

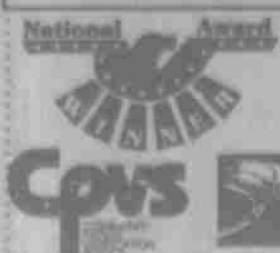
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NATIONAL NEWS

Mary McLeod Bethune to be Honored in Nation's Capital

On March 19-21 1998 Albert McLeod Bethune, Jr., the grandson of Mary McLeod Bethune, will visit Washington, D.C. to participate in a series of activities honoring her legacy. Mrs. Bethune became the most celebrated African-American figure of the New Deal era and extended her influence as an educator, civil rights activist and advocate for women's equality into the 1950s. She raised herself from early years on a cotton farm in Mayesville, S.C. to ultimately found the Daytona Normal and Industrial School for Negro Girls. Mrs. Bethune opened the doors to the school on Oct. 4, 1904 with just \$1.50, not even enough to pay the \$11 a-month rent on the cottage that housed it. The school grew rapidly and eventually merged with Cookman Institute to become Bethune-Cookman College. Mrs. Bethune was active in a myriad of organizations. She served as vice president of the NAACP and in 1935 she organized and became president of the National Council of Negro Women, an umbrella organization for African-American women's clubs. Perhaps Mrs. Bethune's most famous friendship was the one she shared with Eleanor Roosevelt, the wife of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. An ardent supporter of Black causes, Mrs. Roosevelt helped Bethune champion the rights of African Americans. Mrs. Bethune died in 1955 at age 79. For more information on the tribute call (703) 222-0792.

Atlanta Bank Announces Million Dollar Housing Grant to Black Colleges

The Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta (FHLBA) and Georgia State Senator Charles Walker of Augusta, recently announced that nearly \$1 million in affordable housing funds are now available for community development corporations of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Since 1990, the FHLBA has awarded \$80 million in affordable housing funds, generating over \$1 billion in community development throughout the southeast. The five community development corporations selected this year represent Morris Brown College, Ft. Valley State University, Albany State University in Georgia; Coppin State University in Maryland and Johnson C. Smith University in North Carolina. The HBCU initiative focuses on community development corporations (CDCs) of colleges and their efforts to rehabilitate housing and commercial properties to promote economic development and neighborhood revitalization within their communities. Of the total 117 HBCUs, 58 are located in the Southeast.

Levi Strauss Gets Ron Brown Award

Present Clinton recent honored Levi Strauss and CO. with the first ever Ron Brown Award for Corporate Leadership. The award recognizes companies that have demonstrated a sustained and passionate commitment to employee and community relations. IBM Corporation was also a recipient of the award. The Ron Brown Award for Corporate Leadership is the first annual presidential award for corporate responsibility and outstanding community-based programs. The award program is fully funded by the private sector and managed by The Conference Board. Winners were selected by a distinguished panel of judges from a field of 488 programs submitted by 120 companies. Levi Strauss and Co. earned the distinction for its efforts to combat institutional racism through a unique grassroots initiative known as Project Change. Launched in 1991, Project Change operates in four communities: Albuquerque, N.M.; El Paso, Texas; Knoxville, Tenn. and Valdosta, Ga. Its goals are: to identify and end institutional practices that promote racial discrimination in health care, housing, education, banking and other key areas; ease racial tension and inter-ethnic conflicts in target communities; promote fair representation of community diversity in local government and other important institutions and prevent overt acts of racial and cultural prejudice.

MORE ALLEGED DRUG DEALERS



HERE ARE SOME MORE ALLEGED DRUG DEALERS CAUGHT LAST YEAR

Some of those alleged drug dealers who were caught in a drug bust October 28, 1997 are shown above. These are a portion of those who have been shown in past issues of the Southwest Digest. As our banner says: "If you are an alleged drug dealer, and you are poisoning the minds of our young people, and destroying their health and growth as well as their heritage, we (The Southwest Digest) will expose you. We are watching you! Although the bust took place last year, we still want your peers and citizens of the community to know what you look like,

We still have a few more photos, and will feature them in the very near future. We want those persons who are alleged drug dealers to know we don't like what

they are doing and will continue to expose them. So if you don't want your "mug shot" shown on the front page of the Southwest Digest, then don't get caught. For your information, Sheriff Keese's people will be glad to take your "mug shot" and forward it to the Southwest Digest.

Here are those alleged drug dealers this week:

Johnny Lee Barnes, 2126 East 30th Street, P.C.S. w/Intent; Ronnie Brown, 6512 Avenue Q, Apt. D, Del. C.S. 1-4g; Tina Kay Cofer, 2511 70th Street, Obtain C.S. by Phone; Jessica Nicole Eddington, 1915 14th Street #308, Del. C.S. 1-4g; Susan J. Franklin, 108 East 81st Street, P.C.S. w/Intent 1-4g; Clarence Edward Hammons,

1230 S. 3rd Street, Slaton, Texas, P.C.S. w/Intent; Adrian Donald Johnson, 4601 Detroit Ave., Del. C.S. 4-200g; Jennifer M. Killgore, 4904 55th Street, Obtain C.S. by Phone; Santos Q. Lopez, No Address, P.C.S. w/Intent 4-200g; Michael Lustk, 2632 East Cornell Avenue, P.C.S. w/Intent; David Matthew, 1608 Avenue W. #17, P.C.S. 4-200g; Larry Don McCutcheon, Jr., 6517 Avenue T, #204, P.C.S. w/Intent 1-4g; Bobby Jerome McDade, 2305 5th Street, Del. C.S. 1-4g; Michael Ortega, 2001 East 49th Street, Del. Marijuana, 1/4-5lbs.; Marylan Simington, 1405 Irvin, Littlefield, Texas, P.C.S. w/Intent; Kevin Hypene Tyron, 1924 Avenue P, P.C.S. w/Intent.

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. If you don't have a church home, then come and be a part of our congregation.

Services began last Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday School and Brother Virgil Johnson presiding as superintendent in charge. Teachers and students were at their post of duty and received 30 minutes of instruction. All assembled at 10:15 a.m. in the main auditorium singing "Near The Cross." The spirit was high and everyone was praising the Lord.

There was a lot of activity in commenting on the morning lesson. High points of the lesson were given by Class No. 4, Sister Joan Jones; Class No. 3, Sister Kendrick; Class No. 2, Sister Vossie Ball and Class No. 1, Brother Ernest Swain. All comments were wonderful. What a morning of learning. Praise God for the Sunday School.

Secretary's Report: Youth department: Primary Class won the Attendance Banner and the Intermediate Class received the Offering Banner. Adult Department: Class No. 4 received both banners last Sunday morning. But on Sunday morning, Class No. 2 received both banners. There was a special offering taken up for Meals-On-Wheels.

