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## The Great Migration was a Triumph of the Black Press

FBI Lawsuits Could Not Stop Effort to Create Largest Migration in American History  
By Erick Johnson (Chicago Crusader, NNPA Member)

There were over six hundred Black families applying for 53 apartment units in just one day in Chicago in 1917. In two years, more than 100 storefront churches would dot the South Side. By 1930 the number would climb to 338. During that time, the Black populations of Chicago, New York, Philadelphia and other major northern and western cities would explode as thousands arrived by train almost on a daily basis. In these cities a Black middle class was established and the largest migration of Blacks in American history swept the nation. Today, on the 100th Anniversary of the Great Migration, many Blacks in the Midwest and Northeast have parents and grandparents who migrated from the South. Because of direct train routes, Blacks in Chicago are more likely to have parents or relatives from Mississippi. Blacks in New York and Philadelphia are likely to grandparents from South Carolina. The correlation exists also for other northern states that were accessible by direct routes that served their southern states. Many left the South during the Great Migration, two periods in American history where the Black population dramatically shifted north and helped

## Local, 31-year Old Doctor Opens Stand-Alone Full Service Emergency Room in Houston



In a time where, according to the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), the United States faces a shortage of as many as 90,000 physicians by 2025, including a critical need for specialists to treat an aging population that will increasingly live with chronic disease, a diamond in the rough has done something phenomenal in the city of Houston. Dr. Foyekemi Ikyator, a 31-year old Black woman, who has opened up a stand-alone, full-service emergency room in northwest Houston along with her husband, is doing something very few people have done. According to a report published on AAMC's website, the number of minority applicants to medical schools increased in 2014, which is encouraging news for the future of Black people in the medical field, when you consider what Dr. Foye has done. Dr. Foye (pronounced Foy-yay), as she likes to be referred to, recently held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to introduce the entire northwest Houston community to her new business venture that she opened in December 2015 – Life Savers Emergency room located 17685 Tomball Parkway.

## Rusk Business woman and Teacher celebrates Birthday



Meet Terri from Terri's Cakes. She celebrates her birthday and 19 years of business.

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**EDITORIAL****Mother Knows Best!**

...but she has to tell it!

Maxine Session

Mothers and grandmothers it is your duty to advise and share your wisdom with the young women and young men in your environment..... family, church family and community. Often they are criticised for inappropriateness on many fronts, but the truth is in many cases, they just don't know and are doing the best they know how. The late great Moms Mabley used to say, "Ain't Nobody Told Me Nothin!"

You must do it with love...not fussing, not nagging, but the proper setting and the proper tone. Appearance is important, so is behavior...the way one carries his or herself and the company you keep can make or break you. Those are great places to start.

Believe it or not. Young people appreciate those who take time to talk with them. One church I know, Lilly Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Houston, pairs young married couples with older married couples to act as mentors. From what I hear, the program is working well. A few years back I heard a young man talk about his grandmother and what a great person she was. When he was a teenager the fad was for young men to wear their hair with a ducktail in the back. He wore his hair that way, long on the neck and short everywhere else. He said one day he got off the bus at his grandmother's house. She went to him with a pair of scissors, didn't say a word to him, but cut that hair off. He became angry and told her he was going to tell his dad. Her reply was "Tell him!". As time went on he remembered that moment and greatly appreciated her for what she did.

Sharing your wisdom with young people does not always get the reaction you want at first, but just give them time to think about. You can make a difference in their lives. Happy Mother's Day.

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A woman is the intuitive perception of truth reflected as love in the soul.

~Charles Filmore

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# Rusk business woman celebrates her birthday 19 years of Terri's Cakes realestate and teaching



Franklin family Left to Right- Charnell Franklin, Darren Franklin Max Carter, Terri Franklin, Floyd Franklin, Krystal Carter, Madyline Carter and Marcus Carter.

