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## SPECIAL TO THE NNPA

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NAACP, Congressional Leaders, ACLU and Other Groups Send Legislation to Congress on Police Accountability

In light of recent controversial police shootings of Black men and the mounting federal records of police violence against Blacks and other minorities, the National Association for Advancement of Colored People has joined with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, the National Urban League, La Raza the American Civil Liberties Union and the civil and human rights groups to propose legislation to congress that aims to create a national approach to police accountability.

Representatives John Conyers (D-MI) submitted the proposal, HR #3981, to the House Judiciary Committee earlier this month. The committee is chaired by Henry Hyde (R-IL). Congressman Conyers has put the full weight of his office's strength behind the legislation. At least twenty representatives have already joined Conyers in co-sponsoring the bill.

"The catalogue of high-profile incidents of police misconduct grows with each passing day," Conyers said. "With the Rampart perjury scandal, Amadou Diallo, shooting and Abner Louima assault, it should now be clear to all members and the nation, that police misconduct is an issue that congress must address."

Civil rights groups have decided to work together to push for this legislation in order to address national concerns regarding police conduct with regard to minority communities.

"This proposal would eliminate the hodgepodge of what is acceptable behavior by law enforcement officials," explained NAACP President and CEO Kweil Mune. "This, in turn, leads to a variety of problems and an overall lack of accountability to the community these law enforcement agencies serve."

### BET and Vanguard Leaders Form Magazine Partnership

BET Holdings, II (Black Entertainment Television), and New York-based Vanguard Media Inc. has executed a magazine publishing and investment arrangement which gives the two companies joint ownership of five magazines. The joining will guarantee a monthly readership penetration of 2.2 million, making Vanguard Media the largest African American-owned publishing company in the country.

Vanguard, led by CEO Keith Clinkscales, who is recognized as a successful publisher for his development of Vibe and Blaze magazines, will take over management and daily operations of BET's current publications: Emerge, BET Weekend, and Heart & Soul. Vanguard's publications include Impact and Home. However, the companies will have joint ownership of the five publications.

"BET retains a leadership position in magazine publishing, but has now joined forces with a proven successful operation," says BET chairman and CEO Bob Johnson. "Keith Clinkscales is one of the most respected executives in the publishing business, which makes this relationship an ideal strategic fit for both parties."

"By bringing together our five powerful magazine titles, we've set in motion a true brand-building strategy where advertisers can find the most effective means ever of reaching a multi-cultural, trendsetting audience."

Vanguard media now boasts 100-plus employees with magazine news, editorial and production expertise. The venture provides working capital as a platform for strengthening the current magazine titles and to grow the current portfolio and pursue acquisitions of strategic business fit.

### Rwanda Gets 157.5 Million Euro From EU

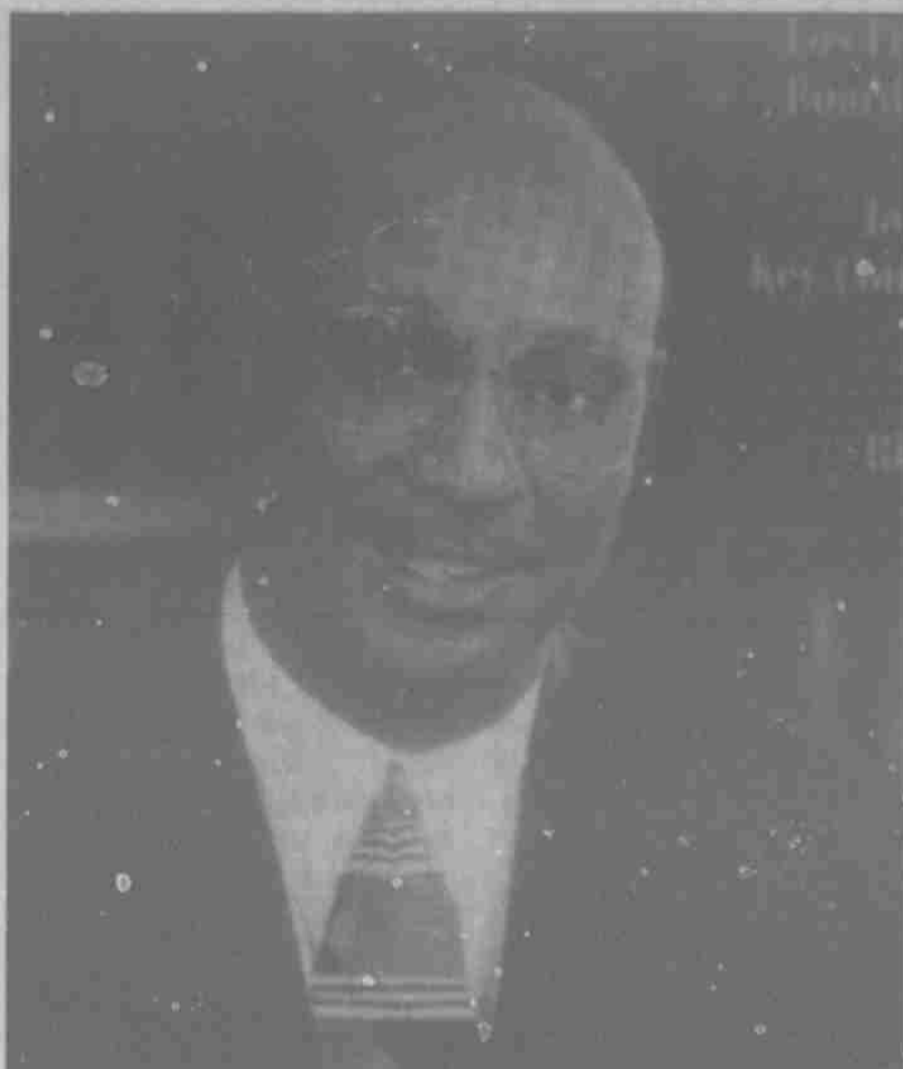
Rwanda and the European Union Thursday in Kigali signed two agreements amounting to a total of 157.5 million Euro.

The agreement was signed by the union's Commissioner for Development and Humanitarian Affairs, Paul Nielson, and Rwanda's Finance and Economic Planning Minister, Donat Kaberuka.

The aid spread over the next five years, will fund programs to reduce poverty, to build socio-economic infrastructure and will support institutions in the management of public affairs, the promotion of national reconciliation and human rights, Nielson said.

Ex-reporter May Have Influenced Black Actor's Oscar Positioning  
 Washington D.C. (NAAP) - According to sources, a Fort Lauderdale businesswoman, by the name of Cal Deal played a major role in ensuring Oscar nominee, Denzel Washington of not receiving an Oscar for his performance in "The Hurricane". The film tells the powerful tale of Rubin "Hurricane" Carter's relentless fight for freedom after twice being convicted of a triple murder.

Deal's reason for not giving the Oscar to Washington, "I openly opposed an Oscar for Denzel Washington because of his dishonesty in the past and his public endorsements of Carter."



## FORMER EHS PRINCIPAL HONORED AT TEXAS TECH

Dr. Carol A. "Butch" Thomas, Beaumont Independent School District Superintendent, was one of four honored at the College of Education Appreciation Dinner at Texas Tech University on May 4, 2000 in the McInturff Conference Center.

Thomas, a former principal of Estacado High School, was the 1999 Superintendent of the Year. When he received this award in Houston, Texas, he said, "It was one of the greatest feelings that I've ever experienced in my life — right up there with meeting my wife, having kids, and my graduation. Being named Superintendent of the Year for the state of Texas in front of my peers — all those superintendents and board members — was overwhelming."

As Superintendent in

Beaumont, Dr. Thomas has led the school district from low performing to ranking among the top school districts in Texas from improving student performance.

He received his undergraduate degree from Texas A & I University, his Superintendent's Certification from Texas Tech University, and his doctoral studies were completed at Texas Southern University.

His work as Superintendent in Beaumont includes the design of the Student Assignment Plan which gave students a choice of school to attend. This plan has been an overwhelming success by as reflected by the growth in the number for children enrolled in BISD.

As a community

volunteer, Dr. Thomas is an active member of many civic organizations. His professional accomplishments are many and includes also the 1999 Superintendent of the Year by the National Alliance of Black School Educators.

Butch is married to Linda, an elementary school principal; they have two daughters — Carol attends Prairie View A & M University and Gracie attends the University of Texas at Austin.

Dr. Thomas was presented the Distinguished Alumnus for 2000 at Texas Tech University's College of Education.

Others receiving such an honor were Leslie Huling and Carolyn J. Synder, both Distinguished Alumna; and Dr. Donald R. Haragan, Friend of Education.

