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## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### Congressional Black Caucus Weekend Sept 15-18th

The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc. (CBCF) will hold its 29th Annual Legislative Conference in DC's Washington Convention Center from September 15th-18th. This year's conference theme is "Tools for 2000: Planning Our Work - Working Our Plan". The 4-day event offering a series of forums and workshops also raises funds to support national educational and public policy programs.

Conference registration includes issue forums, national town meeting, CBC braintrusts, CBCF Chair's reception, and a jazz concert. For more information on conference activities, call 800-784-2577 or visit the Caucus' website at cbcfonline.org.

### Cast a vote for the 100 Most Influential African Americans of the 20th Century

The DuSable Museum of African-American History, based in Chicago, has joined forces with MPI Media Group. The nation's oldest African-American museum and the nation's largest independent home video distributor will collaborate on a landmark program honoring the most influential and most respected African Americans of the past 100 years.

Ballots for nominations will be accepted through September 15, 1999. Each respondent may nominate three African-Americans. All nominees should be persons who helped to inspire, educate or improve society between 1900-1999. Ballots are available nationwide at museums, libraries and schools. Nominations may also be submitted via the Internet at [www.dusablemuseum.org/100mostinfluential](http://www.dusablemuseum.org/100mostinfluential).

The 100 honorees will be presented in a February 2000 program, with a video version to follow.

### Black promoters support NAACP protests of racism in TV programming

Rev. Joseph Lowery, spokesperson for the Black Promoters Association and

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## African American arts



Owner Stephanie Ward welcomes the public to her gallery



An array of paintings, marks and African artifacts await shoppers

By Sherelyn Roberts

For nearly 10 years, Stephanie's Collection has been a showcase for some of the most outstanding artwork by African American and African artists. Owned by Stephanie Ward, the gallery boasts an impressive collection from emerging and well-established artists and sculptors. The gallery will celebrate its grand reopening on August 21, 1999 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 2546 Elm Street in historic Deep Ellum.

The works of national renowned artists Lu Shun Beal and Carolyn Crump, will be the featured. Beal, a native of Houston, started painting during a tour of duty with the Marines. According to Ward, his paintings appear to have an image of one woman but expresses features of women all over the world. He uses deep jewel tones and says the colors on the outside expresses the intricate details of women on the inside.

Author Sy Alexander of Atlanta will also do readings from and sign her new book entitled *Tales from the Old Maypop Tree*, at the opening. The book, which has been well received, is a collection of folk tales about the importance of the Maypop Tree.

The once massive gallery now has a quaint

Soho feel, with large abstract line brick walls and wood and iron sculptures on hardwood floors.

This local treasure chest now showcases some of Dallas' finest talent and includes collections by Frank Frazier, William Tolliver and Judith Seaky. "The type of art in the gallery now ranges from the cubism style that Picasso is known for to the stylized work of Charles Bibbs," said Ward.

Ward's offering of paintings by a variety of emerging artists includes Wendy Johnson of Arlington. Johnson has been painting since she was seven years old. "What I find so unusual about her work is she masters the technique of combining texture and earth tones to get a unique blend," said Ward. "The interesting thing about abstract art is sometimes it does not necessarily say anything or mean anything but yet the formation of the colors elicits a certain response."

Soukaa, an artist from Irving, has a series of paintings that takes you from the disappointments to the triumphs in her life. Another artist, Titiajana Kriskov from Bosnia is also prominently displayed. "She has only lived in this country about four years but somehow she has captured the essence of African American women," said Ward.

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## MILLENNIUM COUNTDOWN

### August 15-31

- 16 1970 A federal warrant is issued for Angela Davis in connection with George Jackson's attempted escape from San Quentin prison.
- 18 1963 James Meredith, the first Black to be admitted to the University of Mississippi, graduates.
- 19 1954 Ralph B. Bunche is named undersecretary of the United Nations.
- 21 1904 William "Count" Basie, noted pianist, composer and bandleader is born.
- 28 1963 The "March on Washington" for jobs and freedom becomes the single largest demonstration in American history. It is at this march that Dr. Martin Luther King delivered his now famous, "I Have a Dream" speech.
- 30 1983 Lt. Guion "Guy" Bluford, Jr. becomes the first Black astronaut in space.

## Spotlight:

### A. Phillip Randolph

August 25, 1925

In the 1920s, the Pullman Palace Car Company was the largest private employer of American Blacks. The company supplied and operated railroad sleeping cars. 15,000 men, many of them college graduates, earned as little as \$67 a month. The company paid nothing for the hours porters worked to prepare for train service. Each porter's pay was further reduced by uniform cost deductions and meals eaten on the train. Most importantly, these workers were barred from benefits and membership in then-segregated unions.



Asa Phillip Randolph 1899-1979

The son of a Florida minister, Asa Phillip Randolph migrated to New York City in 1911. While working a series of odd jobs, and attending class-

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In MON's next edition an upcoming CRA forum, sponsored by the Texas Publishers Association, and a Capitol Hill legislative update will identify who is taking a stand on this key issue.



### Next Edition Wellness Feature:



Faith Noster

### Mesquite child awaits liver donor

More than 50% of the people waiting for lifesaving organ transplants are of minority origin. One patient hoping for a liver transplant is young Faith Noster of Mesquite. MON's Wellness feature will tell Faith's story - a hope for healing.

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### Are Blacks on the verge of losing again

by F. Eugene Mayo

As we count down to the year 2000 and the U.S. Census Bureau begins to count persons in America, results could indicate a sad commentary for African-Americans. By all implications, census data will project Blacks moving from the second highest populated ethnic group to number three before 2005. The second largest ethnic group will likely be Hispanics (Cubans, Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, Central and South Americans) with the Asian population increasing at an alarming rate.

In 1990, America's Blacks totaled approximately 11.8%, or 29.4 million, while Hispanics were 9.1% or 22.6 million. By 1996, Blacks were 12% while Hispanics reflected 10.5%.

Some of this growth is a result of migration; but a major portion can be attributed to natural birth. In Dallas, Hispanic population increased by 89% between 1980 and 1990, to increase their share from 12.3% in 1980 to 20.9% in 1990. Hispanic population in Texas in 1980 was 2.9 million or 21%; in 1990, it increased to 4.3 million - a change of 45.4% for a total of 25.6%. This increase was by far the greatest numerical increase of any ethnic category.

Blacks have demonstrated a high level of loyalty to the United States, i.e. to white America; but has white America reciprocated? Black men fought for this country on foreign soil with courage, dignity and honor while giving their lives in battle. For those who were able to return home, they encountered club-wielding white mobs, economic deprivation, racism, discrimination, brutality and high tech lynching. It is hard to think of any ethnic group in America that has tried so desperately to integrate into a system only to have been met with such harsh brutality and dehumanization as has been the case for African Americans.

From an economic perspective, occupying the second slot for centuries has been of extremely limited value. Blacks own less than 1% of America's stocks and bonds. 25% of Black men in America between the ages of 18-34 are statistics in the criminal justice system. The average Black family has a net worth of \$3,400, compared to \$39,000 for Caucasians. Blacks own less than 1% of

America's private businesses. Black infant mortality rates are double those of white infants. The Black community's unemployment rate exceeds 25%. Educationally, the average Black school drop-out rates hovers near 50%; oftentimes the 50% who choose to stay in school can barely read, write or complete a simple application for employment or housing. As an ethnic group, Blacks still occupy the highest percentage of substandard housing.

What blessings could Blacks expect to receive from being number three? American Blacks must become sensitized to the fact that America is run like a business: there is no free lunch. There is no conscience as it pertains to the condition and fate of African Americans; allegiance is reserved for stockholders.

Is this change in population God's warning to Black intelligentsia that they should be about the business of developing and implementing economic self-sufficiency?

Could this population shift be God's warning to Black religious institutions that have been blessed with longevity, but abdicated a divine responsibility?

If Blacks are to have economic salvation in America, they can no longer afford the luxury of expecting help to come from some source other than from among Black people. Great faith placed in governments and courts over numerous decades has evaporated. When it comes to African Americans, government cannot deliver its own laws.

In spite of the extent or complexity of African America's dilemma, there is no racial group that is more dedicated, resilient, hard-working, promising, tenderhearted, dynamic and eager to please than African Americans are. I truly believe that capable, respectable and qualified leadership will emerge to thwart this downward spiral of Blacks economically - before they are overwhelmed by Hispanics.

One issue of utmost importance is a substantial increase in Black birth rates by responsible Black males who will unequivocally provide love, guidance, discipline and support for their offspring.

F. Eugene Mayo is a real estate analyst who resides in Dallas, Texas.

### A decade later: Leland legacy still shines bright

By State Senator Rodney Ellis

This month marks the 10th anniversary of the tragic plane crash that took my friend, Congressman Mickey Leland. A decade later, Mickey's star continues to shine.

Mickey Leland made his mark representing the people of Houston, first as a representative in the Texas House, and then in the United States Congress. But soon he became a champion of the poor, hungry and under-privileged of all nations. Whether in the wards of Houston, the farms of America's heartland, or the poverty-stricken villages of Ethiopia, Mickey Leland was a tireless and influential advocate for people that needed a champion. His vision and leadership reached beyond Houston to touch our nation and the world.

In the "Go-Go" 80s, Mickey Leland became the voice for the voiceless, fighting for unglamorous causes such as affordable housing, universal access to health care, civil rights at home and human rights abroad. But combating hunger became his passion and his most enduring legacy. In Congress, he passed legislation creating the Select Committee on Hunger in the House, which he chaired from its inception until his death. He used his position as a bully pulpit for the poor and hungry, and became an expert and determined advocate on the issue of hunger, here at home and around the globe. He stressed that hunger is an international issue and traveled the world tirelessly to investigate the extent of the problem and monitor efforts to combat it.

It was that passion that sent him on another mission to Africa a decade ago, seeking to help those most in need. While leading a relief mission in August 1989, to an isolated refugee camp in Ethiopia, Mickey died when his plane crashed into a mountainside.

The world has changed dramatically in the ten years since his death. The Soviet Empire has collapsed. The racist Apartheid regime in South Africa was toppled in a peaceful revolution. Technology has brought the promise of the world - and all of its problems - to our doorstep. Our economy in Texas and nationwide is strong, unemployment and welfare rolls are at record lows. The United States is in the 6th year of unprecedented economic boom, with more jobs being created and wages rising. Many developing nations are experiencing new opportunities for economic development and prosperity.

But it is not 'Morning in America' for everyone. As Mickey would tell us, all is not well.

Hunger continues to be a problem, not just in remote Africa, but in our own backyard. Here in Texas, one out of ten children under twelve suffer from hunger. Nearly 1.1 million Texas children - approximately 1 in 3 - are at risk of hunger. A recent study by the Urban Institute showed that over 60% of children in low-income

Texas families reported worrying about or having difficulty finding food, a significantly higher rate than the nation as a whole. Nationwide, 36 million Americans are hungry or at-risk; children making up the bulk of the numbers.

While food stamp rolls plunge, more and more people are walking through the doors of America's food banks seeking help. According to Second Harvest, a leading anti-hunger group, many Americans must choose between food and medical care. The U.S. Conference of Mayors reported that in 1997, emergency food requests rose an average 14% in 21 of the nation's largest cities. And just last month, Catholic Charities reported that during 1998, the demand for emergency food assistance rose on average by 38%!

In this economy, more people going hungry is inexcusable.

While Mickey's most enduring legacy was his leadership in the struggle against hunger; his greatest legacy may be the example of dedication and public service he left behind. He served with a big heart and open mind, willing to listen to the views and concerns of people different from himself, a style that unfortunately is far too uncommon in this era of attack politics. As a friend and mentor, he has inspired me in my public service these last 16 years. The Mickey Leland Center for World Hunger and Peace on the Texas Southern University campus, continues to advocate hunger and justice issues, and is training a new generation of leaders through its internship programs. The young minds shaped there will take up the torch he carried and fight for those in need in the next millennium.

Though the conditions he fought were daunting and often depressing, Mickey Leland kept fighting because he knew that he could make a difference. His untimely death robbed the world of a friend and champion; but his cause and legacy yet endures.

As we celebrate Mickey's life on the 10th anniversary of his passing, let us rededicate ourselves to the values of compassion, courage and advocacy that he exemplified. Let us resolve that in these times of prosperity and peace, we will make more of an effort to eliminate hunger, homelessness and other injustices.

Let us recommit ourselves to making a difference.

Senator Rodney Ellis (D) represents Houston's District 13. He currently chairs the Senate Committee on Jurisprudence and is a member of the Senate Intergovernmental Relations and Administration Committee.

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## Paul Quinn: A victim of The Dallas Morning News racist agenda



**Thomas Muhammad**

By Thomas Muhammad

The Dallas Morning News has always been a bigoted and racist newspaper. Of course coming from me and after reading numerous columns I've written, one should not be surprised at my accusations. However, I can now take solace that a number of prominent African Americans of note have also suddenly seen the light.

Just recently, several long time African American employees filed a class action lawsuit against the News. The employees cited the News' refusal to promote them to higher managerial positions, as their white counterparts. The story received a lot of attention in numerous Black news publications, including MON. And as par for the course, the News gave no coverage to the story. Although the employees filing the lawsuit were not news reporters, this lawsuit is just a tip of the iceberg of what's really happening at Dallas' only daily.

