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NATIONAL NEWS

Vice President and SBA Administrator Announce Pact with Big Three Automakers
Vice President Al Gore and Aida Alvarez, director of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) have announced an unprecedented alliance with the "Big Three" U.S. automakers, General Motors Corporation, Ford Motor Company and Chrysler Corporation, that will benefit minority-owned businesses. The agreement will increase subcontracting awards to minority businesses by nearly \$3 billion over the next three years -- a 50 percent increase over current levels; provide more technical and developmental assistance and encourage strategic alliances between minority and non-minority suppliers. The agreement marks an important public-private partnership. It is also the first time an industrial group of this size and economic importance has engaged in a partnership with the SBA. "Right now, our economy is stronger than it has been in decades," said Vice President Gore. "As we move into the 21st century, our challenge is to make sure that every individual, every business and every community has a chance to thrive. That's why our new partnership with the Big Three is so significant -- and that's why the leadership of the auto industry will make such a big difference. By opening the doors of opportunity wider than ever before, we can prove that our growing diversity and our growing prosperity go hand-in-hand." For more information please contact your local SBA office. For the office nearest you call 800-8-ASKSBA or visit its website at www.sba.gov.

Black Farmers, CBC Denounce USDA Use of Statute of Limitation
More than 200 Black farmers and supporters heard J.L. Chestnut, the attorney representing Black farmers in the Pigford vs. the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) class action law suit, give updates on the case at a Feb. 14 Town Hall Meeting coordinated by the Federation of Southern Cooperative/Land Assistance Fund. This was part of its 15th Annual Farmers - Conference, Marketing and Trade Show. The legal charge was launched in an effort to end the systemic discrimination experienced by Black farmers in their attempt to access USDA programs. The case is now in mediation and some Black farmers have been informed by the government that they will not be able to participate in the process because of a statute of limitations. That is, farmers who did not file their complaints within two years of the discriminatory action no longer have a claim against the USDA. Chestnut said that in 1983 the Reagan administration abolished the USDA Office of Civil Rights where farmers would have filed a complaint. The Clinton administration recently reopened the office. "How can you charge folks for not having filed or time when there was no way to file it?" Chestnut asked. Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-CA), chair of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), shares Chestnut's outrage. In a Feb. 20, 1998 letter to Attorney General Janet Reno, she insisted that the Department of Justice (DOJ) "intervene and correct this travesty of justice." She said, "This is indefensible. Black farmers relied on Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman's promise to resolve these complaints. Neither the Black farmers nor the members of the CBC understood Secretary Glickman's commitment to 'resolve quickly' the Black farmers' complaints to mean that the DOJ would hide behind insupportable and far-fetched theories to unilaterally dismiss hundreds of timely filed administrative actions."

SPEAKER APPOINTS REPRESENTATIVE JONES TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

AUSTIN - Texas House Speaker Pete Laney announced the appointment Wednesday of Representative Delwin Jones, R-Lubbock, to the Texas Legislative Council. His term extends to January 12, 1999.

The 17-member Legislative Council oversees the Legislature's support service operations, such as bill drafting and legislative data processing.

"I know Representative Jones is interested in making the legislative process more efficient for everyone. I look forward to his input on this important panel."

Representative Jones represents House district 83, which includes part of Lubbock County. He is Chairman of the House Redistricting Committee and is a member of the House State Affairs Committee and Licensing and Administrative Procedures Committee.

FIRST ANNUAL PROGRAM SET

The Ma Jones Missionary Society of the Bethel African Methodist Church will sponsor its First Annual Missionary Program on Sunday, March 15, 1998, beginning at 3:00pm. The theme will be: "Mission Can Make A Difference Through True Love."

"We are inviting our Sister Church Missionary Societies to come and take part in this first annual Missionary effort," said Sister Elurd Devenport, President.

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church is located at 2202 Southcrest Drive. Rev. N. H. Franklin is pastor.

University Masked Rider Committee announces: "Put Your Brand on Texas Tech"

The Masked Rider Committee and Norwest Bank are proud to announce the "Put Your Brand on Texas Tech" contest. This is a city-wide effort to name the horse that was donated to the Masked Rider program on October of 1997. The contest will last from March 9 to March 25 and entry forms are available at any Lubbock Norwest Bank or the University Center of Texas Tech University. Five finalists will be chosen from five categories and each will receive a \$50 prize. The winner of the contest will not only receive an additional \$250 and a bronze commemorative statue, but will become a part of the Masked Rider tradition. The winner will be announced at the Texas Tech Red and Black scrimmage on April 4. For more information, call 742-3621.

EHS ROYAL FAMILY



Estacado High School Coronation Royalty: (center) Mr. EHS Zairreus Patterson, Miss EHS Shante Russell. Other nominees: Rachel Pulley, Isabel Rodriguez, Karmul High, Nicole Snell, Warren Boyd, Jeraine Bibbs, Arkese White, and Chris Shepherd. Mr. and Miss EHS were crowned Saturday night, February 21, in the school auditorium. EHS Candidates were nominated and voted on by the student body at large.

Pete Laney of Hale Center Awarded Good Citizenship Medal



Chapter President Robert Starck pins the Good Citizenship Medal on Speaker Pete Laney of Hale Center in a ceremony in the Governor's Reception Room. Texas Governor George-Bush, who also received a medal, looks on.

AUSTIN -- The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution has awarded Texas House Speaker Pete Laney the Society's Silver Good Citizenship Medal for demonstrating outstanding leadership and promoting the ideals of Americanism. He is the first Texas House speaker to receive the award.