## The City of Lubbock and the City of Lufkin are the First to Participate in a New Program That promotes cooperation and friendship between Tree City USA cities in Texas.



City of Lubbock Mayor Pro Tem Max Ince, left, is joined by Gene Quest, founder of memorial grove, Robert Fewin of the Texas Forest Service, Lubbock City Councilman T.J. Patterson and District 84 State Representative Carl Ince in planting the first ever "Tree Across Texas" tree dedicated to the City of Lufkin.

Dubbed "Trees Across Texas," the program has been created in the Lubbock Parks and Recreation Department and involves the exchange of trees between the two Tree City USA communities. At this year's Arbor Day celebration in Lubbock, a Crabapple tree, very common in the Piney Woods of East Texas, was planted in the honor of the City of Lufkin.

The City of Lufkin, in return, will plant a tree in the honor of the City of Lubbock. Lubbock Mayor Windy Sitton and Lufkin Mayor Louis A. Bronaugh drafted proclamations that were exchanged between the two communities to mark the event. A new logo has been created to highlight the program.

"Trees Across Texas" actually came about when Lubbock City Councilman T.J. Patterson, past president of the Texas Municipal League, a state-wide organization of cities, first approached Lufkin City Councilman Don Boyd with the idea of Lufkin donating a tree to Lubbock to plant on Arbor Day. After some more discussion, the idea of an exchange of trees between Tree City USA Texas cities began to form and evolved into the new program.

"This area of the country in Lubbock is known for its wide-open blue sky and prairie grass," Patterson said. "When the Spanish explorers first came to the area 500 years ago, the prairie grass was waist-high and no visible landmarks made it difficult to navigate. There are no

High Plains and as far east as Dallas and south to El Paso," he said.

Fewin pointed out that the tree seedlings grown in the Lubbock nursery are mainly sold to farmers for field windbreaks, livestock wind protection, homestead windbreaks and to prevent soil erosion. The nursery raises 18 varieties of trees including Bur Oak, Shumard Oak, Desert Willow and Honey Locust.

Over the years, the Texas Forest Service has helped farmers plant hundreds of thousand of trees. The forestry program provides a valuable service and has proven that people can indeed grow trees successfully in West Texas.

Back in Lufkin, City Arborist Rachel Emrick said that when she first heard about the idea of the "Trees Across Texas" exchange between the cities, she was curiously excited. "As an Arborist, I am always interested in planting trees. In East Texas, we are fortunate to have vast areas of trees and adequate rainfall to support them. I wasn't exactly sure what Lubbock was wanting to do, but when it was clear that Lubbock wanted to promote the planting of trees, I was all for it," she said.

"Trees Across Texas" has the potential for a long life.

"At present there are 41 Tree City USA cities in Texas," said Corbin Pemberton, Interim Parks and Recreation Manager at the City of Lubbock. "We see a long-term opportunity to promote unity and cooperation with our cross-state neighbors through 'Trees Across Texas.' Our state is known for its friendly people and diverse topography. We believe this collaboration of communities and exchange of trees will foster our relationships and promote the planting of trees," Pemberton said. "We are committed to tree care and are pleased to be a Tree City USA again this year. We plan to continue with the program."

"Years ago we used to get trees from our Indian Mound nursery in Alto in East Texas. But those trees were not very well acclimated to the needs of West Texas," noted Robert Fewin, a forester with the Texas Forest Service. "In 1978, the Forest Service decided to set up a nursery and grow trees that survive better in the West Texas area."

"We grow trees in two greenhouses and in a field nursery," Fewin said. "We produce about 100,000 containerized evergreen seedlings each year from the greenhouse and about 150 to 175,000 bare root hardwood seedlings from the field nursery. They are shipped throughout the

## UPCOMING BLACK BUSINESS IN EAST LUBBOCK: J. J.'S SPARKLE SHOP



A young man who grew up in East Lubbock, Texas, Johnny James, has done automobile detail work for 21 years. But for the last three and one half years, he has

owned and operated his business, J. J.'s Sparkle Shop, 1705 East 5th Street.

According to Mr. James, he has received a micro-loan from the City of Lubbock's Community Development Program. Not only did he receive this financial assistance, but was presented an award for his positive effort in business.

Aside from running and operating this business, he assists in raising funds for the upcoming Senior Citizens Bar-B-Que which will be held the -D-19th of June.

At present time, seven people are employed. "We are making plans to expand and will hire more people," said James.

No doubt about it, J. J.'s Sparkle Shop is an upcoming Black business in East Lubbock.

## DETROIT NAACP TO GIVE CUOMO FREEDOM AND JUSTICE AWARD



The Detroit chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will honor U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Andrew Cuomo with this year's Freedom and Justice Award for his work in fighting housing discrimination.

"This award serves as a reminder that in the advent of the 21st century, we have made tremendous progress in opening the doors of homeownership to thousands of families across the country. Yet the more we move forward, the more we find that some things stay the same—hatred and prejudice find new ways to express themselves," Cuomo said. "These are challenges that the nation must address."

The Freedom and Justice Award is given to an individual who has excelled in advancing the economic and social interest of underserved communities. The presentation of the award will be made this Sunday at the 45th Annual NAACP Fight for Freedom Dinner. President Clinton will be the keynote speaker at the dinner.

Last week, Cuomo was in Atlanta, co-chairing the first of six hearings that will be held around the country to address the growing problem of predatory lending. While expanded access to credit from lenders has contributed to the highest homeownership rates in the nation's history, 67.1%, there is growing evidence that some

lenders are engaging in predatory lending practices—excessive front-end fees, single premium credit life insurance, and exorbitant prepayment penalties—that make homeownership much more costly for families that can least afford it.

Key findings of a HUD study, Unequal Burden: Income and Racial Disparities in Subprime Lending in America, show that: subprime loans are three times more likely in low income neighborhoods than in high-income neighborhoods; subprime loans are five times more likely in black neighborhoods than in white neighborhoods; and homeowners in high income black areas are twice as likely as homeowners in low-income white areas to have subprime loans.

Subprime lending involves providing credit to borrowers with past credit problems, who cannot qualify for the conventional prime market. Subprime lending can include predatory lending, which hits home buyers with excessive mortgage fees, interest rates, penalties and pre-paid credit life insurance charges that can raise the cost of home buying by thousands of dollars for individual families.

HUD has also launched a nationwide education and public service campaign to combat housing discrimination. The campaign will feature radio and television public service announcements with the actor Edward James Olmos. Brochures, fact sheets, posters and video's will also be distributed to non-profit and community based organization to teach people how to recognize the signs of housing discrimination and how to fight back.

## Ruby Jay's Corner



The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and Rev. Billy R. Moton is pastor. If you are looking for a church home, then come and visit New Hope. You will be glad you did so. Come and worship with us.

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Last Sunday was Mother's Day. We can't never forget them either living or God has called them home. It was a very good day for all.  
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Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Assistant Superintendent Vernita Cooper presided. All teachers were at their post of duty. For thirty minutes all- were in their various classrooms for instruction. At 10:15 a. m., all marched to the auditorium singing "Oh, How I Love Jesus."

The Youth Department gave high points of the morning lesson which included the Primary and Beginners as well as the other other classes. Sister Florenza Stokley and Sister Hattie Gipson do a wonderful job with the young people.

Secretary's Report: Youth Department - Senior Class won the Attendance Banner. The Intermediate Class won the Offering Banner.

Adult Department: Adult Class No. 1 lost the Attendance Banner to Adult Class No. 4. Adult Class No. 2 received the Offering Banner with an offering of \$800.00.  
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The Youth Department was in charge of the devotional period. What a wonderful time all had praising the Lord.  
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The Youth Choir marched in the processional singing out of their hearts. Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Jeff Brown. After the singing of a selection, the 54th Psalms was read by Nicodemus English. Prayer was given by Deacon J. C. Jenkins.

After the singing of another selection, responsive reading was done with the congregation standing. The morning hymn was "Glory, Glory." Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton. As it is done each Mother's Day, Pastor Moton presented each Mother with a red rose. The oldest and youngest mothers were observed. Even the Mother who came the longest distance was recognized.

Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "Thank God For Praying Mothers." His scripture text was I Samuel 1:24. You have not, because you ask not.  
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First lady of New Hope, Sister Margaret Moton, and her daughter, Pam, motored to Alabama fro Mother's Day.  
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Let us pray for our bereaved families. Our sympathy goes out to the Ruby Tennison family. She succumbed here last Sunday morning.  
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There are many of our citizens who are on the sick and shut- in list. All of you are remembered in our prayers. God is able. Sister Clara Lawson is on the sick list.

Sister Bernice Kelly is in the Hospital.