As I've maintained all along, the News is the most racist institution in North Texas. However, a number of African American leaders would testify that getting people, in the community to believe this, is like pulling teeth! In fact, once the News finds out that anyone is trying to organize people to take a stand against the paper, they will find some Negro (even if they have to resurrect a dead one) and promote his/her program to prove that the publication really does cover good stories in the community. They will then send that Negro to the community to cool things down. The Negro will say things like "see Blacks do get good exposure in the Morning News."

And at this time someone should stand up and say "Yes, you fool, you're being exposed alright!" Now some of you are probably reading this column and wondering what does the Dallas Morning News have to do with the possible failure of Paul Quinn? Well in case you've been away from the planet for a while, here's the scoop: Because of high student default loans, Paul Quinn and six other historically black colleges in Texas could lose federal student loan programs. As you know Paul Quinn moved from Waco, Texas several years ago to the old Bishop College campus site.

During the mid-'70s and throughout the '80s, even as Bishop College, the school site as well as the surrounding area, has always been an eye sore. Many well off middle-class African American residents and their now grown children who once lived near the college escaped to places like North Dallas, DeSoto, Duncanville and other areas. The few

small stores that once provided services to area residents and college students also left. When Paul Quinn moved to the campus, a number of us questioned how the college would survive in such a depressed area with no economic base to support it. We were told things would be fine. Don't worry, Paul Quinn would not fail. Well the truth finally came to light: The News ran a July 19th editorial entitled "Paul Quinn: School must overcome latest financial setback." The editorial spoke of how Paul Quinn would be in very serious trouble because it depends so heavily on "obtaining loans for its low-income students." And that since Paul Quinn "will always have low-income students, salaried jobs are the most immediate solution to this financial dilemma." The editorial also pointed out that "most universities have active job placement programs for their students." And finally the editorial called our attention to the fact that "one of the best ways to help students repay their loans would be to develop more cooperative work programs with area businesses."

Have you gotten the picture yet? Are we clear? Are we perfectly clear! Ok, now let me add my two cents to this drama. I agree totally with the News' solutions. Many of you have heard City Councilman Al Lipscomb and County Commissioner John Wiley Price say that what that area needs is a planned development. That area is the most complete waste of vacant land that any of us have ever seen! By exiting Simpson Stuart Road and turning right, there's this large billboard of what appear to be two black men shaking hands. For many years I've often questioned, if this was a symbolic meaning, that there were a few Negroes, who've been paid to keep the area the way it was. Of course when I did, my good friend Commissioner Price would give me that time for the funny farm look. So, ok I admit sometimes, I do tend to get overly suspicious of things. But man, after watching what this white racist has done to us and other people of color, I'm ready to believe just about anything!

But back to the story. As I stated from the beginning, I place most of Paul Quinn problems at the door of the racist Morning News. Why you may ask? Well for starters let's look at who chairs Paul Quinn's board. Does the name Robert Dechard ring a bell? Give up? Ok here's the deal. Robert Dechard is the esteemed chairman of The A.H. Belo Corporation. The Belo Corporation owns WFAA-TV Channel 8 and The Dallas Morning News.

They also own several other television and newspaper companies throughout the Metroplex, the state of Texas as well as other states. Belo recently purchased a Denton newspaper to add to the collection. Needless to say Dechard's company is worth billions. He personally knows other company owners and

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## Historic \$2.4 trillion in HUD mortgages earmarked for affordable housing

By requiring the nation's two largest housing finance companies to buy \$2.4 trillion in mortgages over the next ten years, Housing & Urban Development Secretary Andrew Cuomo projects an estimated 28.1 million low and moderate income families will make the transition from renting to homeownership. Families are considered as having low and moderate incomes if they make no more than the area median income. The national average for median income is \$47,800.

HUD's historic action raises the required percentage of mortgage loans to low and moderate-income families that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac must buy. The first percentage increase will occur next year when the requirement will be raised to 48%. In 2001, a 19% increase will go into effect. Both housing financing agencies buy mortgages for individual homes and for apartment buildings.

According to Secretary Cuomo, "This action will transform the lives of millions of families across our country by giving them new opportunities to buy homes or move into apartments with rents they can afford. It will strengthen our economy and create jobs by stimulating more home construction; it will help ease the terrible shortage of affordable housing plaguing far too many communities, and it will help reduce the huge homeownership gap dividing whites from minorities and suburbs from cities."

In 1998, overall national homeownership rates hit a record high of 66.3%. However, the rate of home ownership among minorities, regardless of ethnicity fell well below the national average. Black homeownership posted a 46.1% mark, followed closely by Hispanic homeownership at 44.7%. Central cities homeownership also fell below the national average; only half of all city dwellers own their homes.

Commenting on the action, President Clinton said, "During the last six and a half years, my Administration has put tremendous emphasis on promoting homeowners and mak-

ing housing more affordable for all Americans. Our housing programs and institutions have been a success. Today the homeownership rate is at an all-time high, with more than 66% of all American families owning their homes. Raising the GSE's goals will help us to generate increased momentum in addressing the nation's housing needs."

GSE is an acronym for Government Sponsored Enterprises. Congress gave HUD the responsibility of regulating Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac because Congress chartered both. GSEs buy mortgages issued by banks, thrift institutions and other mortgage lenders; then those purchases are sold to investors as mortgage-backed securities. When Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac buy the mortgages from lenders, they provide the lenders with the cash needed to issue new mortgages. The GSEs are publicly chartered to provide broad public benefit. The benefits of federal sponsorship are worth an estimated \$6 billion annually through state and local tax exemptions, and Securities & Exchange Commission registration requirements.

The mortgage purchase requirements for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are known as Affordable Housing Goals. A 1995 Congressional mandate caused the housing agency to set goals. However, the goals came up for renewal this year. HUD had the option to either lower or raise goals. The new initiative will now increase affordable housing goals for loans made to under-served areas. It will also raise the goal for mortgages to benefit very low-income families.

With the higher goals, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac will buy an additional \$488.3 billion in mortgages that will be used to provide affordable housing for 7 million more low and moderate income families over the next decade. The new mortgages and families are over and above the \$1.9 trillion that would have been generated in current levels had been retained.

## National campaign launched to save Blacks from fatal auto accidents

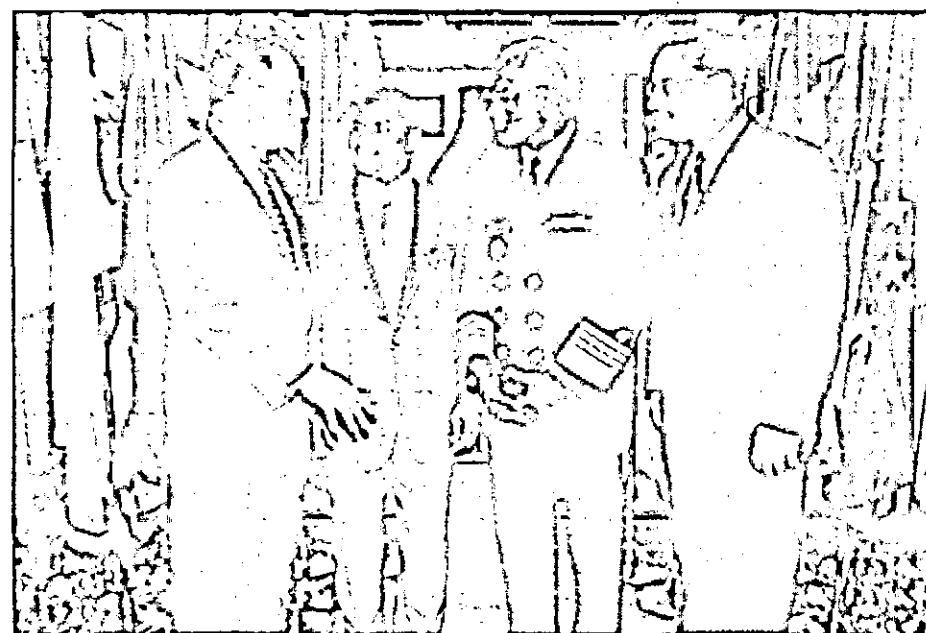
A unique partnership between Meharry Medical College, the U. S. Department of Transportation, General Motors Corporation and the Congressional Black Caucus has launched a nationwide educational campaign to save thousands of African Americans from fatal auto accidents.

The failure of African Americans to buckle up has created, according to federal Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater, a "silent epidemic" of preventable deaths and injuries. At a recent news conference Secretary Slater announced findings that African Americans as a whole are more likely to be killed in motor vehicle crashes than whites.

Slater also used the occasion to commend Nashville's Meharry Medical College and General Motors for developing a comprehensive study on seat belt use among African Americans.

"I applaud Meharry Medical College and General Motors for their concern about safety, which is President Clinton's highest transportation priority," said Slater. "By identifying lower seat belt use among African Americans as an important public safety issue and recommending ways to increase seat belt use, the study will help us reach out to all Americans, especially to urban populations, to improve highway safety."

Also commenting on the study's findings was U. S. Surgeon General Satcher, "We know that increasing seat belt use will save thousands of young lives each and every year. A major challenge of this partnership is reaching segments of the African American community on the critical importance of seat belt use and safety. Thousands of lives can be saved as a result."



Secretary of Transportation Rodney Slater (2nd from left) convened a press conference to announce results of a Meharry Medical College study on how increasing seat belt use could save the lives of 1,200 African Americans and prevent 26,000 auto injuries per year. Key participants in the press conference were Dr. John Maupin, Jr. (left), Meharry Medical College President, U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher (2nd from right) and Roderick Gillum, General Motors Vice-President. GM sponsored the study.

## 3 Out of 4 seniors lack prescription drug coverage

A new White House report dispels the myth that prescription drug coverage is not a problem for most Medicare beneficiaries. The report titled, *Disturbing Truths & Dangerous Trends: The Facts About Medicare Beneficiaries and Prescription Drug Coverage* contains new data indicating that prescription drug coverage is a financial problem for three out of four senior citizens.

On an increasing basis, retirees are discovering that insurance coverage is decreasing. In the past four years, the proportion of private firms offering retirees health coverage has declined by 25%.

While many Medicare recipients pur-

chase private Medigap insurance policies, most policies do not cover prescription drug costs. Although Medigap premiums vary widely on a nationwide basis, the cost of those policies is consistently two to three times higher than the Medicare premium recently proposed by President Clinton. In most cases, as age increases, the premiums also increase.

According to Congressman Martin Frost (D), "In Texas, the average Medigap premium goes from \$56 per month to 65 year olds to \$114 per month for 85-year old beneficiaries. The President's proposed Medicare premium

is \$44 per month when fully phased in, and does not increase with age."

"As this report makes clear," said Congressman Frost, "prescription drug coverage is a major problem for most seniors enrolled in Medicare. Just targeting relief to the poor or offering a tax credit will not be sufficient. We can only solve this problem by taking comprehensive action to make prescription drugs more affordable for seniors. Congress needs to seize the historic opportunity to use the budget surplus to strengthen and modernize Medicare by creating a prescription drug benefit."

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founder emeritus of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, hailed the NAACP's recent initiative against the exclusion of Black artists in new television programming. His association is currently campaigning to bring an end to the embargo against Black promoters and other businesses in the concert industry.

"The promoters have been picketing, petitioning, and have filed a lawsuit against talent agencies such as William Morris and Creative Artists for excluding black promoters from handling concerts featuring white artists and stellar black artists," Rev. Lowery said. "Now that the NAACP has opened a second front in the struggle against economic injustice in the entertainment industry, both talent agencies and major TV networks must face up to their responsibilities to put an end to the exclusion of black promoters, other black-owned businesses and artists."

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#### Spotlight

es at New York's City College, Randolph learned first-hand how black laborers were abused. It was during these years that Randolph found his life's focus: to better the conditions and treatment of black workers. On August 25, 1925, he founded the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. Only three years after its founding, Randolph earned porters representation in the American Federation of Labor (AFL). Randolph once remarked, "By fighting for their rights now, American Negroes are helping to make America a moral and spiritual arsenal of democracy."

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#### Community Pulse

CEO's who could easily assist Paul Quinn and the surrounding area in getting out of the morass they are in. But he won't, because that's not a part of the plan.

Case in point. I'm sure most of you have forgotten the large PR story the News did on its supposed Southern Dallas News plant it planned to build near Paul Quinn. There was even a large billboard posted on the property at interstate I-45 and I-20 broadcasting a quote that read "the Dallas Morning News is proud to be neighbors with Paul Quinn." The plant was supposed to create hundreds of jobs in southern Dallas. Well the sign is no longer there. Even the 25 or more cows that were once seen "grazing in the grass" are gone! The weeds have grown so high that city code inspectors should have sited them at least 50 times by now! And no, you won't see any lack of code enforcement stories related to that property anytime soon. In fact after reading this little tidbit (yes they do read ALL my columns) they're probably hiring someone to mow it.

