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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

NYC Cop Guilty in Torture Case

► A jury of 8 whites, 3 Hispanics and one Black found New York Police Officer Charles Schwarz guilty of assault and civil rights violations in the attack of Haitian immigrant Abner Louima. According to courtroom reports, Officer Schwarz held Louima while another officer, Justin Volpe tortured and sodomized the man. Three other officers were acquitted of lesser charges in the incident. The jury verdict was reached over 3 days of deliberations, following a 4-week trial.

► Schwarz and Volpe, who interrupted trial proceedings to enter a guilty plea, face up to life in prison because of the sexual nature of the assault. Sentencing guidelines afford the federal judge wide discretion.

Black Leadership Forum Honors Co-Founder Eddie N. Williams

► Eddie N. Williams, long-time president of the Washington, DC-based Joint Center for Political Studies, was



Mr. Williams receives his award from Dr. Joseph E. Lowery, BLF President and BLF's Chief Operating Officer, Dr. Yvonne Scruggs-Leftwich.

recently honored by the Black Leadership Forum (BLF) at its 3rd Annual Lamplighter Awards.

► Williams, along with ten other civil rights leaders co-founded BLF. The Joint Center, now in its 27th year, is the oldest and most prestigious independent public policy institute.

Dallas Area Fathers Honor Family Values Year-Round

By Shereilyn Roberts

On Mother's Day in 1909, as Sonora Louise Smart Dodd listened to a sermon, she was reminded of how her father raised her and five siblings following the death of their mother. She left the service feeling that her father, and all other fathers, should be honored on with a special day.

Because of her efforts, on June 19, 1910, residents of Spokane, Washington celebrated the first Father's Day. There were many resolutions to make it a national holiday but it was not until 1972 that President Richard Nixon signed Father's Day into law.

As Father's Day approaches, contrary to some media reports, we, as African Americans, are reminded that not all fathers are dead beat dads, drug

addicts, lazy or in jail. Some of us are fortunate to have had great fathers. Others have been touched in some positive way by male teachers, ministers, uncles, grandfathers or coaches. We have a long list of African American men who took risks, made tremendous sacrifices and, left us a rich legacy.



Victor (son) and father, Fred Lander.

Willis Johnson of KKDA knows first hand what it was like growing up without a dad. "My father died when I was 12 years old. I remember playing my first football game and he was there, I remember playing baseball and he wasn't there, I remember being in the National Honor Society and he wasn't there for the ceremony. But, fortunately for me, the high school principal, the high school football coach and a number of other men picked up where there was a void in my life. I didn't dwell on what my father did... continued on page 9

Hello Freedom...A Juneteenth Historical Overview

By Michelle J. Pinkard

June 19, 1865...normal, summer day in Galveston, Texas—or so we thought. Though remains of yesterdays toils linger in our limbs it doesn't phase us...or at least stop us from completing the daily routine. There is much work to be done. The 'masta' has set aside our chores. And, this is life...this is slavery. Until.

It would almost be incredible, but his confidence was so sustaining that it had to be true. We watched as Major General Gordon Granger and his troops marched to his headquarters in the Osterman Building on Strand and 22nd. There he proclaimed the

awesome power and sovereignty of the United States over Texas. As our hearts began to pulse with spiritual anticipation and promise, he walked from his headquarters to the street and read what was called General Order #3:

"The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and free laborer."

Hello Freedom! After waiting, praying and running through

over 250 years of the most gruesome and oppressive conditions the world has ever known, she has decided to make a grand appearance. In spite of the efforts of many angry and conspiring whites, over 200,000 slaves, one-third of the Texan population, were free—free to drop their tools, free to sing in the streets, free to just... be.

This realization of freedom gave way to great celebration. Juneteenth! (a compression of June-nineteenth) becomes the motto for the following days, as the celebration continues in Galveston and spreads throughout Texas. So encompassing was the rejoicing, reported a Galveston newspaper, that "there was a... continued on page 8

MILLENNIUM COUNTDOWN

JUNE 15-30

- 17 1972 Security Guard Frank Willis discovers the Watergate break-in.
- 18 1968 Poor People's Campaign holds solidarity march in Washington DC.
- 27 1991 U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall announces his retirement.
- 30 1917 Lena Horne is born.

Spotlight: Wilma Rudolph Dateline: June 23, 1940

Born in Bethlehem, Tennessee, Wilma Rudolph was the first female American runner to win three gold medals in the Olympic Games: 100 and 200 meter dashes, and the anchor leg of America's 400 meter relay team. Following 1960's Olympics in Rome, Wilma earned the moniker, "World's Fastest Woman".



Wilma Rudolph
1940-1994

While her historic gold medals are legend, those accomplishments are even greater when one considers her lesser-known childhood bout with polio and scarlet fever. The young Wilma Rudolph never walked without braces or orthopedic shoes until the age of 12.

Her many awards and honors included the Associated Press Woman Athlete of the Year, Babe Didrikson Zaharias Award, and 1974's induction into the National Track & Field Hall of Fame.

At the time of her death in 1994, Wilma Rudolph was a resident of Indianapolis, Indiana. More importantly, however, she will be remembered and honored as one who helped remove barriers to women's full participation in athletic competition.



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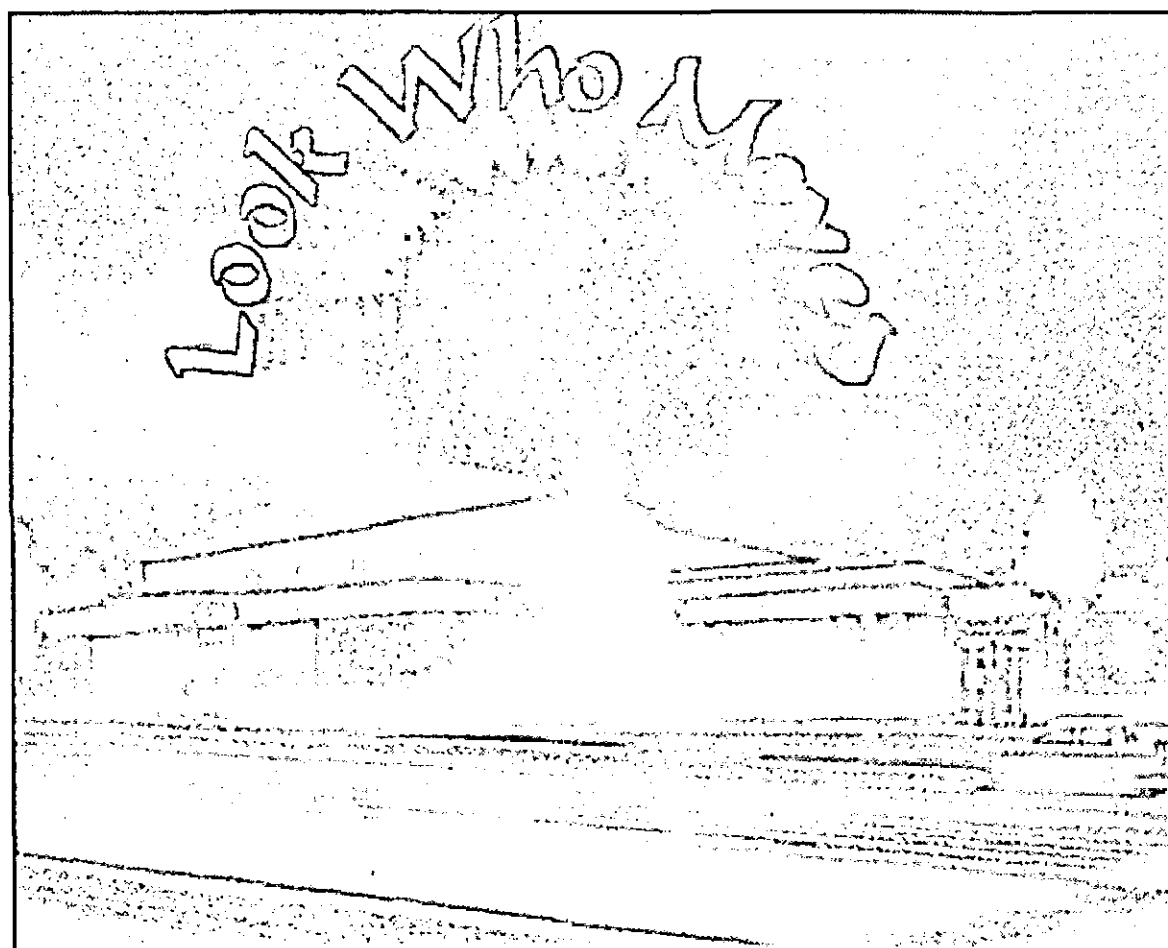
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Legislative Enactments or Pocket Vetoes?

With the adjournment of the 76th Texas General Assembly, what becomes law is related to what Governor George W. Bush signs. Capitol Watch will provide highlights of key bills signed into law.

Next Edition Features

The Dallas Urban League has a new home. After more than 30 years of community service, a new home is in store for a new century of service. More importantly, the new location will be the agency's first permanent one.



Architectural rendering of the Dallas Urban League's new location

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African American Male as Father Figure

It is appropriate the Minority Opportunity News (MON) give attention to the role of the African American male as a father figure. We are frequently reminded of the plight of the African American man as it relates to the high incidence of interaction with the criminal justice system, the growing number of fatherless households, and the broad use of drugs among this population. In the midst of these bona fide concerns, there is still both current and historic good news regarding the Black fathers.

Many of us can remember the strengths that our families derived from our fathers. With the birth of his first child, the Black father has defined his measure of success by the health and well being of his family. The notions of self-sacrifice and a willingness to do whatever is necessary for his family have been a historic tradition for fathers. While the traditional perception is that mothers provided most of the nurturing and care, fathers created the sense of security that allowed this environment to exist. For many, our first recollection of feelings of safety, protection and confidence in the future were borne out of the belief that "Daddy will take care of everything" or "Daddy is home, now things will be alright." Fathers show us how to humbly submit ourselves to a higher authority yet maintain our self-confidence, self-esteem or manhood. By virtue of their actions, fathers taught us how to treat women, whether they are our mothers, sisters or friends. We became more aware of our responsibility

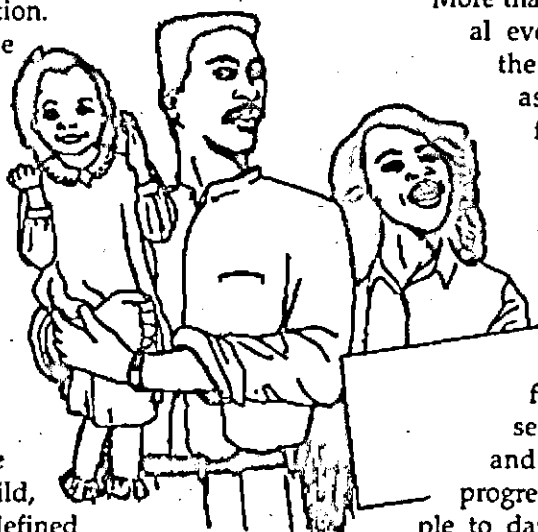
to our extended family and community from the reliability and support that our fathers provided for relatives and friends. These feelings do not, in any way, detract from the essential role of our mothers. Rather, these sentiments reflect the reality that fathers have a vital and unique role in the care and nurturing of our families.