Speaker Laney, a Hale Center farmer, represents Texas House

District 85, which includes Bailey, Briscoe, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Hale, Lamb, Motley, Parmer and Swisher counties.

Texas Governor George Bush and Lieutenant Governor Bob Bullock also received the Good Citizenship awards from the Patrick Henry Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. Chapter President Robert W. Starck presented each of the three leaders with a medal during a ceremony at the Texas Capitol on Wednesday, Feb. 18. Gov. Bush is the only Texas governor besides Gov. Allan Shivers to receive the award. Lt. Gov. Bullock is the first Texas lieutenant governor to be so honored.

The resolution cited Laney, Bush and Bullock for setting an exceptional example and giving outstanding service to the people of Texas and for exemplifying the ideals of the Society and translating these objectives into government.

"I am very honored to receive this award," Speaker Laney said. "It is great that we are recognized for working together for the betterment of our state."

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is an organization of some 140,000 lineal descendants of patriots who participated in gaining the independence of our country, fifteen of which have been Presidents of the United States of America.

The objectives of the Society are patriotic, historical and educational. They are designed to perpetuate the memory of those patriots who, by their services or sacrifices during the period of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people.

These objectives should inspire members and all Americans to a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom; to carry out the purposes expressed in the Constitution of our country; and to recognize those who contribute to those objectives.

COMPTROLLER SHARP RECEIVES GOLDEN APPLE AWARD



State Comptroller John Sharp has received the Golden Apple Award from the Texas Association of Mid-Sized Schools (TAMS). The award is given to public officials who show exceptional support for quality education in Texas. TAMS President Dr. Wayne Pierce presented the award to Sharp during the association's mid-winter conference in Austin. TAMS represents 250 school districts with 1,200 to 1,500 students.

JUST THINKING

By Maurice A. Dawkins

NEW OIC LEGISLATION PUSHED BY REV. LEON SULLIVAN

The first full scale attack on the failings of the Welfare Reform Act passed by Congress and currently implemented at the State level is being launched by the militant Black founder of self help job training in America. Cailing together OIC Leaders and Community Based Organization Movement leadership of the Urban League, SER, and other Hispanic and Native American training programs Sullivan is contacting Congressmen, Senators and the White House on March 4th in the nation's capitol. He is calling for amendments to the Welfare Reform Act that will repair the safety net. Declaring that far too many welfare recipients are falling through the holes in the socio-economic safety net the founder of selective patronage boycotts in Philadelphia and highly respected advisor to Jesse Jackson's Operation Breadbasket is using the legislative process and focusing on the House and Senate Labor Committees. A Bill outlining OIC Type pre vocational training to "feed welfare recipients into community based job training programs" is receiving bi-partisan support from both Republicans and Democrats. After ten years experimentation with Governor Thompson in Wisconsin the Milwaukee OIC has offered its experiences as a prototype for new methods and strategies such as church based mentoring, transportation subsidies, child care provisions and even short term loans to help bridge the gap between welfare and permanent work. Thompson has agreed to get the National Governors Association behind the Sullivan initiative and the Black Caucus of State Legislators has adopted a resolution urging passage of community based organization pre vocational job training in the second session of the 105th Congress. The Congressional Black Caucus is being urged to push with its considerable clout during the 55 day session.

Carol Geary, Publisher of the Black Milwaukee Courier has joined Dorothy Leavell, President of the National Newspaper Publishers in endorsing the Sullivan Initiative. The Black Press Across the nation calls upon Black Americans to contact their Congressmen and Senators and urge them to support this new

Community Based Welfare to Work Bill. I went to Phoenix Arizona to ask Dr. Sullivan about this legislation. His daughter Ardy Hope Sullivan is the new Washington Representative of OIC coordinating this effort. His response was as expected: "We must help people make the transition from welfare rolls to payrolls without the thousands of casualties that are being dropped into homelessness, joblessness and despair as is being reported from all the states. We must patch up the holes in the safety net. We must help them help themselves as OIC has done for three decades now graduating more than two million disadvantaged Americans. The meeting was held in WASHINGTON ON MARCH 4TH" To The Chairman of the Labor Round Table

The Chairman of the Labor Workshop JOB TRAINING LEGISLATION IN THE 1998 CONGRESS

WHEREAS The welfare reform currently underway in the 50 States has left many holes in the safety net through which people will fall to homelessness, joblessness and hunger and ---

WHEREAS Welfare to work demonstration projects in some states appear to be working well enough to deserve replication on a national scale and ---

WHEREAS The private sector partnerships with community based organizations have proven to be invaluable as a means of providing a way out of poverty for welfare recipients---

THEREFORE

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED That the National Black Caucus of State Legislators assembled at its convention in Milwaukee Wisconsin notify the leadership of both political parties that we want community based job training legislation be given top priority in the 1998 Congress

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the pre-job training training of The Opportunities Industrialization Centers and the church based mentoring used effectively by Rev. Leon Sullivan of Philadelphia be written into legislation with adequate funding to help the welfare recipients help themselves find a way out after their welfare time runs out.



Ruby Jay's Corner

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and the Rev. Billy R. Moton is the proud pastor.

Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and all classes were in their place of learning. It was Youth Sunday, and the young people were at their post of duty. They did a splendid job as they always do. After 30 minutes of instruction, all classes reassembled in the main auditorium.

After the Secretary's Report, Sunday School was dismissed for the morning worship hour.

The Youth were responsible for the morning devotional period.

Following the processional by the Youth Choir, there was scripture and prayer. The responsive reading was done with the congregation standing. Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton. He always has something positive to share with the congregation. A song was sung and the hymn of preparation was sung. Pastor Moton delivered another dynamic message. It was well received.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in citizens of the community. There are those whom we do not know who are ill. We are praying for them as well.

