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## BUSINESS EXCHANGE

### Park Service Begins Work On Tuskegee Airmen Site

The National Park Service is taking the first steps to turn a small historic airfield in southeastern Alabama into the nation's newest national park site commemorating the renowned Tuskegee Army of World War II.

The Tuskegee Army National Historic Site, authorized by Congress last fall, will preserve the remaining airplane hangar and other historic structures at Moton Field, where pilots of the all-Black air corps unit received their initial flight training in the early 1940's.

"Our top priority right now is to stabilize the deteriorating historic buildings on the property and to begin gathering oral histories from surviving airmen, most of whom are 70-years-old or older," Willie Madison, superintendent of the new park and the nearby Tuskegee Institute National Historic Site.

### Jesse Jackson Creates Sports Task Force To Address Equity

In effort to create a "level playing field," the Reverend Jesse L. Jackson has established a national Sports Task Force to facilitate inclusion, expansion and opportunities for minorities in the sports industry.

The task force, which will be comprised of representatives from all phases of the industry including athletes, managers, owners, administrators, agents, media, merchandisers, manufacturer and other sports-related enterprises, held its first meeting last month in New York City. Former NBA All-Star Isiah Thomas chairs the task force.

"The task force will challenge the sports industry to develop specific standards, practices and strategies to persuade sports companies and organizations to hire and promote minorities," Jackson said. "Sports are a \$200 billion a year global industry, yet we are not represented equitably except as athletes."

"Because its members have a stake in the industry, we feel we will be in the position to affect change," said Charles S. Farrell, director of Rainbow Sports.

### Survey Says Four of Five Teachers Are Unprepared

One of the problems with public schools, according to the U.S. Department of Education, is four out of five teachers surveyed nationwide said they feel unprepared to teach in today's classrooms.

Officials from Chatham College, Carnegie Mellon University and the Pittsburgh Public Schools believe they can reverse that disturbing trend with the Pittsburgh Teachers Institute. Announced last month, the program will begin this spring. Forty-eight public school teachers from 20 school districts will attend seminars on the subjects that they teach. Chatham and Carnegie faculty will be instructors, and teachers who participate will be considered fellows. Helen Faison, former Pittsburgh Deputy Superintendent, will be the institute's director.

Only three other cities—Houston, Albuquerque and Santa Ana—have received grants from the Yale-New Haven Teachers Institute to establish the program in their areas.

### GAO Conducting Study On Minority Advertising

Congresswoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick (D-Mich) recently announced that the General Accounting Office (GAO) has agreed to conduct a study examining the federal government's compliance with policy favoring competition and the use of minority-owned and small businesses in the placement of advertising.

"I am pleased that the GAO will look into this very important issue," Kilpatrick said. "We can't afford to hold the federal government to a lower standard of inclusion than private industry."

Kilpatrick and Congressman Robert Menendez requested the analysis after a study commissioned by the Federal Communications Commission found that many minority-owned and minority-targeted media outlets were being ignored by major advertisers. This includes the federal government, which has not directly contracted with a minority-owned agency, even for campaigns that address issues that affect minorities disproportionately, the study reported.

# National Urban League Demands President Clinton Lead Fight Against Police Brutality

Washington, D.C. (March 3, 1999) - A diverse group of African-American, Asian, Latino and Jewish leaders demanded that President Clinton take action against the growing national epidemic of police brutality. The group of leaders issued their appeal to Clinton at a press conference held recently at the National Press Club and convened by National Urban League President Hugh Price.

Price, citing the police killings of Amadou Diallo in New York, Tyisha Miller in Riverside, and Deon Grimmer in Pittsburgh, declared it "recurring instances of improper use of deadly force, excessive use of force, racial profiling, abuse of basic civil liberties, and routine harassment of minorities who have done little or nothing wrong, are vivid signs of a national epidemic of police brutality."

As he spoke, Price was flanked by: Jesse L. Jackson, president, Rainbow/Push Coalition; Kweisi Mfume, president & ceo, NAACP; Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr., attorney; Reverend Al Sharpton, president, The National Action Network; Wade Henderson, executive director, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights; Raul Yzaguirre, president, National Council of La Raza; Joseph Lowery, chairman, Black Leadership Forum; Abe Foxman, president, Anti-Defamation League; Karen Narasaki, executive director, National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium; and Ira Glasser, executive director, American Civil Liberties Union.

Price called on President Clinton to:

- Convene a White House summit this spring to place the national spotlight on this problem
- Dispatch a blue ribbon panel armed with subpoena power, to conduct public hearings to ferret out evidence of police brutality and abuse. Where there is widespread evidence of abuse, the panel

should devise guidelines for state and local police departments, covering appropriate use of deadly force and prohibitions against detaining and searching people who aren't suspects in specific crimes and who've done little or nothing wrong.

• Take legal action against police departments that repeatedly brutalize and abuse people by placing these departments "into receivership until they straighten out."

• Investigate practices of racial profiling. Henderson expressed hope that the group's diversity would persuade President Clinton to take action. "Today, many organizations are speaking with one voice in the hope of President Clinton moving to address this growing national crisis," said Henderson.

Just moments before the press conference, Price received a letter from Bill Clinton in which the President called the issue of police abuse and misconduct "critical." Attorney General Janet Reno agreed to meet with civil rights leaders and acknowledged the gravity of the police brutality issue in her weekly press conference. Reno stated that in the past five years, her department has criminally prosecuted more than 300 officers, resulting in more than 200 convictions, with another 100 investigations ongoing.

During the press conference, Mfume called for withholding federal law enforcement dollars from police departments with an unusually high number of abuse complaints. Raul Yzaguirre cited instances in which police in Arizona and Ohio, at the behest of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, stopped American citizens of Hispanic descent and demanded to see their green cards. Karen Narasaki told of a heart wrenching experience in which police officers shot and killed an Asian-American male thirty

seconds after arriving on the scene. Narasaki said the police claimed they shot because they feared the man was a martial arts specialist. Choking back tears, Reverend Jackson described the frightening encounter his son, Jesse L. Jackson Jr., (D-IL), had with Chicago police. Jackson Jr. was pulled over for no apparent reason. Mrs. Betty Grimmer, mother of Deon Grimmer, told the press conference gathering of her son being shot and killed by an avowed racist police officer and issued an emotional plea to President Clinton.

Every speaker expressed support for the necessary and valiant work of "good" police officers, but also called the life-threatening behavior of rogue cops a national crisis. However, Ira Glasser, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union, said police brutality arises from rogue and immoral leadership on the part of mayors and police chiefs, not rogue cops.

"This issue has galvanized us," said Cochran, noting the breadth of organizations that delivered a collective plea to President Clinton to stem the police brutality that is sweeping the nation. Mr. Cochran is representing Amadou Diallo's family. Mr. Diallo was shot and killed by New York City Police, who fired forty-one shots at the



Washington, D.C. — National Urban League President Hugh Price, right, flanked by civil rights leaders Kweisi Mfume, president & ceo, NAACP; Dr. Joseph Lowery, chairman, Black Leadership Forum; Abe Foxman, president, Anti-Defamation League; Joe Madison, Washington, D.C. radio talk show host; and many others, spoke in unison in a call for action against police brutality. Photo by Jason Miccolo Johnson

unarmed immigrant from Guinea. Dr. Lowery added that President Clinton has been tragically neglectful on the issue of police brutality.