The morning devotional period was conducted by Brother and Sister Ernest Swain. The spirit was there, and it got the morning services off to a great start.

The opening song was "Yield Not To Temptation." Altar prayer was offered by Sister Joan Y. Ervin. A song, "Everyday He Keeps Blessing Me," was sung. The morning scripture was read by Sister Gayla Hereford. Prayer was given by Sister Lottie Barrow. Another song, "Victory In Jesus," was sung. Responsive reading done with the congregation standing and led by Sister Brenda Taylor. The morning hymn was "Leaning On Jesus."

Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton. He advised all present to know why they have come to the house of worship. But he told the congregation, he came to praise the Lord. Don't think about what you come to do. Just praise the

Lord! Another song, "Lord, Can't Move The Mountain," was sung. The hymn of preparation was "There's A Fountain," was sung. Pastor Moton's sermon was "The Danger of Following the Lord At A Distance." His scripture text was St. Luke 12:54-62. Pastor Moton left no stones unturned.

An invitation to discipleship was extended. Announcements were read by Sister Neldia Hibbler. Sister Charissa Jay welcomed the visitors. After the education, tithes and offerings, the benediction was done.

Let us all keep remembering our sick and shut-in citizens with our prayers and visits.

Sister Lucille Blaychic's son, Jimmy, is a patient at St. Mary Hospital. Our prayers are needed for Sister Quigley as her brother is at home and is doing nicely at this report.

Sister Payne Alexander passed away last Friday, March 20, 1998, in the hospital. At this report, services are pending. Let us remember the children of Sister Alexander.

Chantell Jay and sons came home 1st week to visit their family. They are all doing fine.

The Federation of Choir's Annual celebration was held last Sunday afternoon at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church.

Come Sunday afternoon, March 29, 1998 at 2:30 p.m., the Fifth Sunday program will be sponsored by the Women Missionary Society of New Hope Baptist Church. All ladies are asked to pay their \$15.00.

Mary Granville Nelson and daughter, Patricia, who reside in California, left for home last Friday. They were in the "Hub City" on business. They reported of having a most enjoyable visit with all of their many friends.

Leon Taylor, Jr., son of Leon Lurene Taylor, is home from college for spring break.

Let's pray for one of our longtime residents, Mr. Sidney Hall, who fell and broke his hip and leg last week.

Army & Air Force Hometown News



Air Force Maj. Mark L. Sime has assumed command of the 634th Air Mobility Support Squadron at Andersen Air Force Base, Agana, Guam. Sime, a lieutenant colonel selectee, is the son of Denis L. and Paula J.

Sime of 141 First St. N.W., Blooming Prairie, Minn. His wife, Pamela, is the daughter of Philip L. and Pat L. Dudley of 2725 68th St., Lubbock, Texas. He is a 1976 graduate of Blooming Prairie High School.

Army Pvt. David Chavira III has graduated from basic military training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions. Chavira is the son of David Chavira and Luciana Amaya of 512 42nd St., Lubbock, Texas. The private is a 1997 graduate of Estacado High School, Lubbock.

Cassie R. North has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the

U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Lubbock, Texas. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year. The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$40,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty. North, a student at Cooper High School, Lubbock, will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., for basic training June 11, 1998. She is the daughter of D'Lane Allen of Rural Route 10, and Mack North of 2020 10th, both of Lubbock.

Carl A. Taylor has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Lubbock, Texas. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year. The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$40,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty. Taylor will report to Fort McClellan, Anniston, Ala., for basic training on June 4, 1998. He is the son of Anita P. and Gerald A. Taylor of Rural Route 1, Lubbock.

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Annual Coaches & Ninth Grade Boys Game at Dunbar



It was a very good day at the Dunbar Junior High School as the Annual Coaches vs. Ninth Grade Boys Game was held. The Coaches won 53-45. It was a good game, but the most important thing was to see coaches and young people getting along together.

Here are some photos of this event which took place in Panther gym.

East Lubbock Settlers Meet

The East Lubbock Early Settlers Committee will meet Tuesday, March 31, 1998, at 5:00 p.m. at the Mae Simmons Community Center. If you would like to be part of this committee, then you are welcome to attend. Plans are being made for the twentieth Celebration.



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Obituary



MRS. KATHARINE THOMAS WHITE

Final rites were read for Mrs. Katharine Thomas White at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church with Rev. J.H. Ford, pastor, officiating last Wednesday afternoon, March 11, 1998.

Interment was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Jamison Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Bobby C. Manahan, Billy Joe Hines, Fred White, Dwight Briley, Garlen McChristian, Dwight Pierce, James Perry Jackson and Robert Johnson.

Honorary pallbearers were the grandsons: Albert Ross, Jr., Richard Ross, Alvin White, Patrick White, Adrain Ross, Tony White, Jeffery Davis and Fredrick Burgess.

Mrs. White was born March 7, 1920 in Collins County, Texas to the parentage of the late Joe and Callie Thomas.

She moved with her parents to Lubbock, Texas in 1924. She attended the secondary public schools of Lubbock, and completed her formal training at Dribbar High School. She worked as a home health care and nurse's aide.

Katharine Thomas united in holy matrimony to Fred White, Jr. September 22, 1945. They united with the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church of Lubbock.

Mrs. White, on March 5, 1998, reunited in eternity with her late husband, Fred, Jr., and her daughter, Petty D. White. Four brothers and four sisters preceded her in death.

She leaves to cherish her fond memories: Don Allen of Portland, Oregon, Joe Carroll Pope, Alvin White, Sr., David White, and Jeff White, all of Lubbock, Texas; three daughters: Freddie Mae Johnson, Janice Ross and Kathleen McCullough, all of Lubbock, Texas; a very special grandson, Patrick White of Lubbock, Texas; a brother, Roy Lee Thomas of Dallas, Texas; a sister, Francis Smith of Dallas, Texas; 16 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, 3 daughters-in-law, a host of nephews, nieces, and other relatives and friends.



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According to sister Vivian Thompson, program chairperson, the theme of the program is: "The Gospel Tag Team." I Chronicles 4:1-4

The public is invited to come out and be a part of this special program. Everybody is invited to come and hear the "Gospel Tag Team." In this event, five Mission women, in their own unique message, will do their very best. Come and hear who shall be the last or who shall be first. As well as who shall receive the prize.

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Last month, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, representing more than 800 Mayors from around America, held a historic Mayor's Summit on Africa in Washington, D.C. Mayors, African ambassadors, White House and administration officials, congresspersons and non-profit organizations sat down to discuss how American cities can assist American industry to develop substantive trade partnerships with Sub-Saharan African countries.