There were those among us who are suffering death in their families. Among them is the family of Mr. Charlie Thomas of Slide, Texas who was funeralized at the Slide Baptist Church last Wednesday afternoon, March 4, 1998. Ossie Curry Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Olander Millner was funeralized last Wednesday morning at the Community Baptist Church with Rev. Larry Brooks, pastor, officiating. He was also assisted by Rev. Tyler C. Millner. Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Jamison Funeral Home.

Clarissa Jay and Mary Roberts were both under the weather last week. At this report, they are recovering nicely.

Mrs. Bernice Kelly and her brother from California motored to Sweetwater, Texas last Sunday to visit with their brother, Mack McKinney. They were accompanied by their sister-in-law, Ms. Jewel McKinney.

Services for Ophelia Evans Lacy were held last Thursday, March 5, 1998, at the Rising Star Baptist Church with Rev. F.B. Bell, pastor, officiating. Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home.

Natalie Cooper left for the U.S. Army in Ft. Bragg in South Carolina. She is the daughter of Napoleon and Brenita Cooper. Let us pray for her success.

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Obituary



ULYSSES KELLY

Funeral services were held for Ulysses Kelly on Friday, February 27, 1998, at the New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. Billy R. Moton, pastor, presiding.

Interment was held in Peaceful Gardens in Woodrow, Texas under the direction of Jamison Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were R.J. Givens, Alfred Caviel, Clarence Ervin, F.J. Jenkins, Curtis Gipson, and Ollie Guy. Honorary pallbearers were Rufus Stevens, Preston Stevens, and Harry Stokley. Also the Trustee and Deacon Boards of New Hope Baptist Church. Flower bearers were members of the Deaconess Board of New Hope Baptist Church.

Mr. Kelly was born March 20, 1924 in Bremond, Texas. He was the youngest child born to the late David and Mary Kelly. Ulysses was educated in the public schools of Marlin, Texas. Upon completing his education, Ulysses served his country in the U.S.

Armed Services as a soldier in the U.S. Army. After receiving an honorable discharge, he moved and made his home in Lubbock, Texas.

January 13, 1950, he married Bernice McKinney. After successfully finding a material home, and taking a wife, Ulysses joined the New Hope Baptist Church home in the early 1950's.

In addition to being very active in his church, he was past chairman of the Deacon Board. He also served as Sunday School Superintendent and was a member of the Board of Trustees of New Hope Baptist Church.

Until his death, Ulysses was licensed Masseuse in Lubbock, Texas. He also served with the Boy Scouts of America, Assistant Post Commander of Post 808 of American Legion, and a member of the Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association.

He leaves to mourn his death: his wife, Bernice; a sister, Mattie B. Parks of El Paso, Texas; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.



ORLANDER MILLNER

Funeral services were held for Orlander Millner last Wednesday, March 4, 1998, at the Community Baptist Church with Rev. Larry Brooks, pastor, and Rev. Tyler C. Millner officiating.

Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Jamison Funeral Home.

Millner died Thursday, February 26, 1998, in Lubbock. He was born May 5,



FULTON BERRY, SR.

Final rites were read for Fulton Berry, Sr. on Saturday,

January 31, 1998 at the Smith Temple Community Church with Rev. D.A. Smith, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock under the direction of Jamison Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Quincy E. White, Charles Planks, T.J. Patterson, Floyd Price, Ardee Hunt, and Bert McWilliams.

Mr. Berry was born September 6, 1918 in Monticello, Georgia to the parentage of the late Howard and Rose Ann Berry. He received his formal education at Peabody High School, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Berry united in Holy Matrimony with Marjorie Harris on October 26, 1944. This 53 years of holy bond continued in a fulfilling love until his demise January 26,

1949 in Henry County, Va. He married Shirley F. English on August 19, 1970. He moved to Lubbock in 1970. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War.

Mr. Millner was a master auto mechanic.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Shirley Millner, of the home; two sons, Kerry D. and Ray Pilson; two daughters, Kimbri D. and Kelli D., both of Lubbock, Texas; a sister, Almeda N. Jones of Clinton, Md.; six brothers: Marshall V., Melvin B., Tyler C., Rugus N. and Glenn R., all of Martinville Va., and Wilfred L. of Hawaii; and three grandchildren.

Mr. Berry retired from Joseph Horne Company of Pittsburgh after 43 years of service. He was a World War II veteran and a 32 degree Mason. Mr. Berry's Christian life was filled with service. He formerly was a member of Bethesda Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He served in an official capacity as Deacon and he also served as an usher. When he moved to Lubbock, Texas, he joined in Christian union with the Smith Temple Community Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Marjorie; a son, Fulton Berry, Jr. of Lubbock, Texas; four sisters: Agnes Thornton and Edith Johnson of Youngstown, Ohio, Betty King and Katherine Phillips, both of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; three grandchildren: Darrell E. Berry, Dorian L. Berry and Latoya C. Cook, all of Lubbock, Texas; great grandchildren: Shamedria Berry, Joseph E. Freeman, Donshea Murphy, Jeremy Pitts, Kevis Perry, Angelica Jones, Ronald McNeal, Unisha McNeal, Zamar Hereford, Travis Shipman, and a host of other relatives and friends.

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LEON MELTON

Final rites were read for Leon Melton, a longtime resident of Lubbock, last Thursday morning, February 26, 1998 at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church with Rev. N.H. Franklin, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors.

Active pallbearers were Carey Don Childers, Kevin Gatewood, Michael Henderson, Alexander Johns, Jr., Cosby Morton, Preston Stevens and Marvin Williams. Honorary pallbearers were the Stewards of Bethel.

