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SPECIAL TO THE NNPA

Psychic predicts remarriage for Halle Berry and book deal for Lauryn Hill (NNPA) - Rev. Hazel Cassell, nationally known metaphysician, has released her annual predictions. They include:
Eric Benet, singer - Personal challenges and disappointments, loss of a close friend.
Halle Berry, actress - Remarriage and motherhood, resolution of past issues, Germany is in her future.
Johnnie L. Cochran Jr., attorney - Expanded horizons as a producer and promoter. Becomes involved in spiritual ministry.
Dr. Dre, rap singer - Violence and health problems.
MC Hammer, singer - Stress, confusion, and challenges of finances and family problems. These conditions will improve between November 2000 and March 2001.
Grant Hill, basketball star - Spiritual growth.
Lauryn Hill, hip-hop star - A book in her future and great creativity.
Bishop T.D. Jakes, author and pastor - Legal and IRS problems.
Patti LaBelle, singer - Health challenges, a new book, a new business.
Sheila Jackson Lee, U.S. Representative, 18th District, Texas - Political appointment, abundance and success, a new business.
Dr. Audrey Forbes Manly, president, Spellman College - A new job, a book, and much spiritual and personal growth.
Jerry Manuel, manager, Chicago White Sox - Successful business venture with a good return on investment.
Outkast, rap group - Danger and disappointment.
Retired Gen. Colin Powell - Very active, major player in politics, a book and movie.
Mike Tyson, boxer - Reorganizing his life; pain, pain, and more pain (shoulder, back, lungs, and kidney).
Usher, singer - Challenges with health and finances.
Iyanla Vanzant, inspirational author and attorney - A talk show on radio and television, family disappointment, touring in Europe and Africa, production of a very successful video series.
Lynn Whitfield, actress - A clothing line, remarriage, ministry, successful business venture (doll business) and personal healing.
Oprah Winfrey, talk show host - A year of many disappointments and challenges; tears and depression.
Tiger Woods, golfer - The sky is the limit. New projects and productions, spiritual and sports video's. Vibration of an accident.
 Rev. Cassell also has seen for the year 2000 and beyond:
 • A new civil rights group will be organized and incorporated. It will be very radical but successful.
 • There will be an increase in racial unrest and violence against minorities.
 • There will be a major increase in homeless Black children.
 • Chicago, Ill. and New York City will have many deaths due to flooding and temperature changes.
 The following are predictions from Rev. Cassell that already have come to pass:
 • The deaths of Carolyn Bessette-Kennedy and John F. Kennedy, Jr.
 • Princess Diana's death
 • President Clinton's scandal
 • Mike Tyson's imprisonment
 • Dennis Rodman's scandal and release from the Bulls
 • Severe weather, earth changes, flooding, and earthquakes
 • O. J. Simpson's acquittal for the murder of Nicole Brown and Ronald Goldman
 • Health crisis for Marion Barry
 • A water crisis for Washington, D.C. and Northern Virginia
 • Fires and earthquakes in California
 • An earthquake on the East Coast
 • Terrorism in New York City
 • Marion Barry's conviction on drug charges and the arrest and conviction of members of his administration (predicted in 1984 to a Richmond, Va. reporter)
 • A woman mayor for Washington, D.C.
 • The attempted assassination of Louis Farrakhan
 Rev. Cassell began having spiritually-inspired visions at age 10. Her predictions have appeared in The Washington Post, the Gannett Wire Services, and the Washington Afro-American. She also has appeared on the NBC and BET networks. She is the ordained minister of St. Michael's Psycho Science Church and operates a spiritual center in Thornburg, Va. Her past predictions are available on her website at <http://www.angelfire.com/va/revendh02e/> or www.angelfire.com/va/stmichaels. She can be reached by telephone at (540) 582-8774.
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EMILLO E. ABYETA, LOCAL ATTORNEY, HONORED



(Editor's Note: The Southwest Digest is proud to re-run this story on one of our local attorneys, Emillo E. Abyeta, who was recognized in Austin, Texas February 5, 2000)
 (Austin) The College of the State Bar of Texas recognized 4,100 attorneys as members of the College during its Annual Awards Luncheon in Austin on February 5. This distinguished group of attorneys accounts for less than eight percent of the total number of attorneys in Texas.
 The College was created in 1982 by the Supreme Court of

Texas as a means of recognizing members of the State Bar who voluntarily attain an extraordinary number of continuing legal education credits each year. To qualify for membership, attorneys must complete 80 hours of continuing legal education (CLE) within a three-year period or 45 hours during the current year. To maintain membership in the College, an attorney must complete at least 30 hours of CLE each year, twice the number of hours required of all lawyers in Texas.
 Awards were given to several College members, including

an award for the best article written for a continuing legal education seminar. James E. Brill, Houston, and James H. (Blackie) Holmes, Dallas, received the State Bar College Professionalism Award for outstanding contributions in the area of professionalism with the legal profession. Paula Sweeny and Valerie Mosman, both of Dallas, received the CLE Article award for their article entitled "Medical Malpractice & Hospital Liability Law" from the State Bar of Texas, Advanced Personal Injury Law Course. The Outstanding Legal Article award was presented to the

Honorable John McLellan Marshall, Dallas, for his article "Ethical Concepts in American Jurisprudence" published by Maria Curie-Sklodowska University of Poland.
 Bobby D. Dyess, Dallas, Chair of the State Bar College Board of Directors, presided over the ceremony. State Bar College Board members Jay B. Goss, Bryan, and Isaac M. Castro, Hamlin presented the awards.
 (Note: A list of attorneys from this area who were recognized as new or maintaining members 9 the State Bar College is attached.)

CANYON LAKES CREDIT UNION HOLDS RIBBON CUTTING & OPEN HOUSE CEREMONIES MARCH 25TH



It was a great day on Saturday, March 25, 2000, at 12 noon when officials of the Canyon Lakes Credit Union held its Official Ribbon Cutting and Open House Ceremonies at their offices at 1700 Parkway Drive.
 With the assistance of the Lubbock Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Homer Norville, president of the credit union, declared the official move. "We are just happy to have all of

you present today. We're in business, so come and be a part of this means of economic development," said Mr. Norville.
 Pictured above are those who were a part of the ribbon cutting effort.
 For more information about the Canyon Lakes Credit Union, call (806) 762-1111. Ms. Kathy Anderson is office manager.
 Photo By John Ceruantez

BARBARA WAREFEILD WOMEN'S CONFERENCE SPEAKER



Congressional Black Caucus Black Press Week Reception at Rayburn House Office Building, U.S. House of Representatives, March 16, 2000
 Pictured from left to right: 1. Rev. Bobby Lee - Mega Forum 2. Amos Lynch - Columbus Post 3. Jerome Butler - Sengstacke Enterprises 4. Isaiah Williams, III - Jacksonville Advocate 5. Lorenzo Martin - Chicago Standard 6. John B. Smith - NNPA 2nd Vice President 7. Walter Smith - New York Beacon 8. Henry Dejeu, Jr. - Louisiana Weekly 9. John J. Oliver, Jr. - NNPA President 10. M. Mike McNeil - The Buckeye Review 11. Terry Jones - NNPA 1st Vice President 12. Clover Campbell, Jr. - Arizona - forum 13. Bobby Henry - Westside Gazette

With the theme of "Walking Worthy of Our Call," the Women's Ministry of Pilgrim Baptist Church will feature Ms. Barbara Warefield as speaker. The conference is set for May 5-6, 2000 at the Christian Renewal Center, 303 Toledo Avenue.
 Friday, May 5th, services will begin at 6:30 p. m. Saturday, May 6th, services will get under way

at 2:30 p. m. Cost for the two day conference will be \$30.00 which will include registration, refreshments, materials, and lunch. Deadline for registration is Friday, April 28, 2000.
 Barbara J. Warfield, more affectionately known as "BARD" is a nationally known Ministry Consultant, writer and motivational speaker. She is currently serving her local church as youth minister and conducts seminars and conferences in the areas of Women's Ministry and Youth Ministry across the country.
 Bard has been writing youth Sunday School and Bible Study material for several of the largest publishing boards in the country. She is a published writer, including the following resources: "Youth Ministry Explosion, A How to Manual for the Black Church" and Workbook; "Basic Christian Life Skills for Teens," Bible Study

Series, Book 1 "Light It Up! Living as Children of Light and Book 2 "that Love Thing! The Most Excellent Way. Barb's newest release is "Goin' Through the Change, A Black Woman's Journey through the Cycle of Life, and His Will Ministries, Inc. 1999.
 Barb and her husband, Reverend Steven L. Warfield, are the founders of His Will Ministries, Incorporated, providing Biblically based Christian publications and resources as well as ministry seminars in the areas of family, youth, children, women, recreation and Christian leadership. His Will Ministries, Inc. is also the creator of Camp Image, the innovative, God-centered camp experience for Black youth, reshaping the lives teens!
 Steven and Barb, along with six of their eleven children, reside in Nashville, Tennessee and are members of the Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church.