My point to all this is that Dechard could help Paul Quinn do what he and others have done for SMU. They could assist the elected, civic and grassroots leadership in that area to create a neighborhood plan that would truly make that community, be what it should be. Like the surrounding community of SMU there could be nice retail shops, banks/lending institutions, office buildings, wholesome entertainment centers and wonderful play areas for the community children. All this could be tied into existing community businesses and recreational facilities. The strips along both sides of I-45 could be beautified and other restaurants, gas stations, tire and lube businesses should be encouraged to relocate there. And yes some of these businesses should be African American owned. Great care should be done to keep as many trees as possible. This is not a hard sell. The News along with Belo have access to resources and the airwaves to make this possible.

If Belo can spend twenty million dollars on a new Internet venture, invest twenty-four million in the Dallas Mavericks (the deal also gave Belo a 6.19 percent nonvoting interest in the Arena Group. The Arena Group is a partnership formed by the Mavericks and the Dallas Stars) or attempt to buy a street in downtown Dallas. Then surely Belo can finance this study and help to educate area residents on its importance with news coverage and television town hall meetings. This then could help improve the area and save Paul Quinn College. And if they can't, why have them on your board?

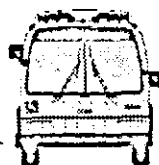
The people in the Paul Quinn area should draw upon their old fashion blues experience and sing Dechard a song like "I can do bad by myself, I don't need no help to starve to death."

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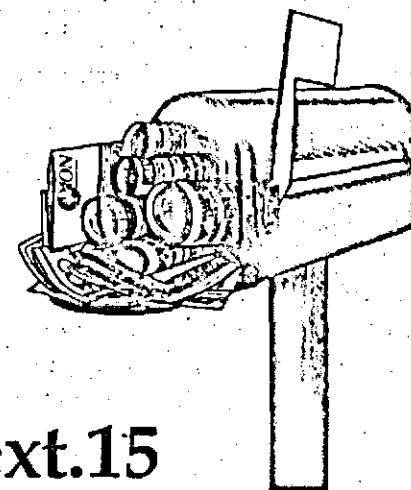
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There is also an array of sculptures, artwork and unusual ceremonial masks from West Africa and South Africa. "All the masks have different meanings. South African art is so different from the art of West Africa. I think through pain sometimes we create a different kind of beauty," said Ward of these works.

Ward left a career as a reporter for the Dallas Morning News to start her gallery. "I decided I wanted to do something different and be an entrepreneur," she said "and at the time the only thing I loved was art." Ward stresses that you should have a passion for whatever it is

figurative art...just faces," she said. "They like abstracts and other kinds of mediums so I have diversified and opened up to more people. I introduce my customers to different kinds of art so most of the art that I have here is by emerging artists which allows the buyer to purchase originals at a reasonable cost."

Ward is able to spend more of her time learning about art. "I am able to travel more and have different experiences," she said. "I notice new textures, new ways people are decorating their homes and choices people are making. This helps me know what kind of invento-



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you do if you want to succeed in your business.

Several months ago the gallery made a gutsy move from upper Greenville Avenue to the arts district in Deep Ellum. The move has not only changed the look of the gallery but it has changed her goals and clientele. "The focus of my art has changed since I moved," said Ward. "Before it was primarily African American and African art but as my taste has grown, I've learned to appreciate more than just African art. I have started to sell more high end originals and serigraphs by a variety of artists and my customers now include tourists and people from all over the city who take advantage of the eclectic offerings in the area."

The move to Deep Ellum has also allowed Ward to enter a new spiritual realm in her life. "There is peace here. I spend time with my God and my Bible and I make sure my environment is conducive to the kind of person that I am. This place allows me to focus on art," she said. "Before I had two stores with a lot of space, I sold food and had parties. I know now that bigger is not necessarily better. I just concentrate on art because I want Stephanie's Collection to be known as a premier art gallery in Dallas."

Over 75% of her customers are African American and Ward serves up an inventory that satisfies everyone. "I have found Black people in particular like more than just

ry I need to carry, what kinds of designs I need to put together."

For the novice who wants to start collecting, Ward explains the steps. "I tell them collecting is not just buying Black art. First you need to read as much as you can about collecting and then try to identify an artist that you like and can afford. Then I advise the beginner to buy limited editions by known artists and look in as many places as you can to see what you like." One rule she cannot emphasize enough is don't put most of your money into framing, put it in the actual artwork. She also talks to the people who come in her gallery about their lives and their adventures and the kinds of things they have bought. What is most rewarding to her is when a client is really happy with their purchase and they call her back and tell her how well the piece works in their environment.

She has plans to showcase new artists and authors monthly and to hold regular seminars to help educate her customers and expose them to new artists and new books. Meanwhile, Ward has settled in during this growth of Deep Ellum. "It's a place known for its art. It was a Black area at one time so I like the historical aspect of it. It feels like a community and my new space with its hardwood floors and brick walls makes my gallery cozy and a great backdrop for the kinds of pieces that are displayed.

## Starting your own business begins with a plan and determination

By Sheryl Roberts

The decision to start a new business can be a daunting task for even the most seasoned businessperson. For others, it can simply be a fear of failure that prevents them for making that first step. For Stephanie Ward, the idea for her gallery stemmed from a love of art. Her advice to aspiring entrepreneurs is simple: "Have a business plan and make sure it is what you want to do and you feel it is something you can do even if you can't make money right away."

Ward also offers the following tips to making business dreams come true:

1. Save your money. Make sure your bills are low and keep expenses down.
2. Have a good support system - People who can pump you up when you are down.
3. Create a network of professionals that you can call on when you need help.

The Small Business Administration also offers new business start-ups a few more steps to getting started:

- List the reasons for wanting to go into business
- Determine what kind of business you can start
- Identify your business niche - know your competitive business edge
- Create a pre-business checklist of your qualifications
- Know your strengths and weaknesses; and have a plan to compensate for what is lacking

The process may begin with an idea, motivation or desire; but research and planning are the keys to getting a business moving. A critical early step is a well-researched business plan. Business plans outline how companies will be managed, operated and capitalized. They should also detail how business objectives will be pursued. Without a sound plan, securing financing from traditional lending institutions will be extremely difficult.

Lenders want to know how capital will be obligated and a proposed repayment schedule. A well-written document will also be a tool to supply sources and customers for your business. Tutorials, computer software, books and courses are readily available to assist interested persons in writing effective plans.

When considering capital finance, a number of options are available:

- Banks
- Equity Funding
- Venture Capitalists
- Private Investors.

SBA was established to aid, counsel, and protect the interests of small businesses. It offers guaranteed loans for small businesses and works with banks and other lending institutions to help borrowers with financing. Some special assistance programs are also offered to entrepreneurs and include The Women's Prequalification Pilot Loan Program, Natural Resources Sales Assistance Program, MED and Women's Demonstration Program.

Depending upon the type of business start-up, governmental regulations, business licenses, trademarks, patents, and tax information can and do vary. The more knowledgeable prospective business people become, the better prepared they will be to face and meet regulatory and licensing requirements.

Whatever your reasons for going into business for yourself, research and planning are the keys to getting started. Your road to success begins with you.



## High poverty, lack of community noted in HUD State of the Cities Report

by Josef Spencer, Staff Writer

In 1997 President Clinton directed the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to report annually on the social and economic vitality of America's cities. In 1998 the study focused on the key opportunity gaps facing cities—in education, jobs, and housing. In 1999 the HUD's State of the Cities report found that despite the increase of a progressive economy, our nation faces new challenges such as high poverty, a lack of jobs, a loss of middle-class families, income inequality, community deinvestment, and a sustained loss of populations. While it is true that many cities are showing obvious signs of revitalization and renewal, too many others have yet to share in the prosperity.

Poor urban residents continue to face an affordable housing crisis and related problems of poverty. Because the strong job economy is pushing up rents faster than wages for millions of Americans, affordable housing shortages are worsening. Poverty households tend to be geographically concentrated in urban areas, a problem that especially affects the minority poor.

Of the older suburbs, many are facing such urban ills as crime, poverty, and population loss. As in central cities, deinvest-

ment is creating blighted areas and sapping these communities of their economic vitality. Simultaneously, many newer suburbs are showing the strained patterns of development such as long commutes and traffic congestion, overcrowded schools, and other sprawl-related problems. The loss of older suburban recreational opportunities and open space was also noted.

The report also found a decline in sense of community has also contributed to our nation's dilemmas. A lack of a central community focal point, and reliance on automobiles were identified as contributing to the loss of a sense of community. Researchers suggest that people living in sprawling developments gather less often in public places and feel less responsible to one another and shared surroundings than residents of more dense communities.

These problems—affordable housing, poverty, and loss of community—are disproportionately affecting African American and other minority communities. The positive finding in this report, however, is the historic opportunity for cooperation between cities and counties, urban as well as suburban, to address the challenges facing our metropolitan areas.

## NAACP, Congressional Black Caucus, Black Leadership Forum Line up in support of promoter Don King

During the 90th annual convention of the nation's oldest civil rights organization, delegates overwhelmingly adopted an emergency resolution in support of promoter Don King. The NAACP resolution, passed on July 15th in New York City, in part calls for "the collective black leadership of this country to once again register its strongest possible complaint against the federal government's targeting of Don King and other black political and economic leaders." The resolution also makes reference to a "reprehensible use of power" by the federal government.

According to Kweisi Mfume, head of the NAACP, "Don King is the subject of political persecution by a Justice Department that is out of control." He added that the legal agency is "engaged in a major witch-hunt against King that smacks of selective prosecution."

Often a target of federal probes, King alleged in a June 30th appearance on CNBC's "Geraldo Live" that a current federal Justice Department probe into his affairs is racially motivated. Reportedly, King and Bob Lee, Sr, president of the International Boxing Federation, are being investigated for allegedly fixing the rankings of fighters. Lee, also an African-American, and King are the two highest-ranking figures in professional fighting. Both deny any wrongdoing.

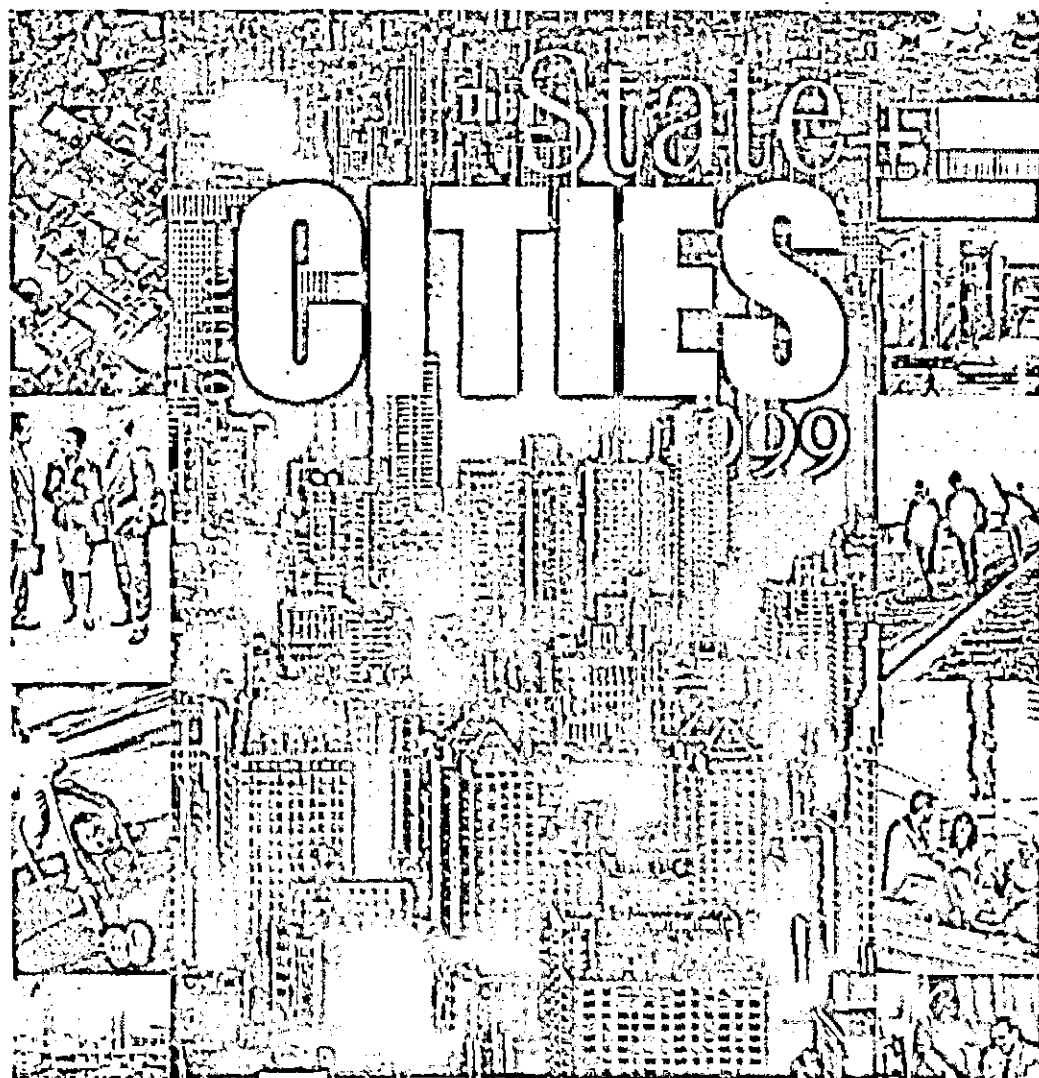
Following that nationally televised appearance, the NAACP resolution echoed a similar call from other civil rights groups that are directly contacting Attorney General Janet Reno.

