

LOCAL WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE LISTED IN THE "WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS"

By Muhammad Abdullah

Illyna Wright, graduate from Western High School class of 1993 and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Wright - local photographer - was recently nominated for inclusion in the 1993 issue of WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS' annual yearbook. Illyna was selected due to her academic achievements, class

citizenship and leadership, from among 14,000 students by their teachers, student counselors and principal.

Illyna's name will appear in annual yearbooks that are available in high schools, colleges, universities, and county libraries across the United States of America.

She is a true example and role model for America's youth,

especially African-Americans and other people-of-color.

In her freshman year she sat on the student council as Treasurer - held a position in the National Junior Honor Society as Secretary - and was a reporter on the newspaper staff.

As a sophomore, she founded the Bible Club and was co-leader of the Human Relations Club and Varsity Quiz.

While a junior, she became co-leader of the Bible Club, Jr. Class Representative and Secretary of the Varsity Quiz.

As a senior Illyna continued as co-leader of the Bible Club and Varsity Quiz and was inducted into National Honor Society and then joined the French Club.

Illyna has been very active in her church as a teacher's assistant involved in the children's church/Bus Ministries Jr./Sr.; the Youth Drama Program Jr./Sr., and Youth Leadership Committee, Sr.

Fitness Award; Straight A Honor Award; Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest Finalist; Lion's Club Student Speaker Finalist; Les Femmes Douze Debutante; Honored in the 26th Edition of WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS; recipient of Jennie H. Crawford Academic Award; Spelman College Academic Scholarship recipient and Ambassador In Missions to Romania.

Illyna also received the Presidential Academic Fitness Award in both her junior and senior year.

She plans to go to a Christian college and study to become a teacher. She said that if young people would put God first in everything that they do, that they could become a better asset to themselves, the nation and the world. She said she plans to devote her life to doing God's work.

BIG CONFERENCE FOCUSES ON CHANGE

Environmental equity, law enforcement and the community, and other topics affecting African Americans are among a wide variety of issues that will be explored at the 15th Annual national training conference of Blacks In Government (BIG) August 19-21, 1993 in Los Angeles, CA. The theme of the conference is "Creating a Climate of Change."

Community leaders, government policy makers, and national experts will present more than

70 workshops and forums. Other topics will relate to substance abuse, elder care, teenage pregnancy, career development, the EEO process, and job-seeking skills. More than 3,000 government workers are expected to attend the conference.

Marion A. Bowden, national president of the organization said the workshops are designed to provide leadership training and career development guidance. "We selected those issues that will help government workers for

their jobs better and in general overcome obstacles to advancement," stated Marion A. Bowden, president of the organization.

"But black government workers are also members of the black community who are concerned about the critical problems affecting the African American community, so many of the issues and workshops are designed to help them address community problems," he said.

Major speakers at the conference include Representative Maxine Waters, who represents the South Los Angeles District where the Rodney King riots took place; former Congressman William Gray, III, who as chairman of the House Budget Committee, was the highest ranking African American ever to serve in congress before he assumed the position of director of the United Negro College Fund; Ben Chavis, executive director, NAACP, and Willie Brown, speaker of the California State Legislature.

BIG is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization of government workers from Federal, State, and local government agencies.

It consists of more than 170 chapters from around the country. BIG seeks to promote a higher standard of public service through equality of opportunity.

Bowden said the conference provides participants a training experience that may not be elsewhere. "Too many government workers are insulated from the results of public policy decisions. They need to hear other options, other ideas, and other perspectives about what is happening in the real world if they are to effectively reach the diverse publics they are responsible for serving," he said.

Registration is \$260 for members and \$295 for nonmembers.

For more information, contact Ton Martin, Conference Chair, at (202) 667-3280.

LOCAL ARTISTS WILL PERFORM FOR PEACE



TEX RICHARDSON



JANIS CARTER

Sentinel-Voice

Jazz/R & B keyboardist Tex Richardson will re-join his leading lady on stage, Kathy Lamar, Friday August 27, at Artemus Ham Hall. The duo will be backed by their jazz band Station Braake. The event, which will be hosted by 88.1's Cat Daddy, is a benefit to raise funds for the Community Peace program.