These discussions represented the changing political, social and economic climate that has developed since the end of the post-colonial period in Africa. A growing number of Sub-Saharan African countries have now reached a point of stability which provides the United States with an important opportunity to institute progressive trade policies to assist African nations as they reach the new millennium. Next month, in one of the most symbolic gestures on behalf of the United States, President Clinton will travel to Africa. Many of the countries have never been visited by a sitting U.S. President.

To me and to many other African American leaders around the country, this opportunity must be seized.

Following the colonial period (1884-1960) and the social and political turmoil that characterized the "post-colonial period" or "the era of the big-men" (1960 to the end of the Berlin Wall,) we are now seeing a new breed of African leadership coming to political office. These new leaders have ushered their countries into various stages of political and economic reforms. Ghana, Uganda, Mali, Ethiopia and Tanzania are cases in point. This new African leadership and the new reforms they have introduced are the major reasons why most of the economies of these countries are experienc-

ing the current impressive growth rates. Historically, our country's trade policies towards Africa have dealt primarily with charity, not substantive investment.

Yet much needs to be done. Although Africa has vast natural resources and a youthful workforce eager for opportunity, its colonial past and turbulent present impedes its quest to join the ranks of industrialized nations.

To attain sustainable growth into the twenty-first century and beyond, this new African leadership should take some basic steps.

- Develop a clear vision for the types of development objectives they seek to pursue. This vision will serve as a road map for the appropriate policies for their economic development.
- Undertake macro-economic reforms, including the reduction of fiscal deficits, cuts in current and capital expenditures, exchange rate stabilization, elimination of price controls and distortions, and the reduction of inflation.
- The new African Leadership must make efforts to attract Foreign Direct Investment by creating good trade policies, establishing law and order and political and governmental accountability.

Through creating this economic climate, African nations will help themselves to boost both domestic as well as foreign investments. Since 1995, about \$90 billion in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) has gone to developing countries. Fifty-two percent of this investment went to East Asia, 29 percent to Latin America, 9 percent to Eastern Europe and only 4 percent goes to the whole of Sub-Saharan Africa!

But the United States can also begin to look at Africa with a different vision. Instead of charity contributions, it is time that we begin looking at Africa as an investment opportunity.

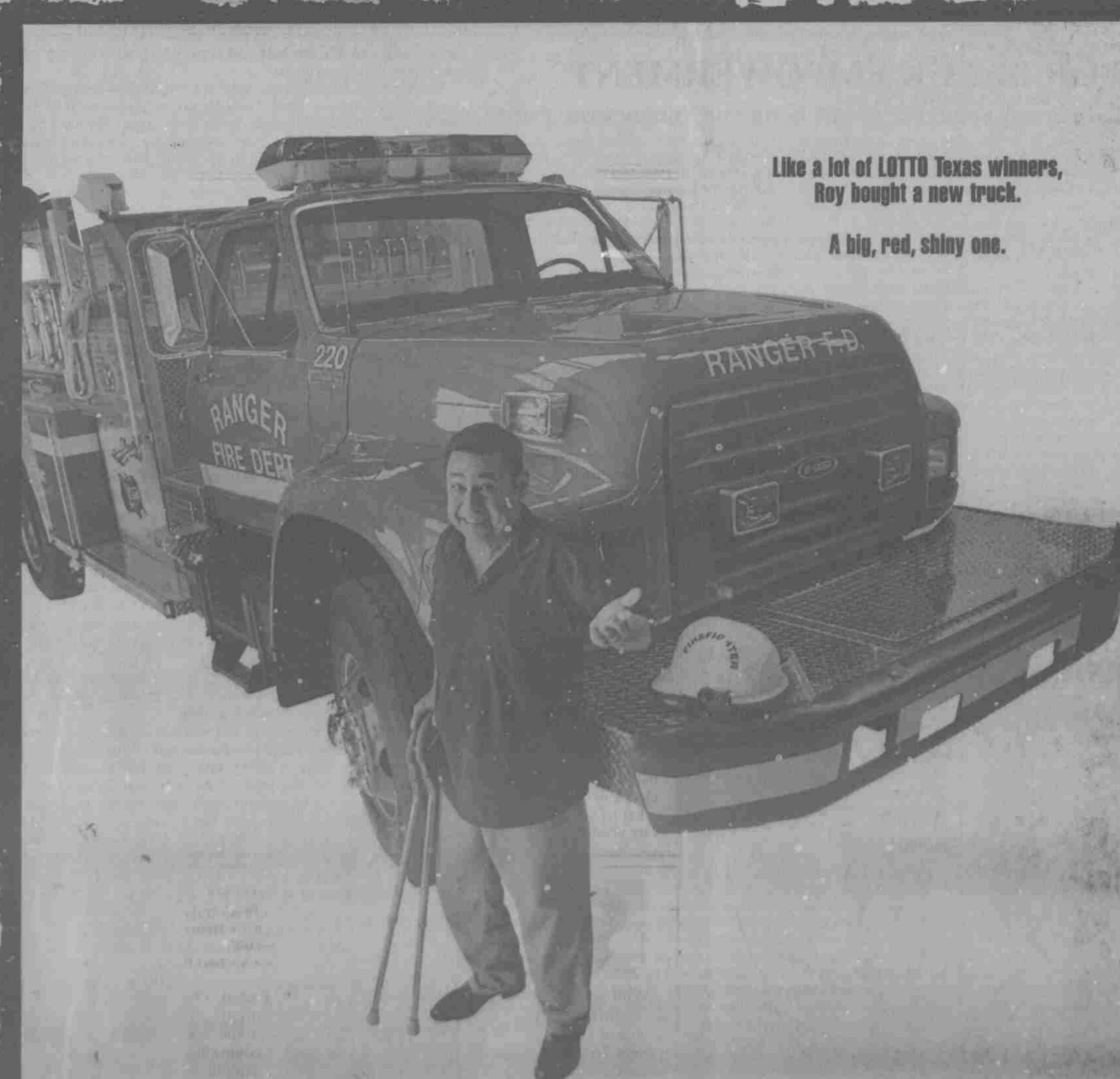
I encourage American industry and local chambers of commerce to research trade and development opportunities

with African nations and to take trade missions to these nations. I also encourage local governments to develop cultural relationships and student exchanges with African cities.