National Democratic Club Luncheon, March 16, 2000
 Pictured from left to right: 1. Jayne Cain - Times Weekly 2. John J. Oliver, Jr. - NNPA President 3. Dennis Archer - Mayor of Detroit and DNC Co-Chair 4. Al Edwards - Chairman / DNC Black Caucus 5. C. Delores Tucker - Chairperson NRCBW 6. Benjamin T. Jenkins - NNPA Executive Director 7. Congresswoman Maxine Waters 8. Clover Campbell, Jr. - African Informant 9. Lorenzo Martin - Chicago Standard Newspaper 10. John B. Smith - NNPA 2nd Vice President



Enrollment of Dr. Robak at Howard University's Founder's Library
 Pictured from left to right: 1. Jayne Cain - Times Weekly 2. John J. Oliver, Jr. - NNPA President 3. Wilhelmina Bolak - President and CEO, United Black Fund 4. Dennis Archer - Mayor of Detroit 5. John B. Smith - NNPA 2nd Vice President 6. Dr. Thomas Ruffin - Director, Moorland Spangman Center

GUNS AND SAFETY ARE NOT A POLITICAL ISSUE

The current gun debate is out of control. Simply put, safety features and measures aimed at keeping dangerous weapons from becoming more lethal in the hands of children or criminals are not a bad thing.
 The provisions on the table for discussion—gun locks and background checks are clear and fair. No one's constitutional rights are going to be severed. No one's right to protect home and property are going to be denied. In the long run, fewer people will die as a result of misfires or at the hands of gun-wielding criminals.
 But if one notes the

recent headlines generated by the gun makers and the gun lovers regarding society's connection to criminal gun-toters, one might believe that responsibility for senseless acts of gun violence should lay at the feet of anyone except the National Rifle Association. Some attacks have even challenged that the president himself has blood on his hands.
 It doesn't matter who has the gun if they are irresponsible or have criminal intent: be it a six year old, a teen or John Q. Citizen who has had a bad day. Gun safety locks and procedures are the right thing to do.

To attempt to shuffle the issue off by demonizing an individual or a group of people is wrong.
 (NNPA email: news@nnpa.org)



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 the proud pastor. If you are looking for a church home, then come and visit with the members of New Hope. You will be glad you did so. Our doors are always open, so come and be a part of New Hope!

Services began last Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday School, with Assistant Superintendent Henry High at his post of duty presiding. All teachers were at their post of duty, and did provide 30 minutes of instruction. At 10:15 a.m., all reassembled marching singing "Have Thine Own Way."

After prayer, high points of the morning lesson was given by the Senior Class, with Sister Brenda Gipson as teacher. The remarks were very well done. It was a very good lesson! The lesson had something Christians need to learn how to work together.

Secretary's Report: Youth Department — Primary Class lost the Offering Banner to the Intermediate Class who reported an offering of \$32.00. The Senior Class retained the Attendance Banner.

The devotional period was led by Brother and Sister Curtis Gipson.

The Senior Choir marched in the processional singing out of their hearts. Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Jeff Brown. After a selection by the Senior Choir, the morning scripture was read by Sister Dorsi Dailey. Sister Lottie Faye Barrow gave a prayer. Another selection, "The Storm Is Almost Gone," was sung by the Senior Choir.

The responsive reading was done with the congregation standing and led by Sister Barrow. The morning hymn was "When We All Get To Heaven."

Pastor Moton gave his pastoral observations. He always has something to say which we can use during the entire week. Another inspirational selection was sung by the Senior Choir. Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "Be Strong In The Lord!" His scripture text was Ephesians 6:10. Don't think he didn't tell you how.

After an invitation to discipleship several came forward for prayer.

Remember our sick and shut in citizens. Among them is Sister Clara Colquitt.

Last Sunday afternoon, the 74th Church Anniversary of New Hope was well done. Speaker of the hour was Rev. Solomon Fields, pastor of St. John Baptist Church. The theme was "Be Strong In The Lord." It was a very good afternoon.

Pastor Moton closed out the services with a special prayer for Mrs. Solomon Fields, who is a patient at University Medical Center.

South Carolina March Aimed at More than Moving Flag

Although the protest demons and boycotts are aimed at unity and a new image, some say the economic disruption are costly to minorities.

Washington, DC (NNPA) According to participants and organizers, the five-day march led by Charleston, SC city leadership earlier this month was more than pushing state legislators to remove the confederate flag from the dome of the state capitol. Amid mixed emotions from some residents onlookers who say that the protest march may cost the state more than the symbolism of the flag is worth, the march brought continued national attention to the issue.

"This is about showing the nation and the world that South Carolina is in step with the rest of the world," said Charleston Mayor Joseph P. Riley Jr. "And it's about unifying all South Carolinians."

The march was attended by over 700 demonstrators—black and white—who made the 120-mile trek from Charleston to Columbia amid sprinklings of confederate flag supporters.

"We want to move away from the old perception that all we

southerners are stuck in some old way of thinking," said one demonstrator.

"We want to send a loud message to the state legislature that we are not a bunch of racists," she said. Protesters only marched during the day, Sunday April 2 through April 6, picking up at seven a.m. each morning and stopping at six for the night. Although southern legislators tend to be firmly committed to the keeping the flag atop the dome, protesters believe they got their message across. One marcher was former governor John West who served as head of state when the legislature voted to place the flag on the capitol by the 1962 General Assembly. West said he was slightly embarrassed that he'd not taken the flag down later in his tenure, but that he had every intention of working to correct what he viewed as one of his "mistakes." Also at issue however, was concern regarding the impact of the call for economic boycotts call by the

NMCP. Although targeted at Charleston's economic bottom line, a few noted that there may be some undue strain on the black communities of South Carolina.

"There are a lot of Black folk not participating in this effort," says one local professional who did not want to be identified. "They feel like the flag shouldn't be up there, but they don't know if fighting to have it taken down is worth losing so much money."

In addition to cancellation of events there is a loss of participation by some annually visiting groups such as the National Governor's Association, The New York Knicks, The Southern Christian Leadership Conference, The National Council of Negro Women, the International Association of Black Firefighter and a host of others.

Particularly hurtful is the potential loss of the annual Spoleto Festival, a cultural arts program which typically brings thousands of dollars to the state.

"Black people tend to feel

those kinds of crunches almost immediately," he said. "It's a tough loss over a flag when there is so much that could be fought over that might yield higher results."

There are counter events and actions being planned. The South Carolina Heritage Coalition is one of several groups lobbying for the flag to stay atop the dome of the capitol. The group held a counter march April 9.

Mayor Riley remains undaunted in his effort to remove the flag and have it placed in a museum.

"A majority of South Carolinians agree that the Confederate Battle Flag does not belong atop our state capitol," Riley said. "Our state legislature is out of step with the people. We want to bring this issue to their attention and urge them to remove the flag to an alternative place of honor."

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SPECIAL FILMS BEING SHOWN AT MAHON LIBRARY EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The film series, sponsored by the Alliance for Human Relations and Social Justice, continues every Wednesday night from 7:00 p. m. until 9:00 p. m. at Mahon Library Community Room.

On April 26th, the films will discuss issues facing African Americans today.