One day before the NAACP resolution overwhelmingly passed, the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) wrote Ms. Reno. While the CBC correspondence did not claim innocence or guilt on King's behalf, it specifically requested that Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder, be appointed to head a task force for an internal investigation of the King inquiry. In addition, the CBC asked that the results of Holder's investigation be publicly disclosed.

Two days before the CBC correspondence, the Black Leadership Forum (BLF) made a similar and direct inquiry to the Justice Department. In part, Dr. Joseph E. Lowery wrote of a "deep and growing concern about matters related to Mr. Don King". Through Dr. Lowery's request, BLF's board seeks an appointment with Ms. Reno. BLF board members include a number of nationally recognized African Americans such as Dr. Dorothy Height, National Council on Negro Women; Dr. Ramona Edelin, National Urban Coalition; Mr. Mfume, and Mr. Bill Lucy, a high-ranking labor leader.

Two years ago, King received the NAACP's President's Award. Termed at that time as the "greatest promoter in boxing history", the NAACP explained its salute to King because "his rise to international status represents the kind of upward mobility that the NAACP and other African-American forward-thinkers in the United States espouse and think so highly of."

Copies of the 1999 resolution supporting King have now been delivered to Atty. General Reno and other governmental officials.





**Ron Shaw**

## Is Something Still Missing?

- Mark 10:21

By Ron Shaw

A few days ago I sat talking with several businessmen and women who God has blessed to make a lot of money. As we talked, it became obvious that there was a divine connection. Unfortunately, too few of those types of connections are made these days. I believe that those who are blessed to make money should never forget that their ability is divinely inspired. The problem is that most don't realize that they need to be connected with someone who can give that gift real significance.

Divine partnerships are absolutely necessary if we are going to make it. The connection between Samuel and Saul illustrates how the preacher and the professional should be allies, not adversaries. Most pastors have great dreams for the communities they serve; dreams that will give people hope and reduce stress and decrease crime, along with improving the living conditions of people. I do not know of many pastors who don't dream of making a significant difference in their communities. Like LightChurch, they have business incubators and computer training centers and youth educational services and leadership development curriculum. Others have housing programs, and credit unions and food services and seniors service and the like.

The problem is that most of us have to do so much with so little in part because those whose gift it is to help finance the dream have not found the missing link that makes giving a sense of purpose. We have several successful business people in our organization that understand that God gives each of us the ability to do several things well. Mine is to dream and cast vision; theirs is to help finance the vision. We all prosper when we divinely network. That is to say, everyone prospers when holy partnerships form and we supply our respective parts. Until that happens, something will always be missing.

Let's look at our text. A young wealthy professional man approaches Jesus to inquire about obtaining eternal life. He acknowledges Jesus as a good teacher; but not as Lord. Until He is Lord of our life, something will always be missing. Unless He is Lord of all our

lives, divine partnerships will not work as He plans for them to work. The young man has kept the commandments from his youth. He's a great candidate to be one of the twelve apostles. Judas, the treasurer of Jesus' ministry, was a thief. What a great replacement this young man would have made. The fact that he turned down the opportunity of a lifetime because his possessions had him instead of him having them is quite sad. He wouldn't allow Jesus to break him free of power of his stuff not even for posterity's sake. We know Judas' name and he was a thief. We don't know this young man's name and he was honest. What's wrong with this picture? He made a lot of money but it wouldn't count for anything significant. It would have no lasting value. What a waste of time, talent and treasure.

Like this young man, if you are blessed to be a successful business or professional person and acquire wealth, do not forget it will mean nothing if it is not accompanied by a vision that has at its core the improvement of life for people. Not all have that gift to make a lot of money. But all can benefit from that gift if those who do possess it don't turn Jesus down.

In order to fill in the missing ingredients from a life filled with stuff but no significance let me suggest a few things.

1. Do not be possessed by your stuff; but possess your stuff. This can only happen if we surrender our lives to the Lordship of Jesus. As one writer put it... "Sit loosely with thy possessions".
2. Accept the challenge to do something great for the Lord. He has a more wonderful plan for you than you could ever imagine. Jesus loved him and wanted him to be a part of his organization. That's His desire for you.
3. Become a follower of His. Following Him doesn't mean he will make you poor or sanction you to a life of poverty if you have wealth. On the contrary. He wants to use your gift to help finance His work. Therefore, if you made money without Him, how much more can you do with Him.

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By John Dudley

(Part one of a two-part series on investment strategies. The next installment will focus on growth investing.) Value Investing.c2.Investing)

Wall Street experts and experienced investors alike can be heard talking about "value investing." Financial news shows often comment that, "value's making a comeback" or "value's out of favor." Yet the term is rarely explained in adequate detail. It is likely that every investor's portfolio, whether it consists of a personalized selection of stocks or an IRA, will contain value stocks at one time or another.

Value investing, a strategy developed by the late Benjamin Graham, a highly regarded financial scholar, attempts to uncover stocks with low prices and bright futures. Value investors are bargain hunters; they buy securities that appear to be under-priced and hope that others eventually will recognize the true worth of the stock, thereby causing its price to increase. Once the stock reaches its full value, the value investor sells the stock and looks for the next bargain.

While an investor can easily understand the concept of value investing, a substantial amount of research must be done to accomplish successful implementation of the strategy. Stocks with low prices do not always represent a good "value." In fact, low prices can be an indication of severe problems that aren't readily overcome. Consequently, before a value investor decides to buy a stock, he or she must have a requisite understanding of the company and its business. While value investors use different levels of analysis in their search for stocks, most begin by reviewing these four basic indicators:

- **Price/Earnings Ratio.** This ratio is determined by dividing a stock's price per share by its earnings per share. For example, a P/E ratio of 10 indicates that investors are willing to pay \$10 for each \$1 of earnings. The value investor prefers P/E ratios to be low relative to a company's peers or the market.
- **Price/Cash Flow Ratio.** This indicator is determined by dividing the stock's price per share by the amount of cash produced by its operations. Again, a low ratio is attractive to value investors because it suggests an under-valued stock.
- **Price/Book Value.** This ratio is calculated by dividing a stock's price per share by its book value per share (book value represents the net asset value of a company's securities). A ratio of 1 indicates that a stock's price is equal to the net asset value of the company. The value investor seeks ratios that are either below 1 or the industry norm.
- **Dividend Yield.** This is determined by dividing a stock's annual cash dividend by its price per share. Companies with yields that are higher than in past years or than those of its peers are attractive to value investors because dividends add to an investor's total return while helping to insulate against falling stock prices.

For most experienced value investors, these indicators are only the beginning of a lengthy, detailed analysis. And, like any investment strategy, there are positives and negatives that need to be understood. For example, the low prices of value stocks typically make them less vulnerable to market declines than higher-priced companies, but successful implementation of the strategy requires that investors closely monitor the progress of their holdings and be prepared to

sell when a stock reaches "full value." For this reason, many seek professional guidance from a financial advisor before choosing a

value strategy.

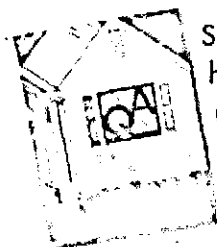
Value investing is a time-honored strategy that has helped many investors achieve their

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## Paul Robeson: democracy's defender abroad and at home

By Josef Spencer

Paul Robeson, a son of a slave, was an American legend. His compelling story is a chronicle of the cultural and social history of 20th Century America. Throughout a lifetime of internationally acclaimed achievements on the world stage as concert singer, actor, film star, recording artist and political activist, the impact of his persona was inseparably rooted in the rich culture of his slave forebears and in the continuing struggles of his people.

In 1917, he became a national college football superstar, leading Rutgers' team to a legendary upset victory. From that time until his retirement in 1965, Paul Robeson called New York City home. Harlem's Sugar Hill; the Greenwich Village Theater; Lewison Stadium, a stone's throw from City College; Broadway's Shubert Theater; Carnegie Hall; Mother A.M.E. Zion Church and the Golden Gate Ballroom in the center of Harlem; East 89th Street near Fifth Avenue, and East 37th Street near Lexington Avenue were all places where Robeson became famous, lived, worked and left a major mark.

The youngest of five children, Paul was born in Princeton, New Jersey on April 9, 1898 to William Drew Robeson and Maria Louisa Bustill Robeson, a Philadelphia, Pennsylvania schoolteacher. His father, born on a plantation in Martin County, North Carolina of slave parents ran away from slavery at 15, joined the Union Army, and soon thereafter worked his way through Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, graduating in 1873. "The glory of my boyhood years was my father. I loved him like no other in all the world. How proudly as a boy, I walked at his side, my hand in his, as he moved among the people! I have often told how he was never satisfied with a mark of 95 when 100 was possible. The concept of personal integrity, which was his ruling passion, included inseparably the idea of maximum human fulfillment," Robeson said of his father. "Yes, I heard my people singing!—in the glow of parlor coal stove on summer porches from choir loft and Sunday morning pews in the very sermons of my father" he adds.

Robeson's refusal to accept individual advancements as a substitute for the collective progress of African-Americans accompanied by his staunch commitment to the well being of all working people elicited worldwide adulation. At the core of his belief was Socialism. His early espousal of equal rights and equal opportunity for African Americans marks him as a forerunner of the civil rights movement of the 1960's. His 1930's writings on the cultures of Africa foreshadowed the African awareness movement of the 1970's. Despite a continuing government-inspired effort to redefine or eradicate his public image and a decade of illness, he remained committed to his principles.

"And may I appeal to you to join us in continuing to fight for the great principles until in all sections of this fair land there will be equal opportunities for all, and character shall be the standard of excellence; until men by constructive work aim toward Solon's definition of the ideal government—until black and white shall clasp friendly hands in the consciousness of the fact that we are brethren and that God is the Father of us all," said Robeson in his valedictorian address at Rutgers University in 1919.

Paul Robeson entered Rutgers in 1915. It was a year when virulent anti-Black attitudes were inflamed and reflected at Rutgers by an atmosphere of marked racial hostility. He

was the third black student ever to attend Rutgers, the only black during his freshman year and one of only two on the Rutgers campus during his entire four years. Finding the school dormitory closed to him Paul took up residence with a family in the Black section of New Brunswick. As his spectacular achievements unfolded at Rutgers, the perimeters of his life expanded, and he was a sought-after guest at black social events throughout the East.

Robeson gained national attention at Rutgers as a 6 foot 2 inch, 200-pound versatile football player, who soon became the team's most valuable player. At a time when prejudice barred Black players from the vast majority of college football teams, Paul became the first Black athlete in American history to dominate the premier national sport of college football. Accompanying his overwhelming performances on the football field, he distinguished himself in basketball, baseball and track, earning a total of 14 varsity letters. Despite his numerous extra-curricular activities, he won the unusual distinction of being elected to the national Phi Beta Kappa academic honor society in his junior year. In his senior year he was inducted into the Cap and Skull society honoring the four seniors who best represented Rutgers ideals. His remarkable ability to win acceptance as a respected leader of both whites and Blacks is evident in the 1919 class prophecy that he would



Paul Robeson  
1898-1976

be governor of New Jersey by 1940 and a leader of the colored race in America.

Following graduation Robeson entered law school at Columbia University. He supported himself by working in the post office, singing, coaching basketball teams, playing in professional football, and acting. Early in 1921 Paul met Essie Cardozo Good (called Essie by her friends) then a chemistry student at Columbia University Teachers College; they were married on August 17, 1921. While attending law school, Paul's social life was a continuation of what it had been during his undergraduate years. Black society admired and welcomed him everywhere. He attended the gatherings of

Harlem's "Renaissance" cultural elite—the scholars, poets, musicians.

By 1924, after his marriage, and as his fame developed, he and Essie moved in ever-widening circles with leading figures among both the black and liberal white cultural elite. Essie's diaries recount their visits with Heywood Brown, James Weldon Johnson, Walter White, Langston Hughes among others.

During the Renaissance decade, he wrote and talked about the African roots of his culture, explored the development and responsibility of his artistry, reflected on religious issues, and, while in London, began to explore the meaning of socialism through his meetings with such people as George Bernard Shaw. Paul actively pursued his artistic and intellectual activities, singing concerts, starring in theater and film productions, traveling, studying, writing and speaking. Paul demonstrated his insatiable curiosity and scholar's passion for knowledge during these years, characteristics that defined his personality throughout his lifetime. These years marked not only his artistic maturity, but a political seasoning as well.

As Robeson's view of the world grew larger, so did his musical repertoire. In pursuing his mission of interpreting "the Negro soul through Negro song," he also began to augment spirituals with other types of folk selections. Building on the enthusiastic reception of "Ballad for Americans," he soon became a national symbol of the fight against fascism abroad and against racism at home. In the atmosphere of Roosevelt's New Deal, the burgeoning labor movement and the patriotic efforts to mobilize the population for full participation in the war to "make the world safe for democracy," Paul Robeson became the voice of democracy.