More than just an annual event or holiday, the needs and aspirations of fathers should weigh heavily on the leaders of our community. To the extent that the contributions of our fathers have served to shape and define the progress of our people to date, it is critical

that we, likewise, now examine the role of the father for the future of the Black community. It is easy to point to the problems that have resulted from the absence of fathers. However, the greater question is "What can we do to alter these negative trends and conditions?" We offer the following for your consideration:

- "Rights of Passage" programs - Many local churches and community groups sponsor these programs which serve to inspire and teach young men of positive traits such as responsibility, a positive attitude, character and commitment.
- Mentoring - Few programs can be more impactful than the one-on-one guidance received from mentoring programs.

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A Juneteenth Time to Remember...

"The people of Texas are informed that all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves..."

When Major General Gordon Granger announced those words on June 19, 1865 in Galveston, 1,800 soldiers were on hand. 200,000 slaves, at the time, one third of the state population were finally freed... Finally freed because despite President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation in 1863 or Confederate General Robert E. Lee's earlier surrender to the Union's General Ulysses S. Grant in April of the same year, Texans continued to fight through May 1865. The fight continued in Texas until Union control occurred on Juneteenth.

Today, more than 130 years later, Juneteenth is the only emancipation celebration that has grown into tradition. Beyond Texas' state holiday observance, Florida, Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Washington, DC are among the states that now celebrate an African-American 4th of July.

Courtroom victories may have guaranteed a legal right to an education; but funding and facilities - particularly in historically Black colleges and universities - remain distinctly different.

Civil rights laws may have guaranteed the right to vote; but to paraphrase our dear Dr. King, many feel there is little for which to vote. Dallas' dismal primary voting tallies are a verifiable indication of voter turn-off, more so than turnout.

No restaurant, hotel or other public accommodation can today deny service;

but the ability to comfortably afford a family vacation in a luxury resort or a celebration in a 5-star restaurant is still elusive for many people of color.

As a nation and as a people, we have known a federal war on poverty that never won its war. We have seen the rise and fall of affirmative action - first as a goal and then as a scapegoat.

In highly visible roles, we can proudly point to professional athletes and media personalities. But for all of our talent and contributions, minorities still do not own the teams for whom we play; or the networks, stations and film production centers that help to define our leisure and entertainment options.

Despite all of these and other shortcomings, Juneteenth remains a uniquely African-American holiday. It is a day that we can and should celebrate not so much where we are, or where we need to go; but rather how much we have overcome. Individually and collectively, we have survived in spite of the odds and the obstacles.

A people who were somehow able to survive slavery, Jim Crow, the Klan and more are ready and deserving of a celebration. In the words of our national anthem -

"Sing a song - full of the faith that the dark past has taught us.

Sing a song - full of the hope that the present has brought us.

Facing the rising sun of a new day begun, let us march on -

Till victory is won!"

When we remember to celebrate ourselves, the holiday and our futures will be better.

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Thomas Muhammad

"Gabe and Marye Nobles: The South Dallas Dynamic Duo"

Can couples be as effective in their communities after marriage as they were during single life? We believe we have found two individuals who can provide an excellent model of an effective couple. Their lives provide living testimonies of the great possibilities individuals can achieve as a team, if they have faith in God and each other. Their lives also prove that you enjoy a glowing life together while struggling for change in your community.

Married at Warren Avenue United Methodist Church in South Dallas, Gabe and Marye Nobles have been a team for nearly twenty-eight years. Before marriage, as individuals, they were active community volunteers for just as long. Both had fulfilling professions. Mr. Nobles retired from the U.S. Postal Services where he served as the President and Secretary-Treasurer of the American Postal Workers Union. In 1980, he received the coveted A.

Maceo Smith Community Service Award for his volunteer work with the African American Museum of Life, Arts and Culture. He was awarded a lifetime membership in the South Blvd/Park Row Historical District Association and has been a member since its inception as well as a past President.

Fondly known by many of his neighbors as the "Mayor of South Blvd/Park Row", Gabe has been the most active member of the community Crime Watch, serving as its Lead Coordinator for several years. He's been very active with Clean South Dallas/Fair Park Inc. In addition, since its beginnings, he and Marye both have participated in numerous "Alley Rally"

and clean up campaigns. In 1983 when then Dallas Mayor Starke Taylor created the "Mayor's Task Force on Southern Dallas." Mayor Taylor chose Gabe. The task force was designed to address issues such as crime, safety, transportation, planning and beautification. Gabe served with distinction, his input was invaluable and he was awarded a 1983 Mayoral Certificate. Gabe also served on the Dallas Landmark Committee's South Blvd/Park Row Task Force and was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation as a 1983-1985 member.

Mr. Noble has been a paid active

life member of the Dallas Branch NAACP for as long as anyone can remember. While serving as the Treasurer of the Dallas Branch of the National Association of Postal and Federal Employees (NAPFE) he convinced the group to take out a NAACP Heritage Membership. Gabe is no stranger to politics either. He has been involved in numerous Democratic campaigns by not only voting but also by donating money.

Now one would be sadly mistaken, if they thought for one minute that, while Gabe was out doing all these great things, wife Marye was sitting at home "singing stand by your man." No, Marye has been just as active. Much like Gabe, Marye had a very rewarding profession. After forty-two.

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(Editors Note: The opinions expressed in Mr. Muhammad's commentary are not necessarily those of the Minority Opportunity News.)

DART Service Improvements in Effect, June 7



On June 7, watch for the new Addison Transit Center opening; DART On-Call in Plano, new routes in Carrollton and Pleasant Grove; expanded cross-town, weekend and evening service; more local service circulators and more links to rail. Look for the following changes and additions in your neighborhood:

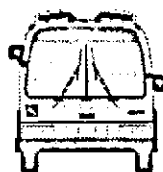
Two New Trolley-Bus Shuttle Routes in Addison



Route 708, the first of two new circulating shuttle routes in Addison, is your best link to area employment centers and hotels. Route 708 runs north and south between the Addison Transit Center and the Galleria during the midday.

New Trolley-Bus Route 707, between the Addison Transit Center and Westgrove Drive, serves the new Addison Circle, Addison Airport, Addison Conference and Theatre Centre, and all businesses along Addison Road and Quorum Drive.

The New Addison Transit Center



The new Addison Transit Center opens June 7 on Arapaho Road, between Quorum Drive and Addison Road. The Addison Transit Center will be served by 16 routes, making it easy to reach popular destinations all around the metroplex. Designed to replace the interim Prestonwood Transfer Point and Loos Stadium Park and Ride, the Center features 205 parking spaces, eight bus bays and a climate-controlled waiting area with seating, restrooms, telephones, and vending machines.

Expansion of Accessible Bus Service



With the steady arrival of new, lift-equipped buses, DART will be officially expanding its wheelchair-equipped bus fleet to a number of routes which were previously non-accessible. Lift-equipped buses will be available at a minimum of 60-minute intervals, but in most cases more frequently, weekdays, on the following routes: 11, 24, 29, 35, 39, 46, 63, 76.

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For more information on DART's Service Improvements, effective June 7, call DART Customer Information at 214-979-1111, pick-up a Route and Schedule Modification Brochure, or visit our website at www.DART.org.

'99 Legislative Session Ends with 1,900 Bills Going to Governor's Desk

By Jaime Bass for TPA Wire Service

The 76th regular session of the Texas General Assembly will be remembered for a 140-day flurry of activity. Of the 6,417 bills and resolutions filed by the House of Representatives and Senate, 1,911 measures were sent to Governor George W. Bush for his signature. Included among the key issues passing both chambers were welfare and tax reform measures as well as education and health spending bills.

Welfare Reform

House Bill 1, an alternative to Senate Bill 13, allocates funds for eligible welfare recipients to receive up to four months of benefits during the welfare to work transition. The failed senate version would have provided up to six months of benefits. Commenting on the differences in the two bills, Human Services Committee representative Mike Lucas said, "We really wanted six months; but we are happy with four."

Senate Bill 666, sponsored by Sen. Judith Zofirino (D-Laredo) another welfare reform bill, redefines work exemptions for caretaker parents of very young children in welfare families. Presently, recipients of Temporary Assistance to Need Families (TANF) are exempted from employment requirements through January 1, 2000 if a child in the family is less than five years of age. The newly passed legislation will reduce the allowable child's age to one by 2001.

According to Ann Ray, spokesperson for the House Human Services Committee, Texas currently enjoys a waiver from federal law requiring benefits to be removed when a child turns one. "The waiver is set to expire in 2000," said Ray. "The purpose of the legislation is to phase in federal requirements by the time the waiver runs out."

However, people will not necessarily be cut from benefits if they do not meet all eligibility requirements. According to Ray, if childcare is not available in a particular area, recipients would remain exempt from the new

guidelines. Additionally, a \$13 million appropriation will fund employment services for eligible welfare recipients.

Health Care

House Bill 1864 creates a pilot program to identify barriers and bridge gaps between health care providers and under-served poverty populations. Community health workers would be the prime contacts in this outreach and education program. Community needs and cultural issues would be two par-

is detailed further in Senate Bill 445, sponsored by Senator Mike Moncrief (D-Fort Worth). CHIP provides medical coverage for children up to the age of 19 and are also ineligible for Medicaid, do not have health insurance and whose family income is up to twice the federal poverty level. While prenatal care is covered, no other reproductive services are eligible. CHIP's legislative intent is to provide "primary and preventive health care to low-income, uninsured children of the state. . . who

\$100,000 home would receive approximately \$60 in property tax savings.

For consumers, the first tax cut will occur in this summer. From August 6 through 8, no sales taxes will be applied to purchases of most clothing and shoes. Items ineligible for the sales tax relief include athletic shoes and clothing, jewelry and handbags.

