

UNICEF Says Time Still Not Too Late To Save Drought Victims

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (PANA)—The United Nations Children's Fund has called for immediate action by donors to save lives in drought-stricken Ethiopia.

"It is by no means too late" to save the lives of millions of children and women in Ethiopia and other countries in the horn of Africa affected by severe drought, the agency said.

In a statement published in the state-owned daily, Ethiopian Herald, UNICEF affirmed that "immediate action" for international drought relief aid was crucial at this time and "no time should be lost to red tape or political inaction."

It said that its officials in Ethiopia, Eritrea, Djibouti, Kenya and Somalia were focusing their relief efforts in the areas of health, nutrition, water and sanitation.

Rodney Phillips, UNICEF's senior program officer in Ethiopia said, "food is essential, absolutely." But food alone is not sufficient to prevent death. Without clear water to drink, diseases can easily claim lives. Without proper health care, diseases can spread unchecked. A holistic approach is paramount.

UNICEF estimates eight million people in Ethiopia are at risk, 1.4 million of them under five. In Somalia, up to one mil-

lion are at risk in central and southern parts of the country, including 300,000 children under five.

In Eritrea, 500,000 people are affected, about one fifth of them children. In Kenya, 700,000 people are at immediate risk, including 100,000 children, while an additional two million people may be affected "if the drought does not ease."

UNICEF said it is focusing on health activities in Djibouti where only 40 percent of the children are immunized.

"Oral rehydration salts, malaria drugs, anti-parasite drugs and other medical items are being distributed," it said.

NAACP Welcomes Sen. McCain's New Position On Confederate Flag

Kweisi Mfume, President and CEO of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), today welcomed Sen. John McCain's decision to call for the removal of the Confederate flag from atop the South Carolina state capitol building.

Mfume said, "We welcome and applaud Sen. McCain's statement that the flag, a symbol of slavery, should come down. We hope his stand will serve as a beacon for other right thinking people."

McCain reportedly told the South Carolina Policy Council: "I believe the flag should be removed from your Capitol, and I am encouraged that fair-minded people on both sides of the issue are working hard to define an honorable compromise."

The Democratic-controlled state Senate voted last week to move a square version of the rectangular flag that now flies atop the dome to a 20-foot flag pole near a Confederate monument on the capitol grounds.

Mfume said the national NAACP agrees with the South Carolina Conference of Branches NAACP Branches, which unanimously rejected the Senate action. "Moving the flag from the capitol dome to a new position of sovereignty fails to meet the requirement of the resolution enacted by the NAACP," said Mfume. He said the NAACP "may have no choice but to consider expanding the boycott beyond the tourist industry" if the flag is not removed from the statehouse grounds.

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Public Meeting 2001-2004 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development

The City of Seattle Human Services Department invites the Seattle Community to a public meeting to discuss the planning process of the 2001-2004 Consolidated Plan.

The Consolidated Plan is a response to federal requirements and is intended to outline the long-term strategies necessary to address the housing, homeless, community, economic and human development needs of Seattle's low and moderate-income residents. Currently, Seattle invests over \$32 million as part of this plan.

Come give your input!

Date: Thursday, May 4 2000
Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Place: Family Center at New Holly, 7054 32nd Ave S.
On the corner of Myrtle & Othello

Sponsors: Seattle Human Services Coalition
Housing Development Consortium
Minority Executive Director's Coalition
Distressed Communities Coalition
Seattle Human Services Department

Non-English speaking, hearing impaired and sight impaired community members can call (206) 386-1048 for arrangements.

Activities Underway for Drug-Free Month

April is Drug-Free Month in Washington, and the Seattle School District's Drug/Alcohol Advisory Committee and its Comprehensive Student Assistance Program are marking the occasion in several ways.

May 1, Cable Channel 26 will air a special on Parenting for Safe and Drug-Free Kids. The program, which will air at 6 and 10 p.m., is first of a three-part series. It presents strategies for parenting elementary-age children that include holding family meetings, managing family conflict and accessing help at school when problems occur. Future broadcasts will address teen issues.