By 1946, Harry Truman's Presidency was reversing the progressive domestic and foreign policies of Roosevelt's New Deal, and the country began to retreat from the economic and social liberalism symbolized by the war years. In the beginning of 1947, Robeson joined a picket line in front of a St. Louis theater that enforced racial segregation, and then, at a concert in Salt Lake City, he announced to a startled audience: "I am retiring here and now from concert work. I shall sing, from now on, for my trade union. His efforts on behalf of the struggle against racial segregation in the 1940's helped lay the foundation for the civil rights revolution of the 1960's.

By the winter of 1960-1961, Robeson decided to return home to join the growing civil rights movement. However, his intended plans were dramatically aborted: a sudden psychological breakdown, which occurred under questionable circumstances and culminated in an unsuccessful suicide attempt, shattered his travel plans and ultimately ended his career.

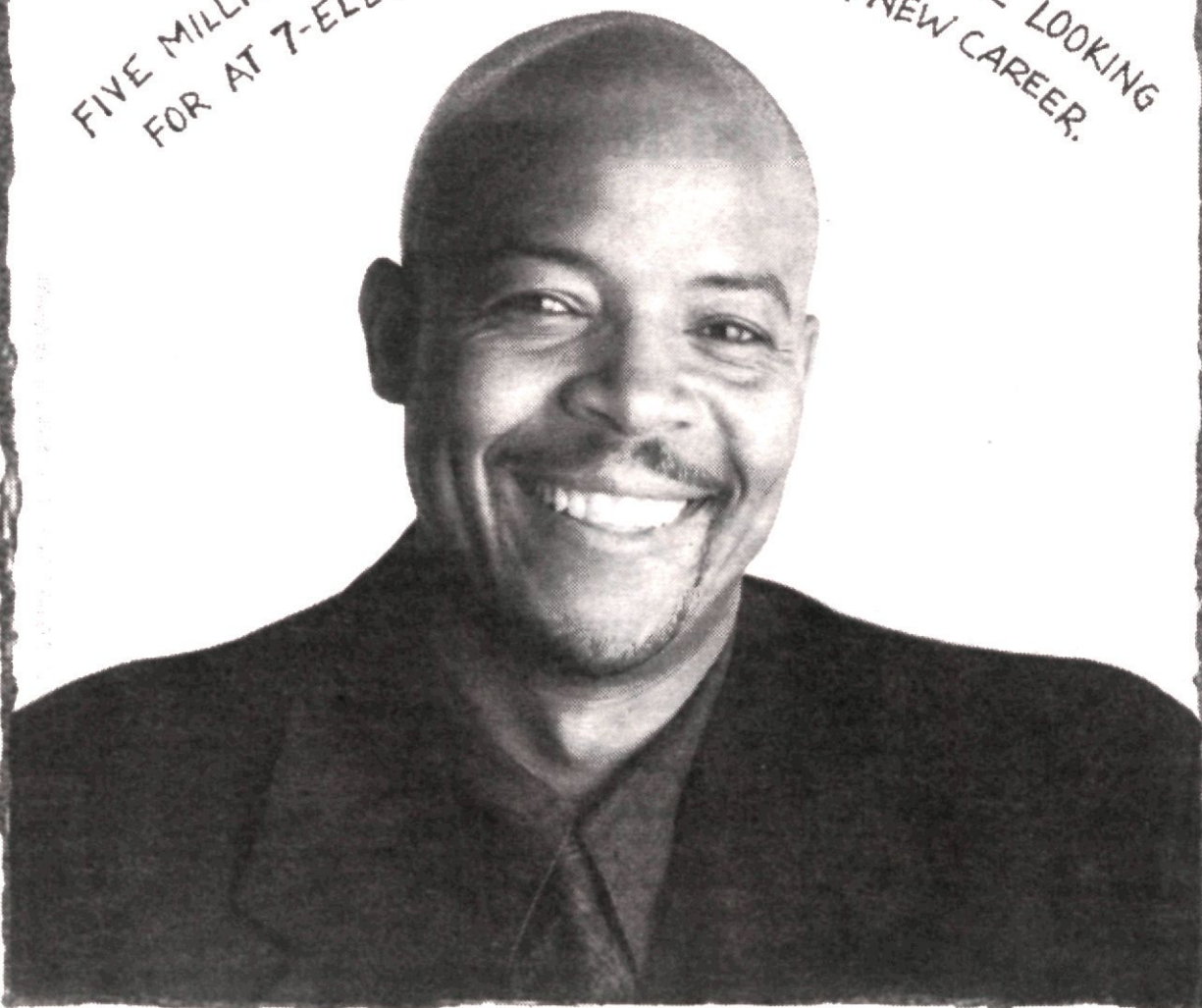
Outside of his years of sojourn living with his son, Paul, Jr. and his family in New York, Paul spent the rest of his years, 1967-1976, living quietly in Philadelphia with his sister Marian who was devoted to him.

Paul Robeson died on January 23, 1976. The viewing was at a Harlem funeral parlor where for two days people from the community and from afar filed in to pay their respects. The funeral was held at Mother A.M.E. Zion Church in Harlem where his brother, Ben, had been minister and where he had participated in their church services. 5,000 people came to pay their respects, some standing out in the rain because there was no room inside.

Although many funerals are marked with sad sentiments, Robeson's homecoming can best be summarized from a message that was read at his 75th birthday salute, "But I keeps laughing instead of crying. I must keep fighting until I'm dying, and 'ol man river he just keeps rolling along!"



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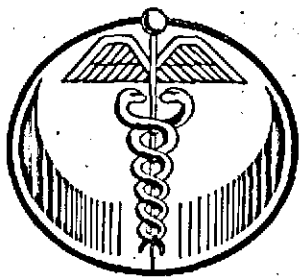
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# The Wellness Diary

## Wellness News Briefs

### Ozone: how it affects your health

Most Metroplex residents are accustomed to hearing summer warnings of Ozone Action Days. Oftentimes, people with respiratory conditions are advised to stay indoors when an alert goes into effect. Yet, for many people, staying at home is not an option. So what is a person to do? Can anything be done to help the estimated 251,000 Metroplex asthma sufferers during these sweltering summers?

The first step to protecting your health is to understand exactly what ozone is and what it does. This basic understanding can be particularly helpful in August and September, the months for most alerts.

Whether you suffer from a respiratory ailment or not, all residents of large industrialized areas are susceptible to excessive ozone exposure. Ozone pollution is the periodic increase in the concentration of ozone in the natural air we breathe. High ozone concentration, often caused from emission sources like autos and industry, damage human health, vegetation and many of the common materials consumers use. Health specialists agree that high concentration of ozone can cause or worsen lung damage.

Ozone acts as a powerful respiratory irritant. Exposure to ozone may lead to shortness of breath, chest pains when inhaling deeply, wheezing and coughing. Ozone levels typically rise from May to October when higher temperatures and increased sunlight meet stagnant atmospheric conditions.

Ground-level ozone pollution, a major cause of smog, is mainly a daytime summer problem. As nitrogen oxides and hydrocarbons react with

sunlight, ozone is produced. Ozone is most often formed from emissions of cars, trucks, power plants and factories.

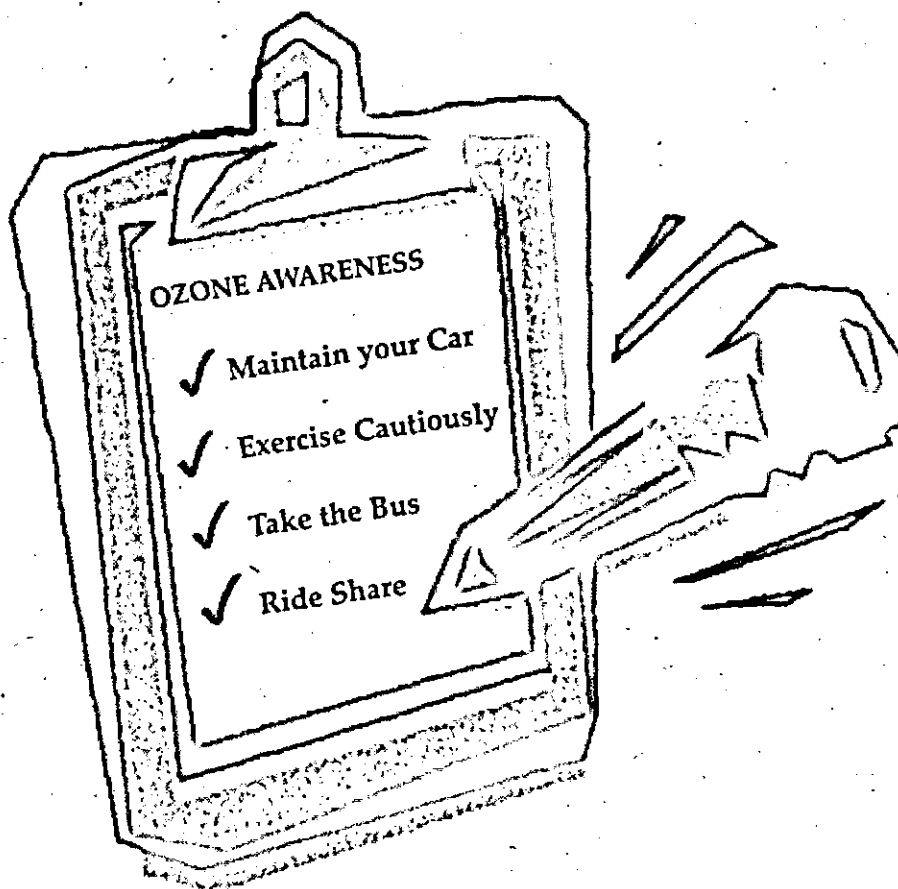
The Clean Air Act requires that metropolitan areas gather and report daily the air quality index (AQI). There are six color-coded categories for this index:

Green	good
Yellow	moderate
Orange	very important alert
Red	unhealthy
Purple	very unhealthy
Maroon	hazardous

While no one single person can prevent ozone dangers, there are a num-

ber of simple adjustments consumers can make to improve their health during these occasions:

- Keep your car in good condition with regular tune-ups.
- Car-pool or ride the bus to work to help reduce pollution levels
- When filling your gas tank, do not tip it off; the extra spillage will contribute to air pollution
- Outdoor exercise is best when done early in the day when ozone levels are usually lower
- Heed weather reports announcing ozone action days
- Anyone with a respiratory ailment, such as asthma, should limit strenuous outdoor activity



#### Warm weather tips to beat mosquitoes

According to the Texas Department of Health, warm weather and widespread spring and summer rain showers have led to a thriving mosquito population. Beyond the annoying presence of these insects, mosquitoes can also carry organisms that cause viral infections such as St. Louis encephalitis and dengue fever in humans. Dogs and cats may also be affected with heartworms.

To protect yourself and your pets, a few simple precautions can eliminate mosquito-breeding sites:

- Empty or get rid of cans, buckets, bottles, plant saucers and other containers that hold water
- Change water in pet dishes, wading pools and birdbaths several times a week
- Cover trash containers so they will not collect water
- Repair any leaking plumbing and outside faucets
- Keep drains and ditches clear of weeds and trash so water will not collect
- Stock ornamental ponds with fish that eat mosquitoes

#### FootHealthNetwork.com offers hope and help to diabetics

According to the American Diabetes Association, about 2.3 million, or 10.8% of all African-Americans suffer from diabetes. Approximately 730,000 of this number do not even know they have the disease. Oftentimes, foot problems lead to a diabetic diagnosis or even amputation. A new, comprehensive website - FootHealthNetwork.com - is designed to address the specific concerns diabetics face regarding foot care. Portions of the website also address arthritis and AIDS effects on foot care.

According to Suzanne Belyea, Director of FootHealthNetwork.com, "Our goal is to educate diabetics on how to take better care of their feet as well as to prevent serious disorders associated with the disease. We will also recommend a number of effective, state-of-the-art footcare products that are currently available."

#### Senior workshops on vision, snoring and sleep disorders offered by Methodist Hospitals

In its continuing Senior ACCESS series, Methodist Hospitals of Dallas will turn attention to snoring and other sleep disorders on August 17th and 20th. Dr. Troy Gates will discuss causes and treatments for snoring and sleep apnea.

Later in the month, on August 24th and 27th, free visual field testing will be available, as well as information on preventing blindness.

All sessions are scheduled from 9:00AM-10:30AM. Tuesday classes are at Methodist Medical Center's Service Building; Friday classes are held at Charlton Methodist Hospital's auditorium. Free parking is available at the Methodist Medical Center's Service building parking lot.

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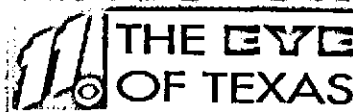
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## Southwestern Bell appoints African-American President & CEO

A telecommunications industry giant with more than 16 million access lines, and providing services to more than 14 million customers in a five-state region, will now be led by an African-American. As president and chief executive officer of Southwestern Bell, Ray Wilkins, Jr. will oversee corporate operations in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas.