The schedule is as follows: April 26th — "The Black Family", narrated by Louis

Gossett, Jr.; May 3rd—"Affirmative Action", narrated by Danny Glover; and May 10th, "The Roots of Racism," narrated by Louis Gossett, Jr.

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tation, there will be refreshments, and discussion. The program is approved for Social Work and LCDC CEUs.

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OBITUARIES

MAE PEARL GREENE JACKSON

Funeral services were held for Mae Pearl Greene Jackson on Tuesday morning, April 11, 2000, at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church with Rev. Larry D. Brooks, pastor of Community Baptist Church, officiating.

Pastor Brooks was assisted by Rev. J. H. Ford, pastor of the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church.

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

Casket bearers were Jim Johnson, Fred White, Lewis Luckey, George Smith, Danny Wright, and Rev. Mark Culver.

Honorary bearers were Daryl Green, LeGene Brooks, David Reed, James Skief, James Reed, and Chris Bogus.

Ms. Jackson was born December 15, 1936 to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Green in Calvert, Texas. She attended public schools in Lubbock, Texas. She was united in marriage to the late Ruth Jr. Jackson.

She served faithfully at St. John Baptist Church for a number years. She served as an active member, a tireless worker, and as the minister of music at Community Baptist Church since its inception. She also served as a member of the

Lovely Sunset Association, and as music director of the Federation of Choirs as well as the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. She was also Mission President for many years. Ms. Jackson was preceded in death by her mother, Lizzie Reed, and her father, Harrison Greene. Ms. Jackson passed away Friday, April 7, 2000.

She leaves to cherish her memories: a sister, Aotry "Lucy" Blakes, and brother-in-law, Rev. William Blakes of El Paso, Texas; four step-children, Dwight and Lydia Clay-Jackson, both of Houston, Texas, John and Allison Jackson, both Mesquite, Texas, Sandral and Alonzo Poindexter of San Diego, California and Mary and Jimmy Stumon of Kansas City, Missouri; one adopted child, Cory and Felisha Powell; five grandchildren: Cory Powell, Jr., Tamala Stumon, Jaron Stumon, David Johnson, and Kevin Clark; three uncles: David Reed, James Reed, and Jonas Beals; two aunts: Oddie Parker and Laura Skief; one nephew, Daryl Greene; one great-nephew, Darick Jones; one great niece, Taniqua Jones; and a host of other relatives and special friends.

JERRY WILLIAMS from Phoenix

Phoenix, Arizona — Funeral rites were held for Jerry Williams on Tuesday morning, April 4, 2000, at Hansen

Chapel with Elder John Johnson officiating.

Arrangements were under the directions of Hansen Mortuaries in Phoenix.

Pallbearers were Keith Andrews, Dave Knight, Ed Gallagher, Chuck Bryson, Adam Owen, Joe Amato and Vern Williams.

Honorary pallbearers were Jerry Williams, Jr., Jason Williams, Todd Williams, L. B. Carter, Mannie Williams, Jr., Ray Williams, Geary Lynn Williams, DeWayne Williams, Curtis Gipson, James Gipson, Aaron Williams, and John Davis.

Mr. Williams died March 31, 2000 in Phoenix.

He was born in Lubbock, Texas June 15, 1938 to the parents of Odell Williams and the late Mannie Williams, Sr. He attended Dunbar High School where he enjoyed playing in the Dunbar Combo and played the saxophone under the leadership of Mr. Roy Roberts. He graduated from Dunbar High School May 1956, and joined the U. S. Navy.

Survivors include his wife, Charlene; six sons: Jerry, Jr., Jason, Todd, Mike, Jim and Tim, all of Phoenix, Arizona; one daughter, Patricia of Phoenix, Arizona; fifteen grandchildren, two great grandchildren, his mother, Mrs. Odell Williams; five brothers: L. B. and Ray, both of Dallas, Texas, Geary and DeWayne, both of Austin, Texas, and Mannie, Jr. of Lubbock, Texas; and three sisters: Billie Jo, Hayward, California, and Hattie and Letitia, both of Lubbock, Texas.

WILL RICHARDSON



Funeral services were held for Will Richardson on Saturday, April 15, 2000, at the New Light Baptist Church with Rev. James Cavanaugh, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Chapel of Angels Funeral Home.

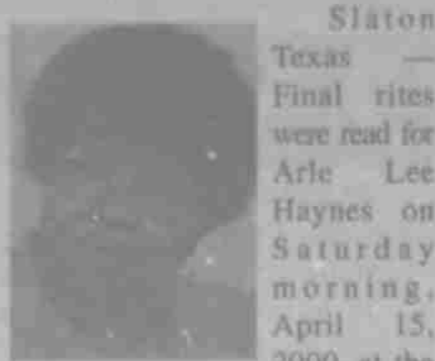
Mr. Richardson died Tuesday, April 11, 2000, at the V. A. Hospital in Amarillo, Texas.

He was born August 22, 1929 in Thrall, Texas. He married Earline Griffin in Lubbock, Texas on June 6, 1964. He moved to Lubbock, Texas 38 years ago. After arriving in Lubbock, he went to work for Plain Co-Op Oil Mill and later worked for Piggly Wiggly in their warehouse. He also worked for Nunn Electric.

Mr. Richardson was a member of St. Mark Baptist Church where he was a deacon and choir member. He later joined the New Light Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Earline Richardson; four sons: Earl of Dallas, Texas, Jerome of Levelland, Texas, Adrian of Lubbock, Texas, and Horce Caruther of Lubbock, Texas; a daughter, Jennifer Richardson of Lubbock, Texas; nine grandchildren and eleven grandchildren.

ARLE HAYNES



Slaton, Texas — Final rites were read for Arle Lee Haynes on Saturday morning, April 15, 2000, at the

Mount Olive Baptist Church with Rev. C. C. Peoples, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in Englewood Cemetery in Lubbock under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home.

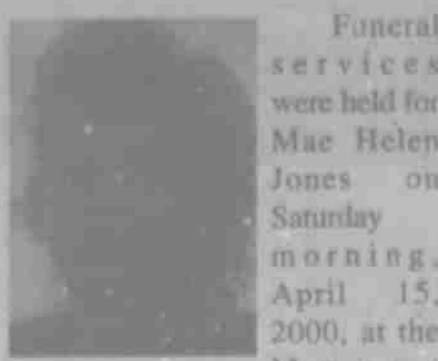
Ms. Haynes died Saturday, April 8, 2000, at Covenant Medical Center-Lakeside in Lubbock.

She was born August 7, 1931 in Dale, Texas. She married Charlie C. Haynes on June 7, 1955 in Clovis, New Mexico.

She attended Evans High School in Slaton. She worked for ARA Rentals, until her retirement. She was a member of Mount Olive Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Charlie C. Haynes; four sons: Charles of Fort Worth, Texas, Samuel of Fort Worth, Texas and Elvis of Austin, Texas; three daughters: Shirley Shihabuddin of Fort Worth, Texas, Ruthie Jones of Slaton, Texas, and Janet Farris of Fort Worth, Texas; a stepson, Donnie Drones of Garden City, Kansas; a step-daughter, Patricia Nash of New Orleans, La.; three brothers: Charles Curtis of Lubbock, Texas, Elmo Curtis of Fort Worth, Texas and L. G. Solomon of Abilene, Texas; two sisters, Elul Clemons of Slaton, Texas and Estelle Brooks of Austin, Texas, and other relatives and friends.

MAE HELEN JONES



Funeral services were held for Mae Helen Jones on Saturday morning, April 15, 2000, at the

Mount Gilced Baptist Church with Rev. Leon Aronstead, pastor of St. Mark Baptist Church, officiating.

Rev. J. J. Johnson is pastor of Mount Gilced Baptist Church.

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

Ms. Jones died Saturday, April 8, 2000, at Covenant Medical Center.

Born November 17, 1953, she attended Whitface Public Schools.

Ms. Jones graduated from Dunbar High School in 1975, and attended South Plains College.

She married Verge Jones, Jr. in 1975.

Ms. Jones worked for Aramark Food Services at Alderson Junior High School. She was a member of St. Mark Baptist Church.

