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SBA Finds Millions In Funds

Special To The Post
WASHINGTON, DC - Investigations and audits conducted by the U.S. Small Business Administration's Office of Inspector General recovered \$6.6 million of taxpayer funds during the October 1-March 31 period, the IG's semi-annual report to Congress showed this week.

Figures in previous reports showed that during the 18-month period October 1, 1979 - March 31, such savings totaled \$11.5 million.

In the latest six-month report, Acting IG Raymond F. Randolph said an additional \$20.6 million in taxpayer funds were either not spent or better spent by SBA because of his office's audits and investigations. "In the 18-month period covered by our last three reports to Congress," Randolph said, "we recommended not spending or improving spending controls on a total of \$44.3 million in Agency funds."

SBA Administration Michael Cardenas commented today that the IG report "...once again illustrates the value of inspector general activities and successes of SBA's inspector general in ferreting out waste and recovering taxpayer monies."

The \$6.6 million recovered during the October 1-March 31 period resulted from IG audits and investigations into SBA loan liquidations, outside contracts, the Small Business Investment Company (SBIC) program, business development expenses and advance payments made in the 8(a) program and the Surety Bond Guarantee program.

"The risk reduction total for this period," Randolph wrote in a letter to Cardenas, "is \$20.6 million. Risk reduction is defined as specific funds we have directly protected from risk of loss or imminent disbursement in violation of law, regulation or sound financial principles. This figure is compiled from namecheck loan delinquencies, SBIC financings declined, collateral improved, loans decline or disbursed subject to improved terms by our recommendation and fraudulent schemes detected and prevented by our activities."

The IG report also said that audits into the Small Business Investment Company (SBIC) program turned up 284 significant possible violations among 11 companies. "As of the report," Randolph said, "SBA action is pending on 16 significant findings examinations; action has been taken on the remainder."

The SBIC findings included conflicts of interest, excessive interest rate company exceeding lending limitations and prohibited use of funds.

Copies of the latest IG report are available through SBA's Public Communications Division, 1441 "L" Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20416. The division's telephone number is 101-653-6822.



CHARMING BRIDGET PRIDE
...A great lover of music

Bridget Pride Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Burns
Post Staff Writer
What would our rising 11th grade beauty prefer out of life? The best, of course. But she realizes to achieve this, one can't simply sit around.

"If you want the best of life you have to really work for it," Bridget Pride explained.

Her goals include capturing a career as a singer or model, but if by chance her name never hits the spotlights she has obtained a back up plan.

"My major in school will be engineering in some type of medical field. I would like to attend UNCC or Duke University," she continued.

Ms. Pride is a person who enjoys the company of others. "If people have a problem, I am willing to listen...I love to participate in a lot of activities. I love to listen to music and go to concerts at the Coliseum," she explained.

Being a great lover of music, Ms. Pride has participated in Myers Park Marching Band and Sym-

phonic Performing Band by playing the flute. She enjoys the tantalizing tunes of Natalie Cole. "She was able to go to school in case her professional career in singing failed. She obtained a degree to fall back on and that's another reason I admire her."

As a 10th grader our Virgo beauty was a Junior Varsity Cheerleader, a sophomore representative to the Student Council, and a member of the NAACP. Next school term she will be a Flag Girl, and member of the Color Guard, a member of Vogue Club, a service organization, the band and a model for the Belk's Teen Board.

Our beauty is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Pride. She has two brothers - James Jr. and Timothy and one sister, Jill.

Her favorite person is her mother. "Whenever I have problems I can go to her and she tells me her previous experiences so I won't make some of the same mistakes. She gives See Beauty on Page 14

Abernathy: Reagan Is Not A Do-Nothing President

Medicine Shoppes Springing Up

Pharmacies are changing, Medicine Shoppes are springing up throughout the state; 225 stores now exist throughout the country.

Charlotte's newest Medicine Shoppe, which opened at 2919 Central Avenue in February, according to pharmacist and manager Beth Quendenfeld.

"Ninety percent of our business is filling prescriptions," she said. Since the shoppe is devoted only to working with medicines and not selling general merchandise as well, there is more time for the pharmacist to talk with the patient about his or her medication.

The Medicine Shoppe offers a health care center with carpeted floors, wood paneling and easy chairs housed on a building 1,200-1,300 square feet. Over the counter medicines are also available.