Other press conference participants included: Congressman John Conyers, (D-MI); Congressman Danny Davis, (D-IL); Robert Stewart, president, National Organization of Black Law Enforcers; Edward Lewis, president, Essence Communications; Dick Gregory, human rights activist; former D.C. Congressional Representative, Walter Fauntroy; and Washington, D.C. radio talk show host, Joe Madison.

# Texas Municipal League President Spends Day in Bellmead

On Wednesday, February 17, 1999 T.J. Patterson, President of the Texas Municipal League, visited the City of Bellmead. Texas Municipal is one of the largest and respected organizations of its kind, with over 1,000 city memberships. TML exists solely to provide services to Texas cities.

The mission of TML is to serve the needs and advocate the interest of its members. The TML Constitution states that the purpose

of the league is to render services which individual cities have neither the time, money nor strength to do alone.

While here in Bellmead, Mr. Patterson visited East LaVega Intermediate School where Rev. Elton Hall, Mayor Pro-Tem of Bellmead introduced Mr. Patterson to a group of 5th grade students. He talked with them about the importance of staying in school, keeping their bodies clean of

alcohol and drugs, having a safe place to learn a marketable skill, and how to give something back to their community. Bellmead's Jr. City Council gave Mr. Patterson a legislative update, and the Honorable Mayor Robert Hawkins welcomed him to Bellmead and presented the Jr. City Council with a Key to the City, which was presented to Mr. Patterson by the Jr. City Council. Mr. Patterson then visited H.P. Miles Middle School, where he addressed a group of six and seventh grade students.

Promoting good city government is important to TML and they are sponsoring an essay contest entitled, "IF I WERE MAYOR, I WOULD..." This essay contest provides students with an opportunity to reflect on the role of the key elected official and to describe, in a positive manner, what they would do if they were Mayor.

The TML believes that future Mayors of our cities are in the classrooms today and its 1020 member cities recognize that the education our children are receiving today will help them become good citizens and good Mayors in the future.

Prizes will be awarded to the winning essays in each of TML regions.

## Wayland-Lubbock Shows Increase In Students

The Spring Term Enrollment of 410 students at the Wayland Baptist University-Lubbock Center is a 11% increase over the Spring 1998 term enrollment of 370. Reasons for the enrollment increase include moving into a new educational facility at 2002 West Loop 289 in late 1998 and beginning a new Master of Arts in Management program. Having a state-of-the-art educational facility has created new interest in higher education in the community, according to Dr. Kent Brooks, Director. The Wayland-Lubbock Center will continue to reach out to new markets for higher education, including developing new teaching sites, at the Mae Simmons community Center and the Maggie Trejo Center.



Nominations for the 13th Annual Soul Train Music Awards were announced at a press brunch held recently in Los Angeles at the Hotel Nikko. The brunch, sponsored by Coca-Cola USA featured Crooner/Bulladeer, Brian McKnight and Grammy Awards nominee and singing sensation, Monica two of the co-hosts for the awards show. They will be joined by super model Tyra Banks. Pictured at the brunch are, left-right, McKnight, Monica, Coca-Cola USA marketing representative Carlos Costa and Soul Train founder and executive producer, Don Cornelius. The Soul Train Music Awards will be telecast "live" from the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles on Friday March 26. Coca-Cola USA is the exclusive soft drink sponsor and a major advertiser of the Soul Train Music Awards



Bellmead Junior City Council with (back row, left to right) Rev. Elton Hall, Mayor Pro-Tem; the Honorable Ruth Haines, Deputy Mayor; J. Patterson, President of the Texas Municipal League; Jana Miller, Teacher; La Vega Intermediate School; Dr Shirley Wills, Principal, La Vega Intermediate School; the Honorable Robert Hawkins, Mayor, City of Bellmead Middle row: Amber Odle, Brittany Cleere, Abel Rivera, Coty Richardson, Sarah Whitmire, Telly Walthal, Trey Watkins, Kayla Johnson, Vanessa Smith. Front row: Akash Patel.

## Animal Services Seeks Citizens' Help In Locating Dog

Lubbock Animal Services is asking citizens to help them locate a dog so that a bite victim does not have to undergo painful rabies exposure shots.

On February 23, a man was

bitten by a reddish-brown, large, male chow at Carlisle Park, 27th St. and Avenue X. The man was bitten while helping the dog's owner load the chow into a blue sedan.

Members of Animal Services have patrolled the area since then, looking for either the car or the dog. Neither has been sighted. If the dog is not found, the bite victim will have to get rabies shots.

Jim Owens of Animal Services, said, "We only need to make sure that the dog is okay, that it's healthy and not showing any outward signs of sickness." Once it's confirmed that the dog is healthy, the victim will not have to undergo the series of injections.

Anyone with possible information about this dog should contact Lubbock Animal Services, 775-2057.

## Volunteer Center Sponsors Grant Class

The Volunteer Center will sponsor a grant writing workshop on Wednesday, March 24, from 9 a.m. to noon at the McInturff Conference Center.

The workshop will cover the basic elements of grant writing, from how to research possible funding sources to putting a grant proposal together.

The grant writing workshop is one of the most requested workshops given by the

Volunteer Center because of competition involved in obtaining a grant, according to Louise Cummins, executive director of the Volunteer Center.

Cummins will conduct the workshop with Glenna Boyer, assistant director of the Lubbock Area Foundation.

The cost of the workshop is \$25 and includes all materials. To register please call 742-0551.

## 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 you are invited to come by and visit at anytime. You are always welcome at New Hope Baptist Church. Come and visit with us.

Services began at 9:30 a. m. last Sunday morning with Sunday School and all teachers and students were at their post on duty. After 30 minutes of instruction, all re-assembled at 10:15 a.m. by marching to the main auditorium.

After the review of the morning session, Sunday School was dismissed.

Last Sunday was Youth Sunday, and the Youth were in charge of the morning devotional period. We're proud of our young people at New Hope.

The Youth Choir marched in the processional singing "My God Reigns." It was very well done. Prayer and scripture were given. The sermonic hymn was Amazing Grace. The spirit was very high.

Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "Go Share Your Testimony." His scripture text was Mark 5:18-20. It was another wonderful message.

After an invitation to discipleship was extended, one came forward. We thank God for another soul who is seeking the Lord.

Our prayers and sympathy go out to those who are ill and who have lost loved ones. Let us pray for the Roberts family who lost a relative last week.

Clarence and Joan Ervin are rejoicing over the visitation of their children last weekend. They were Tyrone Ervin of Dallas, Texas and Clarence Ervin, Jr. and wife and their granddaughter.

The Annual Celebration of the Federation Choirs will be held Sunday, March 28, 1999. It will be the 45th Anniversary of this choir. This year, Brother Garnett Lee will be the director. If you miss this special effort, you will miss a treat. So let's think about this effort. Brother Arlee Jackson is president.

Why not get involved this year in the Annual Celebration of the Juneteenth Celebration. If you want to get involved, then give Eddie Richardson, local president, a call at 762-3612. You can bring something to the table for this special program.