Survivors include her parents, Don A. and Jester Pearson of Lubbock, Texas; three sons: Antwone, Bobby and Verge, III, all of Lubbock, Texas; a brother, Glendale Pearson of Lubbock, Texas; three sisters: Josephine Kyles, Rena Pearson, and Evon Pearson, all of Lubbock, Texas; her grandmother, Hester Rakestraw of Tucson, Arizona; and four grandchildren.

What Day Did Christ Die? Wednesday, or Friday?

Reverend Pastor Norman R. Garrett, Sr.



Do you enjoy the truth? Are you aware of what the Lord said about truth? Let's see what Jesus said; St. John 8:31-32

"Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; **And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you see.**

There are so many questions that are secretly asked by certain of us Christians. There are probably enough of them to fill several sets of encyclopedias.

Do you love the truth? Well, let's see what God said; Zechariah 8:18-19

"And the word of the LORD of hosts came unto me, saying, **Thus saith the LORD of hosts; The fast of the fourth month, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall be to the house of Judah joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts; therefore love the truth and peace.**

After many years of research and study, the Lord blessed me with a wonderful chart that will plainly show the actual day of His crucifixion and the actual day of His resurrection. If you would carefully read through the scriptures that I have prepared for you, You

will be able to put it all together for yourself, family and friends.

Is it important for us to know when the lord was crucified? Well, how important is it for you to know the date of a close friend or relatives death? **VERY** important isn't it? You remember the day and sometimes even the hour and minute that your loved one passed on don't you? Of course you do! That being the case, You and I should be even more dedicated to know when our Precious Savior died and it's all in the bible. The Old Testament and the New Testament scream and shout the truth concerning the sacrificial death of our Lord. There is no need for us to be ignorant. Now I will begin to show you the **TRUTH.**

We first need to know what is a day in God's eyes. We find this out in Genesis 1:3-5. God started each day with the evening. Now remember we are a Western society with mostly European customs. God's customs are still followed by His Jewish followers of which Jesus was and still is. Mind you we don't have to be Jewish to know the truth, neither do we have to follow Jewish customs to be saved. I just want you to know that God ordained the days to begin with the evening. Each new day actually begins at 6:00 P.M. and not our 12:00 Midnight. I

don't have the history on when our present time mode began, but I do know that God did not start time out as it now is. Now, the reason this is so important is so you can see that, for example, in God's plan the first day of the week (Sunday), actually begins on our Saturday at Six o'clock P.M. and ends on Sunday at six o'clock P.M., and so on throughout the full seven days through Friday. That is a total of seven days.

There is no way to get **THREE DAYS and THREE NIGHTS**, which is a total of 72 hours from Friday night, Saturday (all day), and the dawn of Sunday morning. Let's take a look at our chart and see!

If you would just take the time and read this chart and study the scriptures, you will know exactly when our Lord was crucified. Let's not bring more confusion into our world. We should be able to explain to all if we are asked by a saint or especially the unsaved, "How can three days and three nights come out of less than two?" Remember the Passover feast and after you have examined the facts for your self you should come to this conclusion! Christ died on Wednesday at the ninth hour (about 3:00 P.M.) according to the scriptures: Luke 23:44-46

"And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. **And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst.**" And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

We should take Special note at about three o'clock on Wednesday the 19th of April as the approximate time of Death of The Lord Jesus the Christ. We don't have to wait until Friday to give thanks and reverence. What we have been erroneously calling Good Friday, should be called God's Wednesday. If we mark off Wednesday night as the first night, Thursday morning as the second night, Friday morning as the third night, and Saturday morning as the third day, then Christ would arise on the third day which is Saturday Just a few minutes before 6:00 p.m. and was already out of the tomb before the first day of the week, which is Sunday, NOT Monday. When God said in Matthew 12:40, three days and three nights that is exactly what He meant.

For too long we have let errors enter into our faith, we have allowed too many things that can be corrected to rule over the truth. I am so weary of Christians being misinformed and seeming not to care, walking in lies and ignorance and teaching it to others. We must tell and teach the truth even when we know it will be rejected and we shall be criticized. **God does have answers** if you want to know the truth. The East side Christian community is small, but there are wonderful Pastors and teachers that will give you what you need to grow in grace and victory for our Lord.

When Christ was so terribly crucified, there were no colored eggs to soothe His pain, there were no easter bunnies or candy capable of redeeming Him

from the Cross. When we substitute Fairy tales for the truth, we bring The Father, Son, Holy Ghost and ourselves to shame. We are Soldiers in the Army of the Lord, Lets take up our armour and march daily in Jesus' name. I know some of you are saying, "Well, it's only one day of the year. Let the children have fun". What's funny about the brutal death of our Lord. When your loved one died you weren't thinking about having fun, you didn't say "Hey ya'll, let's boil and color some eggs, and get Old Peter Cotton tail to hop on down the bunny trail", now did you? You gathered the children together and told them that beloved soul had died, but that they also had gone to heaven to be with Jesus. Why

don't we tell our children the truth? You will tell them the truth in honor for Grandma, Grandpa, Husband, Wife, and every one else, Then do it for Christ. Let's tell them early in their young lives of the Sacrifice that God made for our sakes. Sunday the 23rd of April Shall be called Resurrection Sunday and no longer easter. Let us all bless the Lord together. It is written, "For God so loved the world, that his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have every lasting Life." St. John 3:16. Amen.

Please be looking to next weeks issue "Should women be Pastors and Preachers?"

Saturday	10th	Lamb taken and set aside.	Jesus enters Jerusalem
Sunday	11th	Exodus 12: 1-23	
Monday	12th	Leviticus 23: 4-5	
Tuesday	13th	Deuteronomy 16: 1-23	
Wednesday	14th	Passover/Crucifixion day Luke 23: 54; Mark 15: 42; John 19: 42	Jesus crucified Day of Preparation John 19: 31
Thursday	15th	Leviticus 23: 6-8 Feast of Unleavened Bread Sabbath or High Day Luke 23: 54; Matthew 27: 62 John 19: 31	3 Nights & 3 Days Matthew 12: 40
Friday	16th	Secular Day/Spices prepared by women Luke 23: 55-59	
Saturday	17th	Weekly sabbath/rest according to both Commandment Luke 23: 56; Matthew 28: 1; Exodus 20: 8-11	
Sunday	18th	The "morning after the Sabbath" (1st day of the week) Day of Resurrection. Day of 8th of first fruits waving. Matthew 28: 1; Mark 16: 1-6; John 20: 1; Luke 24: 1	Jesus Resurrected



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THIS N THAT

CONGRATS TO GUADALUPE-PARKWAY NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS! THIS N THAT want to take this opportunity and say CONGRATS to effort of honoring those of the community who work for our youth. This was said loud and clear last Thursday night at the FOUNDER'S AWARD BANQUET FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO YOUTH. It was made possible by the Guadalupe-Parkway Neighborhood Centers ELEVEN CITIZENS was nominated for the FOUNDER'S AWARD and the winner was MARCIE WILLIAMS who was recognized for her volunteer work with Parkway Elementary School where she hosts the BREAKFAST CLUB a program for the Girl Scouts of the Caprock Council a volunteer for United Way and the Children's Miracle Network The other nominees were ZENAIDA AGUERO-REYES, SEVERO ALVARADO, ELURD DEVENPORT, LOU GARRY, CHARLES KENNEDY, MARY MASSINGILL, BOBBIE PATTERSON, RUBY J. PHENIX, LACARL RICHARDSON and DONNA ROGANS It was an OUTSTANDING PROGRAM CONGRATS!!

NEED TO SEE THE "WEST TEXAS MUSIC THE PLAY!" THIS N THAT has had an opportunity of playing a small part in the play WEST TEXAS MUSIC THE PLAY" at the Cactus Theater Will appear one more time on Saturday night April 29th. Our own VIRGIL JOHNSON of the well known VELVETS will sing their big hit "TONIGHT IS THE NIGHT" It's an entertaining show Check it out!

THANK YOU, 100 BLACK MEN OF WEST TEXAS! THIS N THAT wants to say THANK YOU 100 Black Men of West Texas, Inc for all you do for OUR COMMUNITY You've proven the mark that by becoming involved things will happen. And this my friends you have done so Keep on doing what you are doing It is appreciated!