I also encourage citizens to write their Senators and Congresspersons to support H.R. 1432, the African Investment and Opportunity Act, which would authorize a new trade and investment policy for Sub-Saharan Africa. This legislation would create an equity and infrastructure initiative fund of \$200 million to stimulate capital formation and infrastructure investment. It would also allow the development of free trade agreements with Sub-Saharan African countries by the year 2020 and establish an export-import Bank or a private sector advisory committee that would make recommendations to expand loans, guarantees and insurance to Sub-Saharan African nations within six months of the legislation's enactment. Some members of congress estimate that this bill will create 300,000 new jobs in Africa.

Recently, a national dialogue on race was initiated by the Administration. The race issue is perhaps America's most profound piece of unfinished business - an issue that continues to divide us. For African Americans, race is an issue that is rooted as far back, and as far away, as the slave ships of Africa. Africa is considered by most black Americans as their historical mother-land, and now, more than ever before, our country is in a position to help uplift the economies and the social and cultural stability of these many African nations.

Expanded trade and investment with Africa, a continent of 700 million people and rich in resources, if done right, can result in a win-win situation for all concerned. U.S. business can achieve an attractive rate of return on its investment and, per-capita income of African nations can grow dramatically, substantial job creation will create stable economies. And yes, Sub-Saharan Africa can join western nations and Asia as full partners in a vibrant and dynamic global economy.



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IN CINQUE

By Renetta W. Howard



Almost every week now, one can hear reports and conversations on talk radio and television about the status of Social Security

and proposed changes to the benefits provided in Medicare. It appears that the latest proposals put Medicare in the same boat as Medicaid, which is welfare or public assistance.

ble to sign up for the benefits of Medicare, which most workers pay for while employed and paying into the Social Security funds. If you need hospitalization, there is a restriction on the number of days which you are permitted to remain in a hospital and receive coverage under that part of the plan. Then, there is a limit as to how much the plan will pay and if the doctor accepts assignment, he/she will accept whatever the benefits pays. If the doctor does not accept assignments, then you, the sick patient pays whatever the benefit does not cover.

Let us be aware that Medicaid is welfare or public assistance. Recipients of Medicaid receive some form of public assistance. The aged and disabled receive SSI or Supplemental Security Income and there is no age restriction on use of Medicaid. Every recipient of welfare is eligible to receive Medicaid. On the other hand, recipients of Medicare have restrictions.

Now, it has been proposed that certain medical procedures will not be paid by Medicare and even if a client can afford to pay for the procedure and does not involve Medicare, benefits can be suspended for a certain period of time. If this materializes, will workers be better off on Medicaid? It is time that we get "in cinque" and let our Congressmen know how we feel about the shaky status of Social Security

One must reach the ripe old age of 65 years of age to be eligi-

March 9, 1998

African Americans Must Shed the Myth That AIDS Is A Gay Problem

By Earl Ofari Hutchinson

According to a recent report by the Center for Disease Control African Americans accounted for nearly one out of two AIDS-related deaths in 1996 and by the year 2000 will make up half of all AIDS cases in the U.S. This should finally put to rest the myth that AIDS is a disease that affects mostly gays.

But it probably won't. Many African Americans still equate AIDS with homosexuality. Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan, some Black writers and rappers publicly call it a deviant and degenerate lifestyle that threatens Black communities. They ridicule Black males that do not act like "real" men as "sissies" and "faggots."

The only comprehensive study that measured Black attitudes toward gays, published in the Journal of Sex Research in 1995, found that Blacks, like many Whites, had not slackened up one bit in their hostility toward gays. While there was less anti-gay sentiment among the more educated, less religious and more affluent Blacks, many still continued to heap special scorn on African-American gay men.

AIDS activists discovered how hard it is to shake the rampant homophobia among many African Americans when they begged Black churches to designate the first week of March as a week of prayer and education on AIDS. Some churches heeded their call, but many others didn't, even though they have members, family and friends that suffer from AIDS.

But chalking up the fear and loathing that many Blacks have toward gays to ignorance, apathy, or indifference is to easy. From cradle to grave many Blacks have believed and accepted the gender propaganda that the only real men in American society are White men. In a vain attempt to recapture their denied masculinity, many Black men mirrored America's traditional fear and hatred of homosexuality. They swallowed whole the phony and perverse John Wayne definition of manhood — that real men talked and acted tough, shed no tears, and never showed their emotions.

Many Blacks have listened to countless numbers of ministers shout and condemn to fire and brimstone any man who dared think about, yearn for, or actually engage in the "godless" and "unnatural act" of having a sexual relationship with another man. If they had any doubts about it, they could always flip to the oft-cited line in Leviticus in the Bible that sternly calls

men laying down with men, "the abomination." The gospel singing Winans sisters drew heavy fire from some gay groups in 1997 for their anti-gay single, "Not Natural," but there were no major protests from the Black communities, and their record sales have jumped.

The out-of-sight, out-of-mind exclusion of gays from Black life hinges on the shaky assumption that there are thousands of gay men lying in wait to subvert traditional family values. Beyond the fact that no one really knows how many Black or non-Black men consider themselves exclusively gay, much of what passes for traditional family values has long turned into shambles.

America of the 1990s bears no resemblance to the country of the 1950s. Today, the majority of women must work outside the home. They are better educated, and are pursuing careers in business, the professions and the trades. They have drastically changed the shape of gender and family relations in America. There are all sorts of family combinations in the 1990s that were barely imaginable a generation ago. There are single working women, single working men, grandparents, single sex male and female couples, step parents, foster parents, designated guardians, foster homes, and even children that are raising children.

If the American family still fully resembled the storybook "Ozzie and Harriet" family, the list of the mightiest destabilizers of the Black family, would still remain the same: poverty, unemployment, lack of education, chronic disease, violence, drugs, alcoholism, imprisonment, and early death. Homosexuality is not on that list.

It's inevitable that as public attitudes change toward gays more Blacks will come out of the closet and more of us will meet them and get to know them better as people. In some cases we may discover that we have known them all along as a family member, friend, or acquaintance. This will force even more African Americans to reexamine their defective definitions of manhood and confront their own homophobia — they don't, thousands more in Black communities will continue to remain at deadly risk from AIDS.

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WE MUST NIP IT IN THE BUD NOW!!

by Eddie Richardson



One only has to think back a few years to remember what happened a few years ago at Butler Park of how drug dealers commandeered the park. Of how community residents, especially senior citizens, were afraid to leave their homes or even go outside or open their doors because of vulgar language, doping, drinking and blocking drive ways and parking lots. Residents were afraid to let their children go to the park and play, not only in the park, but not even in their own yards.

These drug dealers and associates would hold Butler Park hostage over the weekends, especially on Sunday afternoons. It took a long time to reclaim the park by volunteering citizens and a lot of law enforcement people. Among them were the members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast. Their presence known plus arrest of people breaking the law finally cleared the park. This is the kind of presence we need, along with the presence and arrest which will cut deep into the cash flow of the drug dealers.