Mr. Melton passed away Sunday, February 22, 1998 in Methodist Hospital.

He was born September 15, 1920 to Charlie and Minnie Melton in Barry, Texas. He moved to Lubbock, Texas with his mother and sister, Ethel, in 1929. They united with the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church and remained an active member.

He attended public schools in Lubbock, Texas and graduated from Dunbar High School in 1939. After graduation, he

continued his education and received his Mortician's License in 1945. He also retired from the Furr's Corporation after 35 years of service. He was also employed by South Plains Funeral Home and Rix Funeral Directors.

Mr. Melton was active in his community and was a member of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Little League. He was a member of the Dunbar Alumnae Association. He married Fannie Lewis on December 24, 1944 in Mart, Texas.

He leaves to mourn his death: a loving wife, Mrs. Fannie Lee Lewis Melton of the home; two sons, Frank L. Melton of San Antonio, Texas and Charles L. Melton of Texarkana, Texas; one daughter, Olympia Melton Evans of Pearland, Texas; four grandsons: Antrown D. Evans, Albert D. Evans, Anthony D. Evans and Charles L. Melton, II; four granddaughters: Akela C. Melton, Kai F. Melton, April D. Evans and Meredith D. Melton; two brothers-in-law, and sisters-in-law: Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Tramble and Mr. and Mrs. Kurlay Madkin; two daughters-in-law, Ruby Browne Melton and Delores Hayes Melton; one son-in-law, Albert Joe Evans; and a host of other relatives and good friends.

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IN CINQUE

By Renetta W. Howard



There is the adult leaders and role models to use what the youth over to mold it into something constructive.

If trends in music represent the direction in which our youth is traveling, and that should feel proud. Keeping their enthusiasm is the job which we are faced with as well as providing a constructive channel for their productive energies. To really make an impact, we must help our children to internalize the positive lyrics of gospel songs and learn the music as well. A lot of the gospel music falls into the same category as some of the rap, 'noise set to music.' It is time that we get 'in cinque' and try to instill some moral values into our children. Since we took prayer out of the schools, maybe we can slip God back through the gospel songs. God knows that our schools do need some spiritual uplifting. It would increase school morale, morality, and productivity.

groups and choirs singing spiritual songs. A few months ago, there was much concern about the large number of rap groups and individuals belting out tunes which many people complained about; good or bad.

On one hand, it would appear that the majority of populations would be happy to know that gospel music is picking up momentum and just might have a positive effect on today's youth. On the other hand, many people need to know that all rap is not negative and some of the new age gospel numbers embody rap.

It is in my belief, that when young people are involved in anything which can lead to positive behavior, it is up to

CHILD SUPPORT: A CHALLENGE TO CHANGE

by Attorney General Dan Morales

MANY OF YOU ARE familiar with the efforts we make at the Office of the Attorney General to collect over-due child support. At one time or another, you have probably read about wage withholding, license suspension, IRS refund interception, and credit bureau reporting—to mention just a few of the tools we use to make non-custodial parents support their children financially.

These are all excellent programs, but they are not enough. We also arrest people and put them in jail when they deliberately evade their responsibility to their children. Even this is not enough. The fact is, there is only so much government can do to enforce parental responsibility. What we really need is nothing less than profound social change, and widespread societal commitment.

Picking up the pieces

Our current caseload now exceeds a million cases. The number of children represented by these cases is even greater. These children find themselves on our case-load through no fault of their own. In too many cases, at least one of their parents has brought them into this world and then simply abandoned them.

The Office of the Attorney General, as well as County Domestic Relations

Offices and private child support collection agencies, many times are left to pick up the pieces. Our child support staff is challenged every day to process cases that may never receive a single collection. Why? Because of the poor choices parents make.

Where are these absent parents?

We must open and attempt to work cases where the mother could only provide us with the first name of the alleged father. It is not easy to locate someone without having at least a complete name, but we are called upon, in fact mandated by federal law, to do so. How is any child support worker going to find a "Tom," "Michael" or "James?"

Sometimes there is not even a first name to go on, but only a photograph. To make matters worse, sometimes we get no information whatsoever. A child may have been conceived during a very brief relationship and in that case nothing may be known about the non-custodial parent. Also, we must sort through situations where there are multiple alleged fathers. There are many scenarios that hinder the collection of child support. These are only a few examples, but cases like these represent a very substantial portion of our caseload.

Something needs to change

The child support workers of the Office of the Attorney General are dedicated people. They work for children despite dismal odds hoping that their efforts will help provide food, clothing and shelter. However, having a caseload of more than a million and total child support staff of 2,500, we are fighting an uphill battle.

Child support challenges require child support changes. It does not start with the Attorney General's Office or any other child support collection agency. It starts with individuals making wise choices before they have children. It is about parents teaching and protecting their children from years of potential heartache. If these changes take place, then our challenges will begin to diminish. The time for responsibility is now.

For more information

For more information about child support enforcement, visit the home page for the Office of the Attorney General at <http://www.oag.state.tx.us>. If you are behind in your court-ordered child support payments, contact your local child support office to arrange a payment schedule today.

ONE BLACK WOMAN'S THOUGHTS ABOUT THE TAWANA BRAWLEY AFFAIR

By Dr. Lenora Fulani

After the Tawana Brawley case first broke in 1987, I was one of her firmest supporters. As a Black woman and the mother of a teenage daughter myself, my heart went out to Tawana, particularly as the case turned into such a roaring and ugly spectacle. I organized a march of 300 women of color through the streets of Poughkeepsie to demonstrate our support for her and to protest the campaign to discredit her by politicians and law enforcement officials. Throughout the process, I not only stood by Tawana, but by her advisors and attorneys as well—responding publicly to their adversaries and raising money to help them continue their work—including \$10,000 for Alton Maddox when he was initially threatened with disbarment.