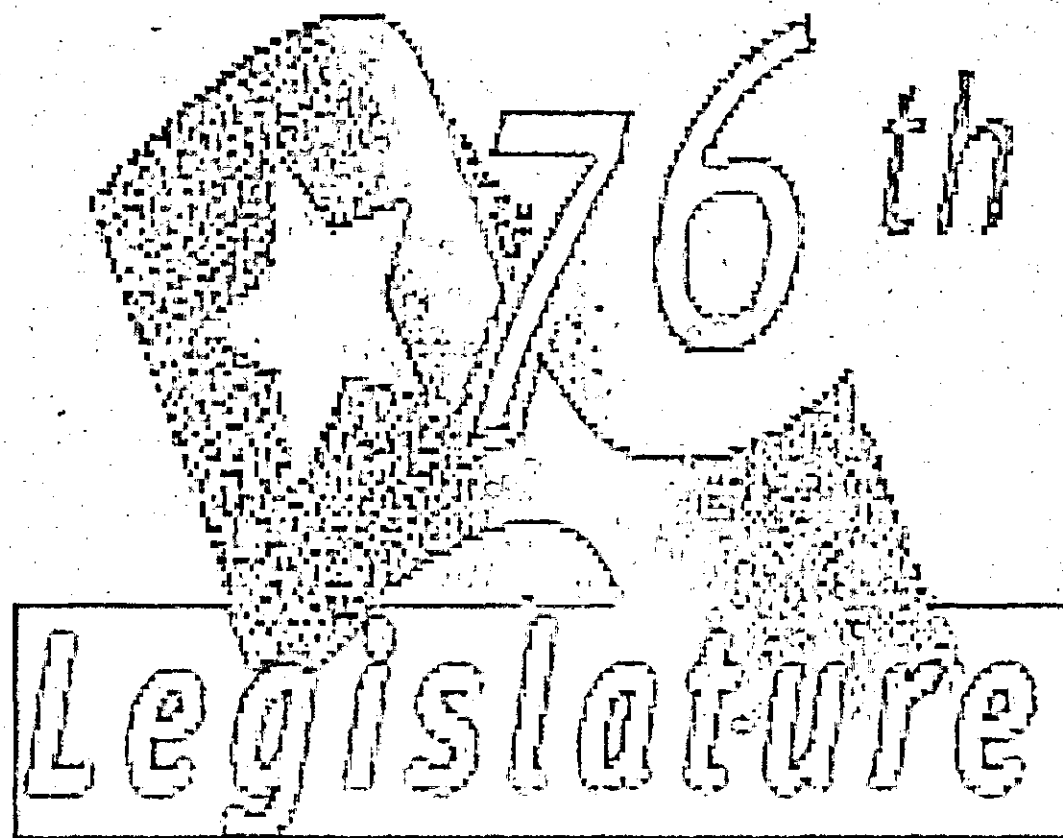
A second consumer tax cut will occur by April 2000. \$161.2 million plan will eliminate sales tax on over the counter medicines.

Education

Senate Bill 4 also allocates \$2.1 billion in new funding for public schools. These monies are dedicated to:

- \$1.7 billion in pay raises for Texas teachers. All full-time teachers, counselors and librarians will get a \$3,000 raise over the next two years. Most teachers will receive up to \$5,500 including their regular increase.
- \$903 million tax break for poorer district to finance old debt
- \$300 million for expanded early learning programs such as Head Start pre-kindergarten, and kindergarten programs; and a ninth grade dropout prevention program.
- \$200 million for mandatory summer school and related programs to end social promotion.

Another education measure, Senate Bill 103, sponsored by Sen. Teel Bivins (R-Amarillo), who also chairs the Senate's Education Committee, changes mandatory testing. Students in grades three through eleven would now be required for all major subjects. In part, the bill requires that no student could receive a high school diploma without passing the secondary exit-level assessment test. This new test would require more extensive knowledge of major subjects than current ones. This legislation would also require students with poor performance on assessment tests to take an extensive instruction program. The new remedial instruction is expected to eliminate social promotion.



ticular areas of concern of the demonstration project that would extend through September 1, 2001.

To be funded and administered by the Texas Department of Health, the bill would authorize:

• Educating people on the use of Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP)

• Promoting the use of preventive care and encouraging ongoing wellness plans such as keeping health care appointments, following medical advice and complying with provider instructions.

The forementioned CHIP program

are not eligible for other state assisted health insurance programs."

All program participants will incur both co-payment and enrollment fees. A progressive billing scale increases the level of those payments with income.

Tax Cuts

Gov. Bush received \$1.85 billion of the \$2.5 billion sought in the 76th Legislature. Publicly, the Governor remarked, "I'm pleased. . . and I'm grateful."

Property taxes will be cut \$1.35 billion; another \$276.8 million will be in consumer tax cuts. Residential and business properties will be reduced by roughly six cents per \$100 of value. A

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- Youth programs and agencies – Groups such as the YMCA, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and Boy Scouts have many options available for aiding and preparing young men for the future.

- Family planning and education programs – Perhaps one of the most direct ways to improve the lot of future families is to better educate today's youth of the tremendous responsibility that being a parent means.

- Church-based youth ministries – Almost all religious organizations and churches have some emphasis on youth development and preparation.

- Tutoring and guidance programs within schools – Education has, and will continue to be a key determin-

ing factor of the future success of the African American male.

- Legislative initiatives directed at supporting young African American men – Just as the recent attention to matters including the reduction in scholarships available for higher education and the stiffer sentencing guidelines for drug and substance abuse have adversely impacted African American men, there should be consideration given to reversing these negative trends by our legislative bodies.

Whatever options you choose, please make sure that you do make your involvement count. Clearly, the need exists and the time is now for our community to attend to the development of future generations. Our fathers would expect no less.

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years, Marye retired as a teacher from the Dallas Independent School District (DISD). The Regional National Association of Black School Educators (NABSE) thought enough of her educational abilities they named her an "Honorary Member." One of her favorite former students is State Representative Terry Hodge. Recently Rep. Hodge presented her with an "Outstanding Texan in the Field of Education" award during the annual meeting of the Texas Legislative Black Caucus. Marye considers it the most cherished awards she has ever received. And she has received quite a few.

However, awards are not Marye's greatest accomplishments. This member and former President of Delta Sigma Theta, likes to boast of the many community organizations she's served on as her favorite past time. For many years she served on the board of The Dallas Black Dance Theater, the Board of Directors of The Historic Preservation League, The Martin Luther King Library Board (it is now called the Friends of MLK). For twenty years she was "Touring Docent" at the City of Dallas Old City Park and was a foremost participant in the Old City Park Candlelight program. Marye was a member of the Guild Board with the Dallas County Heritage Society and served as the treasurer of the Guild from 1992-1994. She served two consecutive terms on the Dallas Landmark Committee.

Marye also served for two consecutive terms with the Dallas Women's Foundation as a Board Trustee and a member of the Grants Administration Committee. She worked for three years as the President of the South Blvd/Park Row Historic District Neighborhood Association. She also served on the groups Planning Committee for the first three "Tour of Homes" project. Like Gabe, Marye, too, volunteered with the African American Museum during its early days at Bishop College. Even today, she still finds time to volunteer at the Museum's current location in Fair Park.

The thing that's so unique about this dynamic couple is that they are interested in serving the whole community. Now that is truly wonderful. Yes, couples can be just as effective and still enjoy a wonderful life together.

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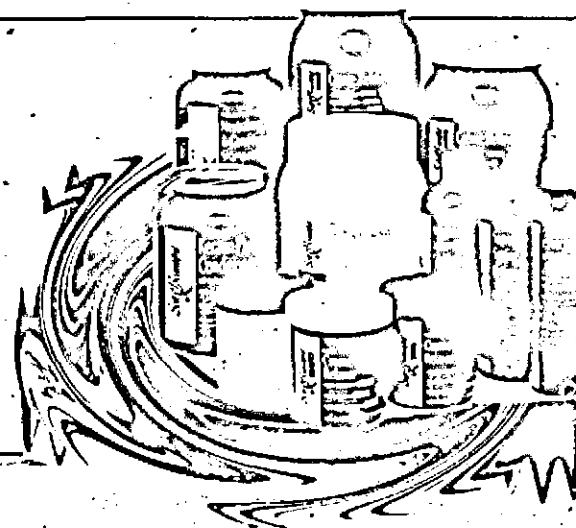


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scarcity of black physique, giving the streets quite the appearance of a northern city."

The makeshift gala was repeated as federal troops moved into East Texas. Freedmen and their descendants later recalled that celebrations were moments of praise and thanksgiving; others told of more exciting and uninhibited revelry. Regardless of the response, the first Juneteenth celebrations will continue to ignite our imagination and curiosity.

The Wait

It is a timely and universal question for those who have taken an in depth look into slave history; what took so long to spread the news of the country's new-found freedom?

The Emancipation Proclamation of January 1, 1863 freed all slaves except those in states, or parts of states, not in rebellion against the Union...the Confederacy. These exceptions included 13 Louisiana Parishes, West Virginia, and seven counties of eastern Virginia, including Norfolk and Portsmouth. The Proclamation reads as follows:

"All persons held as slaves within any State, or designated part of the State, the people whereof shall be in rebellion against the United States, shall be then, thenceforward, and forever, free."

There is no doubt about the clarity and intent of this proclamation. Yet, in spite of the fact that it excluded over 800,000 slaves in Union territory, affected slaves in Texas did not hear of their freedom until General Granger landed on that Galveston port two and a half years later. What was the delay?

The answer: no one, not even President Lincoln himself, thought that the proclamation could be enforced in the Confederate states. Confederate forces were steadfast in their beliefs as they fought to maintain what they held to be tradition and righteous. Consequently, late receipt of the news gave way to several theories.

One story is that of a messenger who was murdered on his way to Texas with news of freedom. Others believe that news was deliberately withheld to maintain control over an eager labor force. Another story tells of federal troops who waited for slave owners to reap benefit from one last harvest. Some Louisiana slave masters, for example, drove their slaves to Texas because the state was not under the control of the union army.

For whatever reason, though we may never know, Texas slave conditions remained constant long beyond the infamous freedom doctrine.

The Tradition

Juneteenth was not the first celebration of emancipation in the United States. Other states have their own emancipation celebrations, generally depending on when local plantations received the news. Nevertheless, Juneteenth is the only observance of emancipation that became traditional. During the 1920's the day became an unofficial holiday in which blacks were excused from work. In 1979, Texas legislature declared it a state holiday.

In the early years, very little interest outside the African-American community existed. Protests and other methods were used to prevent usage of public property for the celebrations. As a result, many honored the holiday in rural areas around rivers and creeks—which provided for additional activities such as fishing, horseback riding and picnics. In addition, festivities were also founded upon the roots of gospel singing, praise worshipping, bible preaching church grounds.

As African-Americans became homeowners, land was donated and dedicated in support of the ever-growing event. Reverend Jack Yates organized one of the earliest documented land purchases for Juneteenth. This fund-raising effort yielded \$1000 and the purchase of Emancipation Park in Houston, Texas.

All of the above provided for a rich and complete recipe of remembrance and tradition.

The Decline

What happens when the novelty of a life-altering breakthrough begins to be challenged by economics, racism and lies? Interest, too, begins to suffer.

As memories of slavery were over-shadowed with the daily survival of Jim Crow, Juneteenth celebrations became a symbol-transportation from the bondage of slavery to the barriers of segregation.

In contrast to the deep-rooted traditional and family-taught lessons, classroom and textbook education stifled the interest of youth with irrelevant accounts of history. Little to no emphasis was given on specific aspects of slave life and activities. History books told young impressionable students that Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation of January 1, 1863 was that date that officially ended slavery. There was no discussion about the impact of freedom on a people whose optimism stemmed from fantasies of heaven. There was no mention of the General Granger's declaration and gift, if only for that moment, of self worth. Consequently, there was no reason to support holiday.

Dream of Freedom

day set aside throughout the year the all-white city governments in Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio, and Houston allowed blacks access to white-only parks. In 1953, black ministers protested the obvious inequality in Fort Worth. Official observances in that city declined and were stopped in 1961; they did not resurface until 1974.

The Resurgence

Perhaps its just good 'ol' fashioned human nature — but most good things have a way of sticking around, and on a broad scale to boot. Blacks who emigrated from Texas took the tradition of Juneteenth with them. The holiday is now observed in Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, South Carolina and even as far north as Washington D.C., Milwaukee, and San Francisco.