## Black History Parade

The Lubbock Black Chamber sincerely appreciates the efforts of all participants and spectators of the 1999 Black History Parade. The parade's intent is to promote unity, provide faces with the name of individuals serving our community, and positive examples for our community.

Dunbar Jr. High School Band/Student Council combined to win the \$100.00 first place prize. The Senior Citizens Juneteenth Picnic Committee received the \$50.00 second place for the most decorative entry. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority received \$25.00 for the Best of Theme (Pride in Service - Black Medical Personnel) entry.

Special thanks to Dr. Damon Hill, M.D., Dr. Heenan Johnson, II and Dr. Heenan Johnson, III, Dentists, for serving as Grand Marshall for our 1999 Black History Parade.

The Black Chamber desires this event to be bigger and better each year. Start planning now for your entry in the Black History Parade - 2000.

## Netown News

**Air Force Airman** **Garet A. Gallemore** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Gallemore is the son of George A. and Ann M. Gallemore of 5113 70th St., Lubbock, Texas.

His wife, Suzzanna, is the daughter of Julian and Angela Sanchez of 4818 64th St., Lubbock.

The airman is a 1995 graduate of Coronado High School, Lubbock.

**Patric L. Trattles** has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Lubbock, Texas.

The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$50,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic military training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

Trattles, a student at Cooper High School, Lubbock, will report to Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., for basic training on June 3, 1999.

He is the son of Penny and Kenneth Rushing State Road 41, Lubbock.

**Air Force Airman 1st Class** **Chancy L. Edwards** has arrived for duty at Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, N.M.

Edwards is a nuclear weapons specialist assigned to the 898th Munitions Squadron.

He is the son of Debbie G. and stepson of Ed J. Cosgrove of 2314

17th, Lubbock, Texas.

His father, Jay T. Edwards, resides at 109 E. 63rd, Odessa, Texas.

The airman's wife, Emily, is the daughter of Gene Spence of 4801 14th, and Debbie Payne, both of Lubbock, Texas.

In 1996, Edwards graduated from Monterey High School, Lubbock.

**Army Pvt. Arron J. Tidwell** has graduated from the light-wheel vehicle mechanic course at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the course, the student was trained to perform maintenance on vehicle power assisted brake systems, wheel vehicle suspension systems, wheel-hub assemblies, mechanical and hydraulic steering systems, and wheel vehicle crane, hoist, and winch assemblies.

Tidwell is the son of Jim L. Tidwell of Rural Route 3, Lubbock, Texas, and Tonya L. Barton of 2647 1st St. N., North St. Paul, Minn.

In 1997, he graduated from New Deal High School, Texas.

## SBA Financing For Small Business Workshop

LUBBOCK, TX ... There will be a morning workshop on "Financing Options for Small Business," Wednesday, March 31, 1999, in SBA's Lubbock office, at the George Mahon Federal Building, 1205 Texas Avenue, Room

411C. The workshop is being sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and SCORE (Service Corp of Retired Executives). The program begins at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude at 10:30 a.m.

Subjects for the morning workshop include: "Financing Options: All You Should Know." There is no registration fee for the workshop but preregistration is encouraged due to limited

Information will be available on what a business owner should have before applying for a loan, what the banker is

looking for, information in a business plan, and the programs and services available from the Small Business Administration. This is an opportunity for small business owners and prospective business owners to learn about financing options and the SBA Guaranty Loan Program.

Reasonable arrangements will be made, if requested in advance.

For more information or registration contact Ruby Abarca at 806/472-7462, extension 230 or 1-800-676-1005.



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## Rabies Clinic Set For Saturday

The City of Lubbock Animal Services Department and South Plains Veterinary Medical Association will sponsor a Rabies Clinic Saturday, March 13.

The Clinic will take place at the South Plains Fair Grounds from 1 to 5 p.m. The cost of each rabies vaccination is \$7.

For more information, contact Animal Services, 775-2057.

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Tuesday 10:30 a.m. 3-5 year-olds

Wednesday 2 p.m. 3-5 year-olds

#### Patterson Branch

Tuesday 7 p.m. 3-5 year-olds

Wednesday 10 a.m. 3-5 year-olds

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Tuesday 2:30 p.m. 3-5 year-olds

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Played by John Vernon, his fan-loving wife died. His name is George.
  - 2 The Star of *Roots*.
  - 3 Place he was kidnapped from.
  - 4 Name of the slave ship that brought him to America.
  - 5 He sacrificed a chance for freedom to stay with his daughter, whose name is an African word for "sassy put". What was her name?
- DOWN**
- 1 The main character of *Roots*.
  - 2 Maryland city where slave auction was held.
  - 3 The author of *Roots*.
  - 4 Name of his friend, played by Louis Gossett Jr.
  - 5 The thing he refused to accept. His name.

First aired in January 23-30, 1977, and viewed by over 130 million viewers, *Roots* is the masterpiece. A part epic that chronicles the history of slavery in America through the eyes of the author's own family.

**SOLUTIONS TO PUZZLE**  
 ACROSS: 1-George, 3-Philadelphia, 4-Africa, 5-Isabella, 6-Isabella, 7-Isabella  
 DOWN: 1-Kunta, 2-Baltimore, 3-Alex Haley, 4-Fiddler, 5-Isabella

The Making of a Legendary Dealmaker

By Glenda Goodson  
 Special to the Texas Publishers Assn. Wire Service

It is the early 1960s and Isaac Jackson wanted to make a difference in the world. But there was one problem: being a poor Black boy from West Dallas in the '50s and '60s did not exactly qualify him as a candidate for an Horatio Alger story.

"I'm a native Dallyite," says the handsome father of two, "and my journey has been evolutionary." With steely determination, Jackson fought the odds and, armed with a brand spanking new high school degree from L.G. Pinkston, he entered the University of Houston's labor studies program.

"Working with the United Steelworkers prepared me to represent workers in grievances and arbitration," says Jackson. His philosophy of having a strong work ethic and combining compassion for the workers he represented and rapt attention to detail paid off when he was endorsed by Senator Lloyd Bentsen to serve as special assistant for the Labor and Small Business department.

By 1991 the combined Black population in Houston, Dallas, Ft. Worth, San Antonio and Beaumont had topped one million. It also marked the year Jackson made one of the most important moves in his career: he went to work for the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts as an executive assistant. In that capacity he directed research and intergovernmental services and was eventually promoted to deputy chief of staff.

With a reputation as a cool solid powerhouse, Jackson turned his attention to impacting the economic prowess of African Americans when, in January 1999, he accepted the position of executive director of the Texas Legislative Black Caucus. "We are going to be very aggressive (in securing) basic economic and human rights. We'd like to see more of our citizens involved," Jackson likes to win and the seasoned veteran has moved quickly in formulating an action plan. "The Legislative Black Caucus will have a conference March 10-12, 1999, at the Doubletree (Hotel) in Austin so that the legislature can see and hear from Black people. We will address every issue from saving Black colleges to helping African Americans develop health care for children. During the conference, Black county commissioners from around the state, local NAACP and Urban League chapters, Black city council representatives, sororities, fraternities, and all levels of African American leadership will converge [on] Austin for this historical meeting."

