

Postal Service Offers Convenience Locations

You won't lose touch or lose time during the summer months when you take advantage of two conveniences offered by the Postal Service to people on the go, Postmaster Joseph Ryan of Las Vegas, Nevada said today.

"People on the run can save time when they use Self-Service Postal Centers located in many post offices and shopping areas," he said. "The centers offer many postal supplies and services for no extra charge at the touch of a button." Customers can mail letters and packages, the postmaster said, and buy stamps, postal cards and

stamped envelopes from these centers." Self-Service Postal Centers are located at: Garside Station, 1801 So. Decatur; Huntridge Station, 3115 E. Olive; Self-Service Unit, 2875 E. Charleston.

"A second tip is that people on the move can make the change more easily when they use a free change-of-address kit available at local post offices," the Postmaster said. The kit's handy postcards can be used to notify the post office, friends, business correspondents and magazines of your new address so mail will find you in your new home.

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SOCIAL NEWS with A TOUCH OF "GRACE"



by Grace McGlothen

Urgent Appeal!

A benefit fund-raiser will be held on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28, at 12 noon at Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church to assist 12-year-old Bobby Barnes, a student of Jo Mackey 6th Grade Center and niece of Senator Joe Neal, who is a victim of the dreaded disease known as Leukemia for which she makes weekly trips to the City of Hope in California for the necessary treatments.

This benefit is being sponsored by "The Pride of the West" organization, of which Rev. S.P. Parks is moderator.

They are making an urgent appeal to all churches, civic organizations and the community as a whole to come out and participate in this humanitarian project to make it a success.

One by one we will all be hit by sickness of some sort; it therefore behooves those of us who are well to consider others, so we are asking that you open your hearts and your pocket books to help Bobby. Come out and express your love in a very tangible way.

This appeal also comes from your writer who is Bobby's teacher and we can truly testify that she is a very mannerly and obedient student who deserves all the help that we can give her.

On behalf of the sponsors, her parents, and relatives, we want to thank everyone who will find it possible to attend this benefit and make a contribution.

Coming Events

This is our final reminder of the NAACP's 12th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet slated to be held on Saturday, May 19, at the Riviera Hotel-Convention Rooms A & B.

Please remember that the banquet has been moved from the Frontier Hotel to the Riviera Hotel. No-host cocktails start at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

The theme is "A Salute to Blacks in the Judicial System" and the honorees will be the Honorable District Judge Adeliar Guy and the Honorable Judge Earle White, Justice of the Peace.

Mrs. Loretta Thompson-Glickman, Mayor of Pasadena, Calif., will be the keynote speaker.

For ticket information please call the NAACP office at 384-1130 or tickets may be purchased at the door.

B-CON Convocation

On Sunday, May 20, the second annual B-CON (Black Community Organizations Network) convocation will be held at Zion Methodist Church, 2180 Revere at Lake Mead Blvd. from 6 p.m.

Guest speaker will be the dynamic Dr. Charlie Knight, Superintendent, Lynwood Unified School District.

A large number of local high school graduates will receive scholarships.

The public is invited to attend.

Testimonial Banquet

A testimonial banquet honoring Dr. & Mrs.

Unemployment Problems Of Black Men Said To Be Cause of Explosive Growth

WASHINGTON — Unemployment problems of black men, not social trends or the availability of welfare, may be the chief cause of an explosive growth in the number of black families headed by women, a new study suggests.

Tom Joe and Peter Yu of the Washington-based Center for the Study of Social Policy said in their report one solution to the problem may lie in getting black male teenagers into the work force and keeping them there. Without jobs, black men are unlikely to head families, it said.

"Current research emphasizes unwed mothers and income programs for female-headed families. These data on black men suggest that researchers may be treating the symptoms of poverty rather than the ailment," according to their study, "The Flip Side of Black Families Headed by Women: The Economic Status of Black Men."

The study, released Saturday, said more than 4 million black men—46 percent of the 8.8 million who are of working age — are not in the work

force. While 78 percent of all working-age white men were employed in 1982, only 54 percent of all working-age black men had jobs, said the study, which used data from the Census Bureau and the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

In addition, some 1.2 million black men of working age (16 to 64) were unemployed in 1982, 1.8 million had dropped out of the labor force, 186,000 were in prison and 925,000 were classified as "missing" because the Census Bureau says it could not locate them.

"The boom in black families headed by women is not the simple result of the 'welfare curse,' pervasive and invidious discrimination or changing sexual mores," the study said.

Since 1960, the number of black families headed by women has nearly tripled from 889,000 to 2.7 million. They accounted for 20.9 percent of all black families in 1960 and 41.9 percent in 1983.

By comparison, nearly 75 percent of all black men were working in 1960, while only 54 percent were working in 1982. The study said "the ranks of black men out of the labor force or unemployed has increased by the same number" as the households led by women.

The study also noted economic progress among blacks in the last two decades has occurred mostly in two-parent families. The poverty rate among such families fell from more than 50 percent in 1959 to 20 percent in 1982.

But the poverty rate among black families where a woman heads the household fell only from 70 percent to 59 percent. Their median income has fallen 14 percent since 1968, while the median for two-parent families has risen 11 percent.

Porter Lee Troutman, Jr. (Bobby and Porter) will be sponsored by The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. on Saturday, June 9, at the Union Plaza Hotel in the Triple Crown Room.

On this occasion the Troutmans will be roasted as well as tributed for their community services and humanitarianism.

Organizations wishing to participate in making presentations to this worthy couple should call your writer at 649-7174 in the afternoons and anytime on weekends.

Dinner tickets may be secured at the same number or from any member of the sorority. The price is \$15. And the proceeds will go towards PDK Scholarship Fund.

A Touch of Etiquette

1. A good telephone voice contains a smile. It is also a voice with variety in the expression and tone and one that pronounces words clearly and carefully.

2. Remember to keep your elbows off the table while eating.

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