funded Mars Research Center.

The mission of INROADS (www.inroads-inc.org) is to develop and place talented

minority youth in business and industry and prepare them for corporate and community leadership through corporate internships and on-going training. INROADS accomplishes this mission through its 52 affiliate locations developing 6,200+ minority college students interning with over 930 companies across North America.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Texas exports reach record high

Exports of Texas merchandise rose to a record \$54.3 billion in 1997, up 13.9 percent over 1996, while U.S. exports rose 10.4 percent. High tech sectors drove Texas' growth as the top export industry. Mexico, Texas' biggest export market, showed the largest gain.

Export product	1997		Country	1997	
	Value	Change		Value	Change
Electronic equipment and components	\$19.9	21.8	Mexico	\$31.2	15.2
Industrial machinery and computers	17.0	20.9	Canada	9.5	27.0
Chemicals and allied products	15.0	6.3	Japan	3.1	5.1
Transportation equipment	7.0	14.1	United Kingdom	2.8	15.8
Petroleum refining and related industries	3.5	18.2	Singapore	2.5	30.2
Scientific instruments	3.3	17.5	Taiwan	2.2	17.1
Fabricated metal products	3.1	4.5	South Korea	2.1	10.8
Agricultural production (crops)	2.9	15.9	Venezuela	1.8	35.0
Primary metal industries	2.6	10.4	Brazil	1.9	10.8
Processed food and beverages	2.3	5.6	Netherlands	1.6	6.3
Other industries	9.5	15.7	Other markets	2.8	7.2
Total	\$54.3	13.9	Total	\$54.3	13.9

SOURCE: John Innes, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas Department of Economic Development, Massachusetts Institute for Social and Economic Research, and the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis.

MOVING INTO THE 21ST CENTURY

by Eddie Richardson

Ms. Mikel Ward, we want you to know our present mayor, Windy Sitton, is doing well. It was a tough race for her to be re-elected, but it did happen. It is over now, and she, Mayor Sitton, is willing to work hard and smart for the good of all of the community. David Nelson was re-elected, and he is also willing to work in a positive manner. Also Marc McDougal brings to the table a positive posture and will add much to the council.

It is past time for all of Lubbock to bury the hatchets and personal hang ups and work collective for the good of all Lubbock and all of its citizens in order to make a Lubbock, Texas a much better place for all.

One of the most remarkable things about Texas - Lubbock included- (it) has always been the working together for the good of the people - not the political party; not for personal agendas; nor personalities, but for the good of the people. The last few years, we have had a partisan circus or side show. When two bull elephants fight, only the grass under their feet loses. The grass is the American people. In Lubbock, it's the positives vs. a handful of negative people. It's time to move on down the road so Lubbock can move ahead.

We just had hundreds of young people to graduate from various high schools. Some will go to other places in order to advance their education or training. We should be working on a means of retaining some of these bright young people. For those who will remain in Lubbock, we should be working on a means of keeping them and offering positive opportunities for them. If there are some success stories, maybe those young people will be in a position to reach out and bring some of them back home.

We should offer our congratulations and good luck to T.J. Patterson, local city councilman and co-publisher of the Southwest Digest, for being nominated as a Board of Trustee of Paul Quinn College in Dallas, Texas. This college is sponsored by the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

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McDONALD'S ALL AMERICAN BASKETBALL GAME HIGHLIGHTS

Top High School Athletes Showcase Stellar Talents

By Eddie Richardson
 OAK BROOK, IL - Rashard Lewis, one of the nation's top high school forwards, showcased his hoop skills before a sold-out crowd of more than 10,500 basketball fans recently attending McDonald's All American High School Basketball Game. Lewis, a student at Alief-Elsik High School in Houston, Texas, is undecided about his college choice. He is a strong candidate for Naismith Player-of-the-Year honors. Lewis scored over 2,200 points and captured over 1,300 rebounds in his career. A 6-10, 215 pound forward, Lewis chipped in 17 points and 7 rebounds for the West team. However, despite the West team's effort, the East took the final lead in a 128-112 victory. Some of Lewis' team members include: future DePaul University wing forward Quentin Richardson of Chicago, Illinois, who stands at 6-6 and scored 19 points and pulled down a team high 10 rebounds; wing forward JaRon Rush of Kansas City, Missouri, who also scored 19 points and 2 rebounds; and Stromile Swift of Shreveport, Louisiana, the 6-9 center that attempted to boost the team to victory with his 12 points and 5 rebounds.