"The conference welcomes both African American business owners and private citizens to come and make their voices heard. Says Jackson: "There are two million Black folk (in Texas) and yet we have not realized the potential of the legislature to look at issues we care about affecting the people in our community." Jackson believes that partnering must begin because "we have not participated in the system."

According to Jackson, the Caucus will work closely with other organizations because "not one organization has the total resources to be very aggressive on all fronts. The Caucus will partner with sororities and fraternities to make sure every African American is counted in the 2000 census. Although the

Caucus favored sampling the reality is that federal funding formulas are determined by our population and we will work with local governments and others to ensure that everyone is counted."

Jackson sees an opportunity in his other role as director of Texas Association of African American Chambers of Commerce to champion the cause of both large and small chambers around the state. Stating that the chamber will rely on the strength of the local organizations to play a direct role in effectuating change in the business climate, he says, "We have chambers in Denton, Lubbock, Abilene, Midland, Odessa, El Paso, Austin, San Antonio, Victoria, Ft. Worth, Dallas, Arlington, Texarkana, Tyler, Longview, Ennis, Waco, Port Arthur, Galveston, Houston, and Corpus Christi. I will work to enhance the services of the chambers to become more user friendly for our members... In this vein the chambers will create e-mail addresses and web pages so that local Black businesses can have access and use our web address or e-mail address."

Thinking about doing business with the State? The Chamber has recently negotiated with the University of Texas and MHR a Memorandum of Agreement to facilitate the contracting of awards totaling \$25,000 or less to Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs). Jackson's goal is that when there are smaller contracts, they will work as agent to get the agency to make a deal. But what about changing attitudes with larger contractors? "We will negotiate partnership arrangements first to adopt HUBs as contractors," he says.

The Chamber is on the move in a number of ways. The organization has recently relocated to new space, shared with the state NAACP. Jackson also met with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce directors to discuss common interests and issues.

Jackson says he is concerned with building a better Texas. Look for the kid from across the tracks to continue to implement strategy to assist the people of Texas in realizing their goals.

You can contact the organizations at the following e-mail addresses: Texas Legislative Black Caucus HYPERLINK mail to: TEXASLBC@aol.com TEXASLBC@aol.com or the Texas African American Chamber of Commerce on the worldwide web at HYPERLINK http://WWW.TAACCC.ORG WWW.TAACCC.ORG or HYPERLINKmailto:Taacc@worldnet.att.net Taacc@worldnet.att.net.



AUSTIN -- Texas Comptroller Carol Keeton Rylander issues her first Texas Performance Review report, *Challenging the Status Quo: Toward Smaller, Smarter Government*. The report contains nearly 200 recommendations which, if enacted by the Texas Legislature, would generate \$1.25 billion in savings and new revenue during the next biennium.

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Wanted: Success Stories From People of Color For Inspirational New Book

Les Brown and Rafael Colon, two dynamic and successful men who happen to be also people of color, are joining forces to produce what promises to be a landmark book. And they need your help.

Brown and Colon have come up with a unique and powerful premise that improves upon the concept of the popular *Chicken Soup* series. In their book, *The Making of Mama's Sweet Potato Pie*, they plan to share the stories of ordinary men and women from the African-, Latin-, Asian-, and Native-American communities who have overcome adversity to live their dreams.

*Sweet Potato Pie* is no cookie-cutter book, for it will offer more than fleeting warm and fuzzy feelings. The stories the authors will include must not just tell a good tale, but share the specific actions the person took to get where they are. Readers will move beyond just knowing that success is possible to seeing what they can do to achieve it.

Both Brown and Colon are more than qualified to author this book. Brown, an African-American who was labeled uneducable as a child, is now a motivational speaker, author, and radio and television personality; Colon, from Puerto Rico, is an author and president of his own company, Voices International, as well as an internationally known speaker and facilitator. Both have overcome prejudice and hardship to build their own road to personal and professional success.

In addition to telling their personal story, contributors will be asked to share a favorite dessert recipe. Though it may be a cute idea, this request reflects

the significance of the origin of the title came from the kitchen of Brown's adoptive mother who sustained her son not just through her cooking but also with unconditional support and encouragement. The metaphor is carried throughout the book with each person's recipes for success and its sweet rewards.

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# Editorials • Comments • Opinions



## THIS N THAT

**DR. THOMAS CAME THIS WAY!** THIS N THAT ... has been hearing some very ... GOOD NEWS ... about a former principal and educator at Estacado High School ... He is ... DR. CARROL A. THOMAS ... who is presently the ... SUPERINTENDENT ... of the Beaumont Independent School District ... He was a ... FINALIST ... in the top superintendent in the Dallas Independent School District ... When the Beaumont school trustees ... learned of this ... they gave him a ... 3.9 percent pay increase ... boasting his salary to ... \$209,000, beginning in July. In addition ... DR. THOMAS ... received a monthly car allowance for \$1,000 ... and a ... FOURTH WEEK OF VACATION ... In order to make sure ... DR. THOMAS ... would complete the new ... THREE YEAR CONTRACT ... Beaumont trustees ... PROMISED ... to give him a ... \$100,000 BONUS ... if he remains until ... JUNE 2002 ... Known to many of his friends as ... "BUTCH" ... remember he came this way ... and wanted to become the ... SUPERINTENDENT OF THE LUBBOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS ... Some said he didn't have what was needed ... Evidently ... DR. CARROL A. THOMAS ... had a lot going ...

**EENR COMING TO LUBBOCK!** THIS N THAT ... who serves on the ... ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES STEERING COMMITTEE ... of the ... NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES ... will hold one of two sessions ... Lubbock, Texas ... come September 16, 17, & 18, 1999 ... THIS N THAT ... along with others ... has been trying to acquire this ... STEERING COMMITTEE ... to come to Lubbock ... It just goes to show that with a ... LOT OF PERSISTENCE ... things will happen ... More on this later ...

**PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS:** "MONEY ... can do more in a ... MOMENT ... than an ... ELOQUENT LOVER ... can do in ... YEARS!

**HAPPY FORTY-FIFTH!** THIS N THAT ... would like to take this opportunity ... and wish the ... OFFICERS & MEMBERS ... of the ... FEDERATION OF CHOIRS ... a ... HAPPY FORTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY ... come Sunday ... March 28, 1999 ... in a celebration at the ... Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church ... beginning at 2:30 p. m. ... BROTHER ARLEE JACKSON ... is the president and ... BROTHER GARNETT LEE ... will direct this year's choir ... Keep this date in mind ... and go by and ... HEAR SOME GOOD GOSPEL SINGING...

**COLORING EASTER CONTEST!** THIS N THAT ... would hope there will be some ... YOUNG PEOPLE ... in some of our elementary schools ... who will enter the ... EASTER EGG COLORING CONTEST ... which will begin this week ... THURSDAY ... and will end ... FRIDAY AFTERNOON ... April 2, 1999 ... The winners will be announced ... in the ... April 8th edition of the Southwest Digest ... For more info ... call ... 762-3612 ... There will be ... THREE WINNERS ... A winner in the Kindergarten ... First Grade ... and ... Second Grade ... There will be ... THREE ... \$25.00 Savings Bonds ... awarded

## 1999: A Time To Take Responsibility For Own Actions Now!!!



By Eddie P. Richardson

Black people, take this very ... serious ... because ... it is!! You can not a beg ... and ... bargain ... at ... same time. We have to get our own act together, take full responsibility for our actions, quit shucking and jiving, behind scratching, head bowing, and scratching, and just get serious. The times are too grim. The stakes are too high for us as a people to kid and fool ourselves, groan, groan, complaining, complaining, and say that someone else is not doing their part.