Now that the case is being revisited in the context of the defamation suit brought by Steven Pagonis against Rev. Al Sharpton, Alton Maddox and C. Vernon Mason. I feel both compelled and qualified to comment.

I am outraged that this revisitation of the Tawana Brawley case becomes the occasion to identify Maddox and Sharpton as any kind of defenders of Black womanhood. Whatever motivated them to involve themselves in the Brawley case (I am of the opinion that their over-sensationalization of the situation enhanced, rather than endangered, Rev. Sharpton's political career), it was, in my opinion, not a commitment to protecting Black women. Both Maddox and Sharpton had no trouble publicly "rap-

ing" me when it served their own political purposes.

Seven years after the Brawley affair, and just as Rev. Sharpton was making his political "peace" with the white liberals who had so viciously attacked him, I became the target of Sharpton and Maddox's wrath for exposing that political deal.

It was 1994 and I was running in the Democratic primary against sitting Governor Mario Cuomo, who had a record of insult and insensitivity to the Black community, including timing the release of a state report on Crown Heights in a way that negatively impacted on Mayor David Dinkins' re-election bid. Sharpton, who was also a candidate that year (he challenged Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan), had agreed to a cross endorsement plan with me. But as time passed and his endorsement was not forthcoming, I said on a WLIB radio program that I believed he had made a deal with the Democratic Party.

In response to this comment, I was subjected to the most vile and degrading public attacks, many of which Maddox and Sharpton directly spouted at the Slave Theater, others of which Rev. Sharpton pipelined to a former African American male colleague-turned-government informant against me, William Pleasant, who spread their swill in the pages of the Black-owned Daily Challenge newspaper. Not a single Black leader from the Brawley crowd who spoke out in defense of Tawana

managed to say a word in my defense. To the contrary. Whether Pagonis is a rapist or not, I cannot say. But that Maddox and Sharpton are manipulators and opportunists is a matter of record. Despite Sharpton's well conceived plan to destroy me in the Black community he received only 5% more of the vote than I did (26% to 21%) in the Democratic Party primary.

Today Rev. Sharpton has gone on to consummate his peace with the moribund white liberal establishment and build his career as a Democrat. (I guess I was right after all.) He hopes to get through the Pagonis trial in a statesman-like fashion and continue on his path (fully covered by the Village Voice), though it is not at all clear that the Black community gets anything from his endless maneuverings and manipulations.

Tawana and I both survived our respective ordeals. She is today a gracious young woman who has managed to build a life for herself. I have respect for the fact that she is loyal to Maddox to this day, for she has been under terrible pressure to renounce him. I have continued to work to create anti-violence and anti-rape programs for our young people and educational and developmental opportunities for their learning and growth. These are not covered by the Village Voice, but the Black community knows all about them. They will someday, I hope, understand more and more about sellout liberals like Al Sharpton.

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Orders to Kill

The Truth Behind the Murder of Martin Luther King

by William F. Pepper

"Dr. Pepper has shown quite conclusively, in my view, that my father was assassinated, not because of the racism of one man, but because of his leadership of the growing popular movement to end the war in Vietnam, his decision to organize a massive, interracial coalition to end poverty, and his possible role in the 1968 Presidential election."

-- Dexter Scott King

On April 4, 1968, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. stepped out onto the balcony of the Lorraine Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee and into his killer's line of fire. The man accused of his murder,

James Earl Ray, was described as a racist whose motives for the crime were a hatred of blacks - Dr. King in particular - and a desire to achieve the recognition that responsibility for such a crime provided. The state rejected out of hand the existence of a shadowy figure named Raoul who Ray claimed set him up and directed his movements from the moment of their first meeting in August 1967 until the afternoon of the killing.

From 1967 to 1968, William Pepper was an associate of Dr. King and executive director of the independent political coalition that hoped to put King forward

as a third party presidential candidate in 1968. After the murder he walked away from political activity. Then, in 1977, Reverend Ralph Abernathy asked Pepper to interview James Earl Ray. Initially skeptical, Pepper became convinced that Ray was innocent of the crime. In **ORDERS TO KILL: THE TRUTH BEHIND THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR** (Warner Trade Paperbacks; April 1, 1998, \$16.00), Dr. William F. Pepper tells why he believes that the conviction of James Earl Ray was a miscarriage of justice. He also explains in detail how he reached the conclusion that Dr. King was shot by a Mafia-hired marksman under the direction of federal agents while an Army Green Beret sniper team stood by to finish the hit. Pepper says "James Earl Ray was a patsy. He was moved around, told to do things, rent a room, be here, be there, buy some binoculars, buy a rifle. He was a fugitive, trying to get out of the country. There is a whole range of cumulative evidence I was able to look at."

During an investigation that has lasted for more than 18 years, William F. Pepper has interviewed witnesses long silenced by fear or conflicting loyalties. In **ORDERS TO KILL** he presents a chilling story of conspiracy, raw power and ruthlessness.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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APRIL 28 DEADLINE FOR BIDDING ON FORFEITED STATE LAND

AUSTIN - A catalogue listing 198 tracts of forfeited state land reserved exclusively for bids from Texas veterans is now available from the Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB). Bids will be opened on April 28, 1998 at 1 p.m.

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Mauro noted that setting aside new forfeitures exclusively for bids from Texas veterans is a long-time VLB policy.