GOOD LUCK, PASTOR JOHNSON! THIS N THAT had an opportunity to take part in the GRAND OPENING of a new business in Lubbock which is owned and operated by REV. J. JEROME JOHNSON. It is called S. N. A. *Z FASHIONS located at 1104 Avenue J. It is a very nice business and will become an asset to our community. Why not go by A. N. A. *Z FASHIONS and let Brother Johnson know you appreciate what he has done GOOD LUCK PASTOR JOHNSON! For more info why not call 771-0494

PENNY HASTINGS SAYS: "Remember why we celebrate the EASTER SEASON and it is not all about eggs Think-of what it really is about!"

HAVE YOU BEEN COUNTED?? this n that hopes EACH OF YOU have been counted Your count is of most importance So please do so if you haven't already done so

FRANKLIN GRAHAM 2000 HERE NEXT WEEK! THIS N THAT ask that you make plans to attend the FRANKLIN GRAHAM 2000 set for next FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY at the United Spirit Arena Be there!!

Open Letter to the Public

In matters of principle, principle precedes partisanship. We must all be democrats whether or not we are all Democrats.

I firmly believe in competition, and I believe that whether you are in the public or private sector competition is good for citizens and consumers accordingly. Competition is the result of the threat choice poses to those in the marketplace. Faced with the possibility that voters might go elsewhere parties must respond or risk losing out. This challenge has the effect of making parties strive for their best.

Competition forces candidates and parties to rise to the occasion in ways they might not otherwise. Vice President Al Gore and Governor George W. Bush will both be more formidable nominees as a result of the competition they faced in their primaries.

However, one must prove that faith in competition through real acts not merely rhetoric. It is far too easy to simply offer up such grand gestures without any sacrifice - to say that you will not engage in "politics as usual" means walking the walk as well as talking the talk.

Democracy is better

served when there is an exchange of ideas and issues.

Monopolies have no place in politics for they serve no one but those in power. Monopolistic, one-party systems rightfully should conjure up images of third-world crony capitalism and corrupt political regimes.

Political success should be measured by the merit of ones ideas not the amount of money raised. Nor should the measure be by the means in which one candidate or party can exclude the opposition from the public dialogue, but the degree to which one can elevate the public discourse.

The "two-party" system will be improved by competition from "third parties," and the public will be better served in the process. The sole purpose of politics in a democratic setting must be to expand not contract participation by the people.

I have written this letter at the request of David DeLamar, Libertarian Party County Chair. However, I hope this letter speaks not just to, but also for the vast majority of citizens waiting for reforms in the political system. For these reasons I am urging both

major parties to strive for more inclusiveness of the larger public - to work to broaden their bases, and particularly to open up the electoral process.

I also encourage all members of the media, particularly those in the local broadcast media, to report more about those that serve the public, but may not be appearing on top of the ballots this fall.

I also encourage these stations to report on third party candidates as well as the two major party candidates.

In the weeks ahead I wish David DeLamar and Mark McDeugal, Republican Party County Chair, all the best and welcome the competition.

On a separate note, I would like to thank all those who recently participated in the democratic process whether it was as voters or at a larger degree of involvement as a candidate. Democracy requires participation, and civic participation is a noble endeavor.

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This Way For Black Empowerment

By Dr. Lenora Fulani



The protests over the verdict in the Amadou Diallo case, which I understand and sympathize with, unfortunately create the illusion that we can solve the problem of racism in the courts.

I don't believe we can. Even a Federal Court proceeding on the issue of Diallo's civil rights cannot resolve the problem of racism. Serious and positive structural changes are needed to do that. The most unsettling message of the Diallo verdict is not that the jurors were wrong, but that they were right. The police officers were simply "doing their jobs"—in the context of a social environment that is profoundly racist and corrupt.

People are angry, justifiably so. As a trained psychologist and psychotherapist, I've helped many people to express their anger, and I think that's helpful. The protests are a way to do that. But simply expressing your anger isn't the sum total of what we must do. Expressing anger—in and of itself—doesn't help people grow emotionally any more than it helps a community grow socially or politically. By itself, it can't make a difference.

The non-violence and cohesiveness of the protests show that the community has gone through a change and has matured in certain ways. But arguably not much has changed for the Black community over the course of the last ten years of protest. Rev. Al Sharpton however, who led many of these protests, is in a substantially different position than he was during Crown Heights or in the Yusuf Hawkins case in Bensonhurst ten years ago.

In Crown Heights, Rev. Sharpton was battling Mayor David Dinkins. In the Diallo case, Dinkins is marching alongside him, while Dinkins is no longer mayor. In the Hawkins case, Rev. Sharpton went up against the Black establishment. Now he is part of it.

Sharpton has become a Democratic Party leader—like other Black Democrats. Sharpton made his peace with the Democratic Party and has greater access to politicians and policy makers. He's able to project and promote himself as part of the Democratic Party mainstream, and I certainly understand him doing so. But the problem I have with this is it makes a statement to the community that racism and racial violence can be adequately addressed by the Democratic Party. I do not believe that is true.

I have said this to Rev. Sharpton on more than one occasion. His rise in Democratic Party politics has not produced a change in the patterns of racial violence. If it had, the Black community wouldn't still be protesting racism and police violence, as it has been forced to do for so many, many years.

My focus has been on creating structures that make it possible for the protests to yield something other than validation for the Democratic Party, an institution which has perpetuated the environment in which these racist incidents occur. The Democratic Party is a political nexus of social, cultural and media institutions—it's like a web—and the institutions which make up this web claim that they will overcome racial bias and brutality. Yet, the evidence shows that they can't. Yes, they accomplished some important and useful things. But the fight against racism requires that we work outside these structures to engage the cultural and political issues that must be engaged to impact on our situation.

When Rev. Sharpton and I worked together in Bensonhurst in the Yusuf Hawkins case, I was hoping that we'd see our way clear to go in an independent direction together. I have no special criticism of him for not having done so, though I believe it was a loss to the African American community.

Don't Give Amadou Diallo to the Democrats

If he had become an independent, I believe that we'd be in a different situation today.

Large numbers of Black people would have followed him into independent politics and become part of a third force. He would have aided the process of creating new structures immensely, and it would have moved up the timetable for major reforms that make dealing with structural racism possible.

How do we address the structural basis of racism? We create new structures and involve the African American community in a range of multi-racial, multi-dimensional endeavors—new cultural forms, new political forms, new educational forms. You can't protest racism and the effective, if those protests are channeled into institutions that are a part of perpetuating racism. It's a vicious cycle that we have to break out of.

The programs I've been

building, for example, the All Stars program, a major and violence program for inner city youth, was created outside of the existing structures of politicians and funding sources and think tanks. These programs are independent and are therefore not constrained by their relationship to the established forces. They can create new environments for new ways of looking at and dealing with racial polarization.

We need all kinds of new and independent structures. We need new political parties like the one in my home state—the Independence Party of New York and the national Reform Party. More and more African Americans need to move independent so that we can operate freely, unconstrained by the racist history and activity of the Democratic and Republican parties.

Some still argue that if Blacks go independent, we split

the Democratic Party vote and elect Republicans. But in New York, for example, Blacks didn't go independent and a Republican—Rudy Giuliani—got elected. He got elected because the Democratic coalition splintered on the issue of racism. That's a cold, hard fact.

The Diallo case will be a factor in the New York Senate race between Giuliani and Hillary Clinton, and that's a part of the problem. Because these issues are so politicized, made so "black and white," it's impossible

to have a developmental dialogue of any kind. Under over, less politicized, less Democrat vs. Republican conditions, the Diallo verdict could be the springboard for a genuine discussion, including a serious dialogue on why and what to do about the fact that when a Black man takes a wallet out of his pocket, the white police officers think it's a gun. But that won't happen, it can't happen, until we begin to change the overall culture in which the events and the dialogue about them take place.