The real issue is are we doing our part? We are still complaining about what someone else is not

doing less or nothing at all. We complained about the literacy test, poll tax, along with hard work, water hoses, billy clubs, and even dogs were eradicated. Now we do not even vote as we did and should. We moaned and groaned, and even complained; some cried and whined to get the right to vote. Now we sit on our behinds and fail to exercise that right, and still have the nerve to complain.

After many struggles, fire hoses, guard dogs, beatings, lynchings, mobs, deaths, and even, yes, even legislation. We have obtained the right to vote, and I'll be darned, we ... are ... to get ... off ... a ... seat ... and ... take ... our behinds ... to ... the ... POLLS ... and ... VOYE ... but yet and still we sit around and complain about the situation affecting every phase of our lives and we still don't have any pride or desire to better our conditions socially, politically, and economically by going to the polls voting our convictions to improve our lives and situations.

For us to make our communities the competitive, self-sustaining market places they should be, the leadership and initiative must come from us, by us, for us. It's not going to come from the White House, State House, County House, City House, but our house house is what we need from others is their resources, support, directions, and help, but not leadership.

## Everlasting Images

By Kwesi Mfume, President & CEO, NAACP

On March 4, nationwide viewers saw a memorable and inspiring television program — the NAACP's 30th Image Awards. It was the embodiment of the Image Awards' theme: 30 Years of Celebrating - 90 Years of Courage.

A humble sports mega-star and winner of the Jackie Robinson Sports Award, Michael Jordan stressed the importance of education and encouraged youngsters to use the positive support systems in their communities. NAACP Entertainer of the Year, Will Smith, paid tribute to his wife, Jada Pinkett and declared, "You don't have to talk dirty" to succeed as an entertainer. And, internationally acclaimed opera superstar Kathleen Battle moved many to tears as her unrivaled voice accompanied a memorial montage of deceased NAACP supporters and friends.

Highly respected NationsBank (now Bank of America) Chairman and CEO, Hugh McColl, Jr., advocated economic empowerment while accepting the prestigious Corporate Award for his bank's ongoing partnership with the NAACP. Recipient of the coveted Chairman's award, Harry Belafonte reflected on his significant contributions to the civil rights struggle. Our President's Award honoree, hip-hop icon Lauryn Hill, revealed her spiritual side while praising God as her true inspiration. Eric Clapton and George Benson played a blazing musical tribute to blues legend B.B. King. This year's Image Awards program also featured appearances by such superstars as Mariah Carey, Blair Underwood, Sinbad, Cicely Tyson, Ossie Davis, Steve Harvey, Morgan Freeman, Kevin Erhanks and Jay Leno.

Filling a stage with celebrities, however, was and is not our ultimate goal. With the Image Awards, we honor individuals and organizations that strive for the portrayal of positive images and meaningful opportunities for African-Americans. It is our fervent hope that the time will come when there will not be a need for the Image Awards, because African-American talent will, without question, have the opportunities, positions and acknowledgment from mainstream awards programs in a manner that does not exist today.

The Image Awards were started in 1962 by the Beverly Hills/Hollywood Branch of the NAACP to pay tribute to talented African-American artists and professionals who continued to be largely overlooked by mainstream Hollywood. Sammy Davis, Jr. was the

## IN CINQUE

By Renetta W. Howard



Discipline is becoming the main focus in many public schools today. It is known that the gang problem, prevails in many schools and small schools in rural urban settings often, contrary to belief, have a worst problem than some of the large schools. There is no anonymity, everybody knows vs everybody else, so the thrust to identify is greater. The second discipline problem arises from the children who have been identified as ADD, ADHD or H (Attention Deficit Disorder, Attention Deficit Disorder-Hyperactive, previously called Hyperkinetic and plain Hyperactive).

Most parents, in the interest of their child's welfare, attempt to find out what their child's problem is, at an early age. Often the problem is not discovered until the child enters school. The child's behavior is often not acceptable in a regular classroom setting and may lead to expulsion from class and school until some positive action to curb unacceptable behavior has taken place. Too often, a child is placed on a medical regiment with a drug which is designed to help the child stay focused, complete his daily tasks and conduct himself in a 'normal' manner. Some children are over-medicated. These are the children who could benefit from positive parenting and positive teaching. Of course, one will not work without the other.

On the other hand, there is the child who definitely

needs medication, but whose parents refuse to administer it, for fear they are 'zapping their kid out.' While in the meantime, their kid is 'zapping some teacher out!' These parents need to know that the problem will not go away; the child will not 'outgrow it,' but the problem will grow with the child.

One reason that the problem will grow with the child is because, without proper medication, the child will never achieve his maximum potential in school because he cannot keep my mind on anything long enough to get through it. Secondly, if he happens to complete a task, he usually loses it before the teacher can check it. He will swear that he did an assignment, only to find that the teacher has no record of it. Days, weeks, months later, he will find that assignment while he loses others, often too late to make a decent passing grade. It does not stop there.

If the child manages by some hook or crook, to become a member of the job force, the duration of a job may likely take the same route as getting school work done, half-done and incomplete job assignments. A benevolent company may look into the situation and help this person to find a solution to his problem. This will happen by the grace of God. It is time that we get 'in cinque' and take a closer look at school discipline problems and take a pro-active stance to help children, rather than leaving the matter altogether up to parents. If the schools feed them, provide some forms of immunization, provide glasses, dental help and in some cases clothing to some children, we need to go on and help the 'whole child.' Maybe Newt Gingrich had the right idea after all.

## DEAR EDITOR:

Cyber porn has reached perverted levels beyond all imagination. Worse than Sodom and Gomorrah could ever have been. Children can see tons of free samples by just answering yes to, "Are you 18?" on the screen.

It's like putting beer machines on every street corner. No one to check I.D.'s. No one to enforce the law. Just a sign that says you must be 18 to buy. It's crazy.

Internet providers are guilty of gross negligence. At the very least they are violating anti-display laws.

Parents should try to sue the providers under the Victims of Pornography act passed by Congress a few years ago. It was law suits that brought the tobacco industry to its knees. Football games can be blacked out in different cities. Why couldn't the Internet be blocked out so not to transgress the different community standards of porn?

The issue is not individual rights. But it is the rights of the communities to prevent the breeding of Ted Bundy's that will walk their streets and stalk innocent victims and pollute their tranquil environment.

We have the drug and alcohol agency. Why can't we have a communications decency agency? The

states could create an elected office of Obscenity Judge. Being elected his mandate would be the community standards of porn for that State. He could be given powers to issue orders, levy fines, etc.... Should Congress re-write the 1st amendment in simple 3rd grade English so that even a Supreme Court Judge could interpret it?

Pull out of the stock market decent folks. America is due for a wake up call.

