



Isaac Hayes joins fight against cancer

Isaac Hayes, Academy Award winner for the theme music he composed for the MGM movie "Shaft", wields the American Cancer Society's "Sword of Hope" and urges support for the fight to control cancer.

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Local artist receives \$5,000 Fellowship

Ceramicist/sculptor Dennis Parks of Tuscarora has been selected by a three-man jury to receive \$5000 under the Western States Arts Foundation's Fellowship Program. One artist in each of the Foundation's ten member states (Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming) will participate in this year's program which has a total value of \$50,000. More than 300 artists in the ten states applied for this year's awards.

Born in Kentucky, Parks received a B.A. from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill and an M.F.A. from Claremont Graduate School, Claremont, California. His work has been exhibited more than three dozen times, including at the Smithsonian Institution and the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, D.C., New York City's Museum of Contemporary Crafts, and the Pasadena Art Museum. He has also been part of the 1973 Ceramic International in Alberta, Canada, where he was awarded the Silver Medal, and has participated in the 25th and 32nd Concorso Internazionale della Ceramic D'Arte in Faenza, Italy. He received the Gold Medal in the 25th Concorso. Parks has been associated with the Tuscarora Pottery School since 1966.

Parks will use the Fellowship to carry out "a pilgrimage to ceramic collections in Britain culminating... in intensive work in the studio." Parks has already located significant British collections of Romano-British, Anglo-Saxon and imported German flatware which he will study not out of "Scholarly pursuit, but aesthetic curiosity."

The exposure to and study of these clay artifacts will then be applied to his own work.

Each Fellowship recipient was selected from among artists applying from his or her state. Applicants were from the fields of music, dance, visual arts and multimedia.

The Western States Arts Foundation sponsors and coordinates several programs in its ten-

state region including Training Awards, Choreography Grants, and a wide variety of dance and theater tours including modern and classic dance companies of national reputation. Special tour this spring include the Guthrie Theater, Western Opera Theater, the Norwood Puppet Theatre, and a number of Folk/Ethnic dance groups.

The Foundation is also involved in region-wide architectural and environmental design programs as well as a comprehensive information effort.

Funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts and public and private sources, the Foundation works in concert with arts agencies in its ten member states.

Free well child examinations offered

The District Health Department has scheduled free well child examinations and free immunization clinics for Clark County families.

Well child exams are available by appointment only for children up to four years old at the Easter Seal Treatment Center at 2915 East Sunrise from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday.

The public health nurse will check the child for normal growth and development and make referrals if abnormalities are observed.

To make an appointment call the Health Department at 385-1291, ext. 325.

Free immunizations to protect against polio, diphtheria and both types of measles are available to people from two months to 21 years old at Trailer Estates, 2240 Linn Lane, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Gerson Park Boys Club, 2020 McGuire, from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Boys Club at 2530 E. Carey in North Las Vegas from 9 a.m. to noon Friday.

Call the Health Department for further information.

Brooklyn daycare center dedicated to banker

A day care center for the infant children of unwed mothers was dedicated in Brooklyn to a bank executive who arranged the \$1.1 million low-interest loan that made construction of the building possible.

"The center would not have been possible," said Olga DeFreitas, its director, "without the help of Harold Bishop who we are honoring today, and National Bank of North America with which he is associated. The bank gave us lower than usual interest rates and waived many of the requirements ordinarily applied to a loan of this size.

"We approached nearly every bank before National Bank of North America began



helping us out."

In accepting the honor Bishop said, "We made the loan because we believe it is good business to help such a worthwhile project get started. This day care

center is going to help young mothers get off to a brand new start and we're proud to be participating."

Ms. DeFreitas began in 1965 with a small grant from Bedford-

Stuyvesant Youth In Action, the local anti-poverty agency and supplemented it with a vigorous door-to-door fund raising effort right in the Bedford-Stuyvesant area. Later, this community program was given official shape and form under the name The Community Sponsors, Inc. This organization now has gained the support of the Department of Social Services which will finance operation of the day care center upon completion of its construction.

Ms. DeFreitas' initial work -- which began in the basement of a Salvation Army Building -- concerned training, education, counseling and health service for young pregnant girls who were unable to attend regular school and often had been turned out by their families. Her School for Unwed Mothers now offers 8th to 12th grade instruction to about 100 girls who attend for a 22-week period.

As the school progressed, Ms. DeFreitas realized there was a need for day care service for the infants of mothers who wanted to return to work or regular school. As a result, she began the campaign which produced the loan from National Bank of North America.

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