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South Plains College News

BASIC PEACE OFFICER ACADEMY SCHEDULED AT SPC

A Basic Peace Officer Academy begins May 15 at South Plains College's Levelland campus. The 560-hour course will meet 7 a.m.-6:30 p.m. weekdays through Aug. 17 in the SPC Petroleum Technology-Law Enforcement Building, room 115. The course is open to persons 21 years old or older who are interested in becoming peace officers in Texas.

Registration deadline is April 14. Enrollment is limited to 25 persons. A non-refundable \$25 application fee is required for persons wishing to obtain a registration packet. Packets are available in the SPC Law Enforcement Office.

The course meets Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE) requirements for persons who wish to take the state peace officer licensing exam.

The course will cover all Texas laws and procedural requirements, use of force, human relations, professionalism and ethics, fitness and wellness, strategies of defense, mechanics of arrest, criminal investigations and many other topics needed to begin a career in law enforcement.

Costs, which cover tuition, books, fees, ammunition for weapons qualifications and other items, are \$1,500 for Hockley County residents, \$1,700 for non-residents and \$1,900 for out-of-state residents. College housing is available. For housing or payment information, contact SPC at 806-894-9611, ext. 2379 or 2291.

NAVY BAND ATLANTIS SET TO PERFORM WEDNESDAY AT SPC

The U.S. Navy Band, Atlantis, will perform a free concert Wednesday (May 12) at South Plains College in Levelland.

Concert time is 7 p.m. in the Tom T. Hall Studio in the Creative Arts Building. The eight-piece band plays top 40 country, classic rock-n-roll and alternative styles of music during the hour-and-a-half concert.

"A group of versatile entertainers, they perform everything from music by Lauryn Hill, The Goo-Goo Dolls, Earth Wind and Fire and Shania Twain," said John Hartin, chairperson of the Creative Arts Department and professor of music.

Atlantis travels extensively and performs through the Midsouth Region. Members are Chief Musician Robert Weidick, leader; Musician Marie Beam, Musician Second Class Petty Officers Stanley Dunlap, Jeremy Robinson and Curtis Sines, Musician Third Class Petty Officers Michael Bishop and Rachel Cornette, and Musician Seaman Jeffrey Waldon.

TEXAS BASKETBALL CAMP SET AT SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE

LEVELLAND—South Plains College 2000 Texan Basketball Camp runs Sunday, July 23-Thursday, July 27 with spots available for boys in grades three through 12.

The overnight camp will be held on the campus of South Plains College, 1401 S. College. The purpose of the camp is to provide boys and young men with an opportunity to improve their basketball skills. The camp teaches fundamentals of basketball and stresses sportsmanship, team play and self-confidence.

Cost for the camp is \$200 and includes room and board in college residence halls. Day campers will be accepted upon request. For more information, contact head men's basketball coach Shawn Scanlan at 894-9611, ext. 2222 or 2225.

LADY TEXAS BASKETBALL CAMP DATES SET

LEVELLAND - South Plains College head women's basketball coach Lyndon Hardin has announced the dates for the 2000 Lady Texan Basketball Camp.

Two separate camps will be held on the campus of South Plains College, June 11-16 and June 18-23. The camps are open to all girls in 5th grade through 12th grade. The camp is designed to accommodate both day and overnight campers.

The purpose of the camp is to provide young women with an opportunity to improve their basketball skills. The camp teaches fundamentals of basketball and stresses sportsmanship, team play and self-confidence. High school age campers will also have the opportunity to work on team concepts.

Cost for the camp is \$235 for overnight campers and includes room and board in college residents halls. Day campers who eat in Texan Hall pay \$195 while day campers who don't eat on campus pay \$125. For more information, contact lead women's basketball coach Lyndon Hardin at 894-9611, ext. 7774.

SOUTH PLAINS OPRY AUDITIONS SET FOR MONDAY

Public auditions are scheduled Monday (April 10) for the South Plains Opry, a weekly summer music show performed in June and sponsored by South Plains College in Levelland.

Auditions are scheduled 6-10 p.m. in the Creative Arts Building, room 138, at SPC and are open to anyone who has completed the sophomore year of high school.

"The South Plains Opry is looking for entertainers of all types and styles," said Cary Banks, coordinator commercial music at SPC. Singers need to bring a track or accompanist and musicians need to provide individual instruments for the audition.

Keyboards, drums, amplifiers and a sound system will be provided by the college. The Opry is a 90-minute music show featuring a variety of musical styles, including country, rhythm and blues, rock-gospel bluegrass and nostalgia types of music, Banks noted.

Those selected for the Opry will enroll in an ensemble course during the first summer session at SPC. Rehearsals begin May 30.

Performances dates are June 8, June 15, June 22, June 29 and July 4, and performances will be held in the Tom T. Hall Studio in the Creative Arts Building.

For more information, contact Cary Banks at 894-9611, ext. 2474.

SPC PLANS SECOND ANNUAL ART SYMPOSIUM

Dr. Marvin Moon, associate professor emeritus in art at Texas Tech University and Katherine Brimberry, director and master printer of an artists' print shop in Austin, will be the guest lecturers and jurors April 28 for the second annual Art Symposium and Scholarship Award Day at South Plains College in Levelland.

Area high school art students will compete for three Christine DeVitt Scholarships and the Don Stroud Memorial Scholarship, which will be awarded during the symposium.

"The symposium is an opportunity for area high school and college art students and teachers to broaden their understanding of the visual arts through a day of events designed to promote the study of art on the college level and beyond," said Drake Gomez, assistant professor of art at SPC and symposium coordinator.

Deadline for submission of portfolios for the scholarship competition is 4 p.m. April 26. Portfolios must include six to eight original works, with at least three drawings from life, and should be matted and wrapped in acetate and labeled on the back with the student's name and school. Entrants must meet all other college requirements for general scholarship eligibility.

Events will be held in the Sundown Room of the Student Center. The schedule will include a review of portfolios at 8:45 a.m., welcome at 9:15 p.m., talk by Brimberry at 9:30 a.m. on "Re:Sources", her many collaborations with artists at the Flatbed Press, a break at 10:15 a.m. and a talk by Dr. Moon at 10:30 a.m. on "The Four Types of Art," which will include an overview of imitationalism, formalism, emotionalism and fantasy.

Following lunch, a tour is scheduled from 12:30-1 p.m. of SPC art facilities, a slide presentation of portfolios at 1 p.m. with commentary by Brimberry and Moon, and awarding of scholarships at 1:45 p.m.

Dr. Moon, now co-owner of the Dos Lunas Gallery in Taos, served as coordinator of graduates studies in the Department of Art at Texas Tech from 1990-92 and as a teacher in the art department from 1973 until his retirement in 1996. His artwork, primarily watercolors, have appeared in more than 100 juried art exhibitions and competitions. He is author of such works as "The Comics as Catalyst for Art," published in the fall of 1989 by Texas Trends in Art Education; and "Artists Series: Clarence E Kincaid, Jr.," Texas Trends in Art Education, fall 1984.

Dr. Moon was named Texas Art Educator of the Year in 1979. He also served as editor of TRENDS, the juried journal of the Texas Art Education associate for nine years and was recent elected a Distinguished Fellow.

Brimberry is the founding vice president and master printer for Flatbed Press in Austin, a publishing workshop for limited edition original prints. She directly collaborates with artists in creating intaglio; monotype, monoprint and relief printmaking projects. She has worked with such artists as James Surls, Terry Allen, Melissa Miller and Michael Ray Charles.

She has served on the faculty at Austin Community College, Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, St. Edwards University in Austin and other institutions.

Collections of her work are exhibited at the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, Texas Tech University Library, Wichita Falls Museum and Art Center and other locations.

For more information on the art symposium, contact Drake Gomez at 806 894-9611, ext. 2270.

Education Plus Knowledge Equals Empowerment For the Future

By Sean C. Bowers

(NNPA) — Understanding how to best leverage yourself so others don't leverage YOU has become crucial to success in America today. How can you use the expanding technology for your benefit and for the benefit of your family? And, how can you insure that the same technology doesn't take advantage of you?

Our nation stands at a crossroads: we can either provide true equal opportunities for everyone - the "liberty and justice for all" we were promised - or we will widen the already existing gap between the "haves" and the "have-nots."