But, it doesn't stop there. The 80's and 90's brought forth a new brand of celebration—mixing elements of both tradition and technology. Institutions such as the Smithsonian, the Henry Ford Museum and countless others continue to sponsor Juneteenth activities. National Juneteenth organizations along with local groups pave the way with a determined goal of promoting African American history and culture.

As we approach this new abyss coined the 21st century—complete with it's technology, ignorance, peace, war, advancement and decline—it is painfully apparent that our society is thoroughly equipped with a sense of history, pride and, yes, even more important, awareness.

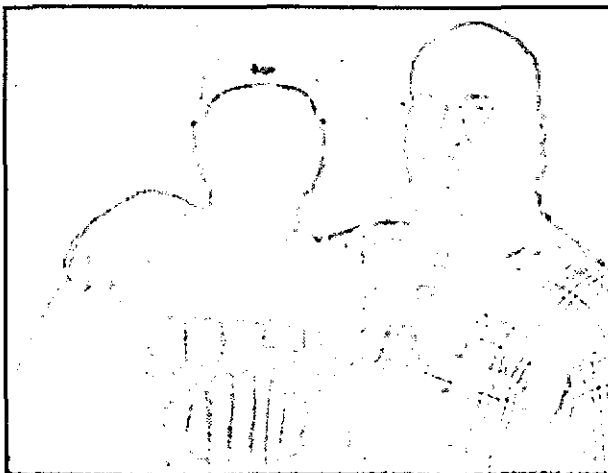
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As time progressed, Juneteenth adopted a much sadder meaning. It was the one

The Prophetess

n't do...I remember when I was in the second grade and my father brought the school a baseball glove, bat and baseball. I was hero for a day and I remember that day just like it was yesterday."

Johnson says, because of his experiences, he gives his time freely to his son and his activities. "I don't miss any of my son's athletic or academic events." He says he is very proud of his children and feels he will continue to fulfill his role as a father to make sure his children do not make the same mistakes that he has made.



Son, Brandon, aka "BJ" and Willis Johnson, father.

Attorney Fred Lander feels one of the most important pieces of advice he gave his son was to finish school. "I kept it on his mind because I knew he would not make it without an education," said Lander. "I expected him to not get in trouble and to be fair when dealing with people. I am very proud of him."

His son, Judge C. Victor Lander, says he

passes on the wisdom his father has given him to the many young people he speaks to in schools and sees in court. "I learned responsibility, caring and it is necessary to give to even the least of us, that family is important and that all of us are really family. As I speak to youngsters, I tell them they must respect themselves and to respect others. They need to recognize the way they treat other people and the way they expect to be treated."

"A major problem I see with our young black males these days is they fail to recognize that their lives will continue beyond the age of twenty. They usually feel hopelessness and indifference. I try to convince them that it makes a heck of a difference because their lives will continue far beyond that if they stay out of trouble. They have a responsibility to their parents, to their peers to make sure that what they do is the right thing, and to become their own role models. Every one needs a role model but they need to be one also."

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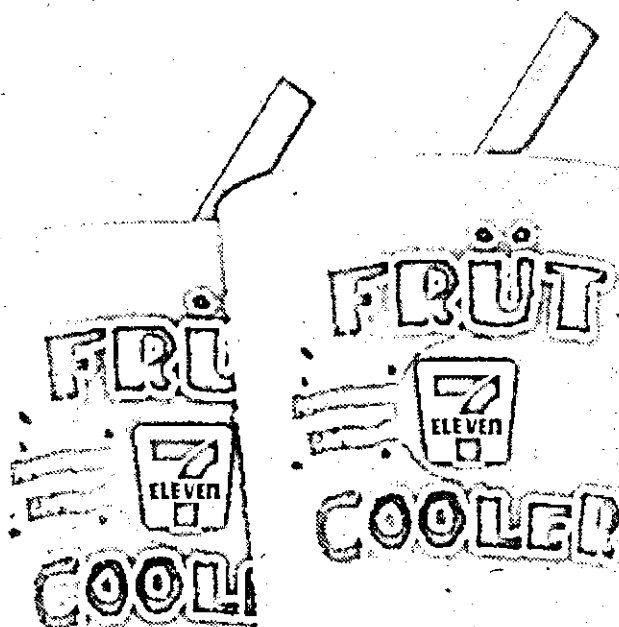
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You and God

Don't Park Gen 12: 4,5

By Ron Shaw

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Let me suggest three areas where you should place no parking signs in your life.

1. Your attitude Ephesians 4:23 says our attitudes should constantly be changing for the better. If you never change your attitude, you will likely never change your actions and thus never change the results you get.
2. Your actions This seems to be the churches greatest weakness. We love parking here. We have always had anniversaries and annual days and musicals. Perhaps it is time to move on from here. God wants to show us something. That something is a better way to be a bigger blessing to thousands of people but we must move from what we been doing. The marching orders of the church do not say come but rather GO into all the world. If you want to be blessed, you have to get up from where you are and go. Seek and ye shall find. Faith without works is dead.
3. Your acquisitions The text says Abram took his wife, his nephew, his possessions and all his staff. I say, our stuff should be on the same mission we are on. Your money should be in pursuit of the same purpose you are pursuing. Your gifts and abilities, your time, your talent are all are part of your acquisitions. Do not park your stuff while you are pursuing God's plan for your life. Use your stuff in pursuit of that plan.

If we are going to survive in the next century, we must keep moving with God. Change is never comfortable but it is always certain. Like Abram, are you in motion? Or have you parked where you are and decided not to move on in life?



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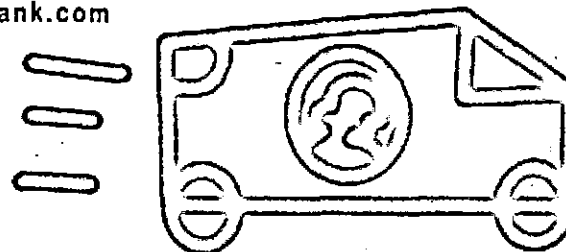
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By John Dudley

Too many of us prefer to avoid thinking about what will happen to our assets after we are gone. However, personal qualms aside, this sort of "forward thinking," called estate planning, is invaluable — if not essential — for people with family responsibilities or business obligations.

Essentially, a sound estate plan is the key to ensuring that your wealth is passed on exactly as you intend. A well-conceived plan distributes much of what you have worked hard to accumulate, in the manner you have chosen, and with minimal delay and erosion by federal and state taxes.

If your assets, including your home, investments, retirement accounts and projected life insurance proceeds, total more than \$600,000, you should seriously consider talking with your financial advisor about estate planning. If you do not have a will, your financial advisor will recommend that you immediately consult an attorney. A valid will helps ensure that your assets are distributed according to your wishes. Without such a document, your property may be distributed under the laws of the state in which you are a resident, and not necessarily in the manner you would have liked.

Another major consideration in estate planning is determining the degree to which the value of your assets will be taxed. Federal estate taxes can be as high as 55 percent. These numbers alone should provide the impetus for you to consider estate planning. Under

current legislation, anyone can leave an estate of up to \$600,000 free of federal estate tax. The federal estate tax credit that offsets the tax liability on an estate valued at up to \$600,000 is called the Unified Credit. In addition, married individuals qualify for an unlimited marital deduction which allows you to transfer any amount to your spouse or a qualified trust for his or her benefit, free of estate tax until the death of the surviving spouse.

Your financial advisor can recommend ways for you to protect your assets from taxes in a personal estate plan. For example, you can transfer up to \$10,000 annually to an individual, free of gift taxes. For married couples, gifts of \$20,000 (\$10,000 from each spouse) can be made annually to anyone without incurring gift taxes. By making gifts, you have removed assets from your gross estate, thus avoiding estate taxation.

Another way to minimize estate taxes is to give away or gift assets that are expected to increase in value. In this way, you will remove all future appreciation of the property from your gross estate, thereby reducing future estate tax liability. Alternatively, you may choose to donate money to qualified charities during your life or at death, which has the effect of reducing your gross estate. Such gifts will be currently income tax-deductible if made now or estate tax-deductible if made at death.

Your financial advisor also may recommend that you consider establishing trusts as part of your estate planning. A trust is a legal arrangement in which you place all or part of your assets "in trust" for the benefit of others, or your

beneficiaries.

Some of the more popular trusts used in conjunction with estate planning are:

REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST: Established controlled and revocable by you, a living trust can substitute partially for a will when transferring assets. Assets in a living trust avoid probate, or judicial supervision of a will's instructions. This type of trust also provides for asset management in the event of your incapacity. Although they escape probate, the assets will be part of your gross estate for tax purposes.

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PASS TRUST): This trust generally pays lifetime income to a surviving spouse, upon whose death the property passes to other individuals, such as the children.

CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST: A CRT provides a steady income to a living beneficiary, while transferring the remaining interest to a qualified charity upon the beneficiary's death. This can provide for a charitable tax deduction without giving up income generated by the trust's assets.

A financial advisor can provide more information to help make decisions that are best suited to your needs.

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Ossie Davis - A One Man Show of the 20th Century

By Jackie Larson

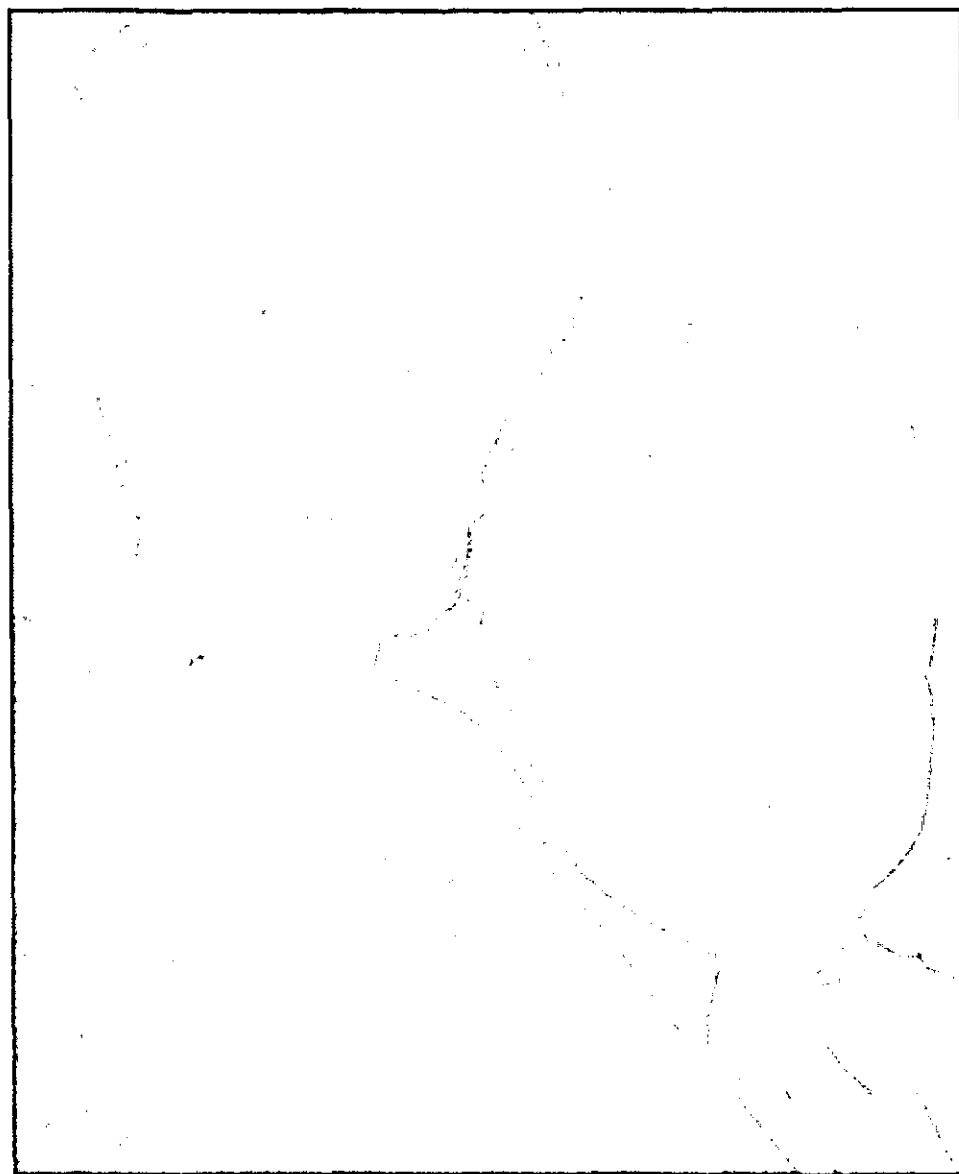
If America's twentieth century were portrayed as a series of historical mileposts, Ossie Davis could be glimpsed leaning up against each one. According to Jayne F. Mulvaney in the Dictionary of Literary Biography, Davis' primary commitment is to "creating works that would truthfully portray the black man's experience."