Hired as a commercial assistant in 1974, Wilkins steadily advanced through a series of positions in customer service, marketing and comptroller. In 1990, he was named assistant vice-president for Southwestern Bell's Kansas/Western Missouri market. Prior to his most recent appointment, Wilkins served since 1997 as president of Pacific Bell's business communications services. In that capacity, he was responsible for all business market sales, customer service, financial performance and Pacific Bell Network Integration and Pacific Bell Information Services.

A 1974 graduate of the University



**Ray Wilkins, Jr., President and CEO of Southwestern Bell**

of Texas, the Waco native has also attended the University of Pittsburgh's management program.

## Dalworth Auto Electronics

By Josef Spencer, Staff Writer

"[It takes the] ability to be a team player, a team leader. However, I don't mind being the Indian if that's what it takes to get the job done," says Cobey Smith, manager of Oakcliff's Dalworth Auto Electronics. As the first African American to serve as store manager in any of Dalworth's three local stores, Cobey believes that it is a positive attitude, the desire to learn and technical inclination that helped him secure this position. As one of three managers who, collectively, supervise a staff of thirty-five sales representatives, installers and window tinters, the Devry Technical School graduate says that he depends on his people skills to perform his duties. "One of the challenges that I inherit, as with any retail job, is trying to satisfy our customers. Trying to strike a balance between what the customer wants and what's best for the store can be difficult. This takes a degree of both professionalism and personal skills."

He also utilizes his personal skills when

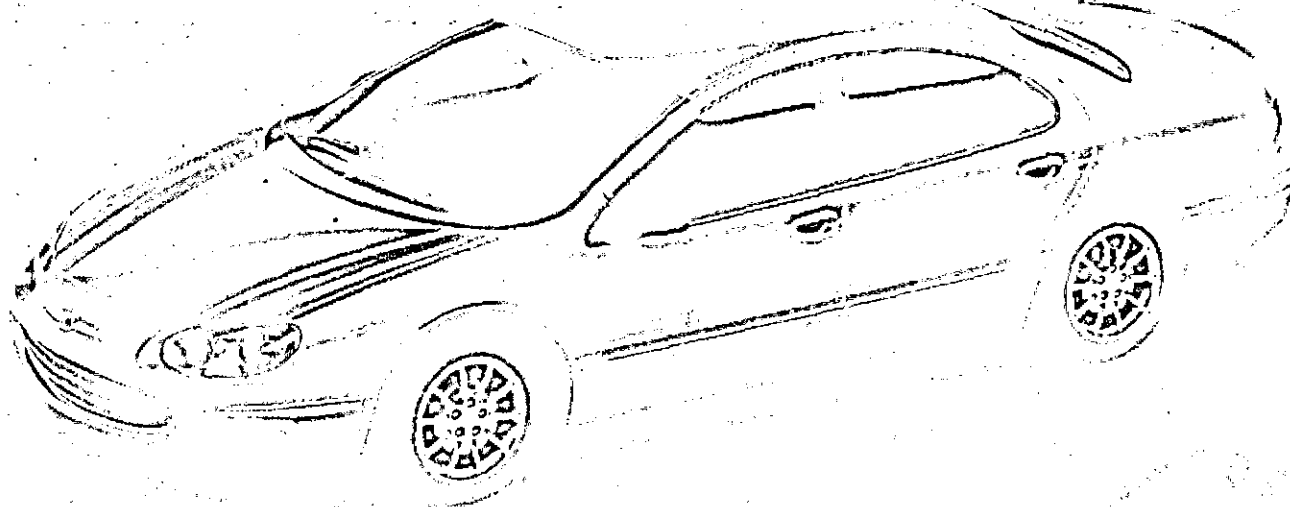
working with his employees. "It's imperative to let them know that we are all on the same team," he says. Cobey is not a novice to the game. He brings ten years of experience to the team. As a veteran in the field, he encourages other youth to explore the mobile electronic industry in Dallas.



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## Around The Town

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Spend a few hours with residents of a local nursing home. Volunteers are needed weekday mornings to help seniors with arts and crafts and escort them to and from their rooms. Volunteers are also needed Thursday mornings and afternoons to answer the telephones, take messages and greet guests in the dental office. Call 214-826-6767, for more information.

### August 16

Opening its doors on Monday, August 16th, I Am That I Am Academy in Dallas is the school to enroll your child in this fall. Emphasizing literacy, recreational activities, cultural, and pre-employment skills, I Am That I Am Academy-Charter Public School will work diligently to see that your child becomes computer literate and well-rounded in all areas. Accredited by the Texas Education Agency in 1998, doors will open for grades 4 through 10.

### August 16-17

SER-Jobs for Progress, Inc., a national non-profit Hispanic organization, will hold the SER Job Fair & Career Expo, with over 25 employers, August 16-17, 1999 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at Brookhaven College, 3939 Valley View Lane in Farmers Branch, Texas. Representatives from national and local corporations, as well as government entities will accept resumes and talk to qualified applicants in all career aspects for jobs within and outside Texas. Bring enough copies of your resume and be ready for on-site interviews. Admission and parking are free.

### August 17

Volunteers are needed August 17 to greet customers, stock merchandise and serve as cashiers in a gift shop at NorthPark Center. This shop is staffed entirely by volunteers. Proceeds benefit

local children's organizations. Call 214-826-6767 for more information.

### August 17-Sept. 4

Hoop Hunter Basketball Organization is sponsoring a basketball clinic during the months of August and September. Tuesday, August 17, grades 4-8 will work on shooting form from 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. The location is Aubrey New High School Gym and the cost is \$15 per person. Saturday, August 28 from 9-11 a.m., grades 4-8 will be working on ball handling skills at Park South YMCA 2500 Romine St., Dallas, Texas. The cost is free. Saturday, September 4 from 9-11 a.m., grades 9-12 will also be perfecting ball handling skills. The cost is also free and it will also be held at Park South YMCA. To register call 972-219-7932 or 1-888-Hoop-888.

### August 18

The Dallas Bar Association will provide volunteer lawyers offering free advice to Dallas County residents Wednesday, August 18 from 5:15 p.m. to 8 p.m. Anyone interested should call the new LegalLine number at 214-220-7476.

### August 19

On Thursday, August 19 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., the Community Meeting Room of the Lewisville Main Library location (1197 W. Main) will be the location of the program "Parent Burnout". Presented by Nancy Brown of the Texas Agriculture Extension Service, this program offers timely advice for the modern parent. Issues such as anger management and positive discipline will be discussed. A children's program will run simultaneously with Parent Burnout to accommodate parents. Those interested in attending can RSVP by calling Erik Wilkinson at (972) 219-3779.

### August 20

On August 20, 1999, from 10:00 a.m.-noon, the Brady Center will "Hip Hop" back to school with a senior dance! Come join in on the fun, food, games, and door prizes. RSVP at 214-826-8330.

### August 23

The New York Poetry Alliance is sponsoring a free poetry contest, open to everyone. There are 28 prizes in all, with a \$1,000.00 cash prize going to the top winner. To enter, send poems 21 lines or less to: New York Poetry Alliance, Box 1588, New York, NY 10116-1588. Or enter online at [www.freecontest.com](http://www.freecontest.com). Winners will be notified by mail. The deadline for entering is August 23, 1999. For more information please e-mail Dr. Cusack: [john@mighty.net](mailto:john@mighty.net).

### August 26

Lights! Camera! Action! Volunteers are needed beginning August 26 production assistants for an interfaith issues program that airs on two local channels each week. Television experience is a plus but willingness to commit to seven Thursdays for production is essential. This is an excellent opportunity for individuals interested in broadcasting. For additional information, please call the Volunteer Center of Dallas County at 214-826-6767.

### August 26

Proposed federal income tax legislation will be the topic of conversation August 26 at the joint meeting of the Dallas Chapter of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accounts and the Institute of Certified Financial Planners. Congressman Pete Sessions is the keynote speaker and will make his address at 6:30 p.m. at Cityplace Conference Center, 2711 N. Haskell, in Dallas. Prior to his discussion of tax legislation, CPAs and Financial Planners will present a one-hour panel discussion entitled "Year-end Tax Planning of Portfolios."

### August 26 and 27

Women of Faith, the largest national women's conference in the country, introduces a worship series entitled "Rejoice! One Night, One God, One Voice." The Rejoice! praise and worship event will held Thursday evening, August 26, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Reunion Arena in Dallas, Texas. Following the "Rejoice!" event, Women of Faith will host an "Outrageous Joy" conference Friday, August 27, and Saturday, August 28 at Reunion Arena, where 18,000 women will gather to hear some of today's most motivational and inspirational speakers, authors, and musicians. For ticket information to the Rejoice! event or the Women of Faith conference, please call 1-888-49-FAITH. Tickets are available at all Family Christian Stores.

### August 28

The Dallas Metroplex Council of Black Alumni Associations (DMCBAA) proudly presents its 5th annual Jimmy Walker Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament on Saturday, August 28, 1999, at Twin Wells Golf Course in Irving, Texas. This year's format is two-person best ball with shotgun start. The ladies, men and coed divisions fee is \$75.00 through August 13th. Youth registration fee is \$30.00. The tournament benefits Jimmy Walker and DMCBAA Scholarships and Grants. For registration information, please call 972-395-3369 or 972-226-1813; or send e-mail to [DMCBAA@juno.com](mailto:DMCBAA@juno.com).

### August 28

The Fort Worth Water Department's next "Yard Smart Seminar" will feature topics on perennials, vegetable gardening and composting on Saturday, August 28, at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden Center's Lecture Hall. The purpose of the seminar is to share environmentally-friendly gardening information that can lead to healthy and beautiful lawns and gardens. The free event is open to the public. Registration is at 8:15 a.m. and the seminar should conclude by 12:30 p.m. There is no pre-registration for the event so early arrival is encouraged. For further information, contact the Water Department at (817) 871-8220.

### August 28

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Tarrant County is proud to announce the 7th Annual Hillwood Development Clay Shoot benefiting their organization on Saturday, August 28, 1999. The cost is \$100 per person or \$150 per parent/child team. Proceeds from the event benefit Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Tarrant County and their services to children. This year's event will once again be held at Alpine Gun Club located at 5482 Shelby Road in Fort Worth. All entrants will receive a free lunch buffet and drinks as a part of their registration fee. To receive an entry form, or register by phone, call 817-877-4277.

### August 28-29

Plano Repertory Theatre (PRT) will hold auditions for its upcoming production of the musical "My Favorite Year" on Saturday, August 28, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, August 29 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Auditions will be held at the ArtCenter Theatre located at 1028 15th Place in Historic Downtown Plano. Roles are available for 1 male (age 18-24), 1 Asian male (age 35-50), 6 men (ages 35-60), 2 women (ages 18-24), 3 women (ages 35-60) and an ethnically diverse ensemble (18-35). Auditions are by appointment only. Please bring a headshot and resume. Actors are asked to prepare 16 bars each of two contrasting songs (up-tempo and ballad). An accompanist will be provided. The production is scheduled to run October 14 through November 14. For an audition appointment, call the PRT office at 972-422-7460.

### August 31 through Nov. 2

A local phone crisis counseling center needs volunteers to answer crisis calls and counsel callers. Training will be Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., August 31 through November 2. Phone counselors will receive ongoing guidance and supervision from experienced counselors. Call Volunteer Center of Dallas County for additional information at 214-826-6767.

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## Encouraging your child to read

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**Little David Had No Fear**

by Judith Anne Still

The Master Player Library, Publisher; 113 pages; hardback, \$19.95

This book, designed for both children and young adults, tells the story of the childhood years of African-American composer, William Grant Still (1895-1978). A major force in American music, Still's life is largely unknown. This work discusses the eminent musician as both composer and conductor.

His achievements in the field of serious music earned him the title, "Dean of Afro-American Composers". He was the first Afro-American in the United States to have a symphony performed by a major orchestra. That milestone came in 1936 when he directed the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra in a concert of his compositions at the Hollywood Bowl. Later, in 1955 Still was the first of his race to conduct a major symphony orchestra in the Deep South. Other "firsts" include: an opera produced by a major U. S. company, conducting a white radio orchestra in New York City, and an opera televised over a national network.

The author is never shy about revealing the mistakes the young William Grant Still made while growing up in Little Rock, Arkansas. Youthful high spirits and a precocious nature often brought him into conflict with his mother. Still's mother worked hard to give her son discipline and all of the luxuries of a middle-class education and culture. His grandmother, a former slave, enjoyed singing Negro spirituals while she worked in the kitchen; one of her favorites was "Little David".

### Little David Had No Fear

A William Grant Still Biography  
by Judith Anne Still



In time, William Grant Still became determined to turn his love of music into a lifetime commitment, despite Jim Crow. Ultimately his story is one of a life that attained prominence through study, courage and persistence. In this book, young readers will find a hero. In a day and time when children need heroes, this "little David" shows how to become a Goliath.

### Something Beautiful

By Sharon Dennis Wyeth; illustrated by  
Chris K. Soentpiet

Bantam Doubleday Dell Books; 92 pages;  
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Written for all ages, this book tells the story of a little girl who longs to see beyond scary sights on the sidewalk and angry scribbling in the halls of her building. When her teacher writes the word 'beautiful' on the blackboard, she decides to look for something beautiful in her neighborhood.