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RASHARD LEWIS SHOWCASES HIS TALENTS ON McDonald's ALL AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM

On the East team, Jason Capel, the 6-6 wing forward from Frederick, Maryland, led the team with 22 points and 4 rebounds over the West. His teammate MVP Ronald Curry, the 6-2 point guard from Hampton, Virginia, scored 19 points and a game-high 13 rebounds. Al Harrington, a 6-9 power forward from Tulsa, Oklahoma, also provided plenty of highlights for the East team with 17 points and 6 rebounds.

By playing in McDonald's All American High School Basketball Game, these athletes join a list of alumni superstars such as: Michael Jordan, Patrick Ewing, Shaquille O'Neal, Shawn Kemp, Chris Mullen and Grant Hill. All American college stand-outs include Charles O'Bannon, Ron Mercer, Mike Bibby, and many others.

Proceeds from the 1998 McDonald's All American Game will benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Norfolk, Virginia. Previous beneficiaries of McDonald's All American Games include Sickle Cell Anemia Research, the United Negro College Fund and many other local children's charities. More than \$1.5 million has been raised since the game was first played in 1978.

CONGRATULATIONS, LUBBOCK GRADUATING SENIORS

by Eddie Richardson

We recently had hundreds of young people graduating from the various high schools in Lubbock. We would like to say congratulations to all of them. May each of the graduates have a safe and productive life by helping and advancing their futures and helping others.

Out of all of these fine young people, this writer knew a few of them personally. But out of all of them, there was one known more than others. He was Zaireus Patterson who has been known all of his life, and did have an opportunity of observing him grow up from an infant to a graduate.

Zaireus has been an example all of his life of what a young person should be i.e. polite, mannerable, good student, good athlete, adaptability, talented vocalist, an all around good person and a good student. Of course, there are plenty of other out there whom we don't know personally, but they have also proved it can be done. It reassures us that all young people are not drug dealers or gang bangers or even associate with violence.

This kind of a young person has a tremendous responsibility to themselves and others especially others who will come behind them. They should not be selfish. They should reach back and be an example to the young people coming behind them by encouraging them. Let them know they are somebody and can become anything in life they want to become if they are willing to work hard and pay the price. They should be role models in their immediate community by setting good examples.

These young people can and will become outstanding persons. Their deeds and examples can help turn around the image of young people by example. Even by showing them there are better ways than gangs, drugs and violence is very important. All of these young people have made a great first step. There is a long, sometimes rocky road, ahead, but you can always make it if you want to do so. The sky should be your limit. It may not be a straight easy road to get there, but it is there. The end results will depend on you.

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A: Texas Million is the Lottery's new on-line game.

Q: Why another on-line game?

A: Although our players love Lotto Texas, Cash 5 and Pick 3, we found that players want more, like the chance to win at least \$1 million, great odds, and larger lower-tier prizes. Texas Million offers all three and compliments the current game mix.

Q: How is Texas Million different from Lotto Texas?

A: One difference is that Texas Million does not become a pari-mutuel game (meaning winners share the jackpot) unless there are more than 10 top prize winners. The top prize will always be \$1 million. The jackpot amount will not "roll over" to the next drawing. In Lotto Texas, if there is more than one top winner, all winners share the estimated jackpot. In Texas Million, each top prize winner, up to 10, will win \$1 million.

Also Texas Million offers higher prizes, other than the jackpot, than Lotto Texas. In Lotto Texas, players purchase one set of numbers for \$1. In Texas Million, \$2 buys players seven sets of numbers. However, unlike Lotto Texas that offers players the opportunity to choose all their numbers, Texas Million players choose only the \$1 million prize set of numbers and the on-line computer will choose the rest (Quick Pick). In Texas Million, players also receive one ticket for each separate game played.

Q: When will the game start?

A: Players can purchase Texas Million tickets for \$2 at any licensed lottery retailer beginning May 18.

Q: When will Texas Million drawings be held?

A: The first Texas Million drawing will be held on Friday, May 29, at 9:59 p.m. CST. Drawings will be held each Friday at 9:59 p.m. CST.

Q: How do I claim a Texas Million prize?

A: Prizes up to \$599 can be claimed at any licensed lottery retailer. Prizes of \$300,000 or more must be claimed at Lottery Headquarters in Austin.

Q: What are the odds of winning a prize?

A: The odds of winning the \$1 million top prize is 1 in 3,921,225. The overall odds of winning any prize are 1 in 20.