## THE COCA-COLA COMPANY ELECTS FIVE OFFICERS

### Five Executives in Key Roles Are Promoted



ATLANTA, April 19, 2000 - The Board of Directors of The Coca-Cola Company today elected Ingrid Saunders Jones senior vice president of the Company and elected as Company vice presidents Rudy Beserra, Carlton Curtis, Patricia Powell and Coretha Rushing.  
"These elections

demonstrate the importance we place on commitments we have made at The Coca-Cola Company - specifically our commitment to maintaining productive relationships with the communities where we do business and our commitment to provide our consumers with products of the very highest quality," said Doug Daft, chairman and chief executive officer of the Company.

Ingrid Saunders Jones was elected senior vice president, Corporate External Affairs. Ms. Jones began her career at The Coca-Cola Company 18 years ago as assistant to the vice president and manager, Urban Affairs. She was appointed assistant vice president and director, Urban Affairs, in 1988. In 1991, she was elected vice president and manager of

Corporate External Affairs. Rudy M. Beserra was elected vice president, Corporate Latin Affairs. He joined the Company 11 years ago as executive staff representative and assistant to the senior vice president, Corporate Affairs. In 1993, he was named director of Corporate Latin Affairs, and in 1994, he was appointed assistant vice president of the Company.

Carlton Curtis was elected vice president, executive assistant to the president and chief operating officer. Mr. Curtis joined the Company 28 years ago in Corporate Public Relations. He has since then served the Company in a variety of functions, including the Technical and Administrative Divisions, Media Relations,

Corporate Communications, Public Events and Meeting Services, and Education Marketing.

Patricia Powell was elected vice president, Technical Division. Her 27-year career with the Company began in 1973; when she joined Coca-Cola USA as assistant branch chemist at the Atlanta Syrup Plant. In 1990, she was named manager of the Beverage Quality Assurance laboratory and managed the Beverage Quality Assurance group from 1990 to 1994. In 1996, she was appointed vice president of Coca-Cola North America with responsibility for managing technical services within Coca-Cola USA Operations. In March, she was named to head the newly created Technical Division.



JUAN D. JOHNSON  
Vice President and Director of Diversity Strategies The Coca-Cola Company

Juan D. Johnson is vice president of The Coca-Cola Company and director of Diversity Strategies.

Mr. Johnson began his career with the Company in December 1984 as a senior accountant in Accounting Research. In October 1987, he joined the Investor Relations Department and was named manager in December that year. He assumed additional responsibilities as executive assistant to the chief financial officer in March 1990. He was named assistant vice president and director of Investor Relations with additional communications responsibilities

in May 1992. He was elected vice president, Corporate Communications, in October 1993, with continued responsibilities for Investor Relations. Mr. Johnson served as executive assistant to the chief marketing officer beginning in September 1994.

Mr. Johnson became director of Learning and Knowledge Management in 1995. He assumed his current position in March of 2000. Before joining The Coca-Cola Company, Mr. Johnson was a senior accountant in the Atlanta office of Arthur Andersen & Co.

Mr. Johnson holds a bachelor's of science degree in

accounting from Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and a master's degree in business administration from Clark-Atlanta University. Mr. Johnson achieved certification as a Certified Public Accountant and as a Certified Management Accountant.

Mr. Johnson serves on the Executive Committee of the Board of Piedmont Coca-Cola Bottling Company. He serves on the advisory council of Southern University College of Business Administration. He also works with Hands on Atlanta, the Atlanta Humane Society and is a member of the 100 Black Men of Atlanta.



CORETHA RUSHING  
Vice President The Coca-Cola Company

Coretha Rushing is vice president of human resources for The Coca-Cola Company.

She joined the Company in April 1996 as director of human resources for the corporate communications, external affairs and legal functions of the Company. She also supported the Africa Group as director of human

resources until April 1997.

From there, Ms. Rushing took over management of the service team for associate relations until early 1998. She then served as director of human resources for finance from through November 1999.

In December of 1999, Ms. Rushing was named executive assistant to the executive vice president for operations support and in March of 2000 was chosen to

head the Company's human resources function.

Before joining the Company, Ms. Rushing served as human resources director at Pizza Hut and in a variety of senior level human resources positions at IBM Corporation.

She received master's degree in human resources from George Washington University and a bachelor's degree in industrial psychology from East Carolina University.

### "JUNETEENTH" CELEBRATION PARADE

Dear Juneteenth Celebrant:

You are invited to participate in our Juneteenth Celebration Parade. If you did not join us last year, we encourage and welcome you to do so this year. Our parade will be held Saturday, June 17, 2000, at 10:00 a. m. All entries will assemble on the east parking lot of the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 6th Street, at 8:45a. m.

Please complete and return the application form to: lubbock Emancipation Juneteenth Committee, 902 East 28th Street Lubbock, Texas 79404 All applications are to be in the office of the committee no later than 5:00 p. m. Monday, June 12, 2000.

#### "Juneteenth Celebration" - Parade Application - 2000

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SCOOP — BREAKING NEWS:

# J. Edgar Hoover Was Black

HE HAD A SECRET. And he thought died with him.

Millie LePearl McGhee, a renowned California educator, was raised in poverty in McComb, Mississippi projects. She was told never to tell the family secret, or she might be killed. A powerful man, family legend said, lived in Washington D.C. and he was passing for white. His name: J. Edgar Hoover.

A tantalizing story is breaking NOW about one of the most powerful men in U.S. history, a man who is legendary for his repression of civil rights, who was considered obsessive in his attempts to discredit Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

But for author McGhee's perseverance, this story would indeed have died with the FBI director when he passed away after nearly 50 years at the pinnacle of power in our nation's capitol. McGhee's book, *Secrets Uncovered: J. Edgar Hoover — Passing for White?* will be released June 20, 2000. More on the book: <http://www.aimpress.com/secretsPR.htm>

Because Ms. McGhee has retained Talion.com, an African

American publicity firm, WE HAVE DECIDED TO SEND THIS BREAKING NEWS FIRST TO THE AFRICAN AMERICAN PRESS. This is exactly opposite of conventional public relations advice; our advisors told us that because this story is huge, we should break the story with mainstream media and move to smaller media later. We decided to ignore that advice, giving the African American press the opportunity for a scoop. A few hours after you get this, we will begin calling our contacts at mainstream print media including Time, Newsweek, the Washington Post, USA Today and the New York Times. (Dateline, 60 Minutes and Oprah are already making plans for this story.)

First, because Ms. McGhee has sacrificed greatly to research and write this book, we ask that when you cover this story you give significant space to her upcoming book. Not only did she receive death threats, but she invested money into over 240 hours of genealogical research to prove the 200-year oral history passed down through many generations in her family. Her find-

ings are riveting

To give you that promised jump on the story: here are clues that will help you prove the story. (There are more revelations, many just as sensational as what we are giving you here, which we will follow up with later so you can nurture a very interesting ongoing story for your readers.) Obtaining the following information was tortuous; however, now that it's been uncovered, it is easily accessible to anyone:

First: if you are connected to the web, go to the genealogy research site for the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints (Mormon online genealogy site). Address: <http://www.familysearch.org> At the ancestor search, enter John Hoover with location Washington D.C.

Two of the records for J. Edgar Hoover are blocked, saying his parents are simply "Mr. and Mrs. Hoover." Another record gives the parents listed in his official biography: Dickerson Naylor Hoover and Annie Marie Scheitlin. Now go back to the ancestor search and enter Dickerson Naylor Hoover. You will

find, oddly, no reference to any brothers or sisters, but you will find that Dickerson's father is John T. Hoover. Now go to the ancestor search again and enter John Hoover. Very odd. This man appears to have no parents — on his "birth record" they are listed only as "Mr. and Mrs. Hoover." It is a rare birth certificate indeed that refers to parents as only "Mr. and Mrs." — isn't it!

Without siblings, without parents for John T. Hoover, you will reach a dead end. No doubt someone had this in mind. However, if you are in a city that has a National Archives center, you can put the other pieces into the puzzle. Though one whole decade (a key one for J. Edgar's genealogy) was destroyed in a fire, it was impossible to alter the census records, which are handwritten and inventoried line by line, page number by page number. You can view the handwritten records on film, and take copies which you can reproduce in your newspaper, because they are not copyrighted.

John T. Hoover (J. Edgar's grandfather, the one with no parents) is the key. Go to the census

records for 1860. Look in the index, and you will find a John T. Hoover listed for Ward 3, census page 825. You will also find a William Hoover listed for Ward 3, census page 825. Go to that census film.

On the film, you will see a remarkable thing: Dickerson Hoover (J. Edgar's father), John T. Hoover (J. Edgar's grandfather) and William Hoover (J. Edgar's great grandfather) all live the same place—in a district that is CLEARLY A SEGREGATED BLACK AREA of Washington D.C. You will see that every family on the block has "colored" checked in the census box.