A background immersed in the significant events for African Americans in the twentieth century have well-prepared Davis for such ambition. From the Depression and World War II to the Harlem Renaissance, the McCarthy Era, the Civil Rights Movement and Vietnam, Davis and his wife, the remarkable actress, humorist and writer Ruby Dee, were on the cutting edge of history. They visited Paul Robeson at his home. Malcolm X sat in their kitchen. Ossie gave the eulogies at the funerals of black leaders Malcolm X and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and he acted as master of ceremonies at the famous "March on Washington" in 1963, the site of Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech.

Such passionate involvement in the issues of his time earned Davis a degree of enmity among the far right. He is extensively biographed as a "racial agitator and communist fronter" on a website based on sketches from The Biographical Dictionary of the Left by Francis X. Gannon. Nevertheless, in mainstream America, this Father's Day, at age 81, Davis is perhaps most widely known and beloved as the gravel-throated and kindly narrator of the TV program, Evening Shade. That role captured an endearing persona and his own objective as explained to Calvin Reid in Publishers Weekly: "I am essentially a storyteller, and the story I want to tell is about black people. Sometimes I sing the story, sometimes I dance it, sometimes I tell tall tales about it, but I always want to share my great satisfaction at being a black man at this time in history."

Born in Cogdell, Georgia, on December 18, 1917, to Kince Charles, a railway construction engineer, and Laura (Cooper) Davis, Davis was given the name "R.C." by his parents. The White birth records keeper mistook it

for "Ossie" and his intimidated family did not complain in a rural hometown terrorized by the KKK. "I was under a cultural mandate to become a nigger. A certain unmanliness was already at work," Davis recalled in his recent joint autobiography.



Actress/writer Ruby Dee and husband actor/writer Ossie Davis celebrate 50 years of marriage and accomplishment.

Ossie Davis left Howard University to pursue playwriting, and later attended Columbia University briefly. He worked as a janitor, a shipping clerk, and a stock clerk in New York City, then served in the U.S. Army from 1942-45 as a surgical technician in Liberia, West Africa, and with the Special Services Department, where he began writing and producing stage works to entertain military personnel.

At first he eked out a living, even sleeping in parks before finding success

on stage and screen. Davis began his acting career with The Rose McClendon Players in the basement of the 124th Street Library in Harlem. He met his wife Ruby Wallace (stage name, Ruby Dee) when they did theater together at the American Negro Theatre

in Harlem.

The pair, married in 1948, has three grown children - Nora, Guy and La Verne. After fifty years of marriage, they are living proof that working in the film industry does not always end every marriage. Their recently released joint biography, With Ossie and Ruby: In This Life Together, chronicles their journey together in great detail.

One highlight from the Ossie Davis film portfolio is "Gone Are The Days"

(adapted from his play "Purlie Victorious") (1963) in which a smart and earnest young preacher outwits a white plantation owner for a good cause. Producing Purlie was an epiphany for Davis.

"Purlie told me I would never find my manhood by asking the white man to define it for me. That I would never become a man until I stopped measuring my black self by white standards."

A prolific actor for five decades, in recent years he has been a favorite (along with wife Ruby) of Director Spike Lee. Davis appeared in Lee's "School Daze" (1988), "Do The Right Thing" (1989), "Jungle Fever" (1991) "Malcolm X" (1994) and "Get On The Bus" (1996). He appeared in such well-known films as "Grumpy Old Men" (1993) and "The Client" (1994), as well as writing the screenplay for and directing the critically acclaimed "Cotton Comes to Harlem" (1970).

Davis has directed television shows such as "The Ruby Dee/Ossie Davis Story Hour". He has also starred on TV, in the miniseries Queen (1993) and The Stand (1994) and in the movie Miss Evers' Boys (1997), and appeared in the series Evening Shade (1990-94). His many stage performances include roles in "Raisin In The Sun" and "I'm Not Rappaport."

In addition to fine performances, Davis has also turned in roles supporting the talent of others. He created a film production company called Third World Cinema to encourage black and Puerto Rican talent. He also served as president of The Institute for New Cinema Artists.

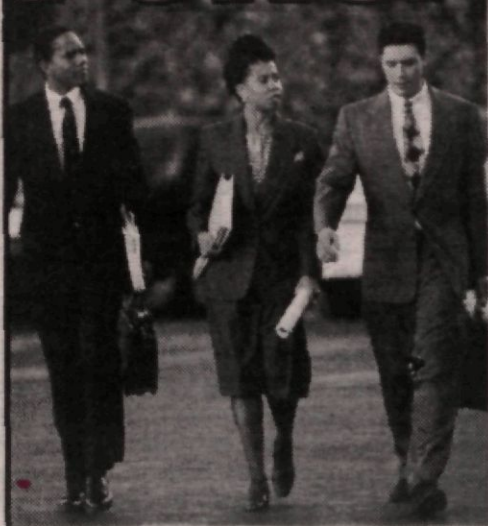
Davis and Dee co-hosted part of the PBS series "A Walk Through the Twentieth Century" with Bill Moyers, reviewing the period until 1930 during which the groundwork for the civil rights movement was laid.

He is also an accomplished writer. His novel, Just Like Martin, is about young people in the Civil Rights Movement.

Davis and Dee have received numerous awards, including the National Medal of Art and induction into the Theater Hall of Fame.

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The Wellness Diary

Wellness – A Special Gift for Father's Day

By Aylwin S. Bridges

Over the years, I have been given all different kinds of gifts for Father's Day. I have been given neckties with stripes, dots, flowers and strange colors with little pictures. I must share with you that some of these ties I have not and will not ever wear. I have been given dozens of socks that I can no longer wear. I have Egyptian cotton white (and every color of the rainbow silk) hankies.

I have been given custom-made blue, white and even pink long and short sleeve dress shirts. I have tools that I have no idea what they are used for. I have been given so many different scents of cologne, I can smell like a different piece of fruit or movie star everyday of the month. So, as Father's Day approached, my wife and children asked me what I really needed and wanted.

I thought about what my family could give me on this special day for all men. I fell asleep and dreamed that on Father's Day I was presented with a wonderful card with a hand written note. The note said, "For a wonderful husband and father. You should make yourself available all day on Wednesday."

I began to wonder – surely not another lunch at my favorite restaurant, or another fitting for custom made shirts. What I really wanted was an appointment with a doctor for a complete physical. See, I'm now at the age when I should really begin to take better care of myself. You know, I'm not that young, nor am I old.

My two best friends and I went to high school and college together – but we can't see each other any more since I lost both of them to prostate and colon cancer. But I don't know if I have either problem, because I have not been to a doctor in at least a couple years or more.

It's strange; in recent years I found myself being fatigued more often than usual. I used to be a pretty good athlete –

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Health and Wellness

Not Something to Blow Off Hurricane Preparation a Must

Quick hurricane quiz...did you know that much of the damage from a hurricane comes from the slow-moving, wide-ranging storm systems that continue inland after the winds die out.

That's right, these kinds of roving storms repeatedly dumped record-breaking rains on Texas last year, causing severe, deadly flooding. As we enter hurricane season, it is important that everyone take precautions to stay safe.

The Texas Department of Health suggests that you:

1. Keep battery-operated radio and extra batteries ready in case of power outages.
2. Check on the safety of neighbors and relatives, especially elderly, disabled or children.
3. Stay tuned to TV and radio reports from the National Weather

Service.

4. If you are evacuating, follow local government instructions and directions. Turn off the gas, power, and water in your home as you leave.

5. While driving avoid low-lying areas, including beaches and valleys prone to tides or flooding. Never drive through flood waters—if car stalls, abandon it and find higher ground.

6. Sterilize containers with bleach and fill with waters. In emergencies, use bathtubs, cooking utensils, jugs or other containers to reserve water.

7. Stay sheltered throughout the storm, making emergency repairs quickly if the storm's eye surrounds you.

8. Try to remain calm and disregard rumors. Your composure will help others.

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All State in basketball, football and track. I even had a professional opportunity with a team in the NFL.

But I started smoking – and I stopped going to the gym. I couldn't even do 5 sit-ups! Sometimes I have had headaches. I would become dizzy and my vision got blurry. I remember my grandfather and my father talking of similar problems. Both of them were taken away from me due to high blood pressure, or hypertension as it is properly called. I wondered what my blood pressure was.

Sometimes my joints ached, my feet would swell, and I couldn't even walk down the block to the playground with my children because I would get short of breath really quick. I didn't even know how much I weighed any more. But somehow I just couldn't find the time to have myself checked.

Mind you, I would take off an entire day to have my car serviced. You know, the works – an oil change, the best tune up in town done by a real professional who calls himself the Car Doctor. I would put the best oil in my car, but I didn't even know my own blood type. I wished I could find the time to take care of myself better (like I do my car).

So I prayed my family would make doctor appointment for me. I prayed all African-American men would have medical appointments – we need to learn how to take better care of ourselves. We need to increase our life expectancy.

You're wondering about my Father's Day gift? Well, I received the best gift ever. My prayers were answered. It was a dream come true. My wife and children made an appointment for me to have a complete physical. All of us made a day of it – and they promised no more ties, hankies, shirts or tools.

My family has agreed to make an appointment for a complete physical with my doctor for me every year for Father's Day. Father's Day in our home is now a day designated for my good health.