As a result of a \$100,000 grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, a coalition of nine community organizations have formed Powerful Partners for Powerful Youth. With support from the District's Drug/Alcohol Advisory Committee, the coalition is working to empower youth and families through education and resources for a safe and drug-free community. Already this year, more than 1,100 Denny and Madison Middle School students have pledged to abstain from alcohol, drugs and violence.

Drug prevention programs at several schools—Denny, Madison and Whitman middle schools, Ingraham and South Lake high schools, and Summit K-12—have been nominated to receive Drug-Free Washington-2000 Governor's Recognition Awards. Students, staff and community members will attend the April 28 Western Washington Rally to celebrate Drug-Free Washington Month. The rally begins at 10 a.m. at the Seattle Center House.

Alternate Therapies, And Cancer Spread To Be Discussed

Persons concerned about prostate cancer are invited to a program sponsored by University of Washington Medical Center's Prostate Cancer Support Group. The program is from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 16, in Room CD-150 of the Center on Human Development and Disability (CHDD), behind UW Medical Center, 1959 N.E. Pacific, Seattle.

Dr. Celestia Higano, UW associate professor of medicine and urology, will discuss "Prevention and Treatment of Prostate Cancer Bone Disease." Mark A. Moyad, clinical researcher in urological oncology at the University of Michigan, will discuss "Complementary Therapies for Prostate Cancer." The speakers will be live on large-screen TV via satellite downlink. Both talks are followed by question and answer sessions.

For information and directions call (206) 598-7900.

Courtney Williams Crowned Hal Jackson's Talented Teen



Right to left: 3rd place, Dana Lightbourn; 2nd place, Champale Downing; Queen Courtney Williams and 1st place, Jasmine Bayou-Young.

Fifteen years of continuous service to teenagers was celebrated by Hal Jackson's Talented Teens of Washington on Sunday, April 9 at the Carco Theater. Dr. Leslie Braxton of Mount Zion Baptist Church, Sister Winona Hollins-Hauge, Actress Kimberly Baily, and Eu-wanda Jenkins did a phenomenal job as emcees as they took the audience down the "Hall of Talent."

Many of the past queens were in attendance. The first queen of Washington, Cheri (Brooks) Willoughby was present. Eu-wanda Jenkins, queen in 1985, came in from Detroit to be a part of this event. She had the opportunity to introduce all the queens and past contestants. Rev. Cecilia Johnson wrote a song and composed the music for "Talented Teens," which is a tribute to the purpose of the organization and the power it has in changing lives of young women.

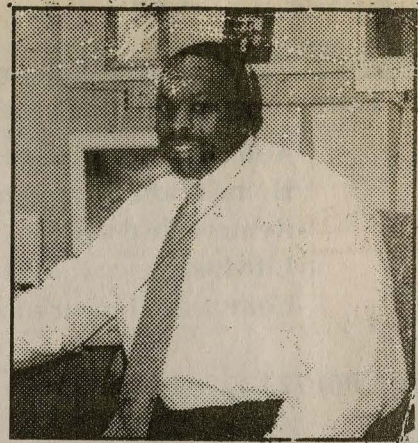
Miss Courtney Rae Williams was crowned Queen for the year 2000. She is a 16 year old dancer from Tacoma, Washington and attends Washington High School. She had the audience enthralled with her lyrical-ballet dance to Pacific Suites. Queen Courtney will be preparing to compete in the finals of the Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International in New York City, July 29 on the Apollo stage.

First runner-up, Jasmine Bayou-Young, is a pianist from Seattle and attends Garfield High School. Second runner-up, Champale Downing, is a dancer from Seattle and she attends Hudtloff Middle School in Lakewood. Theresa Chappell had the highest GPA. Other participants were Davida Brooks, DaReecia Bradford, Karis Jackson and Tiffany Williams.