Once a month a group such as the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society will be at the shoppes to conduct a free screening clinic open to the public.

Customers can register for an ID card and have medical records there. The pharmacist can assist them with learning what medications they should take at what times, uses for the drug, substances it should not be taken with and side effects.

How do their prescription prices compare? Members will be given a receipt for the difference in price, if they can get a prescription filled for a lower price at another pharmacy. Many of their clients are people over 40 or those with young children - people who use medicines most often.



Bishop Joseph Sherman Sr.

...Appearing before County Commissioners

With His Own Special Day

Bishop Sherman Will Be Honored Sunday

By Susan Ellworth
Post Staff Writer

Bishop J. Howard Sherman Sr., pastor and founder of the Pentecostal Temple Church of God in Christ will be honored for the fourth year with his own special day. Proclaimed by the Mecklenburg County Commission as "T. Howard Sherman Day," Sunday, June 14, will be a day to honor the founder of the largest black Pentecostal church in the world.

The celebration, to be held at the Holiday Inn North on Tryon St., will be open to the public. Tickets will cost \$25 apiece. A hospitality hour, which begins at 4:30 p.m., will provide a tour with exhibits and graphic illustrations of the Bishop's accomplishments, along with a brief biography on him.

A slide presentation will be featured at the 6:30 p.m. banquet on Bishop Sherman and the church.

He has sponsored several programs orientated to help the needy and youth of the city's north Charlotte

area, according to Diane Bennett, a spokeswoman for the Temple.

Pentecostal sponsored a tutoring program for two years which included an afternoon athletic program and meals.

It sponsored a free breakfast program for children and adults. Although only 50 people came on Sundays when the program started, that number had increased to 100 when the program ceased operation.

Ms. Bennett explained that with a consistent staff of just six people, they frequently have to stop one program to allow another to continue.

The youth program offered speakers from the health department and police department. They provided community service training during a program which climaxed with a picnic for 100 children.

Bishop Sherman has his own project where he buys houses near the church and renovates them. Members get priority in pur-

chasing them. He charges less than normal rent, and expects only to break even, Ms. Bennett said.

A scholarship program culminates with a banquet at the church. Local members in Jurisdiction II where the Bishop governs raised \$100-\$500.

For mission funds, the local church gives to community residents who have a temporary need for aid. They screen for applicants based on needs. The Bishop subsidizes this fund when there isn't enough money.

Hospital ministry members visit the sick and rest homes by request; the general ministry visits the shut-ins and those incarcerated.

In his correspondence ministry, the Bishop broadcasts a Sunday ministry live from the church or airs a taped program.

The Big Sisters Athletic Club provides an exercise club and diet program for women.

Pentecostal Temple has \$38,000 left to pay on its \$100,000 mortgage, Ms. Bennett said. Over one hundred actual members have financed the church and its outreach programs.

Black Mayors

Endorse Hunt's

Roads Plans

The North Carolina Conference of Black Mayors has endorsed Governor Hunt's highway financing plan, saying, "good roads are necessary and are indispensable to the economic, educational, civic and religious life of North Carolina."

The Conference, headed by Carrboro Mayor Bob Drakeford, took the action in resolution adopted at its meeting in Salisbury on May 30.

The resolution "expresses strong support for all aspects of the Governor's 'Good Roads Plan,'" saying that Governor Hunt has been "truthful," "humanistic and perceptive in proposing a 'Good Roads Plan,' and has taken a number of significant steps to reduce waste in the Department of Transportation."

The Governor's plan includes a three cent per gallon on gasoline.

13 Million Jobs Promised

PHOENIX, Ariz. - Elizabeth Dole, assistant to the president for public liaison last week, predicted that the Reagan Administration's economic program will lead to 13 million new jobs and to a lowered unemployment rate of 5.6 percent by 1986.

Speaking before 2,000 delegates attending the Opportunities Industrialization Center's 17th annual convocation here, Dole offered her personal commitment to work with the organization's 140 job-training centers in reducing the joblessness rate.

"For the half million you have already helped," Dole said, "you have earned the gratitude of this Administration and the country it serves."

Earlier in the day, long-time civil rights leader Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy noted that President Reagan is initiating the most profound changes in government since 1932. He described the president as a "reality that cannot be wished away" and said that "it behooves organizations working for blacks and the disadvantaged to work within the new system."