John T. Hoover (the man with no parents) actually has parents named William and Elizabeth A. Hoover—and BOTH ARE LISTED ON THE CENSUS AS COLORED. Therefore, John T. (J. Edgar's grandpa) is of African-American ancestry; Dickerson (J. Edgar's father) must be at least 1/2 black, maybe 100%, and J. Edgar is at least 25% black, if not 50%. Ready to scoop this story? The web

site has just gone up on this. Check out the online press kit from our partner firm, who does publicity for national TV and radio for Millie McGhee. This web site has a link to an easy-to-understand family tree for J. Edgar Hoover, WHO WAS ABSOLUTELY, WITHOUT A DOUBT, PASSING FOR WHITE! <http://www.aimpress.com/secretsPR.htm> and <http://www.aimpress.com/secretsPR.htm>

Call Talion.com and ask for Terrayel Cartmill or Rolando Dudley at 425-228-7131 if you have additional questions. And stay tuned. There's even more. (Start thinking about the implications; J. Edgar Hoover was in power for half a century.)

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# More Than A Hero Muhammad Ali's Life Lessons Presented Through His Daughter's Eyes

By Hana Ali

"It isn't the mountains ahead to climb that wear you out; it's the pebble in your shoe." - Muhammad Ali

The self-proclaimed "Greatest of All Time" Muhammad Ali captivated the world throughout his professional career both inside and outside of the ring. Not only did he endure 67 fights against talented boxers such as Billy Daniels, Doug Jones, George Foreman and Sonny Liston, he committed his life to fighting against the social confinements of poverty and racism, providing hope, courage, love and a legacy of unforgettable poems to a world in need of a hero. **MORE THAN A HERO: Muhammad Ali's Life Lessons Presented Through His Daughter's Eyes** (A Pocket Books Hardcover; Publication date: May 9, 2000) is more than a tribute to a living legend. It is a tribute to a much adored father.

**MORE THAN A HERO**

is an inspirational compilation of poetry from The Greatest collected and presented by his daughter Hana, the seventh of his nine children. This ode to the champ includes many never-before-seen intimate photographs, anecdotes of his life and career as a boxer, plus Hana's memories of growing up with this amazing man. Throughout the book, Hana shares numerous lessons her father taught regarding fundamentals including faith, awareness, the art of personality, tenderness, the heart of a person, and the purpose of life. Although her memories of him are personal, the messages he conveyed to her throughout her childhood are universal and timeless. Now as he fights against the progressive restraints of Parkinson's disease, Muhammad Ali once again rises to the challenge with the same pride and courage that made him one of the most admired and recognizable men of our time as well as a successful parent. His unique spirit

shines brightly through Hana's words and his own.

Known to dazzle, entertain, and enlighten audiences with his lightning-quick tongue and razor-sharp wit, Muhammad Ali's poetry and unforgettable quotations were often the result of his supremely confident verbal sparring with the media, fans, opponents, and detractors. But he was also a man of the people, using his celebrity status as a platform to communicate a powerful message, promoting love, equality, and mankind's responsibility for those less fortunate. His words impacted the public more than any right cross, and the loving example that he provided his children only reinforced his sincerity. Offering a guest room to homeless families in need of shelter for the night and paying rent for individuals as they sought employment during difficult times, Muhammad Ali always put his money and time where his mouth was, exemplifying all the

qualities of a true hero.

As Father's Day nears, **MORE THAN A HERO** is a tender tribute that appropriately captures the unique adoration of one of his dearest fans in life, his daughter.

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**ABOUT HANA ALI**

Born and raised in Los Angeles where she currently resides, twenty-three year old Hana Ali is the seventh child of Muhammad Ali. After attending Mount Ida College in Boston where she majored in Child Studies, Hana returned to her native California where she now works as a Teacher's Assistant for a local preschool class and shares an apartment with childhood friend, Kenisha Norton, the daughter of boxer and one time Ali opponent Ken Norton. Although her

extensive family, which includes eight other children (Rashidah, Jamillah, May May, Mia, Khaliyah, Muhammad, Jr., Laila, and Asaad) is scattered across the United States, Hana remains close to her siblings, particularly her sisters. She remains especially close to her father.

**ABOUT MUHAMMAD ALI**

Muhammad Ali, born Cassius Marcellus Clay Jr. on January 17, 1942 in Louisville, Kentucky, was introduced to the world of boxing at the tender age of twelve and after achieving an impressive amateur record, turned professional in 1960. Although his vivacious personality had already won him international recognition, nothing compared to the global attention he received following his astonishing victory over then-World Champion Sonny Liston in 1964. The twenty-two year-old Clay soon announced his conversion to Islam and legally changed his name to Muhammad Ali. Ali continued to

reign over the world of boxing, defeating every conceivable challenger until he refused to join the U.S. Armed Forces during the Vietnam War, an act that caused him to be stripped of his title. He was vindicated of all charges in 1970 and returned to the ring to challenge the then-undefeated Joe Frazier in the "Fight of the Century." In 1974, he knocked out the undefeated George Foreman to regain the Heavyweight Championship of the World title which he held until losing to Leon Spinks in 1978. Only months later a fiercely determined Ali challenged Spinks to a rematch and regained the title for an unprecedented third time. Throughout his career Muhammad Ali contributed 56 wins to the sport of boxing, 37 by way of knockout. As one of the true international champions of the twentieth century, he served the public not only as a hero, but as an ambassador of goodwill for the world.

# Stop! Don't co-sign that loan.!!!

(E-mail: [news@nmpa.org](mailto:news@nmpa.org))

Two years ago my husband co-signed for his brother to purchase a car. As a result of that transaction, we are in the process of losing our house. After receiving the vehicle, his brother only paid four payments. My husband paid eight payments and for the past year, the payments have been made by me. My husband does construction work and often finds himself in-between jobs. At present, he is not working.

I told him not to co-sign for his brother. His brother never keeps a job beyond six months, and doesn't seem to care for anyone except himself. We have three children. Two are still in day-care and one just entered high school. I am so disgusted.

Ruth

Dear Ruth:

You have reason to be disgusted. Some men are always doing as they please never giving full thought to the repercussion. Since he is often without work himself, why would he co-sign for his brother? You, and your children should have been his priority concern. Because your husband has seasonal work, co-signing a debt for someone else was not wise.

It is amazing how people without any form of transportation don't want to utilize public transportation. He should have suggested to his brother to work, save his money, then purchase a car on a sole signature, his. After all, according to you, he didn't need a car for the purpose of

getting to work. You indicated that he doesn't keep a job anyway.

Ruth, this is my advice to you: Protect first the dwelling that is needed for you and your children. Try desperately not to lose your house. Have you considered refinancing the house with a smaller monthly payment? After you have mastered your mortgage crisis, you are still going to be faced with another problem. You need to reclaim the car from your brother-in-law for resale. Try to put it back on the market at a price that will leave a balance of zero. Sometime cars are repos-

sessed, resold at a too low value, and the owner remains accountable.

You seem to be carrying the entire financial burden on your shoulders, and that can be dangerous. With two children in day-care, one in high school, and husband without work, be cautious. Don't worry to the extent you damage your health.

If all options have been taken, lose the house, resale the car, and start all over again. I will tell you this: If you have to start over again, then make the venture with only you and your three children. Your husband should have listened to you and

given more consideration to the fact he was not working. This type of situation has caused many happy couples to divorce.

Ruth, think about it. Your

husband needs to come to the reality that although he has a brother and loves his brother, he wants of his brother should not come before the needs of his wife.

## THANK YOU

I gratefully acknowledge with deep appreciation to the people who published my book, "Remember When? A History African Americans In Lubbock, Texas."

You made my dream become a reality. Dr. Alwyn Barr, Mrs. Janet Neugebauer, Lubbock Arts Alliance, Roots Historical Arts Council, Southwest Collection, Texas Tech Friends of The Southwest Collections, and all who made contributions in anyway, and the people who wrote a chapter me, and my many friends who gave their support by purchasing a book. Thank you!

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## THIS N THAT

A VERY GOOD 12TH ANNUAL GEORGE WOODS BANQUET! THIS N THAT wants to say CONGRATS to the Lubbock Branch of the NAACP for a most successful 12TH ANNUAL GEORGE WOODS AWARDS BANQUET, last Saturday night at the Villa Inn. Winners were selected from 12 CATEGORIES and were art, business, civil rights, community service, education, journalism, law, medicine, organization, religion, sports and politics. The WINNERS were ART - EDNA WALKER, BUSINESS BILLY SIM'S TRAILER TOWN, CIVIL RIGHTS CHARLIE S. DUNN, COMMUNITY SERVICE SARA MCLARTY, EDUCATION BOBBIE PATTERSON, JOURNALISM BRIAN WILLIAMS, LAW AURORA CHADES-HERNANDEZ, MEDICINE ELISE BROWNE, ORGANIZATION RING OF BLACK ROSES RELIGION THE REV. BILLY R. MOTON, SPORTS - BOBBY DAVIS and POLITICS - YSABEL LUNA. No doubt about it! It was a very good group of Lubbock Citizens who were chosen for each category.