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ISAIAH 6:5a. WOE IS ME! FOR I AM UNDONE; BECAUSE I AM A MAN OF UNCLEAR LIPS, AND I DWELL IN THE MIDST OF A PEOPLE OF UNCLEAR LIPS. AFTER DRIVING FROM BENCHLEY, TX, MY BIRTHPLACE, TO HEARNE, TX WITH THREE OF THE FIVE BOLTS MISSING, OFF MY FRONT WHEEL OF MY PICKUP, I WAS TRYING TO GET TO GARLAND, TX, WHERE I WAS BOOKING FOOTBALL AND RUNNING FOOTBALL BOARDS. (GAMBLING WITH GOD'S

GOODS!!!)

I MADE IT TO MY COUSIN MELVIN POTTS' HOUSE. HE HAD A GARAGE THERE, I ASK HIM TO GET OUT OF BED, AND OPEN UP TO FIX MY PICKUP. AFTER OPENING I DROVE IN, AS I STARTED TO TAKE ONE OF THE BOLTS OUT, TO TAKE TO THE PARTS HOUSE FOR THE RIGHT SIZE, AS I STOOP DOWN THERE WAS A NAIL, RIGHT ON TOP OF THE TIRE, SHZZZZZZ. I THREW THE LUG WRENCH DO-N AND THE WORDS CAME. MY CUZ ASK WHAT'S WRONG? I TOLD HIM SOMETHING IS TRYING TO KEEP ME, FROM MY FOOTBALL BUSINESS. HE SAID I HAVE A TIRE CHANGER, GO AHEAD AND GET THE BOLT OUT, I'LL FIX THE FLAT, WHILE YOU PUT THE NEW BOLTS IN.

**** THE LORD WORKS IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS!!!!

ISAIAH 55:7. LET THE WICKED FORSAKE HIS WAY, AND THE UNRIGHTEOUS MAN HIS THOUGHTS; AND LET HIM RETURN UNTO THE LORD, AND HE WILL HAVE MERCY UPON HIM; AND TO OUR GOD, FOR HE WILL ABUNDANTLY PARDON.

AFTER GETTING THE BOLT OUT, AND TAKING IT TO THE PARTS HOUSE, THE MAN LAID THREE NEW BOLTS ON THE COUNTER, I WENT FOR MY MONEY CLIP, IT WAS NOT IN MY POCKET. THE WORDS CAME AGAIN, MY CUZ ASKED WHAT'S WRONG? I SAID MAN: JINX MUST BE ON ME; I LEFT MY MONEY CLIP AT DAD'S HOUSE IN MY HAT LYING BESIDE THE BED. HE SAID: I'LL PAY FOR IT, AND YOU PAY ME LATER (I SAID THANKS WITH A SMILE).

PROVERB 18:24. A MAN THAT HATH FRIENDS MUST SHEW HIMSELF FRIENDLY; AND THERE IS A FRIEND THAT STICK-ETH CLOSER THAN A BROTHER.

WE WENT TO A PHONE BOOTH AND I CALLED BACK TO THE FARM, AND ASKED MY STEPMOTHER TO TELL MY DAD, TO BRING MY HAT AND MY MONEY CLIP TO ME, WHEN HE COME BACK FROM BRYAN, I TOLD HER MY TROUBLES AND SHE SAID: OK.

THINKING EVERYTHING WAS WORKING OUT OK, WE WENT BACK TO THE SHOP. CUZ FIXED THE FLAT AND I PUT THE NEW BOLTS IN. AFTER ABOUT FIVE MINUTES AFTER WE FINISHED: MY DAD DROVE UP, I SAID RIGHT ON TIME! SMILING I WENT TO HIS VAN AND HE SAID: B.J. I DIDN'T SEE YOUR HAT OR YOUR MONEY CLIP, THINKING HE WAS KIDDING, I LOOKED OVER INSIDE THE VAN, AND THE EXPRESSION ON HIS FACE, TOLD ME HE WAS NOT KIDDING. I SAID: I'LL GO BACK AND GET IT, WALKING OFF I SAID, SOME MORE OF MY FOOTBALL TIME WASTED; I BEGIN TO SPEAK. THE WORDS OF THE PURE ARE PLEASANT WORDS. HE THAT IS GREEDY FOR GAIN TROUBLETH HIS OWN HOUSE.

PROVERB 15:26, 27a. THE THOUGHTS OF THE WICKED ARE AN ABOMINATION TO THE LORD: BUT THE WORDS OF THE PURE ARE PLEASANT WORDS. HE THAT IS GREEDY FOR GAIN TROUBLETH HIS OWN HOUSE.

I RACED BACK TO THE FARMHOUSE, AND WENT IN. MISS OPHELIA MY STEPMOTHER WAS PATTING OUT DEER SAUSAGE. SHE SAID: B.J. THAT HAT IS NOT IN THERE; ME AND BILLY LOOKED ALL OVER THAT ROOM; I WENT INSIDE PICKED UP MY HAT CAME OUT. SHE SAID: WE DIDN'T SEE IT. I SAID IT WASN'T MEANT FOR YOU TO SEE; AND TOLD HER GOODBYE. SHE ASK ME IF I WANTED SOME SAUSAGE, AND I SAID YES.

I WASHED MY HANDS AND PATTED OUT ABOUT 30 OF THEM. SHE HAD TWO RESTAURANT SIZE TUBS FULL. MY HEART WENT OUT FOR HER, HAVING TO PAT ALL OF THEM BY HERSELF; I SAID MISS OPHELIA: I M GOING TO HELP YOU; THERE IS TOO MANY FOR YOU TO DO. SHE SAID: YOU'RE GOING TO MISS YOUR FOOTBALL GAMES; I SAID, IT DON'T LOOK LIKE IT WAS MEANT FOR ME TO SEE THEM THE WAY MY LUCK'S BEEN GOING.