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COMBEST DRIVES HOME FEDERAL HIGHWAY PLAN

Public Bill 1021, 1997, which provides for the construction of a new highway from the Texas Panhandle to the Gulf Coast, is a major step in the state's effort to improve its transportation system. The highway will provide a direct route from Amarillo to Houston, bypassing the congested I-40 corridor. The highway will be 1,000 miles long and will cost \$1.5 billion to build. The highway will be built in three phases. The first phase will be from Amarillo to Lubbock. The second phase will be from Lubbock to Houston. The third phase will be from Houston to the Gulf Coast. The highway will be built by the Texas Department of Transportation. The highway will be a major benefit to the state's economy and to the people of Texas.

News Feature: Girl X Fund-raiser is Surviving Lawsuit by Illinois Attorney General James Ryan last November, yet she told The Defender that she remains hopeful that the truth will come out soon—in her favor.

CHICAGO, IL (NNPA) — Girl X fund-raiser Beverly Reed, is still in the midst of a lawsuit filed against her by Illinois Attorney General James Ryan last November, yet she told The Defender that she remains hopeful that the truth will come out soon—in her favor.

The complaint filed by Ryan, in the Chancery Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County, asked that Reed be relieved as trustee of the Girl X Trust Fund. It further charged that Reed misappropriated thousands of dollars intended to help pay Girl X's mounting medical costs, as well as provide assistance to her family as they care for her.

In the lawsuit, Ryan stated that of the \$310,000 that Reed raised \$52,000 of it was unaccounted for and that only \$1,225 had been given to Girl X, who was brutally raped and poisoned in a Chicago housing project in January 1997.

Leri Corral, a spokesperson for the Attorney General's Office said "the lawsuit is moving forward and is in the discovery stage."

In response to the lawsuit, Reed said, "If I was who they portrayed me to be, why haven't I been incarcerated?"

Despite the shortcomings she sees in the lawsuit, she says, that the best solution is to "move from within as you're guided and directed and not from without as someone labels you."

Because the lawsuit is still pending and with the advise of her attorney Ralph Bernstein, Reed said, that she wasn't at liberty to say anything specific about the case.

She did, however, say that were it not for this legal gag she would have gone through their charges point for point, and provide evidence that would refute all the accusations made against her.

She said she has turned over the receipts that Ryan's office asked for last year. In addition, a new trustee has been appointed to manage the fund.

Corral was unable to provide the name of the newly-appointed trustee nor could she disclose the status of the receipts, which are still being reviewed.

A court date has not been set and it is unclear whether or not the case will make it to trial. Reed says she has to distance herself from the negativity of the trial and focus on the good she tried to do. "Whatever the outcome is, it's none of my business. I have done what I was guided and directed to do," she said. Reed said she took on the plight of Girl X not only because she was concerned with the child's well-being but also because she wanted to help the community.

"People just wanted the opportunity to demonstrate that they were concerned about what goes on in the community," she said.

Reed believes that the lawsuit nearly destroyed all the good that had been done on Girl X's behalf. But she said, "In spite of the portrait that is being painted of me, I'm still making a difference in the lives of others."

MT. GILEAD SENIOR CHOIR II CONCERT

The Senior Choir of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church will sponsor the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church Senior Choir in Concert on Father's Day, June 21, 1998, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

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ISAIAH 1: 48, AH SINFUL NATION, A PEOPLE LADEN WITH INIQUITY, A SEED OF EVILDOERS; CHILDREN THAT ARE CORRUPTERS: THEY HAVE FORSAKEN THE LORD.

IT'S BECAUSE OF THAT LIE; SAYING ALL MANKIND ARE EQUAL AND FREE; THAT IS THE LIE THAT CAUSE AMERICA, TO BE IN HER MISERIES !!! ISAIAH 30:1, WOE TO THE REBELLIOUS CHILDREN, SAITH THE LORD, THAT TAKE COUNSEL, BUT NOT FROM ME; AND THAT COVER WITH A COVERING, BUT NOT OF MY SPIRIT, THAT THEY MAY ADD DUN TO SIN.

THE DEVIL TOLD ADAM AND EVE, DON'T DO AS GOD SAID; BUT EAT OF THE TREE; GOD DON'T WANT YOU TO HAVE YOUR RIGHTS; HE DON'T WANT YOU TO BE FREE.

PROVERB 10:29, THE WAY OF THE LORD IS STRENGTH TO THE UPRIGHT; BUT DESTRUCTION SHALL BE TO THE WORKERS OF INIQUITY.

THERE IS NOTHING NEW, THAT IS UNDER THE SUN; EQUAL RIGHTS IS IN GOD; LIKE CAME AND ABLE; THEY ARE FOR EVERYONE !!!