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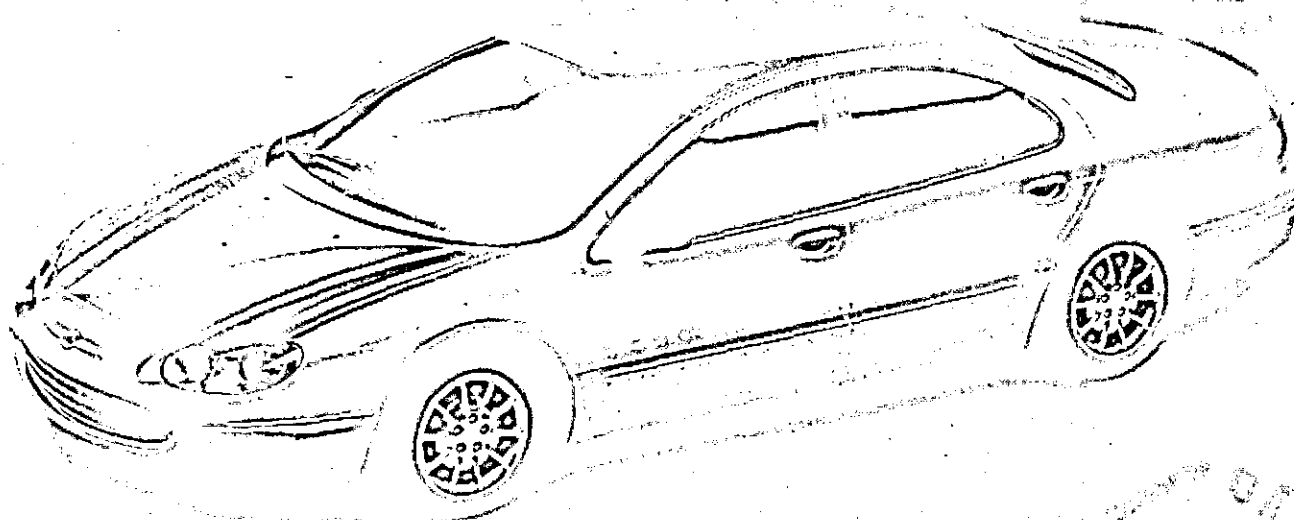
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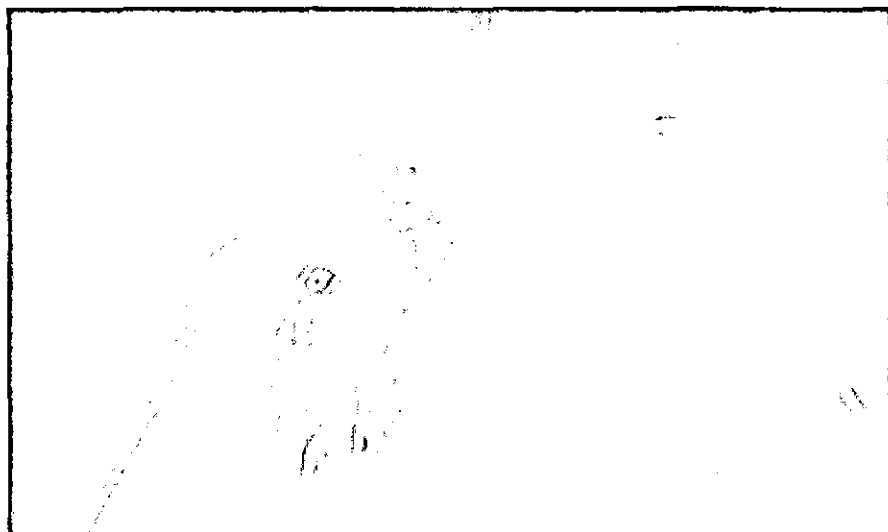
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Giddings Awarded Honorary Doctorate From Paul Quinn



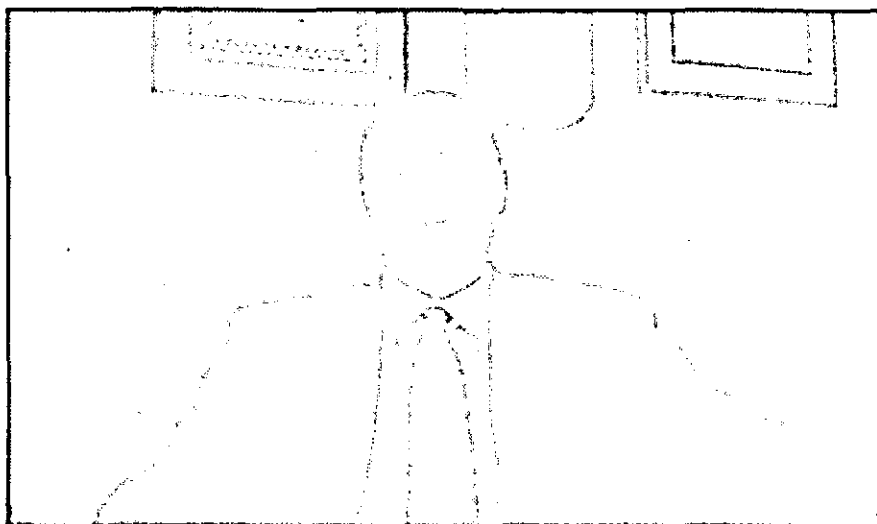
Representative Helen Giddings

Rep. Helen Giddings recently received an honorary Doctorate of Human Letters from Paul Quinn College. The president of the institution of higher learning, Dr. Lee Monroe, presented Giddings with the prestigious degree at the College's 127th Commencement Convocation. Giddings, a fourth term legislator, was awarded the honorary degree for her outstanding contributions to the community and specifically Paul Quinn College.

"I have always considered the rewards received to be intrinsic.

My mother always cautioned me to not let my efforts be motivated by the possibility of rewards-but rather my motivation should be service to humankind," says Giddings. "My grandfather taught at Paul Quinn in the early 1900's and so I feel particularly close to the school. For over 127 years the school has been preparing men and women for success, education leaders that have impacted the state of Texas and the country. It is this consistent level of excellence that has allowed Paul Quinn College to remain a leader in higher education."

On the Move... With Rick Williams, Parkland CEO



Rick Williams, Executive Director of Parkland Community Health Plan

Rick Williams, Executive Director of Parkland Community Health Plan, brings to his duties some 25 years of health care man-

agement and a well-deserved reputation for turning around operations that were not meeting customer or organizational expecta-

tions. Moreover, his experience includes a vast array of health care expertise ranging from indemnity to HMO operations.

His previous and long-time affiliation with AETNA/US Healthcare signaled service in high-level positions, most notably as Vice-President, Regional Operations; and Vice President, Medicare Operations. In all of his capacities, Williams either built or

rebuilt operations at various levels of development.

Mr. Williams earned his undergraduate degree in business administration from the University of Houston. He also holds a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) from the University of New Orleans/LSU System.

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Free Glaucoma Screening The first step to prevention is education and awareness. That's why Presbyterian Senior Medical Centers are hosting free screenings from 1-5 p.m. at various sites throughout the metroplex. For more information, call 214-345-8500.

June 15-July 25

To be or not to be Volunteer at a festival celebrating the works of William Shakespeare. Volunteers are needed to meet and greet audience members, staff membership tables, support management of gift shop and more. This is an excellent group opportunity. For more information call 214-826-6767.

June 16

Africa Affinity Group will host a meeting at 6:30 p.m., at Polyecto Adelante/CST, located at 3530 Forest Lane, Suite 350 in Dallas. Mr. Robert E. Tinney from the Africa Program at the University of Texas at Arlington will be the keynote speaker. For more information call Rita Clarke at 972-241-7542.

June 17

Shop 'til you drop Assist customers, hang clothing and sort items in a resale shop where proceeds benefit a local women's shelter. Volunteer opportunities are available five days a week. For more information, call 214-826-6767.

June 19

Bring to Life This summer theater production in Dallas needs volunteers to construct sets, paint, sell advertising, usher and distribute fliers. If you want to learn how a play is produced from start to finish, this opportunity is for

you. For more information, call 214-826-6767.

A Juneteenth Tradition Still in the Making

Dallas

A community united, that stood the test of time coming together as one...The Willie B. Johnson Recreation Center of Dallas will host its 15th annual Juneteenth celebration on Saturday, June 19th. There will be a wide variety of activities during this all-day event which include a parade, gospel fest, Greek step show, poetry reading, educational display and much more. For more information, call the center at 214-670-6182.

A Brady Juneteenth Celebration For many years this non-profit organization has serviced the needs of the elderly in style. Juneteenth will be no exception as they promise live music, special readings, songs and lots of fun. Free lunch for those 60 years and older. For more information, call 214-826-8330.

Unity in the Community Elite News will host a Juneteenth weekend carnival at Sky-line ranch, 1801 E. Wheatland Road. Join them for great food, fun and music. For ticket information, call 214-372-6500.

A Legacy of Creative Achievement After years of anticipation, hard work and dedication, Freedman's Memorial will make its grand opening at 8 a.m., Saturday, June 19th at the memorial site. The event will then lead to a Juneteenth celebration from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Center. But, it doesn't stop there—a black tie Tribute dinner will be held at 7:15 at the Fairmont Hotel. For more information call 214-760-6066.

Arlington

Black Men United This prestigious organization will present their 1999 Juneteenth celebration from 3 p.m.-1 a.m., June 19, at the Arlington Community Center Auditorium. Lectures, door prizes, seminars, movies, tournaments, talent shows and more—this promises to be a stellar event. Tickets are \$10. For more information call 817-467-9536.

Fort Worth

Sip of Verbs The Zawadi Writers, an elite group of poets and orators, will celebrate Freedom through poetry, storytelling and dance. Come and take a sip of verbs while listening to the art of spoken words at 7:30 p.m., June 18, at the Art 4 U by Linda, 1055 E. Seminary Drive. For more information call Stacy Williamson at 817-235-3244.

June 20

Computer whiz Share your knowledge when you volunteer with a local retirement home. Volunteers are needed weekdays to teach Internet classes for senior citizens in Dallas. For more information call, 214-826-6767.

June 21

Children need you Volunteer at a Northpark Center gift shop that benefits children in crisis. Volunteers are needed to greet customers, stock merchandise and serve as cashiers. The shop operates weekdays and weekend mornings and is located in Dallas. For more information call 214-826-6767.

June 22

Be a mentor to a teenaged mother in Dallas. Volunteers are needed to provide guidance and friendship.

Orientations are held monthly. Volunteers also are needed Saturdays to supervise children while their mothers attend life skill workshops. For more information, call 214-826-6767.

June 23

Free Mammography Screening It can save your life! UT Southwestern Oak West Women's Health Center and St. Paul's mobile mammography unit will provide free screening mammograms to all eligible women age 50-64 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. For more information, call 214-648-4949.

June 23

Starry Nights Right here, right now, in a galaxy close at hand, The Science Place presents this spectacular astronomy program at the Planetarium Building at Fair Park. Each event cost \$10 per person, and seating is limited. For more information call 214-428-5555.

June 26

Meet New People when you help at a conference at CityPlace Conference Center. The conference is hosted by an agency that provides seminars on human relations and cultural issues. Volunteers are needed to register and direct guest to meeting rooms. For more information, contact 214-826-6767.