WE SAT AND TALKED AND PATTED OUT 11/2 TUBS, AS MY DAD CAME IN, HE SAID, BOY I THOUGH YOU'D BE IN DALLAS BY NOW. HE BEGAN TO HELP. AFTER FINISHING I SAID: I CAME TO FISH, AND DIDN'T, WAS TO WATCH MY GAMES AND DIDN'T; I M SELF-EMPLOYED; I WANT GO TO WORK TOMORROW, SO LETS GO FISHING NOW.

*** THE FISHING TURNED OUT EVEN WORSE!!!!

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—Mark 10:46

The rich valley of the Jordan spread before Bartimaeus. The stately palms rose toward heaven and waved their feathery tops in the early breeze. The gardens of balsam were clothes in their delicate spring verdure and Jericho sat in the midst of these vernal glories, deserving its name—Jericho, the place of fragrance and deserving its frequent description among the ancient writers—the City of Palms. And high above the whole was the blue sky bending over as if to embrace and bless so much loveliness of its Creator's earth. In the midst of this display was the sun filling the earth, sky and air with its glory. And sitting beside the road in such beauty and Glory was a man named Bartimaeus.

What was all of this to Bartimaeus. The Biblical story reveals that it was a dreadful gloom to him. All was night and black, covered with the curtain of darkness. There were no stars. Why was this so with him when to others traveling the route to the Passover it was splendor and joy. The answer to

Bartimaeus agony was physical blindness. To those of your who are sinners, think of yourself. You woke up this morning on an earth once cursed as of old Jericho had been, however, you were spared and blessed by redeeming mercy even as Jericho of old was that day blessed by the presence and healing grace of Jesus.

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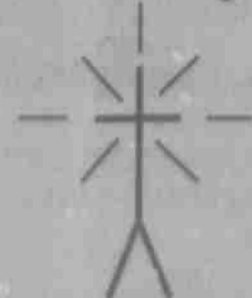
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OAK BROOK, ILL. — The McDonald's Heritage Bowl delivered a thrilling football game that saw the Southern University Jaguars topple the South Carolina State University Bulldogs 34-28 in Atlanta's Georgia Dome. In addition to the nearly 33,000 fans in attendance, a nationwide ESPN television audience witnessed the scintillating action of the only bowl game between historically black colleges and universities sanctioned by the NCAA.

"The McDonald's Heritage Bowl gives us an excellent opportunity to support these important colleges and universities, as well as honor the achievements of deserving African-American student-athletes," said Val Miles, McDonald's senior marketing manager.

The McDonald's Heritage Bowl matches the conference champions from the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) and the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) each year in the game dubbed the "Black College Super Bowl." Southern University represented

the SWAC for the fourth time with a record of 10-1 while South Carolina state, making its third appearance carried the MEAC banner with its 9-2 record.

"We are very satisfied with the growing popularity of the McDonald's Heritage Bowl," Miles noted. "McDonald's sponsorship has brought a great presence to both conferences and the game itself," said SWAC Commissioner James Frank, who will conclude his tenure in June 1988 after 15 years in office. "This is the perfect opportunity for football players at black colleges to play in a bowl game." Craig Cason, executive director of the Historically Black Collegiate Coalition (HBCC), believes that the McDonald's Heritage Bowl ought to be a centerpiece of black college athletics. "We feel good about where we are," Cason said. "Having McDonald's as a title sponsor gives the game a great deal of stability and name recognition, and that should carry the event to more prominence."

Charles Harris, first-year commissioner of the MEAC, added, "We've got a great thing going. We've build substantial momentum, and we want to keep improving on that momentum. We want to position McDonald's Heritage Bowl as the preeminent black college football event of the year."

Southern and South Carolina State waged a furious war throughout the game as they exchanged leads six times.

The big blow came in the fourth quarter when Southern's Terrance Blackwell immediately followed a South Carolina State touchdown with a 98-yard kickoff return to pull the Jaguars to within two points at 28-26. Teammate Jermaine West later added a one-yard touchdown run to give the Jaguars the lead for good, and the subsequent two-point conversion capped the scoring for the day.

Southern running back Steve Wofford earned game MVP honors by amassing 164 yards on 25 carries. The Jaguars' win gave the SWAC a 5-2 edge in the McDonald's Heritage Bowl history and gave Southern University a 3-1 record in the Black College Super Bowl.

McDonald's and its philanthropic arm, Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC), have contributed more than \$10 million to historically black colleges and universities through the College Fund/UNCF through the past 20 years. McDonald's also has the RMHC/UNCF Health & Medical Scholars Program, which awards full-tuition scholarships for two years to students pursuing degrees in health-related fields.

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Why Bill?

By Earl Ofari Hutchinson

When Monica Lewinsky gives her much-awaited testimony to a grand jury presumably about her relationship with Bill Clinton, it still will not answer one question: Why Clinton? Depending on whom you believe, he has been mercilessly hammered by the media and Republicans because he is a crook, liar, sexual-philander, liberal Democrat out of political step with the conservative times, the target of a vast right wing conspiracy, the victim of a gossip crazed, freaky sex scandal chasing media. So who is right? It seems there's a little truth in all of these reasons. Let's look at each one:

Dishonest and Degenerate. Clinton has admitted that he caused "pain" in his marriage, smoked marijuana, and protested the Vietnam war. This was enough for his enemies to hoist the moral flag of indignation and permanently smear him as a draft dodger, dope smoking, sex fiend. The avalanche of accusations have quickly followed including sexual affairs with Jennifer Flowers, and Paula Jones, travel expense and campaign finance cheating, Whitewater crooked dealings, and White House sexual romps.