JOHN 14:6, JESUS SAID, I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE; NO MAN COMETH UNTO THE FATHER BUT BY ME. YOU CAN BOAST AND BRAG, ON THE YOU'VE GOT; AND PLACES YOU CAN GO; BUT HATE IS YET IN THE HEART OF MAN; ASK THE PEOPLE AT TEXACO !!!

1 JOHN 3:12:13, NOT AS CAIN, WHO WAS OF THAT WICKED ONE, AND SLEW HIS BROTHER, AND WHEREFORE SLEW HE HIM? BECAUSE HIS OWN WORKS WERE EVIL, AND HIS BROTHER'S RIGHTEOUS. MARVEL NOT, BROTHERN, IF THE WORLD HATE YOU.

***** DID MANKIND RIGHTS ROB GOD?*****

THE OLD WAY WAS: TO TRAIN UP CHILDREN; THEY BELONG TO GOD;

BUT WE'VE GIVEN THEM THEIR RIGHTS, UP TO THEM; IF THEY WANT TO SERVE THE LORD !

JEREMIAH 6:16, THUS SAITH THE LORD, STAND YE IN THE WAYS, AND SEE, AND

ASK FOR THE OLD PATHS, WHERE IS THE GOOD WAY? AND WALK THEREIN, AND YE SHALL

FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. BUT THEY SAID, WE WILL NOT WALK THEREIN.

THE LEADERS ARE THE ONES AT FAULT; TAKING PRAYER FROM THE SCHOOLS;

NOW THERE IS DRUGS, POLICE DOGS, CONDOMS, AND KILLING; WHO IS THE FOOL???

ROMANS 1:21,22, BECAUSE THAT, WHEN THEY KNEW GOD, THEY GLORIFIED HIM NOT

AS GOD, NEITHER WERE THANKFUL; BUT BECAME VAIN IN THEIR IMAGINATIONS(DREAMS),

AND THEIR FOOLISH HEART WAS DARKENED, PROFESSING THEMSELVES TO BE WISE, THEY

BECAME FOOLS.

***** DID THE I HAVE A DREAMERS ROB GOD?*****

NOW WE CAN SEE OUR TROUBLES; WHEREVER YOU LOOK; THEY'RE ALL OVER THE LAND;

THEY'RE THE SIGNS OF TIME, MATTHEW 24th CHAPTER; JESUS-RETURN IS AT HAND! !!

LUKE 12:54-56, JESUS SAID, WHEN YE SEE A CLOUD RISE OUT OF THE WEST,

STRAIGHTWAY YE SAY, THERE COMETH A SHOWER; AND SO IT IS, AND WHEN YE SEE THE SOUTH WIND BLOW, YE SAY, THERE

WILL BE HEAT; AND IT COMETH TO PASS, YE HYPOCRITES, YE CAN DISCERN THE FACE OF THE SKY AND OF THE EARTH; BUT

HOW IS IT THAT YE DO NOT DISCERN THIS TIME? WE'RE LOSING OUR CHILDREN!!! LETS REPENT, AND PRAY

UNTO THE LORD;

HE LOVES ALL MANKIND; AND ALL OF MANKIND BELONGS TO GOD!!

ISAIAH 55:6,7, SEEK YE THE LORD WHILE HE MAY BE FOUND, CALL YE UPON HIM WHILE HE IS NEAR; LET THE WICKED FORSAKE HIS WAY, AND UNRIGHTEOUS MAN HIS THOUGHTS; AND

LET HIM RETURN UNTO THE LORD, AND HE WILL HAVE MERCY UPON HIM; AND TO OUR GOD, FOR HE WILL ABUNDANTLY PARDON.

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SPARROWGRASS POETRY FORUM ANNOUNCES PROGRAM TO AWARD POETS WITH CASH PRIZES AND PUBLISHING CONTRACTS

In a recent special announcement Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum welcomed all poets to enter its national Poetic Achievement Awards poetry contest and also to help launch its prestigious new Poet of the Year program.

In the new Poetic Achievement Awards poetry contest Sparrowgrass will award a \$ 1,000 Grand Prize along with 34 other cash prizes. Entry is free; there are no hidden charges or any obligation to purchase anything in order to win a prize. The 35 winners will be published in Sparrowgrass' national poetry anthology, the Spring edition of Poetic Voices of America.

By entering and participating in this new contest, poets become eligible for a Sparrowgrass Poet of the Year award and can be the winner of one of three publishing contracts that the Company will award for 1998. In announcing the Poet of the Year program, Sparrowgrass Publisher, Jerome Welch, stated, "These contracts point out in a legal document that Sparrowgrass will publish a book of each of the three winners' collected poems and pay all publishing and printing costs, a value of several thousand dollars."