Also appearing that night, will be Barry White sound-a-like Marcus Casburn, who is currently performing at Romeo's; Sultry songstress Janis Carter, who recently opened for Fattburger at Spring Mountain State Ranch; Special celebrity guest appearances from national recording artists are also expected.

Lamar just returned from a Japan tour, while Richardson has been performing at Gates BBQ. with the BBQ., Sauce Band.

Co-sponsored by Community Peace, a non-profit organization, the Black Chamber of Commerce and the Musicians Local 369, the concert will be a delightful evening with the sounds of original music and also unique versions of Adult Contemporary music.

The program also gives the local artists a chance to expose themselves to the professionals in the record industry who can assist them in obtaining a record contract.

Tickets are priced at \$15.00, and are available at the following locations: Artemus Ham Hall Box Office, and Desert Music East, 3585 S. Maryland Pkwy and West, 110 S. Rainbow.

The show is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m.

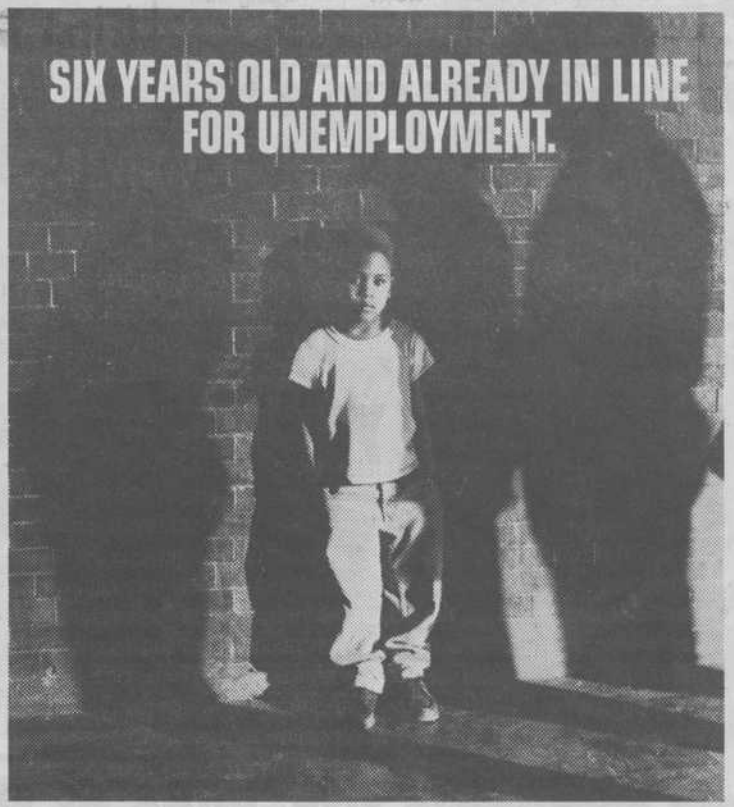
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Safety program participants will include Nevada Power, First Aid Safety, L.V. Metropolitan Police Department; Aid for AIDS of Southern Nevada (Nucleus Plaza Office); City of Las Vegas Fire Department - with Frankie and Freddie the talking puppets - Lied Discovery Museum will have their "Talking Bubble" on hand as well as animated coloring books and the evening will culminate with a fashion show. Smith said they expect 150 to 200 children to attend.

"Project Youth needs volunteers and funds. Please help us to help the youth in our community with your moral support but especially your dollars," she said.

Those who are interested in making a contribution or volunteering time or providing services such as maintenance, transportation or just receiving more information, drop by 1201 W. Miller in the old fire station or call (702) 647-5800.



By the time a child is six years old, experts can tell if he's at risk to drop out of high school. They can predict who will have a hard time keeping a job. And even who is more likely to end up on welfare. Thirteen million American children live below the poverty line. And they need help before the age of six to improve their chances in life. Early intervention programs are crucial. And they do work. Programs like Success

by Six have proven that a poor child who receives help early on can hope for a much brighter future. But these programs need help from people like you. People to answer the phone, do odd jobs, raise money or play with a child. Whether you give an hour of your time or a box of used toys, it can make a world of difference. Call 1-800-733-5400 to see what you can do to help in your area.



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