July 8

Fore! Volunteer needed at an auction and golf tournament that benefits services for children. Volunteers need to set up auction tables, greet and register guests, monitor holes and clean up after golf tournament. For more information call 214-826-6767.

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The Way of the Bootstrapper By M.J. Pinkard

It's an ability to look within oneself beyond outside influence. It's a gift of evaluation in terms of strengths and weaknesses. And, above all, it's the application of this assessment to make a positive contribution to our world. It's Reverend Floyd Flake's definition of bootstrapping.

If there were an engraved list of individuals who could accurately personify the essence of bootstrapping, surely Reverend Floyd Flake would be on it in high regard. Raised in the segregated south and one of thirteen children, Flake exceeded the traditional rags to riches story to become a member of U.S. congress and dean of a major university. He currently pastors one of the nation's foremost Christian churches—complete with an operational budget of \$24 million, providing commercial and residential development and 500-student population private school.

"The beauty of bootstrapping is that

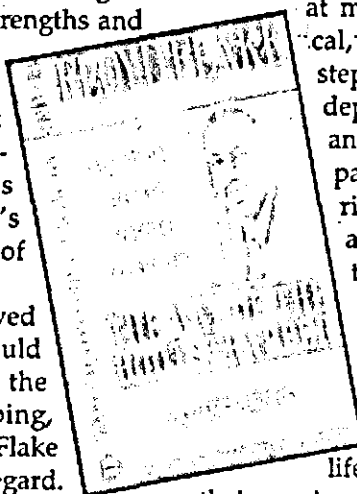
you don't need much. You don't need to win the lottery, or receive an inheritance or help from rich relatives to turn your dreams into reality," says Flake.

Sound too simple? The book, though at many times tearfully critical, presents nine essential steps designed to gear the depressed, the down-trodden, and the disillusioned to the pathway of success. At the risk of giving too much away, the general idea is that self-reliance will lead to economic and social freedom.

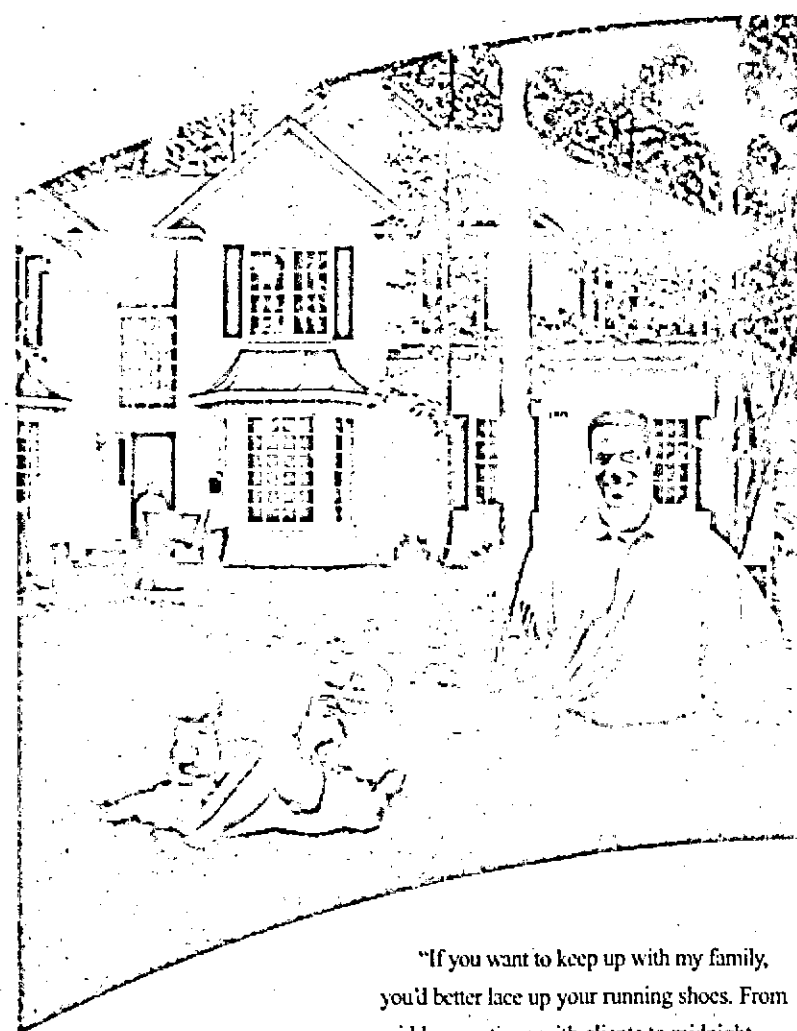
"The book will help those who are not content with their status in life or want to work toward their maximum potential," says Flake.

Flake's Three Characteristics of Bootstrapping

1. A process-to achieve success by making it against all odds.
2. A mind-set-to take responsibility for your thoughts, feelings, words, actions and life circumstances.
3. A value system-to transform your relationship with yourself, your neighbors, and your environment.



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Foolish-R rated

Eddie Griffin, Master P, Bill Dunn, Amy Peterson
Once again, Master P gives his audience 'the hook-up' in this comical affair. Be forewarned however, this film also integrates elements of drama and talent.

Trippin'-R rated

Deon Richmond, Donald Adeosun Faison, Maia Campbell, Guy Torry
School may be out, but the fun has just begun for this high school click. Fun, fantasy, and some fundamental lessons in between, this film is sure to relate to the young and young at heart.



HEAR YE, HEAR YE!

"I don't want to hear it," says former Los Angeles Laker Majic Johnson in response to accusations of being a race traitor for not allowing his multiplex movie firm to screen "Belly." Concerned for his patrons' welfare, Johnson excluded the movie because of record incidents of violence in theaters when films with violent urban themes are aired. Johnson says that regardless of the accusations he is a supporter of black business. "I'm the one that sponsors the African-American Film Festival so people who usually can't get their work shown can showcase their talents. If someone else makes a film like that, I'll make the same decision," says Johnson.

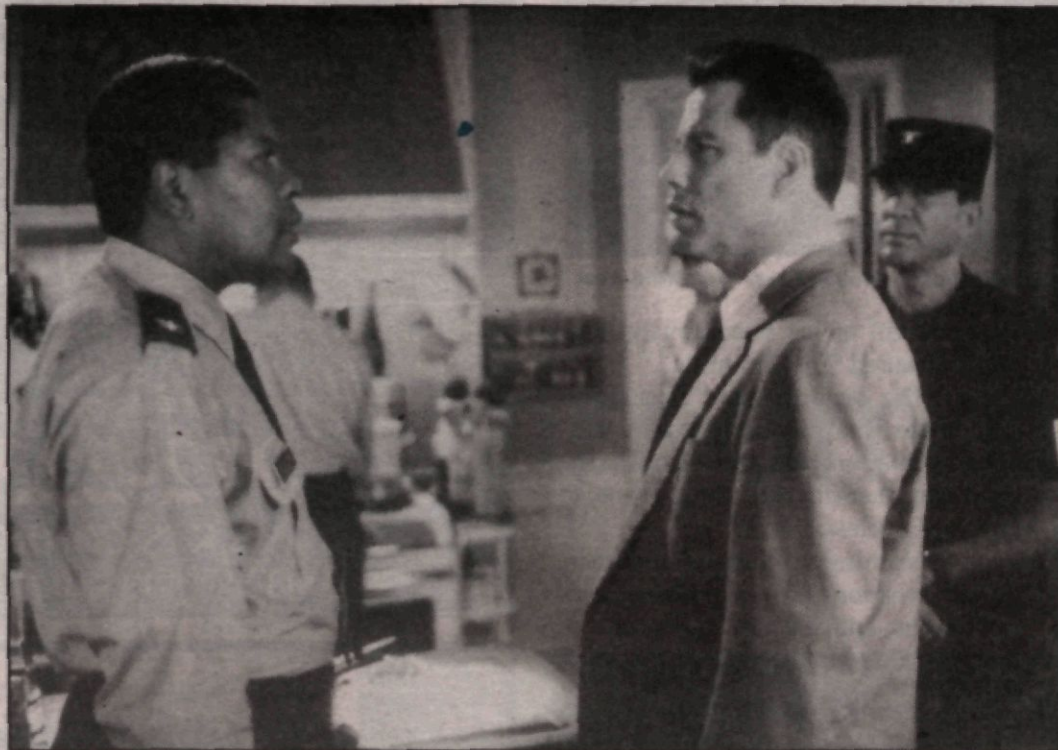
Lauryn Hill returns to the big screen after dominating the music scene with her 1998 multi-platinum classic "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill." The movie "Restaurant" centers around the lives of New Jersey's waiters and waitresses. Lauryn plays Leslie, the ex-girl of Adrian Brody, the movie's star. The film will be shown in Chicago, San Francisco and Los Angeles in the hopes of getting a distribution deal.

SPOTLIGHT

Clarence Williams III

Clarence Williams III is a veritable icon in the entertainment industry, whether playing undercover cop Linc Hayes in the classic television series "The Mod Squad"

work in "Slow Dance on the Killing Ground," and has performed in such Broadway productions as "The Long Dream," "Walk in Darkness," "Double



Clarence Williams III is Fowler and John Travolta is Paul Brenner in "The General's Daughter" playing soon in theaters throughout the metroplex.

or portraying the terrifying elder statesman, Bub Hwelett of Harlem's gangster underworld in "Hoodlum." He recently wowed critics and fans alike with his performance in TNT's award winning miniseries "Wallace," opposite Gary Sinise, under the direction of John Frankenheimer.

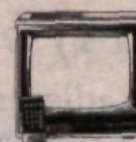
Williams began his acting career on the New York stage, debuting in "Dark of the Moon" in 1960. He earned a Tony nomination and a Theatre World Award for his

Talk" and in the New York Shakespeare Festival staging of "King John."

He can currently be seen in "Life" starring Eddie Murphy and in soon to be released "The General's Daughter" with John Travolta. He is currently filming "Reindeer Games," under the direction once again of John Frankenheimer and co-starring Gary Sinise.



THE TUBE



Black Entertainment Television (BET) celebrates Black Music Month with a series of documentaries, biographies and musicals showcasing legendary talents. Tune in every Tuesday at 7:00PM throughout the month of June. Special tributes are planned for Friday, June 18 and Saturday, June 19. BET, the first national cable network targeted toward African-American consumers, reaches 56 million cable households nation-

wide.

People's Century is a PBS documentary series, chronicling 20th century events through revealing personal testimony. From June 14-July 5th, episodes will explore a range of topics from the student/youth movements of the 1960's, to civil rights and more.

Another PBS favorite, "Evening at Pops" returns for a 30th season by month's end.

Out to Lunch, June 11

This outdoor series provides for one of the hottest horn sections in the Metroplex area. Serving a musical menu overflowing with elements of jazz, swing, rock and r&b, the *Dallas Brass & Electric* group are sure to please all music lovers. They will be performing on stage, from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the Dallas Museum of Art Plaza, Ross and Harwood.

Two Trains Running, June 18-20

Just in time for Father's Day, this Pulitzer Prize winning play portrays a restaurant owner dealing with 'Urban Renewal' up close and personal. Ticket prices range from \$8.00 - \$12.50. For more information, call 972-224-0513.