HAROLD MELVIN CHATMAN STILL REMEMBERED! THIS N THAT was glad that our deceased friend HAROLD MELVIN CHATMAN was remembered last Saturday night at the 12th annual George Woods Award Banquet sponsored by the Lubbock Branch of the NAACP with the "HALL OF FAME AWARD" recipient posthumously and received by his wife DARYLNE CHATMAN. Also present were his two brothers: MICHAEL and ALVIN CHATMAN. Announcing the winners was the newly school board member and daughter of the man for whom the banquet is named VERNITA WOODS-HOLMES.

ROSE WILSON, WE SALUTE YOU! THIS N THAT want to take this opportunity and salute the president of the Lubbock Branch of the NAACP for a job well done in working untiringly to keep this local branch active. Of course she has been criticized for what she has done and what she is doing. MS. WILSON hung in there so this organization would continue its job in the community. THANK YOU MS. ROSE WILSON and we take this time to SALUTE YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "When a MAN OR WOMAN blames others for his or her FAILURES, it's a good idea to CREDIT OTHERS with his or her SUCCESSES."

CONGRATS TO LUBBOCK HABITAT! THIS N THAT and many others heard the founder of HABITAT FOR HUMANITY Millard Fuller who was in Lubbock last Friday. Now this is a VERY GOOD PROGRAM. He leaves a very good thought when he made the observation that the good people are raised \$60 million for the United Spirit Arena and with another \$60 million more than 1,200 homes could be constructed and would remove the shacks in our community. Something to think about LUBBOCK HABITAT FOR HUMANITY is a credit for our community.

## IF THERE EVER WAS A TIME!

by Eddie Richardson



If there ever was a time that time is now to get on board and move forward in a positive manner. In using the words of Jim Bertram of the City of Lubbock, he says "Timing is everything, and the time is now for the disfranchised, affected class, minority and disenfranchised or disadvantaged communities of Lubbock to do their part."

There is an interest in the potential of the community by the heavy hitters. In the past, these persons overlooked or denied communities, but now are creating an interest, because of their visible potential. With more than \$110 million annual income in East Lubbock, the interest is there. We should jump on board now and help anyway we can to promote our area in a dynamic

and positive manner to the fullest potential.

We need to become ambassadors and crusaders of a positive image of our communities and stop criticizing, moaning, groaning, and being so negative and change to a positive mode.

Our focus should be on the private sector and not only government which are becoming a drying up stream. You see, private industry and business own government, Republicans, Democrats, Independent and all in between including suburbia, ghetto, Business and industry make up the mighty economic ocean while government grants and handout are becoming a drying up stream.

In order to replace aid, grants, and handout, we must form a marriage with business and industry in order to move forward in a positive and forceful manner for the good of all of us.

The day of government grants is fading out fast. What was, at one time grant are now becoming loans, low interest loans. When grants are given, they have to be accountable a lot more than they once were. When you receive a government grant, ROMA will apply in government grants. ROMA does not mean tomato. It means: R - Results; O -

Oriented; M - Management and Accountability. Now that's the bottom line. Now results and accountability are very important. No more lasifere. Now it depends on new results which in the long run is more accountability of taxpayers money. \*\*\*

WE NEED TO CUT OUR LOST!"

Lubbock should and must cut our lost. A good example was when Carrol "Butch" Thomas was employed by LISD. This writer spoke to the then superintendent about Butch when he was about to name an assistant superintendent. Butch was left at Estacado High School as a disciplinarian and whipping boy. He left Lubbock and went to Houston and brought a cellar school district to the top. He is doing the same in Beaumont. What a lost for Lubbock. We also had Charles Alexander who never got an administrative position in LISD. At least Butch made principal. Alexander recently retired as superintendent in Washington state.

Whether it's race, Black males in Lubbock need to take a look around and inventory and see what we have and not go out looking for the goose that laid the golden egg when it could be in our own backyard.

## Fulani Taking Rev. Sharpton's Movement to the Next Step

Recently I appeared as a panelist at Columbia University to discuss the role of the Black community in the November elections. The panel, which included a number of Black officials like Deputy Borough President for Manhattan David Adams and William Allen, a Democratic Party District Leader from Harlem, was organized by the Black Law Student Association as part of their 2nd Annual Paul Robeson Conference.

I told the audience that in my view, the role of the Black community in politics overall has been developing over the last 10 years, and that in discussing how to move forward, it was wise to review how we got to where we're currently at. I told the story of Reverend Al Sharpton's rise to political prominence in New York from my vantage point as someone who "knew him when"—before he entered the mainstream and as someone who had helped him get there—as a way to explore the question before us.

Here's a brief review of that history. In the mid 1980's there were two burning issues of the day in New York politics: racial violence and having a mayor who was completely insensitive to the concerns of our communities. Sound familiar? It is. The victims names were different. Michael Griffith, Michael Stewart, Darryl Cabey. And a few years later Yusuf Hawkins. The mayor's name was different too. It was Ed Koch. He was a shrewd race-baiter and a polarizer.

Rev. Al Sharpton was already a veteran of many years of civil rights struggles. He took to the streets and the subway tracks and soon the airwaves, demanding justice for Black people. No justice, no peace, was his rallying cry. It was during this time that Rev. Sharpton and I started working together. I brought my supporters out to protest with him, sat through courtroom trials with him, and sometimes led marches in support of him after he was arrested for acts of civil disobedience. We came to know each other quite well.

As we became partners—some people called us partners in liberation—I lobbied him to get into electoral politics. I was a political independent—building the New Alliance Party at the time. It was still years before the revolt of the "radical white center", Ross Perot, the

National Reform Party and the Independence Party in New York. I was creating, as I continue to do, a new form of political representation for Black America—an independent party. I wanted Sharpton to get into electoral politics, to run for office and to become an independent. For years Sharpton declined. He must have told me 500 times, I am an independent, but I'm the protest leader, Fulani. You're the politician.

Rev. Sharpton was the protest leader. He protested the political establishment wherever he went—including the Democratic Party establishment—Black and white. The establishment hated him. The Black leadership saw him as a threat to their turf. The white liberals were frightened of him because he wouldn't tow the liberal line, because he was a maverick and a militant.

Rev. Sharpton and I had quite a lot in common, in this regard. Though he was more of a nationalist, and I have more of a multi-racial following, we were both demonized by the media and the political establishment, including the liberal/left. Yet, it was in many respects our relationship that helped him turn that around. My networks had much greater access to money, to opinion makers in the private sector, to the business community and to innovators in the fields of psychology, education and theatre. This helped Sharpton break out of some of the confines of the narrow nationalist circles he traveled in and ultimately helped him "cross over" into becoming a powerful mainstream figure.

After the tragic murder of Yusuf Hawkins, the marches we organized together in Bensonhurst, the election of David Dinkins to be the first Black mayor of New York, and his stabbing, Sharpton began a process of reconsidering his views on getting involved in electoral politics. On the day he was stabbed in January of 1990, we were about to kick off one of our marches protesting the handling of the Hawkins case.

As soon as he was stabbed, he fell to his knees and pulled the knife out of his chest. Moses Stewart, Yusuf's father, (he spoke later that day at the conference) chased and tackled Rev's assailant, while over 100 uniformed police officers stood by. My good friend and colleague Dr. Fred Newman took Rev. to the hospital in his car because no ambulance came. I led the march, keeping the

community calm—though I myself was very, very upset and angry. That night, when Rev was out of danger and regained consciousness, Fred and I were with him in the hospital. He was already joking about the parade of elected officials and luminaries who were going to show up at his bedside. Sure enough they did, from David Dinkins to Jessie Jackson and just about everyone in between.

Rev. and I continued our work together for the next several years. In 1990, I ran for Governor in an effort to create a new ballot status party in New York. Rev. Sharpton was becoming more interested in electoral politics and in independent politics, in particular. He endorsed my bid and he campaigned for me across the state, advocating the importance of a new political party to address the lack of political empowerment of Black people. Still, he would say to me—Fulani, you're the politician and shied away from any run for office himself. I continued to try to persuade him otherwise.