"Sparrowgrass has consistently searched for innovative ways to reward poets, especially new poets," Welch added, "It's very difficult to gain recognition in the small, competitive world of published poetry, especially to author a book. Every poet dreams of having a book of one's own poetry published and for three poets at least, we can make that dream come true."

To participate in the contest and to become eligible for a Poet of the Year award, poets should submit one poem, 20 lines or fewer, any style and any subject. The deadline for entries is August 31, 1998, but poets are encouraged to submit their entries as soon as possible. Although winners are published at no charge, an anthology purchase is required to ensure publication in Poetic Voices of America. Winners will be announced by October 31, 1998, and all prizes awarded promptly.

Poems should be sent to: Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum, Dept. G, 609 Main St., PO Box 193, Sistersville, WV 26175-0193 or http://www.tinplace.com/sparrow

Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum based in Sistersville, WV, has just concluded its tenth year of sponsoring poetry contests and publishing poetry anthologies. The Company is dedicated to promoting the appreciation of poetry and often donates books to institutions, and often publishes the poetry of the needy free of charge. Recently Sparrowgrass donated print money and publishing space for an anti-drug program and will continue to become involved in similar activities.

from the Desk of Pastor D.A. Smith



6-1-98
Draw Near to God

What happens when we draw near to God? First, and undoubtedly, foremost when a person draws near to God he or she finds peace. If the world is looking for one thing more than any other, it is peace. One passage of Scripture to which we should call attention as often as possible, is Roman 5:1 "Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Peace is the relationship that exists when one is right with God. A sense of peace comes when we know we are forgiven, accepted, reconciled. More people in our world want peace than anything else, but so many do not know where to find it. Peace is found in God through Jesus Christ.

Second, when a person draws near to God he finds power. Our problem is seldom knowing what to do; our difficulty is in doing it. We are not troubled by the lack of knowledge of goodness, but by the inability to be good. The source of spiritual power is God. More precisely, it is God the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is God in the present tense, present and powerful to help us be what He wants us to be. The Holy

Spirit is mentioned in Scripture as power. The Holy Spirit's power is always power for a task, never merely for display. Christians are the strongest, toughest people in the world. God's power helps us to pass the breaking point without breaking. We have a faith, and a power to match the faith.

Third, when a person draws near to God he or she has a purpose. Who am I? Why am I here? Where am I going? These are basic questions for all of us. By drawing near to God we find the most meaningful answer: "I am a child of God. I am here to praise and serve Him. I shall dwell in His presence forever." Life now has purpose, meaning, and hope. The people of our present age need to be comforted with the fact that when God goes out of life, purpose, meaning, and hope also goes away. On the contrary, human beings can endure almost anything when they can see purpose, meaning, and hope in it.

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Thought for the Week: "Did you not know the same Supreme Court that ruled out prayer in our public schools will have to stand before the Supreme Judge who is Jesus Christ and answer to the question: "WHY?" Think about it! Members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast will meet Saturday morning, June 6, 1998 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the lovely home of Sister Christine Burleson, 2407 East 9th Street. Meet us there. You're all invited.

If you're having more II Chronicles 7:14 and Mark 11:20. Write to us: Outreach Prayer Breakfast, P.O. Box 1223, Lubbock, Texas 79408. Keep smiling and loving all. This includes yourself. If we would only do this, it would make a difference. It must be done together!

P.S. - Please don't forget Saint, your DRIVE BY'S and WALK THROUGH'S Prayers for your children and others must continue. Anoint your burns, and tell God all about this he's who didn't act like yours. But even talk like yours, don't even look like yours. Pray that he or she will "REPENT!" If you can't like the music that is being played in your home, "STOP IT, GET IT OUT!" It's your place, enemy follows his fit. You got the POWER!

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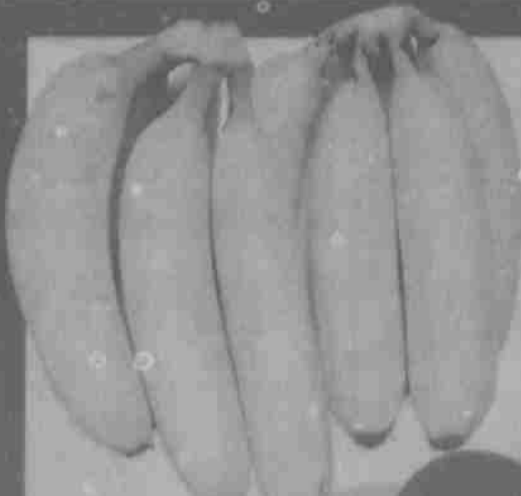
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