Technological dangers exist that could effectively lock out many of us from having a voice in the future, or from even finding a way to voice issues that are important to us. Fortunately, information exists to insure the empowerment of everyone. We all need to learn how to defend ourselves in the computer world (and not just by learning how to set our digital clocks!)

Give serious thought to the following issues:

1) The evolution of computers and

the Internet in relation to your earning potential

2) Benefits and dangers of technology to you and your children

3) How to protect your personal credit information and security

4) The critical timing of today's technology crossroads

5) How technology can be used to insure equal opportunity and access to information

6) How understanding and using technology can help bring an end to racism

7) How the knowledge of technology can give Americans back their belief in the democratic process

8) What is the broadcast spectrum and what is its potential for good or bad?

9) How would you like a self-empowerment blueprint that can be used by anyone to set and attain life goals?

It is time for a major shift in attitude regarding technology. Technology is here to stay. Even though it seems to grow more complicated, our solace lies in knowing that if human beings created it, then we human beings can learn to master it. Not yet using or understanding

technology could be dangerous. We all need to know how decisions are being made that affect all of us. Not paying attention to technology, or saying, "That doesn't mean anything is to me," is forfeiting your voice today and your children's voices in the future. If you are knowledgeable, no one will be able to take advantage of you. There is no such thing as indented digital computer slavery; there is only the inexorable march to the future we must all take together.

It is vitally important to empower all Americans. Simply stated, you could be locked-out of the future today for the continued profit of others, and by the time you realize what has happened, it will be too late. If, on the other hand, you arm yourself with knowledge, you lead yourself (and those you love) to the future you deserve. Each of us has a role in the coming technological revolution by virtue of being

here.

As we begin to understand our role, we begin to empower ourselves. We become less satisfied in accepting "scraps" from the table of America and move to the position of wanting our voices to be heard on an equal basis with others.

The nine issues raised above will not appear in the local or national news: Nor will they be fairly explained to us until we the people, as a group, demand truthful answers from those in positions of authority who might prefer to keep us in the dark. It becomes our responsibility to read and understand the issues for ourselves - to discuss these issues at home, in church and at work. The American people will gradually demand that the media write more and more exposes of vital issues. The press has the potential for becoming the "midwife" during the birth of the technological revolution. We need

all the facts as soon as possible, and we need them straight, not sugar-coated. We're adults; we can handle the truth.

A proposed non-violent revolution of our current system, through an evolution of the system, is a concept that can work in everyone's best interest. Prominent scholars and leaders from our heritage - Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and Martin Luther King, Jr. - spoke of a way with merit, based on principle that would include everyone in America. While these ideas may seem radical to some, there are many historical references illustrating their validity and fairness.

Americans are a hardy lot. They do not need to be talked down to. They can understand complex issues when they are presented simply and honestly. When important

issues are stripped down to a basic "common sense" approach, minus the "spin" we normally get, everyone can better understand them.

If America is to continue to be a world leader, we must lead by example. We must demonstrate that we can work out the difficult issue of true democracy ourselves. Only then can we expect the rest of the world to want to embrace and follow our example of democracy. We have proved we have the force; now we must prove to ourselves and to the world that we can rise above the past.

For those wishing to explore these topics further, a free book, "Leverage or Be Leveraged," is available at the following website: WWW.VIZULIZE.ORG. The author welcomes your comments.

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"Many major drug companies provide free or low cost medication, but rarely, if ever publicize the programs," says Paul Navestand, founder of Financial Assistance Network. "We've published an A to Z listing of all the drugs that are available to certain qualified group for free or at very low cost directly from the manufacturer."

Consumers can receive a copy by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Financial Assistance Network, Prescription Drug Booklet Offer, Dept. PDB-402-1, P.O. Box 60848, Washington, DC 20039-0848. Consumers can also get this information from Financial Assistance Network's website: www.FinancialAssistanceNetwork.org.

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of Jesus!!!"**

John 3:17, Jesus said, for God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but through him might be saved.

Jesus met Satan one day; and asked: What do you have there? He said: I have a world full of sinners; I have them everywhere.

Romans 3:23, For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

Jesus asked, what are you going to do with all of them? Satan said: I will play with them; tease them, then kill them!!!

Romans 6:23, for the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Jesus full of love, asked: what would you take for all of them? Satan said: They're no good; I have killers, druggers, robbers and pimps.

John 8: 34, Jesus said, verily, verily, I say unto you, whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

Jesus said: I don't care: What is your top Price? Satan said: You don't want them, I got Preachers, Deacons: The not so nice!!!

1 John 1:10, If we say that we have not sinned, we make him (Jesus) a liar, and his word is not in us.

Jesus said, that's Ok: What will it take, the price of the lot; Satan said, you don't want them: Let me tell you what more I've got.

(I got False Accusers, trucebrakers, traitors, covetous, unthankfulness, blasphamer, the proud, high-minded, and lovers of themselves).

Jesus said, What ever you've got: and how many, what is the Price? Satan said, the price very, very high; it will take your life!!!

Galatians 3:13, Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree.

Jesus told Him: Satan you got yourself a real Deal; I Think God for Jesus; and that is why my freedom is for real!!!

1 Peter 2:24, Who his owned self (Jesus) bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: By whose stripes Ye are healed.

*****I've Been Born Again; Thank God !!!*****

Didn't nobody have to give up a seat; on the citibus; My freedom came from up above; and God said: that was enough.

Didn't nobody have to get hit; with a Policeman's billy club; My freedom came from up above; in the form of God's own love.

Didn't Nobody have to get bit, by the Policeman's attack dogs; My freedom came from Jesus Dying: out on that old rugged cross!!!

Didn't Nobody have to sprayed by the fireman's water hose;

My freedom came Sunday morning when Jesus Christ Arose!!!

*****Free At Last, Free At Last, Thank God for Jesus; Free At Last*****

John 8:32, 36, Jesus said, Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. If the son (Jesus) therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

God is not tough with us yet. So Lets Pray for one another always. Written by evangelist Billy B.J. Morrison, III, Your bother in Christ Jesus!!!



"Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. And he took with him Peter and he two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy."—Matthew 26:36-37

After the supper and conversation in the upper room, and after Judas had gone on his errand of betrayal, Jesus "went forth with his disciples over the brook Cedron, where there was a garden" (John 18:1). Luke adds that they went "as he was wont" to the Mount of Olives (Luke 22:39). The garden seems to have been private property where Jesus was a welcome guest. According to Luke and John, Jesus frequently retreated to this hillside and "garden" for rest, prayer, and fellowship with His disciples.

The name Gethsemane means "oil press." The place presumably was an olive grove with some facility for squeezing oil from the fruit.

A popular church song moves our heart entitled "In the Garden." The song tells of one walking alone with Jesus in a garden "while the dew is still on the roses." The words depict a tranquil scene. We readily associate flower gardens with quiet serenity. Jesus had found peace through evening prayer times in that garden on the western slope of the Mount of Olives many times.

Gethsemane was no rose garden for Jesus, however. He had just spent several hours celebrating the Passover with His apostles in an upper room in Jerusalem and talking with them both there and on their way to the Mount of Olives. The pressure within Him built up as He came to the place. We cannot presume to name and evaluate all the elements of that pressure. His best friends were there at the time, and they could not understand it. However, some things are evident. Jesus knew of His approaching death with the afflictions that preceded it. He knew the limitations of the twelve into whom He had poured himself and His ministry. Judas' treachery and Peter's instability were known ahead of time. He knew all His disciples would desert Him. Even worse was the bitter opposition of the nation's religious leaders, the rejection by much of her citizenry, and the fickleness of many that had received His ministry. Nevertheless, as sinbearer for the world He groaned under burdens, as we cannot imagine. This was a part of what lay upon Him in Gethsemane.

The dew in the garden of Gethsemane lay not upon roses, but in bloody sweat on the Savior's brow.

Remember my friends that it was in the garden He prayed: Not My Will, but Thine." I will always remember He had no tears for His own griefs, but sweat-drops of blood for mine.

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Think about it. Read I Chronicles 13:4-7.