Finally my message broke through. In 1992 I was running for President for a second time. I was up in New Hampshire where I had entered the Democratic primary in order to spotlight democracy reform issues and the exclusion of African Americans from the political mainstream. I had raised more money at the time than all of the contenders in the race, save one—Senator Tom Harkin of Iowa. You may recall, there was a guy way behind in the fundraising—Bill Clinton—who was having trouble shaking his image as a womanizer. Anyway, I was being excluded from the debates and Rev. Sharpton came up to New Hampshire to do a press conference with me protesting my exclusion and pledged to make the Democrats unwelcome when they came to campaign in New York. He also came to tell me he was going to run for the U.S. Senate.

Al Sharpton had decided to get into the business of electoral politics. He ran in the Democratic primary, looking to become the nominee who would challenge Republican Senator Al D'Amato, and in that race he finally got the kind of exposure that helped him overcome his so-called "negatives." Fred Newman even organized a group called "White People for Sharpton for U.S. Senate" to show that Al had backing in diverse communities. Sharpton

## This Way For Black Empowerment

By Dr. Lenora Fulani



had pledged to me up in New Hampshire that he wanted to run both as a Democrat and on the New Alliance Party line. But when it came to crunch time, he withdrew his New Alliance candidacy. He was under huge pressure at that point from the Democratic Party leadership, including the state chairman at the time, John Marino.

Once Rev. Sharpton made the move to get into electoral politics, the Democratic Party wanted to control him—they wanted to make it difficult for him to relate to the independent movement. The last thing the Democratic Party elite want is to propel Black voters into an independent alliance.

So Rev. traded his independence for greater access in the Democratic Party. He went on to run for Senate again in 1994 and of course for mayor in 1997, when he shocked the entire political scene by almost forcing a run-off. I can understand why he made the deal with the Democrats, though I disagree with it. I believe that independent politics is the future for Black empowerment, the Democratic Party is a tool of our past—kind of like the typewriter of Black political influence when what we need is a computer. Growing numbers of young people feel this way, too. Polls show that 44% of African Americans between 18-29 consider themselves independents. One of the largest constituencies in the Independence Party in New York City is Black young people. Independence is now the state's third largest party and the fastest growing and I, together with many others, am an influential leader in that party. Now the Democratic Party, which wants to elect Hilary Clinton to the US Senate this year, wants our support.

So that's more inside story on Al Sharpton. He brought about a tremendous shift in Black politics in New York—he ignited a new alignment within the Democratic Party and brought important issues to the forefront. Still, we can't ignore the fact that there are still two main issues in this city. Racial violence and

a provocative mayor who is insensitive to our concerns. For all Rev. Sharpton's success, many things haven't changed.

So what's our role in the November 2000 elections? I think it has to be to go independent, to use the election to get ourselves on a new course. I've endorsed Pat Buchanan in the Reform Party for this reason. Yes, Pat and I disagree on more than I care to mention. But on the core

issue of opening up the process to give Americans, including African Americans, more political options, we agree. The Independence Party in New York will have a candidate for U.S. Senate. Other independent parties will be fielding candidates at the national and local levels. My advice is to vote for them. Build something independent. Let's take the Sharpton movement to the next, powerful step.

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# Nine Steps for Planning a Family Reunion

It's more than just a family picnic

PARSIPPANY, NJ, - Family Reunions are much more than an afternoon romp in the park. Having a reunion takes time, commitment and planning. You have two choices in planning your own family reunion. You can hire a professional planner or do it yourself. If you decide on the latter, here are nine steps suggested by Days Inns of America to help you get started.

1. Form a planning committee one-year out and

decide how often it should meet. The group should remain small; six people may be adequate. Remember this is an exercise that crosses generations so include young people when possible.

2. Communicate with family members and solicit their opinions and comments about a date and location for the family reunion. It's important to retain their interest.

3. Delegate responsibility. Your first assignment is to have someone compile a

comprehensive mailing list of relatives. This database will include all family names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses. Next, assign someone to select a hotel site and handle registration. Another is to develop a family reunion program that will map out the events schedule for the affair. And another to handle all transportation.

4. If you are the hotel site selector, ask yourself: can people get to the location from the airport? Will they need to

travel by car, bus, train or air? If guests will be traveling by air, a hotel near the airport may offer free pickup and return. Will you need a meeting space, a hospitality room or banquet room for meals and events?

5. Communicate again with family members. After a site, date and hotel location have been determined, ask for feedback. Also include your proposed itinerary for events planned and any costs you may be aware of.

6. Figure out how to

cover outside costs. Obviously, each family member is expected to cover their own travel arrangements and lodging; however, an attendance fee may need to be determined to cover expenses related to food, reunion events, administrative costs such as covering the printing of invitations, postage and other incidentals.

7. Send out another communication regarding final plans and include a registration form. Indicate deadlines for

confirmation of attendance and payment of fees required at registration.

8. If needed, send out a reminder, or call, those who haven't replied by your deadline dates. Meanwhile, work with your committee members to ensure that all arrangements are completed.

9. Confirm all hotel and other arrangements. Make payments on time and secure a hotel coordinator you can work with during your family reunion.

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THE FATHER TELLS HIS SON; I DON'T WANT YOU TO SMOKE MARIJUANA DOPE; AS HE STANDS THERE WITH A CIGARETTE IN HAND; BLOWING HIS SMOKE!!! ( WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCES IN MARIJUANA AND CIGARETTE TOBACCO? ONE OF THEM IS GROWN FROM THE GROUND, ONE OF THEM IS ROLLED IN PAPER, ONE OF THEM IS LIT WITH FIRE, ONE IS INHALED, ONE IS NEEDED TO SATISFY THE USER, ONE COST BIG MONEY, ONE CAUSE LUNG CANCER. AND THAT IS CALLED SUICIDE; AND THAT PERSON NEEDS JESUS.)

PROVERB 3:7, BE NOT WISE IN THINE OWN EYES; FEAR THE LORD, AND DEPART FROM EVIL.

THE MOTHER TELLS HER DAUGHTER: KEEP YOUR HOUSE SPICK AND SPAN; BUT SHE RAISED THE DAUGHTER: IN A PLACE NOT FIT FOR HUMAN.

EZEKIEL 16:44, BEHOLD, EVERY ONE THAT USETH PROVERBS SHALL USE THIS PROVERB AGAINST THEE, SAYING, AS IS THE MOTHER, SO IS HER DAUGHTER.

THE PREACHER TELLS THE PEOPLE: LIVING FOR GOD IS HOW TO SAVE YOUR SOUL; BUT HIS DAUGHTER SINGS IN NIGHT CLUBS; DOING ROCK AND ROLL!!!

I JOHN 2:15, LOVE NOT THE WORLD, NEITHER THE THINGS THAT ARE IN THE WORLD. IF ANY MAN LOVE THE WORLD, THE LOVE OF THE FATHER IS NOT IN HIM.

PREACHER:IF YOU CAN'T RUN YOUR HOUSE; AND ITS GOING TO HELL; YOU'RE NOT QUALIFIED; TO RUN THE HOUSE OF GOD; AND THIS I MUST TELL!!!

I TIMOTHY 3-4,5, ONE THAT RULETH WILL HIS OWN HOUSE, HAVING HIS CHILDREN IN SUBJECTION WITH ALL GRAVITY; FOR IF A MAN KNOW NOT HOW TO RULE HIS OWN HOUSE, HOW SHALL HE TAKE CARE OF THE CHURCH OF GOD?

THE MOTHER TELLS HER DAUGHTER: WHEN YOU GROW UP, DON'T GO WHORING AROUND; BUT THE MOTHER HAS THREE MEN; RIGHT HERE IN THIS VERY TOWN.

PROVERB 23:27,28, FOR A WHORE IS A DEEP DITCH; AND A STRANGE WOMAN IS A NARROW PIT. SHE ALSO LIETH IN WAIT AS FOR A PRAY, AND INCREASETH THE TRANSGRESSORS AMONG MEN.

THE FATHER TELL THE CHILDREN: GO TO BED EARLY, GET PLENTY OF SLEEP; BUT HE IS NEVER HOME AT 12 O'CLOCK; HE IS ALWAYS IN THE STREETS. M A T T H E W 15:14, JESUS SAID, LET THEM ALONG: THEY BE BLIND LEADERS OF THE BLIND, AND IF THE BLIND LEAD THE BLIND, BOTH SHALL FALL INTO THE DITCH.

THE MOTHER TELLS HER DAUGHTER: DON'T EAT SO MUCH; YOU'RE SO BIG; AND EVERY TIME SHE SEE HER MOTHER EAT; SHE TAKES IN FOOD LIKE A PIG.