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Inspired by Sharon Dennis Wyeth's own childhood memories, "Something Beautiful" reminds us that there is strength in community and that our greatest treasure is our children. Chris K. Soentpiet's luminous paintings celebrate the human spirit. Together, these words and images create a work that is as beautiful as it is inspiring.

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#### Bowfinger

Steve Martin wrote it and stars as a producer on a losing streak who gets a megastar (played by Eddie Murphy) in his movie.

#### Deep Blue Sea

Forget "The Postman" and "Speed 2." The most elephantine flop of recent years was Renny Harlin's "Cutthroat Island." Mr. Harlin attempts to redeem himself with this saga of humongous sharks on a rampage. With Samuel L. Jackson and Thomas Jane.

#### In Too Deep

Omar Epps plays an undercover cop out to capture an unorthodox criminal who calls himself "God" and is played by LL Cool J.

#### Blue Streak

Martin Lawrence as a jewel thief who goes undercover in the police department. Also stars Dallas native Luke Wilson.

## Hot

### Hear ye, Hear ye

The streak of success goes on and on for **Lauryn Hill**. With announcement of the Lady of Soul nominations, Hill, who is also an accomplished songwriter and producer, received four nods for best solo R&B soul single and soul song of the year (Ex-Factor) solo R&B album of the year (The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill) and the best R&B/soul or rap music video (Doo Wop [That Thing]). Other nominees include **Monica**, **TLC**, **Whitney Houston**, **Aaliyah**, **Brandy**, **Deborah Cox** and **Les Nubians**. The show airs nationwide on September 3, 1999.

According to published sources, Barry White has canceled the first seven dates of his tour, in which he co-headlines with soul legends **Earth, Wind & Fire**. The official reason for the reported cancellations is "exhaustion". Under the doctor's orders, White will check into the Scripps Institute in Claremont, CA and then spend a few weeks resting at his San Diego home. White's tour will now kick off September 10th in Boston.

Some of funk's greatest, inspired by the last two tracks recorded by Roger Troutman, have joined in on the United We Funk compilation, stacked with all new R&B material. Due out October 5th on Rhino Records, the set includes tracks from **Rick James**, **The SOS Band**, **The Gap Band** and **Confunkshun**. It will also feature the last two tracks ever recorded by Troutman, **Party Time** and **Nuthin' But A Party**. Both were recorded in conjunction with the United Funk All Stars. In addition to the album, many of the groups will hook up for the United We Funk Tour. MP3.com will co-sponsor the 50 city outing, kicking off in October.

## SPOTLIGHT



### Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth



*Francis Bacon: A Retrospective Exhibition* is the first major museum retrospective held in the United States since Bacon's death in 1992. The exhibition showcases nearly 50 major paintings, spanning the period from 1933 through 1990, borrowed from prominent museums in the United States and Europe, as well as numerous private collections throughout the world. Bacon emphasized the universal meaning of his images, which, in their essential ambiguity, invite contrary interpretations. Bacon's paintings contain suggestions of many creative influences on him—Greek tragedies, old master paintings, photography, medical images and the work of numerous other artists—as well as the intellectual constructs to which he assented, such as existentialism and atheism. Bacon's work, however, remains hard to fathom in its ultimate meanings. His source material is thoroughly amalgamated into the finished image, a testament to his comment that, "I'm like a grinding machine. I've looked at everything and everything I've seen has gone in and been ground up very fine."



## THE TUBE



#### The Fan

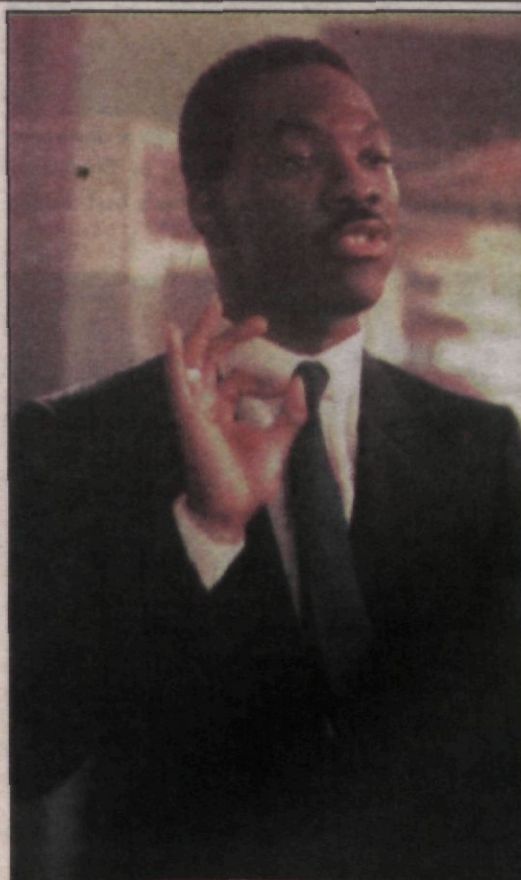
Obsessed baseball fan Gil Renard (Robert Deniro) stalks favorite player Bobby Rayburn (Wesley Snipes) who just signed a big contract with the San Francisco Giants. When Rayburn goes into a slump, Renard figures he can help his idol by any means necessary. Also starring Ellen Barkin, John Leguizamo, Benicio Del Toro, and Patti D'Arbanville. Don't miss this ball game airing August 18, 1999 on USA network, 9:00-11:30 p.m. ET/PT.

#### Beverly Hills Cop II

A series of strange robberies brings Axel Foley (Eddie Murphy) back to Beverly Hills to help his two fellow cops infiltrate a band of international munitions smugglers. All the familiar faces of the first film are back. Tune in August 24, 1999 to USA network, 9:00-11:00 p.m. ET/PT, to catch this cop in action.

#### U.S. Open Tennis Tournament

USA Network will telecast America's premier tennis tournament, the U.S. Open Tennis Championships, from the USTA National Tennis Center in Flushing, New York. USA will serve up more than 92 hours of live tennis, spanning 12 days and nights from August 30 through September 12.



Eddie Murphy in Beverly Hills Cop II

## Events

Now through August 28

"Miss-Matched" runs through August 28, 1999. "Miss-Matched" asks the question, "How does the perfect woman meet the perfect man?" When Leslie and her roommates Sharla and Marylynn decide one night on a lark to place a personal ad for the fictitious Perfect Woman they've created (a composite of themselves) they expect to get a lot of responses from the usual assortment of lonely guys. What they don't expect is a call from Trevor—the Perfect Man! Tickets and show times are available through Pegasus Theatre (214/821-6005) or Ticketmaster (214/373-8000 or metro 972/647-5700). There is additional service charge on tickets purchased through Ticketmaster.

August 15

Bethlehem Word Church Ministries (BWC) announces its musical production debut of the stage play "Old Land Mark", featuring renown gospel artist Tommie Young-West. Old Land mark will debut Sunday, August 15, 1999 at 6:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Word Church Ministries located at 3940 Blue Ridge Blvd. For more information please contact Kenneth J. Mack, Jr. at (214) 333-4313.

August 17-29

The charming story of "Annie" comes to life with a local twist on the stage of Casa Manana Theatre August 17-29. Performances will run Tuesday through Friday at 8:00 p.m., Saturday at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$34 for adults; \$28 for senior citizens 55 and over; and \$18 for students and children 18 & under. Tickets may be purchased by contacting Ticketmaster at metro 972-647-5700, or by visiting the Casa Manana Theatre box office.

August 19-28

Fort Worth Theatre is pleased to present "Seducing Sally", an original adult comedy about family and other relationships complicated by misunderstandings. "Seducing Sally" will run August 19-21 and August 26-28 at 8:00 p.m. at Fort Worth Theatre at Orchestra Hall, 4401 Trail Lake Drive at Granbury Road. Tickets are \$5-\$10. Please call 817-921-5300 for tickets.

August 19-22

Jubilee Theatre is pleased to announce the one week extension of the hit musical, "Attitude, Girl Friend, ATTITUDE" for five performances only, Thursday, August 19 through Sunday, August 22, 1999. Tickets for Thursday 8:15 p.m., Saturday 3:15 p.m. and Sunday 3:15 p.m. performances are \$12.00 each. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8:15 p.m. and tickets are \$16.00 each. All discounts are suspended. Tickets go on sale August 17th at the box office at 817/338-4411 or by e-mail at jubilee@startext.net.



## "The 13th Warrior"

When a best-selling novel is translated to the silver screen, results are often mixed. A novel's suspenseful scenes and character development can be a challenge in a screenplay. In Touchstone Picture's *"The 13th Warrior"*, the essence of *Eaters of the Dead* by award-winning author Michael Crichton, is preserved by the talented collaboration of screenwriters William Wisher and Warren Lewis. Medieval costumes and period sets serve as an interesting backdrop for armed conflict that is also an engaging struggle between good and evil, youthful naivete and sage wisdom.

Beyond stunning cinematography and period costumes, two of the screen's most alluring actors, Antonio Banderas and Omar Sharif offer captivating performances at the direction of John McTiernan.

*13th Warrior* is the story of Ibn Fahdlan, portrayed by Banderas. His invigorating youthful existence affords privileges, prominence and cultured protection — until he succumbs to a woman who is as beautiful as she is dangerous. Sent away as an emissary to a distant land, Ibn travels by caravan with his mentor and manservant, Melchisidek (Omar Sharif). Feeling like a nomadic outcast, Ibn and his mentor meet a band of Norse warriors.

Initially, Ibn considers the rogues to be colorfully crude. Yet he is equally skeptical of their description of a mysterious enemy that is plaguing their homeland. In a time of cauldrons, soothsayers and sorcery, these mysterious, legendary creatures are said to emerge in the black of night, out of the shroud of fog. They are also said to consume every living thing.

Ibn learns that a soothsayer warned the embattled warriors that victory against these creatures could only be possible with a 13th warrior, one who must also be a foreigner in their land. As a result, Ibn is enlisted for a conquest fought on land and at sea.

The band of warriors is a varied and colorful bunch — a horseman, archer, musician, mute, wise man, womanizer and more. Their ruler, an elderly king, is blessed and burdened with a young wife and a treacherous son.

This coerced alliance is ripe with action and intrigue. In relating his director's perspective of the unfolding plot, McTiernan said, "Essentially, the story is about a cosmopolitan yuppie, if you will, who gets into political trouble when he becomes involved with the wrong girl.

He is a young politician and so they punish him by sending him off as an ambassador to a very distant land. And in the middle of Central Asia, he stumbles into a camp of really tough guys."

Banderas, director McTiernan's first choice for the lead, reflected on the role of Ibn. "Even though Ibn is from a rich family, he is still street smart. But at the beginning, he is also an immature man and he is always upset with everything, over-reacting to circumstances. When he meets up with these warriors he later has a humbling look at himself. The journey becomes an initiation process for Ibn into being a man and into being a better person. I think it's good for him and makes for an interesting story as well."

*13th Warrior* opens at theaters nationwide on August 27th.



Cutlines: Photo #1: Ahmed Ibn Fahdlan (Antonio Banderas) struggles through a downpour to meet the horrific onslaught of the mysterious creatures from the fog in Touchstone Pictures' adventure-thriller *"The 13th Warrior"* based on Michael Crichton's best-selling novel, *Eaters of the Dead*.



On location with his film for Touchstone Pictures, *"The 13th Warrior"*, director John McTiernan (center) describes the coming action for the next take.

## "Mickey Blue Eyes"

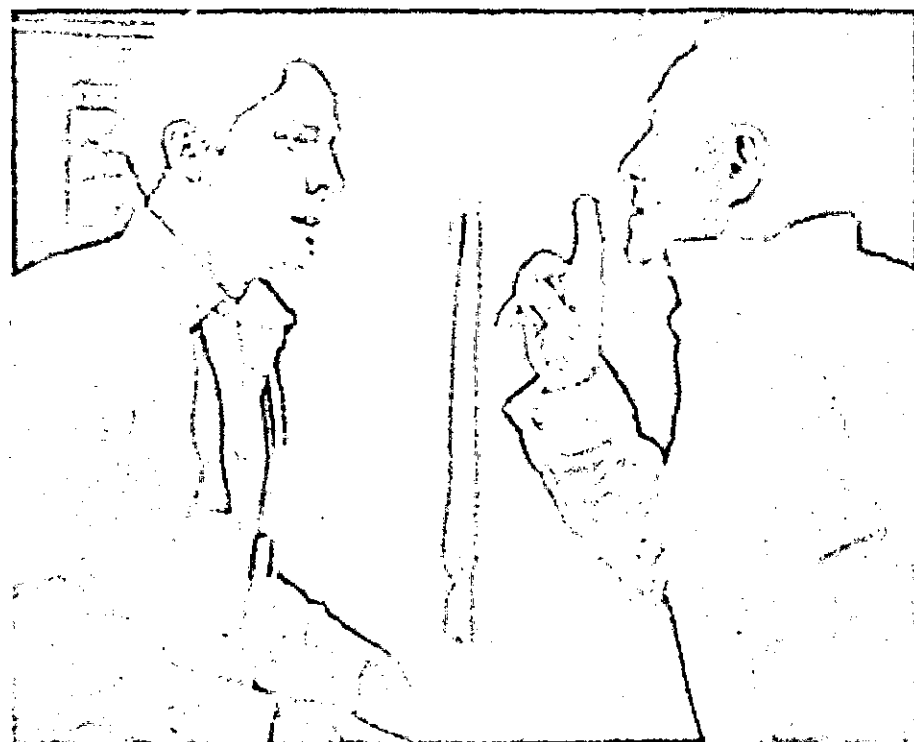
When an Englishman living in New York City proposes to his beautiful girlfriend, he finds he needs love and courage. The would-be fiancée is the daughter of a mob chief. *"Mickey Blue Eyes"* is a romantic comedy starring Hugh Grant, James Caan and Jeanne Tripplehorn.