This past Sunday, this same ugly and evil devil re-emerged its ugly head at Mae Simmons Park. Not only do we have these trash people, we have their trash, rubbish, and park destruction. We must not have another park being used for drugs and drinking. We must nip it in the bud! This column is short and to the point. That's the way it should be.

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THIS WAY FOR BLACK EMPOWERMENT

BY DR. LENORA FULANI

WHY I AM A "DP" (DEVELOPMENT PSYCHOLOGIST) BUT AM NOT IN THE "DP" (DEMOCRATIC PARTY)

Many people who run for office are interested in winning. If that's what you're interested in and you're Black you run as a Democrat. That's why Rev. Al Sharpton became a Democrat, for example. The Democratic Party is focused on getting its people elected and once elected in holding on to their elected position and their power.

The Democratic Party is not a place to be if you're concerned with solutions to the problems we face - as a city, as a state or as a country. That concern doesn't ultimately fit with the Democratic - or the Republican -- agenda, because you're too caught up in getting elected and staying elected.

I'm a developmental psychologist. I became a developmental psychologist because I wanted to find solutions to poverty, to substandard education, violence, despair, and drug abuse among young people. I became a political activist because there are pressing policy issues - from campaign finance reform to charter schools to finding a trade approach that benefits all Americans - issues that are simply going unresolved by the Democrats and Republicans.

Democrats and Republicans say to us, "elect me" and we'll solve the problems. But the problems we face are not reducible to who is or might be in office. We have lousy schools. We have far too few opportunities for our young

people. We have to generate a national reconsideration of our entire educational approach. That's not going to be an easy process, and it will be a futile process if it is constantly overshadowed by the obsession on the part of policy makers with getting and staying elected.

The agenda becomes determined by polls, focus groups and protecting yourself from attack.

I don't want to end up in that position. So, when I run for office, when I involve myself in electoral campaigns or in party-building for the Independence Party in New York or the Reform Party nationally, I do it to bring forth a dialogue and a serious scrutiny of policy concerns from the vantage point of what's needed to solve problems, not to get elected. At some point, the movement of ordinary people to prioritize solutions over the political survival of incumbents may win out. If it does, then a flood of independents will get elected to office to effect those solutions. That's the road we're on.

You see greater and greater rifts these days between where ordinary people are at and where the policy makers are. For example, the majority of Black and Hispanic lawmakers - nearly all Democrats - oppose vouchers. But 70-80% of Black and Hispanic parents want them. They want access to educational alternatives. It's the same thing with charter schools. The unions,

most Democratic elected officials, and the school administrations oppose them. Parents want them. They are told that to want them is politically incorrect, because vouchers are "racist" and undercut the public school system. But the "racism" charge is a red herring. It's mainly used to protect the public school system at all costs, when many public schools in the inner city communities are failing. Yes, all of our children have a right to a decent and developmental education. We need alternatives to achieve that goal. And vouchers and charter schools help us to create them.

Now Black and Hispanic Democrats are beginning to shift ground on this, because they can't stop the tide at the grassroots. That's a good reason. But we have to make sure that our communities have a permanent voice in a policy process that's not controlled by any self-serving agenda of Democrats or Republicans. That's the role and the vision of independent politics.

Lenora B. Fulani twice ran for President of the U.S. as an independent, making history in 1988 when she became the first woman and African American to get on the ballot in 11 fifty states. Dr. Fulani is currently a leading activist in the Reform Party and chairs the Committee for a Unified Independent Party. She can be reached at 800-288-3201 or at <http://www.fulani.org>.

TEXANS THINK LAWYERS' FEES TOO HIGH

Texans overwhelmingly oppose paying \$2.3 billion in fees to five lawyers who helped negotiate the state's settlement with the tobacco industry. Additionally, Texans demand that lawyers document their hours worked and their expenses before they are paid.

Those are the findings of two recent statewide polls. One of the surveys, the Texas Poll, revealed that 71 percent of those sampled thought the fees should be reduced. In addition to the \$2.3 billion in fees, the lawyers also seek more than \$40 million in "expenses" — most of them undocumented — that they say were associated with the case, which never went to trial. Some of the expenses that have been documented have caused concern. The Fort Worth Star-Telegram, for example, reported that in 1996 the lawyers spent \$1.75 million on expenses, including a \$952 business lunch, \$725 for a Texas State Bar Exam, and \$3,100 for charter aircraft. The lawyers were hand-picked by Texas Attorney General Dan Morales, and campaign finance records show they are political backers of the Attorney General, who supports payment of the fees.

A second poll — this one conducted by Mason-Dixon, a national polling and research firm — shows that 94 percent of Texans surveyed say private lawyers should be required to document their fees and expenses. The poll was commissioned by Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse.

The findings of both polls bolster the position of Gov. George W. Bush, who is openly critical of the fee agreement, and the position of the bipartisan group of seven legislators who have also filed an intervention opposing the fee agreement. Joining the Governor and the legislators in the fight are a number of private bipartisan groups, including Texans for Reasonable Legal Fees, Citizens for a Sound Economy, the Texas

Association of Business and Chambers of Commerce, and Texans for Lawsuit Reform.

The Texas Poll reveals that 64 percent of Texans approve of the \$15.3 billion tobacco settlement. But it also shows that the public is wary of shelling out huge amounts to the lawyers for a case that never went to trial with no documentation. Estimates place the fees charged by the five attorneys at anywhere from \$20,000 to \$105,000 per hour.

The huge legal bill has ignited a storm of protest by those who seek to reform the state's tort system. Tort is the legal name for a case that involves a perceived wrongful act or injury and for which the plaintiff usually seeks financial compensation. Examples of outrageous compensation in seemingly frivolous lawsuits has fueled the drive for tort reform.

Tort reformers often point to cases like the one in New Mexico where an elderly woman sued McDonald's because her coffee was too hot as examples of a legal system that has veered out of control. "The thoroughly exorbitant legal bill and expenses that the lawyers have presented in the Texas tobacco settlement ranks right up there with the McDonald's episode when it comes to highlighting what's wrong with our tort system," said Ken Hoagland, spokesman for the Houston-based Texans for Reasonable Legal Fees. "The average working person is sick and tired of paying for these incredible attorneys' fees through higher insurance rates and inflated prices on goods and services. We've simply got to put a stop to it."

The Texas Poll was conducted by Scripps Howard and the Office of Survey Research at the University of Texas. The poll has a 3 point margin of error, meaning the figures could be 3 percentage points higher or lower. The margin of error in the Mason-Dixon poll is 3.5 percentage points.