C. Gregory Dukes  
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# Inside AJHS

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The Hornet team has been fortunate to receive several grants to provide wonderful opportunities for our children. Now we need everyone responsible for a child at our school to join us with their support. On many occasions, we say it takes a village to raise our children, yet we actually see very few walking the walk! As we raise the level of expectation for our students, we need each of you to join us in the quest for quality and excellence! There are many ways you can help our children grow and develop into the kinds of young men and women they and you can be proud. Along the way, you might find that your children respect you in a totally different way than you might believe. Never let it be said that you did not

have time to do something that will help your child to be the kind of first class citizen that everyone deserves. Call Mr. Alvin Hargers at 766-1500 and give your time to our children.

Hard work is the only way to success! Nothing is easy or free! Expect Alderson students to have homework regularly, to read a library book in their free time, and to perform in their scheduled extracurricular activities at a high level. The most powerful tool we can give our students and children is the value of work. It takes time to be excellent. Even when God has given us the talent, we must work to mold it into a quality product.

Our children must read and read well. Everything you do to encourage your child to become a better reader will catapult them toward success. The Alderson instructional team is providing strategies and opportunities that foster great reading skills. In the future students who do not pass reading will be scheduled into a reading class the following year. If you need suggestions to help you with this commitment, call your child's teacher at 766-1500. Your child needs your daily encouragement and expectation of quality and excellence.

One powerful tool to help our children in school is to take advantage of the Ballenger and Martin Early Childhood Schools. These programs are a part of Lubbock Public Schools and have curriculums that are consistent with those students will receive when entering Kindergarten. All of the elementary schools in the Alderson attendance zone encourage you to make every effort to have your four year olds in school. Even if you choose not to take advantage of the BISD supported programs, please

have your children in school as early as possible. Never let it be said that we did not do everything possible to provide a successful opportunity for our children to be successful.

The after school program is going well. If you would like your child to participate in the program, call Mr. Alvin Hargers at 766-1500 for more information. This is a great chance to give your child a safe and educational environment during the after school hours. Currently over 50 students regularly use this service. The students have enjoyed the activities and the frequent field trips.

All 7th or 8th grade students are on academic teams. This means that you can meet with their math, sci-

ence, social studies, English, and reading teachers at one convenient time during the morning. Call us 766-1500 to determine the time your child's teachers are available. You are encouraged to maintain contact with us so that we may provide the best for your child.

Great things are happening at the "New"! We ask that you join us as we provide the very best education possible for you child. As you consider schools, remember, sometimes the gold mine is right here in your backyard! We would like for every student who lives in our attendance zone to attend the schools right here in the neighborhood. We care about your children and our students.



## JUNETEENTH INFORMATION

Texas has once again made history in being the first and only state to establish a Juneteenth Cultural and Historical Commission. During the 75th Legislative Session, House Bill 1216, sponsored by Rep. Al Edwards of Houston, was signed into law by Gov. George W. Bush, thereby creating the Texas Emancipation, Juneteenth Cultural and Historical Commission. The Commission consists of six Commissioners appointed by Gov. Bush of which one being Eddie Richardson of Lubbock, Texas; two state senators appointed by Lt. Governor Bob Bullock; two house of representatives appointed by Speaker Pete Laney; and the executive director of the Texas Historical Commission.

The purpose of the Texas Emancipation, Juneteenth Cultural and Historical Commission is to erect monuments and markers, raise funds, establish a national Emancipation Cultural and Historical Museum, and establish a headquarters. In addition, the Commission was also established to develop effective historical and cultural programs, educate citizens on the event and significance of emancipation, and develop leaders and role models for the citizens of Texas.

Anyone interested can be a part of the local activities. Here are the meeting dates you may look forward to: November 9, January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and June 7 and 14.

All meetings will be held at Mac Simmons Senior Citizens Center, beginning at 7:00 p. m. Everyone interested in making a positive contribution to this program is invited to attend and bring their ideas and input.

All area and South Plains Juneteenth Programs are urged to contact Commissioner Richardson at 902 E. 28th St., Lubbock, Texas or 306-762-3612 to become part of the statewide and national effort. For information or to participate, call Eddie Richardson 742-3612.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the local please fill out the following and send to Eddie Richardson at 902 E. 28th St., Lubbock, Texas:

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## IN JESUS NAME

"IN GOD I DO TRUST!!!"



PSALM 2:1,2, WHY DO THE HEATHEN (NATIONS) RAGE (RESTLESS), AND THE PEOPLE IMAGINE A VAIN (FOOLISH) THING? THE KINGS OF THE EARTH SET THEMSELVES, AND THE RULERS TAKE COUNSEL TOGETHER, AGAINST THE LORD, AND AGAINST HIS ANOINTED (JESUS).

I USED TO LAY DOWN AT NIGHT, COULDN'T GET NO REST, MY MIND WAS SO FRUSTRATED, WITH THE TROUBLES OF THE WORLD, I WAS DEPRESSED!!

MATTHEW 11:28-30, JESUS SAID, COME UNTO ME, ALL YE THAT LABOUR AND ARE HEAVY LADEN, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST, TAKE MY YOKE (THE BIBLE) UPON YOU, AND LEAN OF ME, FOR I AM MEEK AND LOWLY IN HEART, AND YE SHALL FIND REST UNTO YOUR SOULS, FOR MY YOKE(BIBLE) IS EASY, AND MY BURDEN(THE GOSPEL) IS LIGHT.

I WAS WORRIED ABOUT THE TV NEWS, OF THE WORLDS SITUATION; THERE IS TROUBLE EVERYWHERE; AND ITS WORSE IN THIS NATION!!!

MATTHEW 6-8, JESUS SAID, YE SHALL HEAR OF WARS AND RUMOURS OF WARS; SEE THAT YE BE NOT TROUBLED; FOR ALL THESE THINGS MUST COME TO PASS, BUT THE END IS NOT YET, FOR NATION SHALL RISE AGAINST NATION, AND KINGDOM AGAINST KINGDOM; AND THERE SHALL BE FAMINES, AND PESTILENCES, AND EARTHQUAKES, IN DIVERS PLACES. ALL THESE ARE THE BEGINNING OF SORROW.

THERE IS NOT ONLY TROUBLE IN THE CHURCH HOUSE, COURTHOUSE, WHITE HOUSE, THIS WHOLE COUNTRY IS CONFUSED; AND THERE IS ONE WAY OUT!!!

PROVERB 14:34, RIGHTEOUSNESS EXALTETH A NATION; BUT SIN IS A REPROACH (SHAME) TO ANY PEOPLE.

\*\*\*\* WILL AMERICA ROB GOD???\*\*\*\*

IN FACT THE WORLD IS GONE CRAZY, AND TRIED DOCTORS AND ANALYST; OF ALL THE WISDOM THAT THEY HAVE; THEY CAN'T GET THE PROBLEM LICKED!!!

ISAIAH 1:2, HEAR, O HEAVENS, AND GIVE EAR, O EARTH; FOR THE LORD HATH SPOKEN, I HAVE NOURISHED AND BROUGHT UP CHILDREN, AND THEY HAVE REBELLED AGAINST ME.