Distributed by Warner Brothers, this Castle Rock film marks another prominent Mafia role for native New Yorker and veteran actor Caan. It was a brash and youthful Caan who thrilled audience with his masterful

portrayal of Sonny Corleone in *"The Godfather"*.

Jeanne Tripplehorn, known for her roles in *"Basic Instinct"* and *"The Firm"* portrays a character that has been trying all of her life to escape the Mob. This reluctant Mafia princess is a captivating catch for the British auctioneer played by Hugh Grant. In fact, it is Grant's blue eyes that lend themselves to the film's title.

*"Mickey Blue Eyes"* opens August 20th in theaters.



Hugh Grant as Michael Felgate with his potential father-in-law, James Caan.



## Environmental career exploration offered at TSU's School of Technology

As high school students return for a new school year, 43 throughout Texas have gained valuable insight to careers in a little known field: environmental energy and studies. Since 1995, the Renewable Energy and Environmental Protection Academy (REEP), housed at Texas Southern University's School of Technology, has awarded scholarships to high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. This year, students from Dallas/Fort Worth, Austin, Galveston, Houston, Waco and New Orleans resided in TSU dormitories from July 11th to August 7th.

"We introduce energy conservation and environmental protection concepts to inner city youth as a possible career choice," says Dr. Joshua Hill, interim dean at TSU's School of Technology. "They live on the TSU campus during the four-week period. While here, they are exposed to faculty and industry professionals to learn more about this exciting field."

The academy focuses on the uses of solar and winds energy, photovoltaic technology, energy conservation, environmental management, and natural resource conservation. Classroom interaction and assignments, group participation and demonstrations conducted by university staff and guest speakers together enable students to become a part of tomorrow's energy solutions today. The students also travel to sites where development of new technologies in renewable energy is underway.

This year's activities included: solar ener-

gy experiments, application of science and math principles to energy and environmental technology, wind energy projects, youth leadership training, field trips to recycling and landfill facilities. Two field trip highlights were visits to Austin's National Renewable Energy Laboratories and West Texas A&M University's Alternate Energy Institute.

Selected returning students travel to an international site during the last two weeks of the program.

The competitive scholarship applicants were evaluated on the following criteria:

- demonstrated interest in energy, environmental studies, math, science and/or technology
- Minimum GPA of 2.9, verified by the applicant's transcript
- 200-word essay detailing career goals, and interest in the program
- 3 letters of recommendations from former and/or current instructors in math, science, technology, counselors and/or principals who have known the student at least one year

The program is sponsored by the State Energy conservation Office, Reliant Energy, National Renewable Energy Laboratories - U.S. Department of Energy, the Honeywell Foundation, Port of Houston, Browning-Ferris Industries, TU Electric/Lone Star Gas and Allstate Insurance.

For more information on the REEP Academy or on Texas Southern University's School of Technology, interested persons can call (713) 313-1852.

## Keeping an eye on Texas

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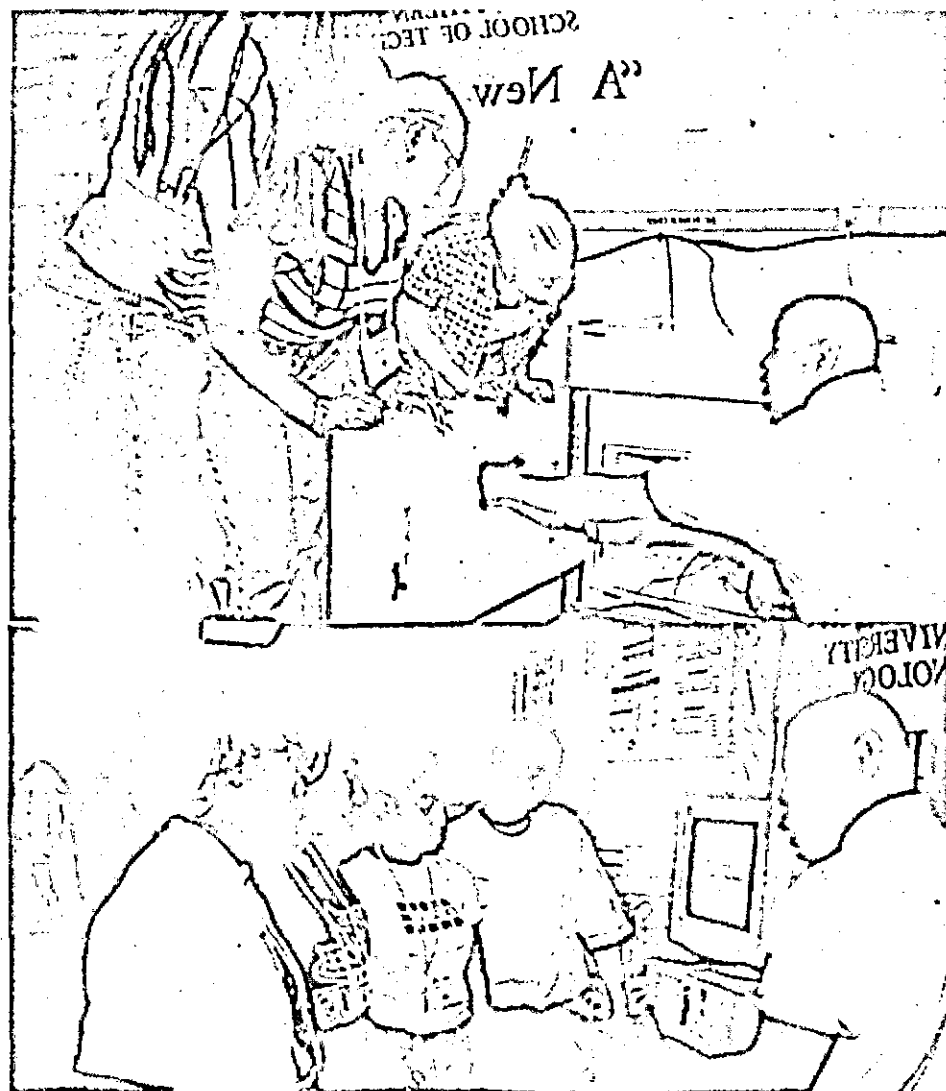
In a single school year, more than half a billion cafeteria meals are served: 389 million lunches and 140 million breakfasts. Each day, on average, 2.2 million students, or 57.8 percent, ate lunch in 6,377 school cafeterias statewide, and 6,241 school cafeterias served breakfast to about 800,000 students, or 16.1 percent.

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Free	222	109	331
Paid	132	20	152
Reduced Price	35	11	46
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>529</b>

\*August 1998-May 1999

Illustration by  
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SOURCES: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts,  
(www.window.state.tx.us), and Texas Education Agency.



TSU's Dr. Joshua Hill with 1999 REEP scholarship recipients



## Texas State Tech to offer computer seminars Aug 23rd-27th

Later this month, Texas State Technical College in Waco will offer a series of computer classes designed to strengthen and update computer skills. Windows technologies, installation and administration will be the focus of a course series beginning August 23rd and continuing through August 27th.

Windows NT 4.0's core technologies will focus on principles like Remote Access Services (RAS), Internet Information Server (IIS), and protocols. Taught by Microsoft certified systems engineer Ron Sanders, students will learn how to:

- Configure Microsoft Windows NT 4.0
- Create/implement system policies
- Implement/manage file systems
- Identify network components and describe their functions
- Use file synchronization
- Recognize boot-related problems
- Implement and troubleshoot directory replication

Linux installation and administration, a hands-on 3-day course, taught by Mr. Richard Dixon, offers operating system experience. In this course, students will learn how to:

- Configure LINUX as a Web server
- Network LINUX stations
- Install and configure e-mails
- Perform pre-installation planning
- Implement printers and print sharing
- Set up and manipulate user accounts

Other courses offered in this series include Microsoft 2000 versions of Access, Windows and Excel, NET 4.0 Installation and Administration, and Network Essentials.

Check, money order, major credit card or purchase order may pay registration fees. Firms desiring multiple registrants may be billed if registration is received before August 19th. Two or more same-course registrants are eligible for a 10% group discount on registration fees.

For a full course and fee schedule, contact Texas State Technical College toll-free at (800) 867-4831.

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August 6, 1999

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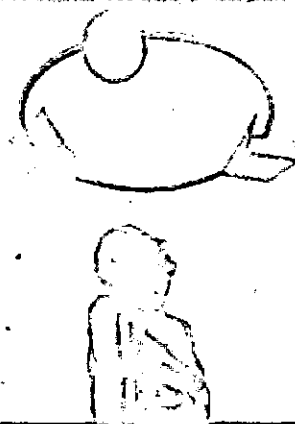
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This contract is subject to all appropriate Federal laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will insure that bidders will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, sex or national origin, in having full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and in consideration for an award. 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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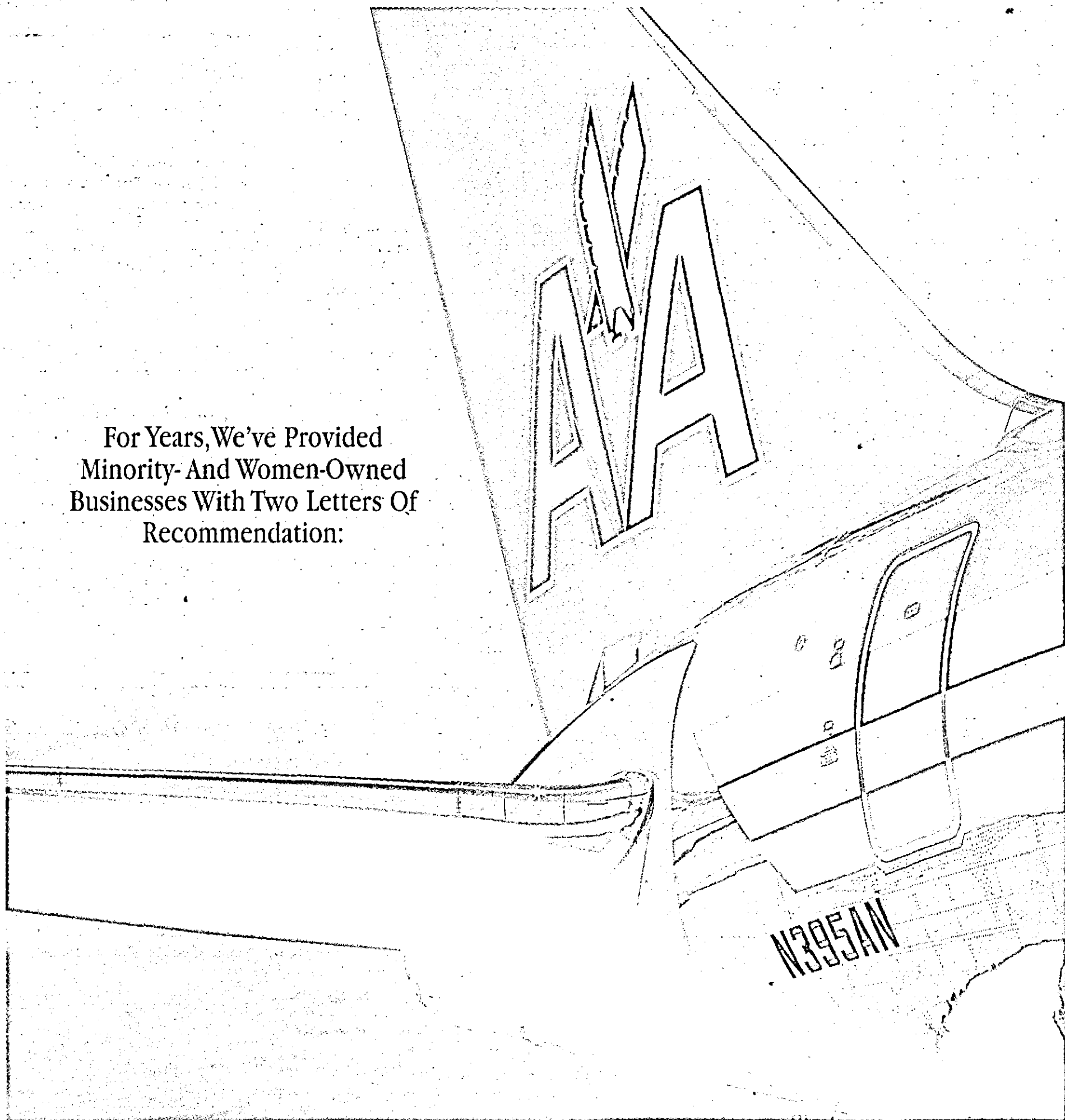
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