LUKE 6:42, JESUS SAID, HOW CANST THOU SAY TO THY BROTHER, BROTHER, LET ME PULL OUT THE MOTE THAT IS IN THINE EYE, WHEN THOU THYSELF BEHOLDEST NOT THE BEAM THAT IS IN THINE OWN EYE? THOU HYPOCRITE, CAST OUT FIRST THE BEAM OUT OF THINE OWN EYE, AND THEN SHALL THOU SEE CLEARLY TO PULL OUT THE MOTE THAT IS IN THY BROTHER'S EYE.

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I TIMOTHY 6:10, FOR THE LOVE OF MONEY IS THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL; WHICH WHILE SOME COVETED AFTER, THEY HAVE ERRED FROM THE FAITH, AND PIERCED THEMSELVES THROUGH WITH MANY SORROWS.

GOD IS NOT THROUGH WITH US YET, SO LETS PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ALWAYS. WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY B.J. MORRISON, III YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS.



## form the Deck of Parson D.A. Smith "The Old Rugged Cross"

He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many thing."—Mark 8:21

There was a common belief among the Jews that when the Messiah came, He would reign as a King who would throw off the Roman rule, which oppressed them. When Peter made the great confession that Jesus was the Christ, the Messiah, he had dreams of great things ahead. A throne and kingdom for Jesus, and power and prestige for His followers.

Later when Jesus talks about His death and suffering, Peter could not accept it. "Not so, Lord," he said. Then Jesus rebuked Peter and Satan who spoke through him, for He knew Satan's tactics. This was not the first time Satan had tried turn Jesus away from His death on the cross.

Jesus knew what bearing the cross really meant. When He was a boy, one Judas the Galilean, had led a rebellion against Rome. Judas had led his followers to Sepphoris, four miles from Nazareth where Jesus lived, and had raided the Roman armory there. The Romans wreaked a terrible vengeance on the town of Sepphoris—burning it to the around, selling its inhabitants into slavery, cruci-

fying two thousand of the Jewish rebels on crosses. They set these crosses with the dying victims along the side of the road as a warning to all who might consider further rebellion. Jesus as a boy probably saw it all, and knew full well what it meant to take up a cross.

The way of the Cross is not an easy road. It is the way of self-sacrifice, suffering, and for some—even death. The apostles realized this in the years that followed.

When we choose to follow Jesus and take up our cross, we commit ourselves to a life of disciple and self-denial. For example, when Peter shamefully denied Jesus, he said, "I do not know Him." When we deny ourselves, it means we treat our self-life as if it does not exist. It is natural to treat ourselves as if we were the most important things in the world. However, if we are to follow Jesus, we must forget our self and surrender our all to the Will of God. We must always be true to Christ at any cost.

We who would follow Jesus today must voluntarily take up our cross. True, there will be suffering; but Jesus never promised us a bed of roses or a life of pleasure. He offered us a life of sacrifice which would lead to a life of eternal glory. If we would be faithful disciples of Jesus, we must turn our backs on the world and follow on in Jesus' steps, no matter where He led.

## The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast Saturday last week. It's always a makes us feel inside. Come and were doing good on their pleasure to help somebody. It join us, you might like it.

### "True Repentance"

The Hebrew word for repent used in the Old Testament means commitment to faith, and a way of life that involves turning from apenicious way. The Greek word used in the New Testament is Metanalo which means to repent, with regret accompanied by a true change of heart toward God. Repentance involves being godly sorrowful for our sins and having a complete change of mind and attitude toward sin.

Now there's a difference

between a change of mind, because of the consequences of sin. Because of sinfulness of sin, there's a difference between being sorry, because you got caught and being sorry, because you realize you have sinned against God. Conviction brought about by the Holy Spirit is the realization one has sinned and precedes repentance. This means we must see sin as God sees it—ugly! Also distasteful, abominable and totally unacceptable.

Often times, we relate sin to actions only and then only the visible, vulgar and profane. ~~Satan~~ told the wicked man to forsake his way, his life style, and the unrighteous man his thoughts.

Know that God not only

sees what we do, and hears what we say, but he also sees the hidden sins of the heart, our thought, hatred, anger, malice, envy, - jealousy, lust, idolatry, and indifference to social injustice. They are listed along side of murder, drunkenness and sexual immorality in both the Old and New Testaments as being totally unacceptable to God's, but not unforgivable.

God is still saying to the wicked, wayward, and the unrighteous to seek ye the Lord while he may be found. Call upon him while he is yet near. May your response to God's gracious invitation to repent is Lord, I'm coming home!

Think about it!  
Are you having problems?

The word of God is a problem solver if you believe it. II Chronicles 7:14 and Mark 11:22-26.

Please don't forget your drive by prayers also your walk through prayers for our community, families and schools.

We hope all Mothers and Women had a blessed Mother's Day was our prayers.

See you next week. Thank you for reading. You will receive a blessing.

Write us: Outreach Prayer Breakfast, P. O. Box 1223, Lubbock, Texas 79408.

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; Sister Ernestine Fraizer, secretary; and Sister Elnora Jones, acting secretary.

## When It's Not Easter, Who Knows If You've Got Religion?

By Yolanda Young

The other day I was on the Metro (DC's underground subway), and an Asian guy jumped on the train and stood in the middle of the aisle offering a reverent reading of Acts 4:12—Salvation is found in no one else... After which he closed his Bible and sang a lovely verse of Pass Me Not Oh Gentle Savior. I wanted to join in but couldn't bring myself to do it.

So I sat there and by the time he finished enough guilt had crept from my neck to my hands allowing me to at least applaud. Once I noticed people staring at me, my clapping came to a sudden halt and I dipped my head back between the pages of my Vanity Fair Magazine.

At the trains next stop the evangelist got off and I was left wondering why his behavior had been a source of embarrassment rather than pride. After all, as the millennium ends, everyone seems to be pushing his or her religion. Richard Gere and Tina Turner espouse on the benefits of chanting and Buddha beads every chance they get. John Travolta has gone to Capital Hill to try and convince the Congress to intervene on Germany's attempt to stop the spread of Scientology, and Louis Farrakan and his bow tie soldiers block traffic on street corners in every major city shouting the "Fial Call". Everyone is out gathering fish, everyone but us, the Christians.

It's a shame too. We see the torture that is consuming people to the point were children are killing each other over tennis shoes and popularity. As I watched the reports last week of the raged gun-

men in Honolulu and Seattle who left a trail of death, I heard in my heart the words my Big Momma used to say when she heard about things like this. "They need Jesus". I know that's not a word we see in print often. The way the media reacts to it, you'd think it was a four-letter word, but those we see and hear all the time.

The greatest compliment I ever received came from a French woman who sat next to me on a bus ride from Washington to Shreveport. (In case you're wondering, the ride itself was awful, resulting from Momma's determination to show me better than she could tell me). The French woman and I had been talking for hours about school, fashion, city versus country living when she turned to me and said, "You're a Christian, yes?"

I was happy to find some Christian camaraderie on such a dreadful trip and proud that Momma and St. Peter BC had raised me not to be ashamed of my religion. The lady wanted to know where I was from. I told her I was from a small city that felt more like a town. A place where on almost every corner there was a church.

I said it was the kind of place were when you visit a friend's house for the first time, there momma comes out of the kitchen and asks No questions—"Who your people? What church you belong to?"

No one asks me those questions anymore. Things have become more complicated. We've gone out of our way

not to offend atheists, and in the process we've forgotten that witnessing for Christ is apart of duty as Christians.

I'm not suggesting we take to storming people's homes or harassing them on the street. (In fact I've decided the next time I'm coming out of Walmart and get mobbed by a bunch of pamphlet carrying teenagers clad in white shirts, black pants and ties, I'm giving them a holy dose of my pepper spray). What I am suggesting is that our belief in Jesus should be something we care about and want to share with others.

You wouldn't open a pack of gum without offering a stick to the people sitting near you, nor would you keep a good stock tip or bargain away from your close friends, so why would you keep Jesus to yourself?

There should be something in our greeting, something in our lifestyle, something in the way we talk to people that makes a person stop and say, "I'll have what she's having." We should be happy to share with others the gift of salvation and show how it changed our lives.

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# PNB Financial Promotes 26 Officers

The Board of Directors of PNB Financial has promoted 26 officers, according to Alan B. White, Chief Executive Officer.

**Brian Henin** has been promoted to President of PNB Financial Dallas. He joined PNB Financial Lubbock in 1987 and served as a Senior Vice President in the commercial lending area of the bank prior to moving to Dallas in 1998. He holds a BBA and MBA in finance from Texas Tech University and is a graduate of Southwestern Graduate School of Banking.