C. Maxine and Henry Jenkins were applauded for their commitment and hard work over the past 15 years. If you would like to enter this competition call (206) 722-1839 or send correspondence to P.O. Box 78316, Seattle, WA 98178.



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Thompson Resolution Condemns Use Of The Confederate Flag

WASHINGTON, DC (NNPA)—United States Representative Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS) introduced legislation today condemning the use of the Confederate Flag for "any reason other than as a historic reminder of the secession of the Confederate States, which prompted the violent, bloody, and divisive Civil War, and the Confederacy's flagrant disregard for the equality of all Americans in accordance with the United States Constitution and in the eyes of God."

Congressman Thompson said, "There are a million reasons why the Confederate Flag should not be flying over any state capitol, comprise a part of any state flag, or be displayed in any place of honor or distinction. From the past to the present, the one thing that can be stated unequivocally, is that today, the flag has become shrouded in an over-simplified, revisionist version of American history."

Day of Honor 2000 Project: Kennedy Files Resolution

WASHINGTON, D.C. (NNPA)—The Day of Honor 2000 Project saw an important step taken in congress regarding its call for May 25, 2000 as a national day to honor African American, Asian American, Hispanic American, and Native American World War II Veterans. Massachusetts Senator Edward Kennedy filed a resolution in the Senate calling for May 25, 2000 as a National Day of Honor. In filing the resolution Senator Kennedy asked his colleagues to support the measure for a joint resolution with the House of Representatives.

In remarks to his fellow senators Kennedy said, "These men and women who fought to protect our freedom were subject to unfair discrimination and have never received the recognition they deserve." The resolution has gained bipartisan support as conservatives and liberals; Republican and Democratic embrace it.

Congressman Hastings Introduces Bill To Level Playing Field Between Elian And Haitian Girl

WASHINGTON, D.C.—U.S. Representative Alcee L. Hastings (FLD.23) is demanding an end to disparate treatment between immigrants from Cuba and other nations, today introduced legislation to confer permanent residency upon a motherless Haitian girl in Congressman Hastings' District.

Six year-old Sophonie Telcy was left in the care of a family friend in La Park, Florida when her mother died last year. Congressman Hastings' bill is designed to provide Sophonie with the same proposed opportunities as Elian Gonzalez.

"Refugees from Haiti and other countries are routinely deported, while the refugees from Cuba get special consideration," said Congressman Hastings. "I introduced this bill not only to help this young girl, but also to illustrate the patently disparate treatment of refugees from different countries. We must remember what John Adams said more than 200 years ago, 'We are a government of laws, not of men.'" Congressman Hastings said, "If we don't like the laws, then let us change them. Let's not create loopholes depending on the situation. Either we stick to the law or change it."

Green Thumb Launches Third Annual Search For The Oldest Worker in the United States

WASHINGTON, D.C. (NNPA)—Green Thumb, Inc., the country's oldest and largest provider of mature-worker training and employment launched its third annual national Prime Time Awards search for the oldest worker in the United States. The winner will be announced at a National Press Club news conference on October 4, 2000, and recognized at the Prime Time Awards dinner on October 6, in the East Hall of the historic Union Station in Washington, D.C.

The challenge to find this year's oldest worker was issued by the 1998 winner, and inaugural Prime Time Awards recipient—104-year-old Milton Ward Garland of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania. A refrigeration pioneer and engineer who holds 41 U.S. patents, Mr. Garland still goes to his office at the Frick Company, the same firm to which he has reported to since 1920. And other than serving in the Navy during World War I, Mr. Garland has maintained the same job. Also presenting were Ms. Mary Marbour, 74 the 1999 PTA Outstanding Older Worker from the District of Columbia; and Mr. Walter "Wilford" Burnette, 88, the 1998 PTA Outstanding Older worker from Virginia.

Mary Marbour, is an African American and a recipient of the award. When asked what she wants people to remember her by she replied, "Remember what you were able to accomplish because of what you learned from older people."