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SOUL TABLE

by Joyce White
The Ace Vegetables: Greens
[A Column about good home cooking]

Years ago when I was growing up in rural Alabama, we grew our beloved greens in a garden plot that sloped away from our hilltop house, to a wooded area fringed by tall, majestic pine trees. In those days nobody talked much about fiber, vitamins and minerals, but on many occasions, Mama admonished, "eat those greens, girl. They are good for you." I'm glad I did, for we know now that turnips, mustard, kale, collards and cabbage, as well as broccoli and Brussels sprouts, are members of what health professionals call cruciferous vegetables. Studies say that these vegetables are a good source of cancer-fighting enzymes. They are also high in fiber, which aids digestion, and are rich in minerals such as calcium, potassium and iron. In fact, a friend of mine, Dr. Gerald Deas, an internist in New York City, who is also a playwright and rap poet, refers to greens as "ACE" vegetables, because they provide a good source of vitamins A, C, and E, which boost the immune systems. Mama simmered her greens for way more than an hour, often with a ham hock, or a meaty ham bone. But recently, salt and fat have acquired a bad rep. Foods high in salt have been implicated in high blood pressure or hypertension, and too much fat can clog the arteries and precipitate strokes and heart attacks. So over the years I've cut the salt and fat in my greens to the bone, as the saying goes. Now I season them with herbs, garlic, peppers, and flavored vinegars, or with a few slivers of smoked turkey or chicken, that I smoke in my patio smoker. And, guest what? My greens taste as good as yesteryear's. Below are some recipes.

MIXED GREENS

- 1 pound fresh kale
- 1 pound mustard or turnip greens
- 2 tablespoons olive or corn oil
- 1/2 onion, chopped
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh sage or 3/4 teaspoon dried sage
- 1 clove garlic, finely minced
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 small chile pepper, finely diced
- or 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 2 cups water
- 1 small smoked turkey wing or thigh

Check the greens and discard any withered or brown leaves. Remove coarse stems and midrib from greens and discard. Wash all the green thoroughly, rinsing at least three times under running water. Drain and set aside. Heat the oil in a large saucepan or Dutch Oven. Add the onion, sage, garlic, salt, black pepper and chile pepper or cayenne pepper. Sauté over low heat three to four minutes, or until onions are soft and translucent. Stir in the water. Add the smoked turkey. Cover and simmer for 30 minutes to season the broth. Stir in the greens, and bring the pot to a boil, using a large spoon to toss the greens in the liquid. Reduce heat to medium-low; cover and simmer for 30 to 40 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Serves 4.

COLLARDS WITH OKRA

- 2 pounds fresh collard greens
- 2 to 3 tablespoons olive or corn oil
- 1/2 cup chopped green onions
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper or cayenne pepper, or less if desired
- 2 cups water
- 1 small smoked turkey wing or thigh
- 2 tablespoons cider or wine vinegar
- 1/2 pound fresh okra, stems removed or
- 1/2 package, (10 ounce) frozen baby okra

Check the collard greens and discard brown or withered leaves. Using a sharp knife, remove the stem and midrib of each leaf. Stack a dozen or so leaves together, roll tightly and cut crosswise into 1/2 inch thick slices. Cut remaining leaves in this way. Wash the greens thoroughly, rinsing at least three or four times. Drain and set aside. In a large Dutch oven or saucepan, heat the oil. Add the rosemary or marjoram, scallions, salt, black pepper, and cayenne pepper. Sauté over low heat for two minutes, stirring. Add the broth, water and vinegar. Bring to a boil. Add the collards and mix well, using a large spoon to toss in liquid in pan. Cover with lid, reduce heat to medium and cook until collards are just tender, about 40 minutes. Add the okra and cook 15 to 20 minutes longer. Serves 4.

Joyce White is the author of "Soul Food," which catalogues recipes from African-American churches nationwide.



As children are back in school and adults put away all that remains from a holiday season, does this mean the season of giving has come to an end? People across the world would like to hope the answer to that question is no. Giving is possessing the ability to yield oneself for the betterment of another. Many people across Lubbock have given of themselves not only this holiday season, but throughout the year.

Guadalupe-Parkway Neighborhood Centers (The Centers) and Norwest Bank are pleased to announce a new Lubbock tradition the Founders Award for Outstanding Service to Youth. The first Founders Award will be presented on April 4, 1998 at the McInturf Conference Center to an individual in Lubbock who has demonstrated outstanding service and concern for youth.

The award is in honor of Barbara Sommerville, the founder of the Centers. Barbara served the young people of Lubbock for 32 years prior to her retirement. Barbara laid the foundation which has enabled the Centers to provide a safe and stimulating environment for thousands of young people in Lubbock since 1962.

Members of the community were asked (are asked) to nominate an individual or individuals whom they believe is deserving of recognition for their work with youth. Those nominated for the Founders Award should exhibit those characteristics which made Barbara an outstanding youth leader - selfless dedication, enthusiasm, optimism and concern and caring for young people. Of particular interest are those individuals who quietly go above and beyond the call of duty but whom never seem to get the recognition they deserve. Barbara had one goal in 1962

when she found the Centers and that goal remains the same today. Barbara believes, "It is important that we invest in the children and youth. We must invest our time, creativeness, and our education." Barbara was motivated by one image she holds in her heart. The image is of a young person, "a young person who feels they have nothing. The Centers (all of the youth centers in Lubbock) must provide a place to feel loved and accepted. My mission in life is prove to them that no matter what they (the children) were told by their parents, grandparents, peers or community they do have something going for them and I will work to make them see all they have to offer. Keep the kids as the focus. Provide them a future when the rest of the world tells them they don't have one. That is what I have to tell all the centers in Lubbock."

Now as the Centers celebrate 35 years of serving youth, we honor Barbara for her outstanding service to youth. The 1998 Founders Award for Outstanding Service to Youth is in honor of Barbara Sommerville - a woman that gave of herself to her community and to the lives of over 35,000 young people. One Lubbock citizen will be recognized for their outstanding service to youth. When asked what she felt about this award Barbara simply said, "It is great idea, and I am honored to be part of it." Barbara feels there are a lot of people in the Lubbock community who give of their time and effort for kids and they need to be recognized for their work.

The recipient of the Founders Award will be chosen by an award committee composed of Center staff and board members, community members, Norwest employees and Barbara Sommerville. All nominees will be recognized at the dinner which will also feature as entertainment a roast of Barbara and performances by the Parkway Academy of Dance students and music by First United Methodist Church. The award itself will be presented by Barbara Sommerville.

