

Small Business Award

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Americans to join together in honoring minority entrepreneurs across the country in appropriate observances.

Olivas Valdez, Inc. has been able to maintain a steady growth rate since the company was first established in 2000.

The company's management team has been able to complete success-

fully every single construction and management project the company has ever engaged in. Their corporate strategy is to provide their clientele with superior quality services in a timely manner and establish long-term relationships based on performance and trust. They like building strong relationships with communities, and partnering with small businesses for materials, equipment, and subcontracts.



Amtrak Run to B.C. in Jeopardy

The Washington State Department of Transportation and members of Congress are having discussions with British Columbia officials about Canada's decision to impose border fees that will force the cancellation of the second daily Amtrak Cascades train to Vancouver, B.C.

The Canadian government recently said it would require WSDOT to pay nearly \$550,000 a year for border-clearance services. This money would cover additional staffing by the Canada Border Services Agency for the 10:50 p.m. second-train arrival.

"I am extremely disappointed that Canada has taken this counterproductive and harmful action against Washington state passengers," said U.S. Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash. "This new fee will hurt our state and it will reduce cross-border economic activity that helps both countries. I will be monitoring this situation closely and I urge Canada to reconsider this decision."

The second Amtrak Cascades train service has been operating as a pilot project since Aug. 19, 2009, while the Canadian government evaluated the level of incoming traffic to Vancouver and whether additional fees would be necessary for ongoing customs services.

Service by the second train to Vancouver has been extended through Oct. 31 and reservations can now be made for travel through that date.

Amtrak Cascades operates three daily round trips between Portland and Seattle; one daily round trip between Seattle and Vancouver, B.C., and one between Portland and Vancouver, B.C.; and daily service between Eugene and Seattle, via Portland.

Haters

By Maya Angelou

A hater is someone who is jealous and envious and spends all their time trying to make you look small so they can look tall.

They are very negative people to say the least. Nothing is ever good enough!

When you make your mark, you will always attract some haters...

That's why you have to be careful with whom you share your blessings and your dreams, because some folk can't handle seeing you blessed...

It's dangerous to be like somebody else...

If God wanted you to be like somebody else, He would have given you what He gave them! Right?

You never know what people have gone through to get what they have...

The problem I have with haters is that they see my glory, but they don't know my story...

If the grass looks greener on the other side of the fence, you can rest assured that the water bill is higher there too!

We've all got some haters among us!

Some people envy you because you can:

- a) Have a relationship with God
- b) Light up a room when you walk in
- c) Start your own business
- d) Tell a man/woman to hit the curb (if he/she isn't about the right thing)
- e) you are a strong person and don't let people run you over
- f) you have a strong & loving marriage and they can't get in-between spouses to spoil it

Haters can't stand to see you happy.

Haters will never want to see you succeed.

Most of our haters are people who are supposed to be on our side (like some family and friends).



How do you handle your undercover haters? You can handle these haters by:

1. Knowing who you are & who your true friends are *(VERY IMPORTANT!!)
2. Having a purpose to your life: Purpose does not mean having a job. You can have a job and still be unfulfilled. A purpose is having a clear sense of what God has called you to be.

Your purpose is not defined by what others think about you.

3. By remembering that what you have is by divine prerogative and not human manipulation.

Fulfill your dreams! You only have one life to live...when it's your time to leave this earth, you want to be able to say, 'I've lived my life and fulfilled my dreams, Now I'm ready to go HOME!'

When God gives you favor, you can tell your haters, 'Don't look at me... Look at who is in charge of me...'

Pass this to all of your family & friends who you know are not hating on you including the person who sent it to you.

If you don't get it back, maybe you called somebody out! Don't worry about it, it's not your problem, it's theirs. Just pray for them, that their life can be as fulfilled as yours!

Watch out for Haters...BUT most of all don't become a HATER.



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