THE DOCTORS SUGGESTED; PILLS, CIGARETTES, EVEN ALCOHOL ON THE BRAINS; THEY'VE TRIED EVERYTHING; TOO LATE; AMERICA HAVE GONE INSANE!!!

ISAIAH 1:18,19, COME NOW AND LET US REASON TOGETHER, SAITH THE LORD; THOUGH YOUR SINS BE AS SCARLET, THEY SHALL BE AS WHITE AS SNOW; THOUGH THEY BE RED LIKE CRIMSON, THEY SHALL BE AS WOOL. IF YE BE WILLING AND OBEDIENT, YE SHALL EAT THE GOOD OF THE LAND.

AS I HEAR PEOPLE CRYING ABOUT THE YEAR OF THE Y2K; GOD SAID; HE WOULD SUPPLY MY NEEDS; EACH AND EVERYDAY!!!

MATTHEW 6:31,32, JESUS SAID, THEREFORE TAKE NO THOUGHT, SAYING, WHAT SHALL WE EAT? OR, WHAT SHALL WE DRINK? OR WHEREWITHAL SHALL WE BE CLOTHED? (FOR AFTER ALL THESE THINGS DO THE GENTILES SEEK;) FOR YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER KNOWETH THAT YE NEED OF ALL THESE THINGS.

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### Ma Jones Missionary Society of Bethel A.M.E. Church Celebrates Annual Day

Motivational speaker, Jo Ann Hoffman, will be the featured speaker for the Ma Jones Annual Missionary Day program set for Sunday afternoon, March 21, 1999, beginning at 3:00 p.m. at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive.

Hoffman serves as a Connectional Officer in the Women's Missionary Society for the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Her area of responsibility is Director of Promotion for Missionary Education.

Before her retirement in 1991, she traveled extensively, training employees for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. Her travel for the church takes her across the United States. She recently returned from Europe where she was one of 36 empowered women from across Texas on a Global Women's Unity Tour to London, Paris, and Holland to visit with European Women of African descent.

A woman of God, she is empowered to do the will of God, and gives God and a praying mother the glory for her accomplishments.

Rev. Elliott C. Lambert, pastor; and Sister Elard C. Deavenport, president.



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"This is my body which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me ... This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you." —Luke 22:19-20

It was a sacred moment for the disciples of Jesus. They were dining together for the last time when Jesus said, "With desire I have desired to eat the passover with you before I suffer."

Then Jesus broke the bread saying "This is my body given for you." The bread was a symbol of His earthly body, which was soon to be broken on the cross.

Jesus took the cup of wine. "This cup is the new covenant in my blood," He said. What Jesus meant was, "By my life and death I have opened up a new relationship between you and God. My sacrifice will atone for our sins and you will be reconciled by Me to God."

We who are Christian who come to God's house and sit at the Lord's table to partake of the bread and wine, experience a vital part of our faith. Christ says to us today, as He did of old, "In the rush and hurry of everyday life take time in the house of worship to remember Me."

Those of us who are who are of the Wesleyan tradition speak of this time as Holy Communion or Sacrament. There is meaning in each name used to help us understand what the Lord's Supper really mean.

Communion signifies an act of sharing, a mutual participation. Holy Communion is the Christian communion in which bread and wine are partaken in commemoration of the death of Christ.

The Disciples communed together in the Last Supper, sharing the sadness and knowledge that one of them would betray their Master. They realized also that Jesus was leaving them. It was a solemn occasion: for they did not fully comprehend the true meaning of Jesus' last words—for they could not see the future.

The Spirit of God gives to believers today understanding, for we can look back and see the finished work of Calvary. We rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus that followed. In addition, as we share the Communion together, we remember and mutually participate realizing what it means to our own souls. We are redeemed by Christ's broken body and shed blood on Calvary.

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## The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met last Saturday morning in the lovely home of Sister Loisley McBride and the praise group opened the meeting with several songs of praise. Prayer was offered by Sister Dorothy Nash. Testimonies were given by Sister McBride and Rev. Sister Christine Burleson.

The morning message was given by Sister Elnora Jones. Her subject was "The Ten Virgins." Her scripture text was Matthew 25:1-13.

The kingdom of heaven can be illustrated by the story of the ten virgins — bridesmaids — who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom, but only five of them were wise enough to fill their lamps with oil while the other five were foolish and forgot. So when the bridegroom was delayed, they lay down to rest until midnight. When they were aroused by the shout, the bridegroom is coming! Come out and welcome him.

All the girls jumped up and trimmed their lamps. Then the five who hadn't any oil begged the others to share with them, for their lamps were going out. But the others replied, "We haven't enough. Go instead to the shops and buy some for yourselves."

But while they were gone, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was locked. Later, when the other five returned, they stood outside, calling, "Sir, open the door for us!" But he called back saying, "Go away, it is too late!" So we're saying to each of you today, to stay awake and be prepared. For you don't know the date or moment of our Lord's return. Stay ready. Repent, now!

There will be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth, but just be ready!

Thanks, Sister Jones for a job well done as always. We love you. Sister McBride prepared a delicious breakfast. Only a cook such as this lady could have prepared.

Prayer for the sick was offered by Sister Jones. A closing prayer was given by Sister Inna Crawford.

A thought of the week: "When God's people turn to each other instead of on each other. Our Lord said He would heal our land, and this includes our people. Black people, stop being so evil. You can't get to heaven with that attitude. The door will be closed in your face as the five virgins." Think about it!

Make your home a light house of prayer in your community. Continue to do your drive by prayers. Target your areas, and go for it.

Keep smiling and loving all people of colors. We can make it if we try. Lord, bless everyone who reads. We pray. Write to us at: Outreach Prayer Breakfast, P.O. Box 1223, Lubbock, Texas 79405.

We were scheduled to go to Littlefield, Texas on Saturday, March 12th. We were unable to make it, but we are praying the ladies had a blessed day. Sister Betty Kemp is president.

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## Deadline Nearing For "Community Leader Of The Year" Nominations



Urging nominations by the March 14th deadline for the 1999 Tribute to Black Women Community Leaders Program are the 1998 National Honorees and the 1998 Dorothy I. Height Dreammaker Award recipient (center) Dr. Johanna B. Cole. (Left to Right) Alicia Watkins, Student Honoree - Georgia, Rev. Cheryl Anderson - Illinois, Arneania Hudspeth - Texas, and LaShawn Ames-McConnell - New York

CHICAGO (March 5, 1999) - The public has a unique opportunity to recognize African American women who have made a difference in their communities.

But not for long. Less than two weeks remain to nominate outstanding African American women for the Tribute to Black Women Community Leaders Program's 1999 "Community Leader of the Year" awards.

The eighth annual Tribute Program, sponsored by the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) and Aunt Jemima Brands of The Quaker Oats Company, salutes 28 African American women in seven states for community service and leadership, dedication to family ideals, involvement in church activities, commitment to healthcare initiatives, leadership within their chosen careers and community volunteerism. Nominations must be post-marked no later than March 13.

Dr. Jane E. Smith, president and CEO of NCNW, said, "Many African American women are tremendously dedicated to supporting community initiatives, helping their families and volunteering their time to others. These women should be nominated for the 'Community Leader of the Year' award because leadership deserves recognition."