We are to stress the love

of God. We must admit we are sinners, and we all need the Saviour for cleansing and forgiveness. But this does not mean we start there! It is best to present the love of God before the judgement of God.

Keep it simple, and don't make the mistake of thinking you have to prove the Gospel, or create an intellectual argument to impress people. The Apostle Paul stayed with the simplicity of the Gospel. What about you?? Keep it simple. I Corinthians 2:1-2.

"prayer"
Father, forgive us our debts, as we also have let go of the debt, and have given up resentment against our debtors. In your name, we pray. Amen."

We were unable to go to the Parkway Care Center on Saturday. However, we are looking forward to the third Saturday in May. We're keeping this center in our prayers. Will you do same?

Keep praying for others on your busy schedule. Don't forget your prayer walks or drive

prayers. But do it. God bless each of you. Thank each of you for all you do. We appreciate you reading our column each week.

Read II Chronicles 7:14, Mark 11:22-26 and Mark 16:17-20. The Bible will make a believer out of you!

"See you next week!"
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TICKETS: Concert is free to the

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MEDIA: For further information on Bibleman Video's or Lives Shows, or to coordinate interview and/or photo opportunities, please contact Elissa Vecchione at Pamplin Entertainment at 503/251-1555.

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The Interdenominational Missionary Alliance will observe Holy Week beginning Wednesday evening through Friday evening April 19-21, 2000 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Mt. Gilead Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. J. J. Johnson, Pastor.

the ministers and their churches participating are: Wednesday night, Rev. Parris (Raising Star Baptist Church), Elder Lambert (Bethel AME Church); Thursday night, Overseer Barber (Church of the Living God PG&T), Rev. Neal (Carle CME Church); Friday night, Rev. Tanner (Pilgrim Southern Baptist Church), Rev. Moore (Victory In Praise COGIC), Bro. Harris (New Zion Baptist Church).

Elder D. A. Smith, Pastor of Smith Temple Community Church is president.

Mount Veron United Methodist Church Annual Fellowship Tea

Mount Veron United Methodist Church, 2304 Cedar Avenue, will celebrate its' annual Fellowship Tea on Sunday, April 30, 2000 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. This year the event will feature a variety of teas and cakes. Everyone is invited to participate in an afternoon of fellowship and fun. Donations are requested. For further information, please contact Mrs. Ruth Priestly at 763-8876

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NNPA Newsmaker of the Year: Kweisi Mfume

By Raoul Dennis



Newsmaker of the Year Kweisi Mfume at BlackMtn Center Howard University, March 17, 2000. Pictured from left to right: 1. John J. Oliver, Jr., NNPA President; 2. Terry Jones, NNPA 1st Vice President; 3. Kweisi Mfume - NNACP

Washington, DC (NNPA) He couldn't help but to give up the ear-to-ear smile. It's not the kind of thing that normally happens. At the helm of the nation's oldest civil rights organization, Kweisi Mfume is a people mover, an issue shaper and policy maker. So, as par for the course, Kweisi Mfume does not show teeth before cameras. With so much

work to be done on so many fronts, he can't afford to be so warm.

But as the National Newspaper Publishers Association 1999 Newsmaker of the Year, Mfume's smile glinted in the podium spotlight when he accepted the award. It was a scene that defined the marketing term "Kodak moment."

"I don't usually like to be centered on and focused on in this way as most people who know me will tell you because this is all a team effort," Mfume said. "But it's one thing when you are recognized for what you've done outside your community, but when the community does it, it's very special."

As president and CEO of the NAACP, Mfume has led the organization to challenge institutionalized forms of racism on a variety of battlefronts from television networks to the Supreme Court (the hiring clerks) and the telecommunications industry. While it's common for the NAACP to challenge legal and social inequities, over the past year, the group has been particularly active, drawing national headlines at a much higher frequency. Internal struggles and financial problems kept the orga-

nization out of the political mix in recent years, but since Mfume's appointment to the post in 1996, the NAACP appears to have overcome those obstacles.

"He [Kweisi Mfume] has really brought the NAACP back to being an organization that we can be proud of," said C. Delores Tucker, chair of the Political Congress of Black Women.

The event was attended by over 250 editors, publishers, journalists, educators, political and community leaders from around the nation. Among many, a few of the prominent figures who attended to support Mfume's honoring included Hugh Price of the National Urban League; John Smith, publisher of the Atlanta Inquirer; C. Delores Tucker and Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater.

"We started from the

same place," NNPA President Jake Oliver explained. "When I speak of Kweisi Mfume, I am speaking of a very dear friend because we come from the same neighborhood in Baltimore. And when he came onto the Baltimore city council, we knew what he was up against—he was the only Black voice on the council. We knew then that he was someone to watch. He carries that kind of commitment with him every day he walks out the door of his home."

Prominent journalist and author of "Eyes on The Prize: America's Civil Rights Years, 1954-1965", Juan Williams served as Master of Ceremonies.

On the dais saluting Mfume was Terry Jones, 1st VP of the NNPA and publisher of the Data News Weekly; Denise Rolark-Barnes, publisher of the Washington Informer; Dr. Jane

Smith of the National Council of Negro Women; Byron Boston, Freddie Mac, Vice President, Corporate Finance Division; Jayma Cain, publisher of the Times Weekly; Dr. Thomas Battle, Director of the Mccrland-Springarn Center at Howard University and Minister Marlene Jefferson, Allen Chapel AME Church.

"What makes this night sweeter," Mfume noted "is that it is not being held at the National Press Club, but here, at Howard University."

Since its inception, the NNPA Newsmaker of the Year Award has been held at the National Press Club. The NNPA's Board of Directors chose to move the event as part of a strategic decision to do more business with historically Black colleges and universities.
NNAP Email: news@nnpa.org

Professional Secretaries Week renamed; Local chapter of IAAP to install new officers

The 48-year-old tradition of honoring administrative professionals during the last full week of April will receive a new name starting in 2000. Professional Secretaries Week has been renamed Administrative Professionals Week and Professional Secretaries Day will become Administrative Professionals Day, effective with the April 23-29, 2000 observance.

The announcement was made by the International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP), based in Kansas City, Mo., official sponsor of Professional Secretaries Week

since the events inception in 1952.

In conjunction with recognizing the professional administrative staff in Lubbock a local IAAP Chapter will conduct an Installation Ceremony for the Lubbock IAAP Chapter on Saturday, April 8, at 10 a.m. in the Mahon Library Community Room. All interested professionals are invited to attend and support the members of the community who play a vital role in Lubbock's workforce.

"The new name Administrative Professionals Week will keep us in step with the

changing job titles and expanding responsibilities of today's administrative workforce," said IAAP President Cynthia A. Lively CPS. "We want the observance to encompass all administrative professionals, and the term 'secretary' today only covers a minority of those in administrative support occupations."

Professional Secretaries Week was started in 1952 in an effort to recognize secretaries for their contributions to the workplace, and to attract young people to secretarial careers. The idea began with Mary Barrett, president of the then National

Secretaries Association (now IAAP), along with public relations consultant Harry Klemfuss, and Dictaphone Corporation president C. King Woodbridge. The first National Secretaries Week was declared for June 1-7, 1952, and the date was changed in 1955 to the last full week in April.

Over the years, Professional Secretaries Week has become one of the largest workplace observances. The event is celebrated worldwide, bringing together millions of people for observances ranging from community luncheons and

educational seminars, to individual bosses recognizing their support staff with gifts of appreciation.

IAAP suggests that employers observe Administrative Professional Week by providing training for their administrative staff through seminars, continuing education or self-study materials. Another suggestion is to make a commitment toward delegating responsibilities that better utilize administrative professionals' skills.

Today, there are 3.4 million secretaries/administrative assistants and 1.4 million cleri-

cal supervisors and managers in the United States, according to the U.S. Department of Labor, and another 400,000 in Canada.

With more than 700 chapters in the United States, Canada and other countries, IAAP is the world's leading association for administrative professionals.

The latest Administrative Professional Week news and information will be available on the IAAP Web site, www.iaap-hq.org, or by contacting Sheila Wuensche, Lubbock, IAAP Chapter President, 806-775-226 or you may e-mail swuenshe@aol.com.

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