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AFTER THE TREE BRANCH 18 FEET LONG AND 12 INCHES ROUND (MY BIG SWITCH), COLD CHILLS CAME OVER ME; TELLING ME TO TALK WITH MY FAMILY. WHEN THE HORN HAD BLOWN, COLD CHILLS CAME OVER ME TELLING ME IT WAS TIME TO GO TO DALLAS.

JOHN 20:21,22, JESUS SAID, PEACE BE UNTO YOU; AS MY FATHER HATH SENT ME, EVEN SO I SEND YOU. AND WHEN HE HAD SAID THIS, HE BREATHED ON THEM, AND SAITH UNTO THEM, RECEIVE YE THE HOLY GHOST.

I DROVE BACK TO HEARNE, TX, AND PAID MY COUSIN MELVIN POTTS, THE MONEY HE HAD LOANED ME FOR THE AUTO PARTS. NOW THINKING EVERYTHING WAS ALRIGHT, MY DAD AND HIS WIFE WERE TALKING THINGS OUT, MY MONEY DEBT PAID, I M GOING HOME IN PEACE!!!

ISAIAH 57:20,21, THE WICKED ARE LIKE THE TROUBLE SEA, WHEN IT CANNOT REST, WHOSE WATERS CAST UP MIRE AND DIRT. THERE IS NO PEACE, SAITH MY GOD, TO THE WICKED.

I GASSED UP MY PICKUP, AND GOT ME A SIX PACK OF BEER FOR THE ROAD. AS I WAS PULLING OUT OF HEARNE, I GOT ON MY CB RADIO AND SAID: THIS IS THE BLO-FLY, HOW IS IT LOOKING TO WACO? A VOICE CAME BACK; PEDAL TO THE METAL, IT CLEAR MY WAY. I SAID: I M JUST PULLING OUT, CAN'T HELP YOU MUCH, BUT HAVE A GOOD DAY.

(EVEN MY NAME HAD CHANGED TO DR. BLO-FLY; THE WORLDLY NAMES IS THE DEVIL'S GAME!!! AND I WAS RAISED IN A CHRISTIAN HOME; BUT???)

AS I TURNED ON MY TAPE PLAYER, TO THE BLUES SINGERS MY SPEED PICKED UP TO 80 MPH. (I WAS RAISED ON SPEED; IN THE 60'S IF YOUR CAR COULDN'T DO 120 MPH; YOU DIDN'T HAVE A CAR!) AS I REACHED INTO THE SACK AND GOT A BEER OUT, MY FINGER WAS UNDER THE SNAP RING, WHEN I HEARD A VOICE SAYING: DON'T OPEN THAT BEER! NOW THERE WAS NO ONE IN THE PICKUP BUT ME; THE VOICE SAID: PREA-CHER'S HORN OR GABRIEL'S HORN! I THOUGHT TO MYSELF, I JUST TOLD MY DAD THAT A LITTLE WHILE AGO; BUT WHO IS SAYING IT NOW???

ISAIAH 6:8, ALSO I HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD, SAYING, WHOM SHALL I SEND, AND WHO WILL GO FOR US? THEN SAID I, HERE AM I; SEND ME.

I YET HAD MY FINGER UNDER THE SNAP RING OF THE BEER CAN. (ABOUT THREE WEEKS BEFORE THIS, I HAD A DREAM, THAT I HAD A WRECK; I WAS LYING IN A FIELD, BLOOD WAS IN MY THROAT, IT WAS CHOKING ME; I WAS ON MY BACK AND MY MIND SAID TURNOVER; AND IT WILL FALL OUT, I DID; BUT IT DIDN'T!!! I WAS DYING, I WOKE UP SOAKING WET; AS I WENT BACK TO SLEEP, THE DREAM CAME AGAIN; FEARING IT, WOULD COME AGAIN, I DIDN'T GO BACK TO SLEEP (TERRIFY!!!)

JOHN 4:14, JESUS SAID, WHOSEVER DRINKETH OF THIS WATER THAT I GIVE HIM SHALL NEVER THIRST.

MY FINGER WAS UNDER THE SNAP RING, THE DREAM CAME BEFORE ME; THE SAME DRE-AM. I KNEW I WAS GOING TO HAVE AN ACCIDENT; I SAID: I'M GOING TO DIE TODAY; THEN FOR THE THIRD TIME: THE COLD CHILLS CAME. I PUT MY FOOT ON THE BRAKE, SLOWING TO 50 MPH, I PUT THE BEER INTO THE BEER HOLDER ON THE DASH, I GRIPPED THE STEERING WHEEL AND I BEGIN TO PRAY; MY FOOT WAS SHAKING HYSTERICALLY ON THE GAS PETAL; WITH TEARS IN MY EYES, I PRAYED: LORD, PLEASE DON'T LET ME DIE TODAY. LORD PLEASE GIVE ME ANOTHER CHANCE; BECAUSE IF I DIE TODAY, I M GOING TO HELL!!! I KNOW THE LIFE I'VE BEEN LIVING; LORD, PLEASE DON'T LET ME DIE. ***** GOD'S GRACE AND MERCY!!! *****

PSALM 51:10,17, CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD; AND RENEW A RIGHT SPIRIT WITHIN ME. THE SACRIFICES OF GOD ARE A BROKEN SPIRIT; A BROKEN AND A CONTRITE (CRUSHED) HEART, O GOD, THOU WILT NOT DESPISE. GOD IS NOT THROUGH WITH US YET. SO LETS PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ALWAYS. WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY B.J. MORRISON, III, YOUR BROTHER IS CHRIST JESUS ALWAYS!!!



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

Understanding Worship

"Ye worship ye know not what; we know what we worship; for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."—John 4:22-23

Jesus emphasized that God could not be restricted, but He would not say that just anyone's doctrines were correct. God entered into a covenant with the Jews, promised that the Messiah would come through them, and planned to start evangelizing the world through them.

The issue in worshipping in worship was not where; it was what. The Samaritan in the drama played out in the meeting of Jesus of the woman at Samaria at Jacob's well, could not possibly have known what they were worshipping, for they rejected the majority of the writings of the Old Testament. They could not have known much about he Messiah who was to come. God had promised salvation through the suffering servant-type King who would die for the sins of His people. To miss that was to miss what they had to be thankful for. Just worship for the sake of worship is not enough. Those who do

not worship the God of the Bible or the Christ whom He sent are worshipping in ignorance. Their worship is of no advantage to them or anyone else, regardless of where they worship or how sincere they are.