Looking for a Man, June 24-26

Geared to entertain and enlighten, this play portrays five women and their relationships. Doors open at 6 p.m., at the Mahogany Dance Theater, 3907 South Homes Street. For more information, call 214-439-2771.

Tom Sawyer adapted by Johnny Simons, June 25-July 11

N.M. Productions DeSoto Classics presents Johnny Simons adaptation of Mark Twain's classic story of boyhood *Tom Sawyer*. The show features live music and stellar acting. Ticket prices range from \$5-10. For reservations, please call 972-680-4466 or metro 817-784-6671.

Hoop-It-Up World Tour Update, June 26-27

Basketball players of all ages, sizes and skills can celebrate the return of the Hoop-It-Up Tour as it returns to Dallas for the 11th consecutive year. The action takes place at Dallas' West End. Registration deadline is June 18, 1999. For more information contact Amy Nelson at 972-392-5796.

Jazz Nite, June 22

Join the Dallas School of Music as they provide the sultry sounds of jazz. Concert begins at 7 p.m. For more information, call 972-392-3490.

MOVIE REVIEWS

WILD WILD WEST



Will Smith as James West and Salma Hayek as Rita Escobar in Warner Bros.' "Wild Wild West."

Saddle up! Four of entertainment's hottest stars— Will Smith, Kevin Kline, Kenneth Branagh and Salma Hayek— will take their audience for one heck of a ride in *Wild Wild West*.

Special agent James West (Smith), long on charm and wit, along with agent Artemus Gordon (Kline), a master of disguises and a brilliant inventor of gadgets, are sent to track down the diabolical Dr. Arliss Loveless (Branagh). Loveless is plotting to assassinate the President of the United States

with the aid of his monstrously huge creation called "The Tarantula."

The beautiful and mysterious entertainer Rita Escobar (Hayek) complicates matters for the duo as she insinuates herself into their plans to capture Loveless.

Nothing excluded—romance, humor, weapons and hair-raising confrontations enliven the adventure as West and Gordon daringly outwit their enemies.

ODDS AND ENDS

The kickoff of the Mobil Green Team program was held on June 8th. Four affordable homes will be built in the Ideal Neighborhood in South Dallas. Shown are Kellee Neal, Mary Poss, Percy Borbin, Mary Vaughn, Dr. Wright Lassiter, Sherrie Mixon and John Tuohy participated.



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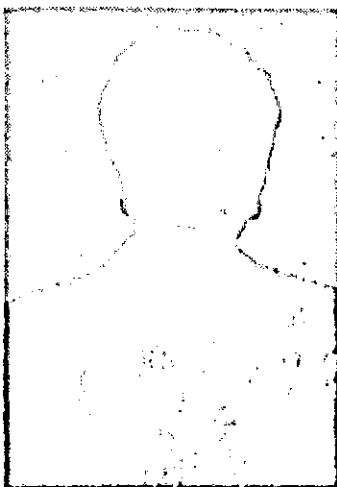
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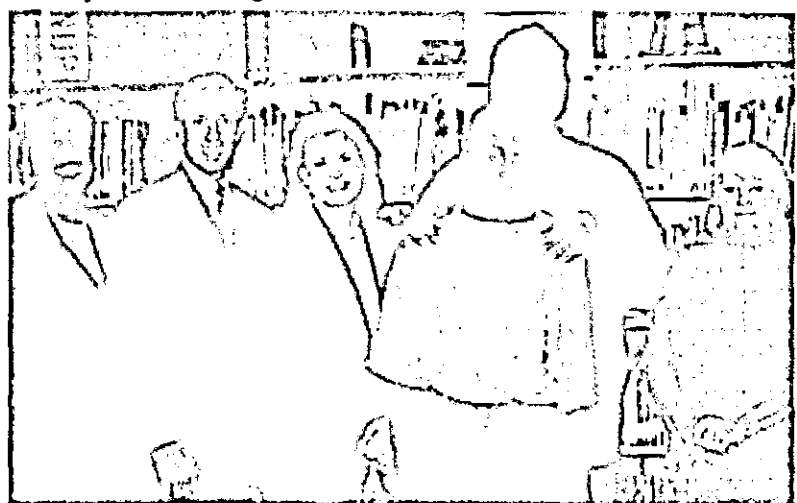
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Dunbar Learning Center Student Chosen as Contest Winner

A poster designed by Stanley Sterns, Jr., a fifth-grader at Dunbar Learning Center in Dallas, has become a symbol of hope and worn by hundreds of cancer survivors in the 8th annual American Cancer Society's "Making Strides

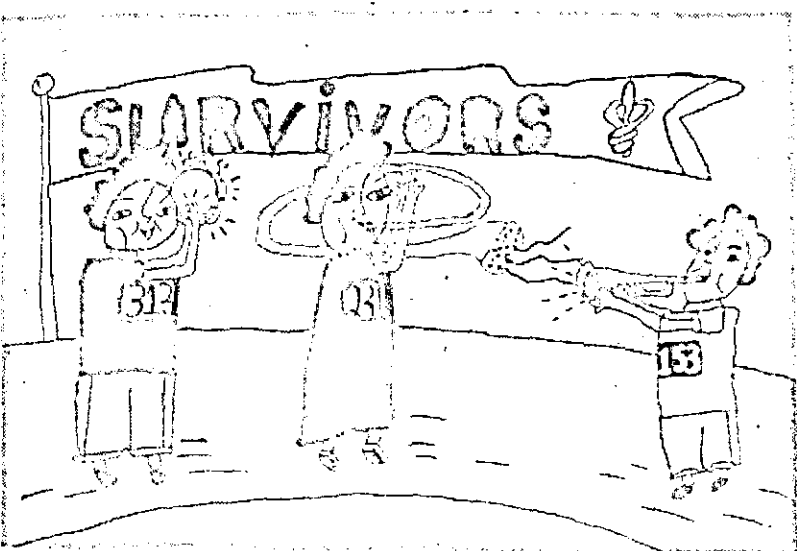
and that our students had the opportunity to participate in this contest," said Constance Wahlon, Principal at Dunbar. Stanley received tickets to Six Flags and a special presentation at the race event.



(L to R) Constance Wahlon, Principle; David Morice & Suzanne Vinzant, ACJ Volunteers; Stanley Sterns Jr., contest winner; Stanley Sterns Sr., proud father; Lucan Watkins, teacher.

Against Cancer 5K and Cancer Survivor's" marathon. Stanley won the recent art contest in search of a unique design to adorn t-shirts that will be presented to all cancer survivors in attendance.

Making Strides Against Cancer is a 5K fun run and annual Cancer Survivor's Celebration. More than 110 community teams participated and raised funds to fight cancer in North Texas. The run is spon-



Winning artwork created by Stanley Sterns Jr.

The bright design features several figures playing musical instruments and crossing finish line in a symbolic victory over cancer. The artwork was completed in art class at Dunbar Learning Center.

"We are so pleased that Stanley's artwork was chosen

sored by ASD Specialty Healthcare; Benny's Bagels; 106.1 KISS FM; KRLD NewsRadio 1080; People Newspapers; Texas Cancer Associate; Texas Health Resources; Rain Fresh; Routh Street Brewery; TOPS Pharmacy Services, Inc.; and Zuka Juice.

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Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Larry Tegtmeier, Area Engineer, Dallas, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

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Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Wallace Ewell, Area Engineer, Fort Worth, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

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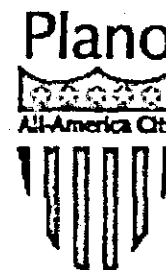
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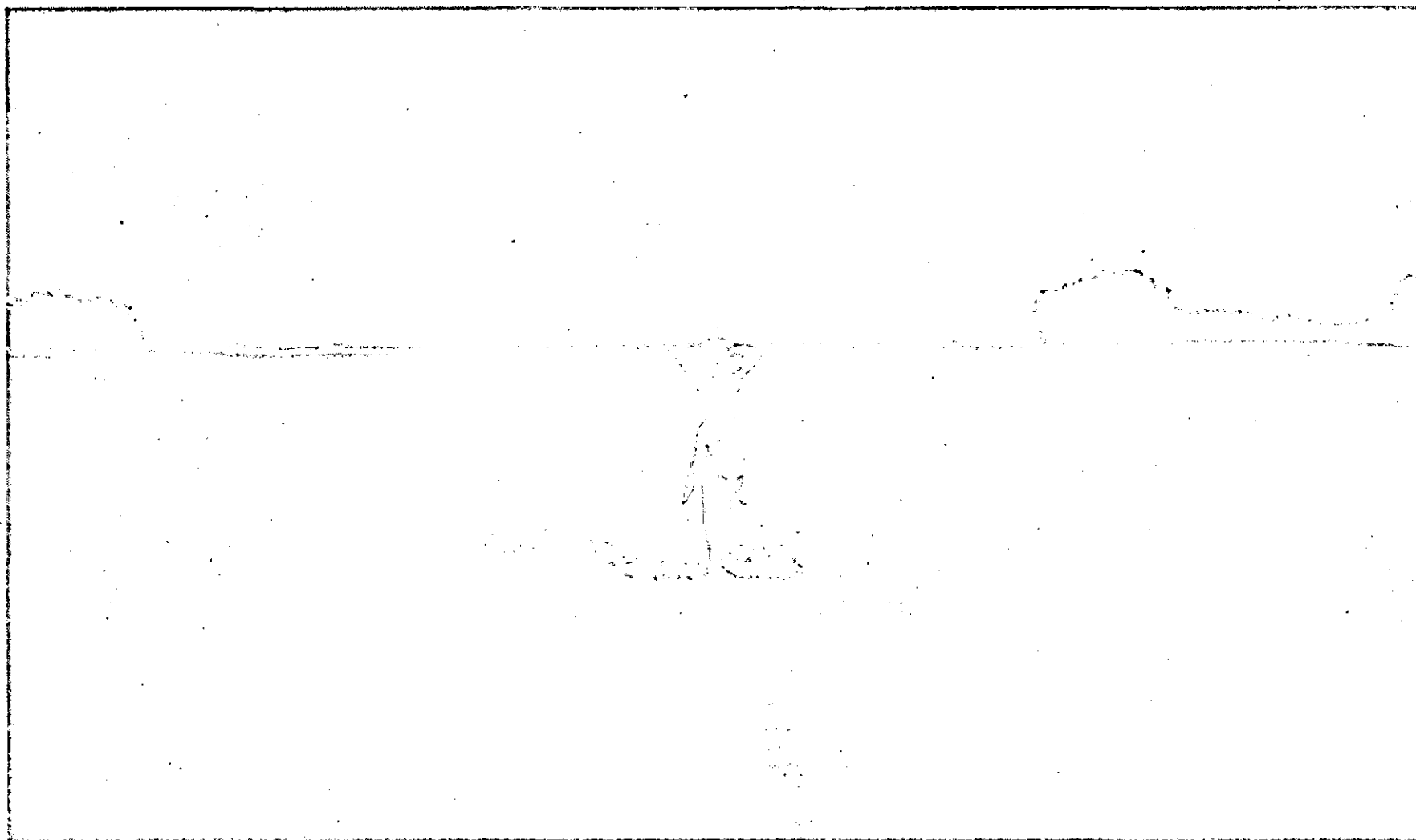
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