African American women in California, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, New York, Pennsylvania and Texas may be nominated by family members, business associates, church members and friends. Four women in each state - three adults and one college student (ages

18 through 22) - will be named statewide "Community Leader of the Year" or "Student Leader of the Year" at a series of breakfast events beginning May 1 in New York City. State winners will receive \$500 and become eligible for the national "Community Leader of the Year" award. National winners will receive \$2,500 and a trip for two to the Aug. 7 national award ceremony in Washington, D.C.

"The award honors women who make significant contributions to their communities. Too often, they remain unsung heroes, and Aunt Jemima Brands is proud to recognize them through this program," said Reggie Moore, assistant marketing manager - Aunt Jemima Brands. "Any woman who contributes to the betterment of her community is a good candidate for the award." Nomination ballots may be downloaded from the Tribute Program Web site at [www.quakeroats.com/ncnw](http://www.quakeroats.com/ncnw) or participants can call 1-888-NCNW-Tribute (1-888-626-9874) to request a ballot. The process involves completing a nomination form, writing an essay describing the nominee's service and accomplishments and submitting it by March 13. Judging will be conducted by a diverse committee composed of community leaders, media personnel, church-affiliated leaders and educators in the African American community.

The National Council of Negro Women, headquartered in Washington, D.C., was founded in 1935 by legendary educator and human rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune. Today, the NCNW is recognized as the principal advocacy group for African American women and families and has an outreach of more than 4 million women.

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EXCITEMENT IS BUILDING IN LOS ANGELES FOR THE 22ND AABE NATIONAL CONFERENCE & EXPO! Pictured are some of the many members of American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE) Western Region Planning Committee, meeting to make the 22nd AABE Conference & Expo in Los Angeles - April 20 - 24, 1999, at the Manhattan Beach Marriott Hotel, exciting and informative. Seated (l-r): Berlinda Fontenot-Jamerson, Sempra Energy; Harry Carpenter, Southern California Edison; Patricia Watts, FCG Management; and Beverly Whitaker, Los Angeles AABE Chapter President. Standing (l-r): Ron Orme, Sempra Energy; Susan Guerra, Southern California Gas Company; Dorothy Fuller, Los Angeles Department of Water & Power retired, and Carol Hall, Ellen Love, Carol Hall & Associates-conference management. Osei Photography

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& Expo - "Energy's Bright Horizon: New Directions, Technologies & Opportunities." This dynamic Energy Conference & Expo will be hosted by AABE Western Region and held in one of the world's most exciting cities and an energy capital - warm, sunny, Los Angeles, California. The beautiful Manhattan Beach Marriott Hotel in Manhattan Beach, 10 minutes south of Los Angeles International Airport, is the site for the AABE Conference & Expo. Advance registration is available through March 19, after that date, all registration will be on-site.

The AABE Conference will provide important and current information on national and global energy issues, industry mergers, innovative technologies, new energy careers, and other challenges and opportunities facing the industry, the environment, and our communities. Conference participants include energy and energy-related

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Vice President Al Gore, Energy Secretary Bill Richardson, Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater, Commerce Assistant Secretary Larry Irving, Acting Energy Assistant Secretary Calvin Humphrey, CA Congresswoman Maxine Waters, Energy corporate executives, and Ambassadors from several African nations are all expected to confirm addressing the conference.

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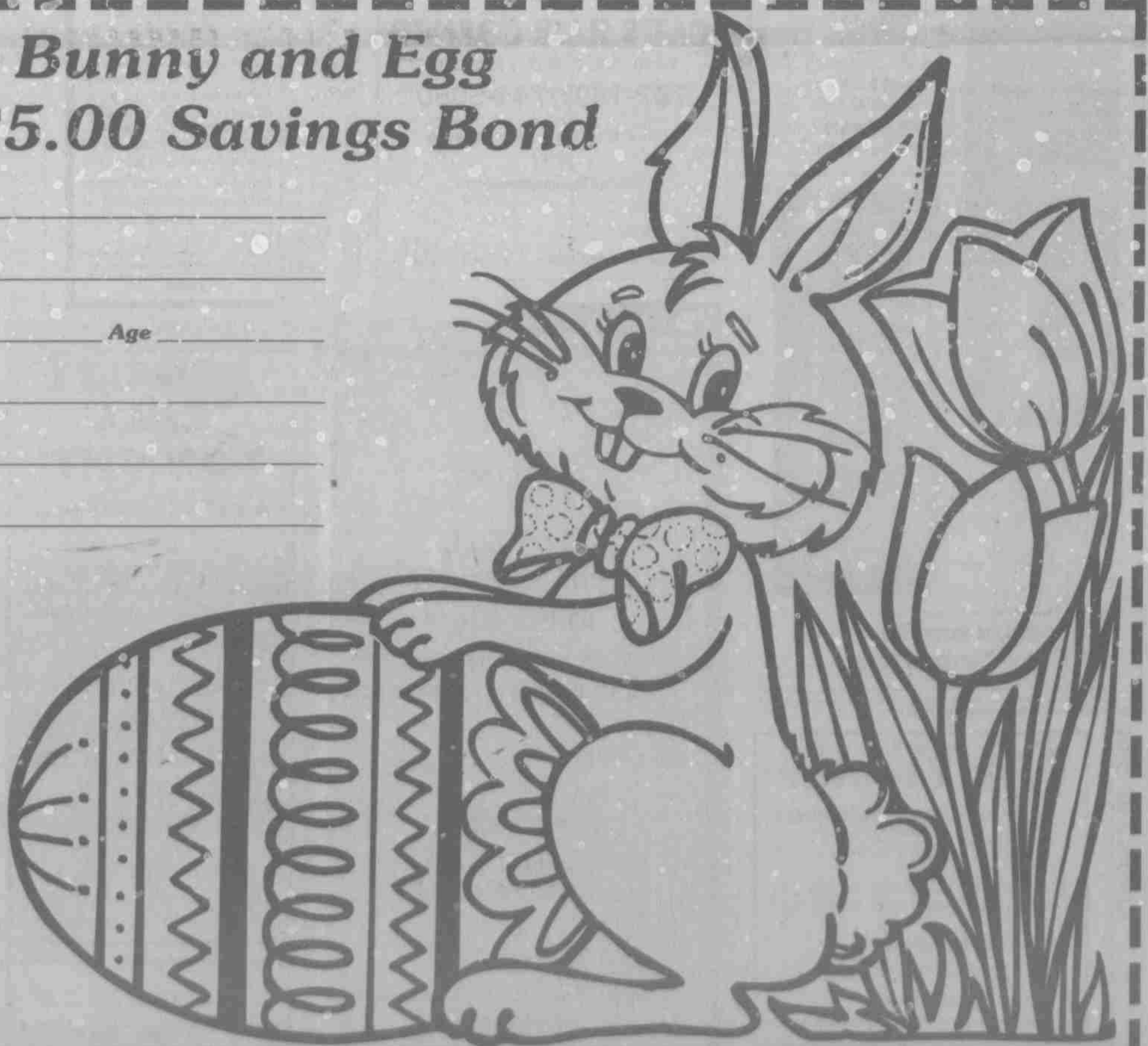
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