Rev. Abernathy said: "Reagan is not a do-nothing president. He has the courage to fight inflation...at least he has come across with a plan and those working for social progress need to investigate his programs to see what is in them for us."

During the government day luncheon, Dr. Leon Sullivan, chairman of OICs, made presentation of three special awards. The first was the Executive Government Service Award which was given to Elmer B. Staates, former Comptroller of the United States, citing him for his "special sensitivity to the needs of America's poor and his untiring efforts to rally the government's resources to build skills, jobs and hope for the underprivileged."

The Legislation Award went to Rep. Clarence M. Mitchell III, chairman of the Black Caucus of State Legislators. Rep. Mitchell was cited for "dedication in striving to make known the needs of the unemployed and underprivileged, going far beyond the ordinary congressional activities to impact and affect the destiny of millions of Americans."

The OIC National Communications Award was presented to actor Ossie Davis, citing him for "demonstrating, through personal example, not only great concern for the welfare of others, but an ability to transform that concern into a changed and improved reality."

All three recipients referred to their support of OICs and its variety of worthwhile services and urged the delegates to continue to move forward with their efforts to help keep America working.

Dr. Sullivan also presented Maurice Dawkins, director of government relations for OICs.

Anderson, Sarter In Pursuit

Rena Blake Assumes Early Lead In "Churchwoman Of The Year" Campaign

By Loretta Manago
Post Staff Writer

With the Charlotte Post's exciting "Churchwoman of the Year" campaign being a little more than a week underway, the candidates are really proving that they are winners, and are working diligently to insure the crown goes to them. The weeks ahead hold in store for these candidates a worthwhile yet challenging battle. Having had a chance to meet their competition, the "Churchwoman of the Year" candidates have developed a benevolent competitive spirit.

Although all the churches haven't commenced, several churchwomen have turned in their subscriptions and have begun earning their points. The first week of tallying points shows that Rena Blake of East Stonewall AME Zion is leading in the campaign, but following closely are Sandra Anderson of Green Oaks Missionary Baptist Church, 125 points; Hazeline Sarter of University Park Baptist Church, 115 points; Anna Hood of Memorial United Presbyterian Church, 95



Mrs. Occie David
...St. Luke contestant

Church and Anna Hood of Memorial United Presbyterian Church.

The complete list of the churchwoman, the church she represents and amount of points are as follows:

Rena Blake: East Stonewall AME Zion Church, 180 points; Sandra Kay Anderson: Green Oaks Missionary Baptist Church, 125 points; Hazeline Sarter: University Park Baptist Church, 115 points; Anna Hood: Memorial United Presbyterian Church, 95



Anna Hood
...MUP contestant

points; Josephine Morris: Walls Memorial AME Zion Church, 30 points; Helen Singleton: Antioch Baptist Church, 30 points; Meloney Ashmore: Little Rock AME Zion Church, 20 points; Oneda Gordon Lewis: Metropolitan

United Presbyterian Church, 10 points; Kitty Cauthen: Ben Salem United Presbyterian Church, 10 points; Regina Polk Gill: Grier Heights Presbyterian Church, 10

points. All other churches have not reported any subscriptions.



Mrs. Oneda Lewis
...H. O. G. contestant

Another meeting between the churchwomen, their committee persons and spearheaders of the churchwoman campaign is scheduled for Saturday, June 13, at the McCrory Branch Y on Beatties Ford Rd. During this meeting two prizes will be awarded to the two contestants or committee persons who have sold the most subscriptions to the present

date.

Highlighted this week are churchwomen candidates Mrs. Oneda Lewis, Mrs. Occie David and Mrs. Anna M. Hood.

Mrs. Oneda Lewis

When you've been affiliated with one church for more than 20 years, it's an understatement to say you enjoy it. Oneda Lewis is a truly devoted member of H. O. Graham Metropolitan United Presbyterian Church.

She is the president of the Missionary Circle, an elder in the church, a coordinator of many church programs and a past member of the usher board.

Originally from Lynchburg, VA, Mrs. Lewis has been in Charlotte for 30 years. She is married to Theodore Lewis and especially enjoys cooking.

Mrs. Occie David

Mrs. David sets her aspirations high. As a candidate for "Churchwoman of the Year" she has set a See Rena Page 13

TURTLE-TALK



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