The case against Clinton rests on a mountain of leaks, gossip, innuendoes, and hearsay. There's no tangible evidence that any of it is true—yet. Even if some of it is, Clinton would be in good company. American presidents have routinely lied, cheated, had sexual affairs, engaged in shady financial dealings, and turned political favoritism and cronyism into a state of the art enterprise.

A Liberal Democrat, Clinton has somewhat resembled a traditional Democratic by supporting more spending on education, health care, an increased minimum wage, support of affirmative action, and better representation of minorities. The resemblance ends there. He has out Republicaned the Republicans in downsizing government, beefing up military spending, taking a hard line on crime, a get tough for-

eign policy, corporate give-away trade policies, and hacking up many social programs.

Right Wing Conspiracy. Conservative rightists hate Clinton not because of what he is but what they think he is. They believe he's a lover of gays, abortion, and minorities. But Clinton has kept his support for these issues on a tight political leash. He's waffled on gays in the military, put limits on abortion, and narrowly defined affirmative action.

Media Tabloiding. The gaggle of right wing talk shock jocks have spent a decade trying to sell the public on the notion that the media is riddled with liberal bias. This is a fiction. The media is controlled by wealthy white men and corporations such as Rupert Murdoch, Ted Turner, GE, Westinghouse, and Disney-Cap Cities. They generously gorge the Republican Party, while tossing a few crumbs to the Democrats. The news networks have jealously watched the tabloids and trash talk shows rake in the cash and audience off of cops, car chases, murder, freaky sex and celebrity peeping tomism. They want to do the same and have obliterated the lines between news and entertainment. The O.J.'s, Princess Di's, and yes, Clinton will always be ripe for their tabloid pickings. The media hopes to turn "the White House sex scandal" into a ratings bonanza, by continuing to pawn off gossip, rumors, and innuendoes as news. The Republicans hope to turn Clinton into a political dead man, grab more seats in Congress, and state and local offices, scare voters away from Gore's presidential bid, and snatch the White House in the year 2000. The risk for the media is that many Americans, fed up with the garbage that passes for news, will turn-off, and ratings will fall. The risk for the Republicans is that by spending so much time digging up smut on Clinton they will have no credible candidate or program of their own to offer. But that's a risk they apparently feel is worth taking.

Time To Learn a New Alphabet for 21st Century

By John William Templeton

Two thirds of African-American young males and a growing number of young Black women are thinking that the NFL, NBA, WNBA and even the PGA, are the way to get some O.P.M. (other people's money.)

The \$125 million contract recently awarded Kevin Garnett to play basketball for the next six years, without having attended college, is likely to make the situation worse.

In reality, the 1,200 African-American professional athletes only make a days worth of income compared to the total \$400 billion African-American national earning.

There is a new set of initials for the other 10 million African-American youth to learn -- VRML and XML. Don't worry if you don't recognize these sets of letters. They are not athletic leagues, but they will be the biggest game in town for anyone who wants to make a good living for the next few decades.

The two terms describe Virtual Reality Modeling Language and Extensible Markup Language. What they mean is what Microsoft founder Bill Gates called during a San Francisco speech, the dawning of the "web lifestyle." For young people, they mean as good a chance to reach Gates' \$40 billion as Garnett's \$125 million.

VRML means 3-dimensional objects can now be transmitted over the World Wide Web at sizes small enough to load almost instantaneously. Instead of static text and pictures, the Web now becomes

a place to tell a story complete with characters and appropriate body language -- a universal form of communication and expression. It means creating a music video and distributing it electronically by combining videotape, animation and sound from a personal computer. It means creating one's own video game and distributing it worldwide without a store.

XML means taking any existing document and transmitting an exact duplicate over the Internet that anyone else can read.

These new languages will create millions of jobs worldwide in writing programs, drawing animations, creating content and preserving existing information. A recent California survey showed that the average salary in the multimedia industry is more than \$60,000.

In addition, someone will have to lay the connections to every school in the country and eventually every home, that will provide the bandwidth to receive this brand new form of communication.

Cisco Systems, the company that makes Internet routers, has decided to get busy with creating the skilled workforce. It has announced the formation of Cisco Networking Academies, a new program to teach and certify high school and college students to design, build and maintain computer networks capable of supporting national and global organizations. Upon completing the program, graduates will have the skills necessary to fill the estimated 190,000 high-technology jobs that are currently available

in U.S. corporations. "It's the 'shop' of the 21st century," said Cisco Chairman John Morgridge. "It's the first true partnership between schools, government and business since the days of high school 'auto shops.' The difference is, instead of auto mechanics, students learn the conceptual and practical skills necessary to design and manage networks."

"In this Information Age, network administrators are essential to the success of almost all businesses," he said, "yet most companies are shaking the bushes to find enough people with the right skills to address the demand."

To kick-start the program, Cisco Systems will contribute approximately \$18 million in curriculum, equipment and resources to help bridge the gap. The investment has already started in 57 high schools, colleges and technical schools in seven states throughout the country -- Arizona, California, Florida, Minnesota, Missouri, New York and North Carolina.

In the first full year of the program, more than 1,000 students will gain the school-to-career experience they need to take immediate positions in the networking industry. That's already more jobs than all the athletic leagues combined.

Already, the companies that make electronic sports games are bigger than any athlete's contract. An adolescence spent preparing for the world computer league is a much better bet than becoming the next Tiger Woods.

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