In John 4:23-24, Jesus tells of the how's of worship. In the context of what we says we are not truly worshipping if we keep rivalries going, or fuss about where we worship, or bypass what God has done in Jesus. We cannot worship properly unless we ourselves are in the spirit and in the truth. Worshipping God in truth means worshipping Him as He really is, not our own ideas about who He is. God hates sin, but do we cover it up? God forgives sinners, but do we condemn them? God answers prayer, but do we ever pray? God is the owner of all things, but do we act as if we re? God is pure and honest, but are we? God is gracious and kind, but are bitter and grasping? God loves peace, do we seek peace?

Worshipping God in truth means we will study to know Him, love Him, and obey Him. God is not a physical being or thing that we can manufacture? redesign? or remold to our own liking. He is Spirit; He is eternal. He cannot be restricted, mastered, or changed by us.

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The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met last Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. with the super people of the Parkway Manor Care Center. We are always prayerful with God's people. The meeting opened with songs of praise. The residents enjoyed the singing. The scripture was II Chronicles 7:12-14, and prayer was offered by Sister Christine Burleson. Remarks and testimonies came from all present. If you can help somebody or bring sunshine in the life of someone, then our living is not in vain.

Prayer for Pastors
Lord, send the spirit of prayer upon others to join us in praying for pastors all over our great city and beyond.

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Lord, give our pastors favor with their peers. Keep them from comparing themselves with other pastors, churches or salary packages. Guard their hearts from competition and unhealthy ambitions; give them deep convictions and moral that stands to reflect your holiness. May they not compromise the truth, but spread truth in love to address all social injustices and prejudices of any kind. Bless our pastors with rich study time. May our preachers let their preaching be in the energy of the Holy Spirit. May they be presented to you, Father, Holy and blameless. Let your anointing be strong and powerful to convert the lost and convict the sinful. As our pastors speak the word, let signs and wonders follow confirming it. Let the sick be healed; let the oppressed be set free. Thank you for your call and gifts. We praise you for sending such shepherds for our souls! Oh Lord, to you be the glory and honor, for creating all things and by your will they, our ministers, and preachers, were created. Let the cross be their reason for ministry. AMEN."

Thoughts of the week:
I. "I never saw anybody choke to death from swallowing pride."
II. "We cannot meet spiritual needs with carnal efforts."
III. "The enemy will set you up and make you think you're doing something good when it's evil."

Think about these thoughts this week. REPENT-REPENT-REPENT!

Write to us at Outreach Prayer Breakfast, P.O. Box 1223, Lubbock, Texas 79408. Keep smiling, our Sisters and Brothers. Even if you don't feel like it. Read II Chronicles 7:14; Mark 11:22-24.

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christine Burleson, vice president; and Sister Ernestine Fraizer, secretary.

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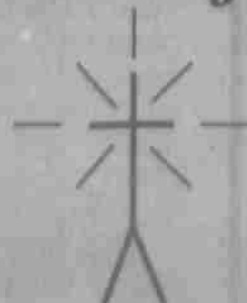
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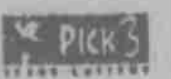
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Experts at Baylor College of Medicine's Huffington Center on Aging see assisted-living communities as an excellent option for elderly people who require some level of daily assistance. Facilities range from single or double rooms in a retirement complex to self-contained apartments.

Most centers provide three meals a day in a common dining room, housekeeping and linen service, and assistance with bathing and dressing. Important support services such as medication management, transportation to doctor's appointments, and recreational and social activities are common.

The opportunity to keep active through interaction and activities with other seniors makes assisted living a desirable alternative. Residents have privacy in their living space and can bring a touch of their

previous home with them by decorating and furnishing their rooms.

If you have a family member considering a move to assisted living, check the facilities available in your community. Tour all the facilities, and don't be afraid to ask questions about the staff, services, medical emergencies and cost.

Regulation of assisted-living communities and their personnel varies from state to state, so take time to become familiar with what is required and provided.

By taking time to explore the options, your loved one can feel comfortable in a new environment and maintain a high level of personal independence.

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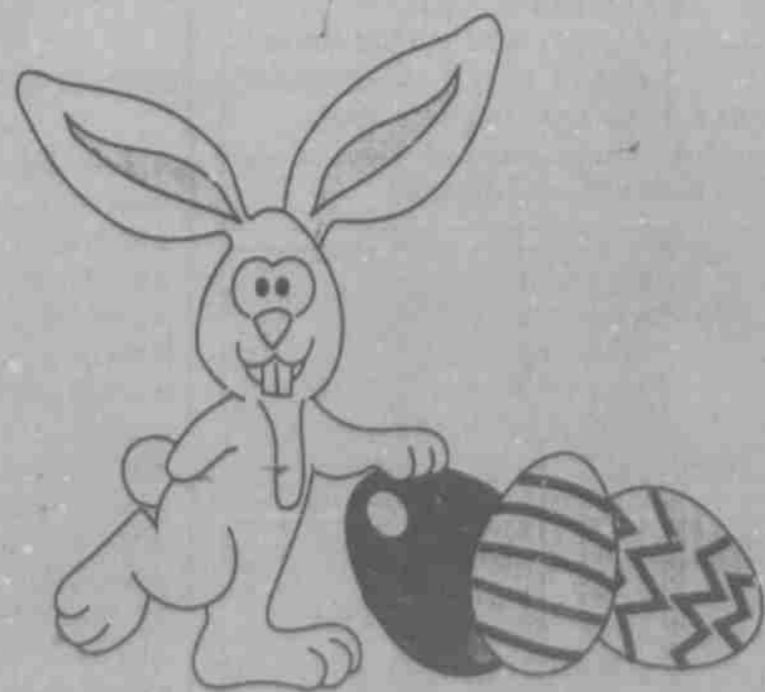
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The goal of the Contractor's Apprentice Program is to help unemployed individuals learn a construction trade during a year-long apprenticeship program. After the apprenticeship, participants should be better equipped to find full-time employment.

There are 14 slots open in the CAP, and applications are being accepted now by the Texas Workforce Commission, 1602 16th Street. Applicants are interviewed and hired by independent contractors who have agreed to participate in CAP. Each apprentice hired works solely for the contractor and can be dismissed for just cause by the contractor.

Apprentices earn \$6 per hour during their apprenticeship, and half of that wage is paid by the City's Community Development Department. When an apprentice is hired, Community Development also provides him or her with the tools necessary to learn the trade. Apprentices who complete the entire year-long apprenticeship may keep their tools.

Qualified applicants must be at least 18 years old, be unemployed and have a total household income below 80 percent of the area median income, which is \$22,250 for one person households, \$25,400 for two, \$28,600 for three and \$31,750 for four. Income guidelines for additional member families are available from the Texas Workforce Commission.

Applications are being accepted through April 1.