**Paul Parkinson** has been promoted to President of PNB Financial North Dallas. Before joining PNB Financial Lubbock in 1998, he served as President and Chief Executive Officer of PMC Mortgage for five years and had previously held positions with Texas National Mortgage Bankers, McAfee Mortgage & Investments, Service Mortgage Corporation, Commercial Mortgage Resources and Briercroft Savings Association. He holds a BBA in Finance with Real Estate emphasis and a BA in English from Texas Tech University.

**Mike Griffin** has been promoted to Senior Vice President in the Operations Center where he is Director of Information Technology. Before joining PNB Financial, Griffin was with Market Imaging Systems, Inc. as director of computer services and Ted L. Parker & Associates as data processing manager. He attended Texas Tech University studying computer science and graduated from the Texas Tech National School of Community Bank Management.

**Kimberly Miller** has been promoted to Senior Vice President and Trust Officer for PNB Financial Trust



where she provides trust services in the employee benefits area. She has been with PNB Financial Trust since 1997. She is a Certified Public Accountant and licensed attorney, having obtained her BBA in accounting from Tarleton State University and her Doctor of Jurisprudence from Texas Tech University School of Law.

**Jay House** has been appointed to Vice President in the Lending Department at PNB Financial Dallas. House joined PNB Financial Lubbock in June of 1999, prior to moving to Dallas. He is a graduate of Texas Tech University with a BBA in finance and an MBA in general business.

**Lori Yokum** has been promoted to Vice President at PNB Financial Amarillo as a credit analyst. Prior to joining PNB Financial, she was with First National Bank of Amarillo. She is involved with the Business and Professional Women's Clubs and Belmar Elementary School PTA. She is a graduate of West Texas A&M University.

**Ian Fleming** has been promoted to Assistant Vice President/Network Administrator. He is involved with AQHA, APHA and Lubbock Soccer Association. He is a graduate of Texas Tech University.

**Inez Gibson** has been promoted to Assistant Vice President in the Operations Center where she serves Assistant Supervisor of Electronic Services. She is a graduate of South Plains College

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**Loni Walton** has been promoted to Assistant Vice President in the Operations Center where she serves as Bookkeeping Assistant Manager. Prior to joining PNB Financial in 1995, she was with Texas Commerce Bank. She has participated in the March of Dimes Walkathon and the Diabetes Walk.

**Betty Brown** has been promoted to Banking Officer at PNB Financial's Express Bank where she is Teller Supervisor. Prior to joining PNB Financial, she was with City Bank, formerly Security National Bank.

**Ann Cray** has been promoted to Banking Officer in the Data Processing Department in the Operations Center. She has been with PNB Financial since 1993 and has attended Texas Tech University.

**Sherry Daniels** has been promoted to Banking Officer and serves as head teller at PNB Financial's Wolfelin Branch in Amarillo.

**Dee Delaney** has been promoted to Banking Officer at PNB Place in Amarillo where she is Assistant Branch Manager. She is involved with Opportunity School Program and Make-A-Wish Foundation. She attended Amarillo College.

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**Michelle Hutchison** has been promoted to Banking Officer in the Retail Services Department where she will handle new accounts. She is a graduate of Texas Tech University with a BA in psychology. She has been

involved with the United Way of Lubbock in the Big Brother/Big Sister program and with the March of Dimes.

**Becky Jones** has been promoted to Banking Officer at PNB Financial's Southwest Branch, where she serves as Assistant Head Teller. Before joining PNB Financial in 1997, she was Head Teller at Security State Bank in Crane, Texas.

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**Adan Moreno** has been promoted to Banking Officer at PNB Financial's South Plains Mall branch. He is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree from Wayland Baptist University.

**Shea Norwood** has been promoted to Banking Officer in the Operation Center as Research Supervisor. Before joining PNB Financial, he was with San Angelo National Bank. He is a graduate of Angelo State University with a BBA in Business.

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## \$35,000 IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO ASTHMA ATHLETES

### Minority and Urban Students Especially Vulnerable to Asthma

Kenilworth, NJ—The 16th annual "Will To Win" Asthma Athlete Scholarship program for high school scholar-athletes with asthma is under way. Sponsored by Schering/KEY, a marketing unit of Schering Laboratories, the "Will To Win" program will grant \$35,000 in scholarships to 10 high school seniors who have become accomplished athletes despite the challenge of asthma. The top winner will receive a \$10,000 Gold Award with four \$5,000 Silver Awards and five \$1,000 Bronze Awards also to be granted.

**Incidence of Asthma Highest Among African Americans and Urban Youth**  
Although asthma is on the rise, the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases reports that 80 percent of deaths from asthma occur in urban areas with African Americans three to four times more likely than whites to be hospitalized for asthma, and four to six times more likely to die

from from the disease. "Clearly, asthma is an escalating inner-city problem," said Adrienne Lee, director of Key Respiratory marketing. Schering/KEY. "One of our goals with the "Will To Win" scholarship program is to reach urban youngsters with a positive message about succeeding despite the challenge of asthma." Major factors believed to contribute to high inner-city asthma rates include elevated levels of indoor allergen, especially cockroach allergen, tobacco smoking by primary caretakers and high indoor levels of nitrogen dioxide, a respiratory irritant produced by inadequately vented stoves and

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The purpose of Schering/KEY's annual program is to demonstrate to America's five million young asthmatics that their condition, when properly treated and managed, need not limit their success. The scholarships also emphasize Schering/KEY's commitment to the concept of asthma co-management. In keeping with the guidelines of the National Institutes of Health, asthma co-management has proven to be an effective preventative through regular exercise, careful monitoring, and

close coordination between doctor and patient. Scholarship applications and posters may be obtained by calling "The Will To Win" hotline at 1-800-558-7305. Applications can also be obtained at [www.schoolasthma.com](http://www.schoolasthma.com). The deadline for entries is May 15, 2000.

students and are active in community affairs." The Scholarship Program has been supported by some of America's prominent professional and Olympic athletes. Recent "Will to Win" spokesperson includes football great Art Monk, baseball legend Bob Gibson, and tennis star Mary Joe Fernandez.

## South Plains College Art Scholarship Winners Announced

Four high school students were named art scholarship recipients during South Plains College's annual Art Symposium and Scholarship Award Day recently held on the Levelland campus. They will enroll at SPC in the fall of 2000. Recipients of the \$1,000 Christine DeVitt Scholarship, paid out over four semesters, are seniors Valentin Madrid, Lubbock High School; Chris Wright, Coronado High School; and Scott Meador, Trinity Christian School. Noel Herrera, a senior at Levelland High School was recipient of the Dos Stroud Memorial Scholarship, a

\$600 scholarship paid out over four semesters. Runners-up were Daniel Vargas, a student at Levelland High School and Steven Esqueda, a student at Lubbock High School. Jurors were Dr. Marvin Moon, professor emeritus in the Department of Art at Texas Tech University, and Katherine Brimberry, founder of an artists' print shop in Austin. "The quality of the portfolios submitted for the scholarship competition was excellent, and the four recipients represent the best of a very good collection," said Drake Gomez, symposium coordinator and assistant professor of art at SPC.

## Reese Technology Center Partners with Community Organizations

Lubbock, Tx—Reese Technology Center, a community partner for Lubbock and the region continues to support and partner with many community agencies and organizations by utilizing its facilities in support of community needs. Reese Technology Center has been diligent in its expediting the federal process allowing for the use of Reese facilities and equipment in the support of community efforts. Reese Technology Center is proud to announce that this diligence is showing results. The Frenship/Lubbock Pony Baseball Program will begin

playing their league games at the Reese Technology Center athletic complex on Monday, May 8. This joint effort between Reese Technology Center and the Frenship/Lubbock Pony League will provide much needed playing field and facilities for over 1,500 young people and families. Reese Technology Center will also host the "Fourth Corps Youth Training" Program sponsored by Broadway Festivals Inc. Fourth Corps is a youth intervention program for young people ages 15-18 from the South Plains region. The participants come from all over the region and from

all socio-economic backgrounds. Reese Technology Center will provide facilities for the entire Fourth Corps. Program this year in conjunction with the Fourth on Broadway Celebration. The Chairman Hill Community and Appletree Apartments will also benefit from Reese Center facilities as well through the use of playground equipment donated by Reese Center. This project will be an essential part in the community redevelopment efforts in providing a "safe play environment that these items are now available to us for this community," said Dr. Lester Payne of Lubbock. "We certainly

appreciate Reese Technology Center's understanding and appreciation of the minority children and families which will serve for years to come," said Payne. The Science Spectrum and Omnimax Theatre in Lubbock will also benefit from former facilities as Reese Technology Center. A barracks building from the former Reese Air Force Base will be moved to the Science Spectrum and Omnimax Theatre for use as a museum which will house Air Force and military memorabilia. The Texas Air Museum in Slaton will also be a benefactor of former Air Force memorabilia as well.