Of the 123 million women age 16 years and over in the United States 72 million, or 58.6 percent are working or searching for work. There are 1,521,494 minority women-owned businesses in the United States. This reflects an increase of 66.9% from 2007. Many women won't tell you, but if you watch them live their lives balancing, family- husband, children, home, church and work, its easy to see that superwomen really do exist. They are usually not the kind who talk about themselves or complain about their many tasks. They just "Do It".

One such woman is Terri Franklin who always seems to have "many irons in the fire". About nineteen years ago she catered the wedding for her younger sister including the fabulous wedding cake. People attending that wedding tasted the cake, asked questions about who made it and how they could place orders. The word was spread by word of mouth. Many

remembered her from the bakery at Winn Dixie where she worked while going to college. The cake orders began to come in. Thus, began "Terri's Cakes." Terri delivers the cakes, sets them up and in some cases, stays to serve the guests. The past nineteen years she has baked every size, flavor and shape cake from fancy wedding cakes to children's cakes...Superman, Batman Thomas The Train, Doc Mcstuffins and Disney characters including Mickey and Minnie Mouse. She gives Wilton Cake Company credit for the great training she received from them while working at Winn Dixie.

A few years ago a great number of houses in the older community where Terri grew up in Rusk sat empty and decaying. Others were rented to people who wouldn't mow the lawn, kept loud music and were just generally disruptive. Terri

decided that buying this property would put her in a position to control who rented it, so she began buying older houses and remodeling them. The houses are gutted and new kitchens, bathrooms, flooring, paint and appliances are installed. This provides clean and decent homes for families and rules are put in place to keep them that way.

Terri began her years in college in the field of nursing. The first time she was assigned to leave the classroom and actually work with the patients on the floor, she knew that was not her calling. She finished that semester and changed universities and her major to education, graduating from SFA with a Bachelor of Science and teacher certification. She has had a special love for teaching for twenty-seven years. The first five years were spent in New Sumerfield ISD. Since then she has taught mostly fifth grade at Rusk ISD. Dedication is one way to describe what she shows to her students and

teaching. She has gone several years without missing a single day. Meanwhile she has done all the things it takes to raise a family. She and her husband Floyd have five children. She is constantly on the road to wherever and whatever is going on in the children and grandchildren's lives to give them support. The youngest, Darren, is in his junior year at Henderson State University at Arkadelphia, Arkansas where he plays football. Terri does not miss his games. It has been this way since "Little Dribbler days" with the children. Darren will be the last to finish college, so now she has started with the two grandchildren in Houston, two year old Maddyline and four year old Max. She supports Charnell, Krystal and her Husband Marcus in whatever is going on with them in Houston. She was in the delivery

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# Why President Barack Obama Is One of the Best Ever

Jeffery L. Boney NNPA News Wire Columnist



Jeffery Boney

President Barack Obama will go down in history, as arguably one of the most successful presidents of the United States. What he has been able to accomplish over his nearly eight years in office is remarkable – especially when you consider the level of obstructionism and racism he has had to endure.

It is no secret that his Republican counterparts have sought to fight President Obama since the day he was sworn in to office. As a matter of fact, they wanted to make things so difficult for him, that they concocted a strategy and a plan to ensure that he would not make it past his first term. Don't believe me? Well, let me provide you with a little proof.

"The single most important thing we want to achieve is for President Obama to be a one-term president."

This was the bold statement made by U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell on October 23, 2010, prior to the midterm elections, in an interview with the National Journal.

Senator McConnell practically informed the world that he and his Republican colleagues had no sincere intentions or desire to work with President Obama to deal with the issues that America was faced with. Senator McConnell let us know that their only focus was seeking to make this newly-elected, African American president, a one-term president. It was shameful.

Going even further, author Robert Draper released a jaw-dropping book, "Do Not Ask What Good We Do: Inside the U.S. House of Representatives," where he claims that the Republicans anti-Obama campaign began on the night of his inauguration. Talk about cold-blooded. As President Obama was smiling, waving and dancing with First Lady

Michelle Obama at the numerous inauguration balls he had to attend, Draper asserts that top Republican lawmakers and political strategists held a secret meeting where they plotted and devised an elaborate scheme to bring the president down, and make things so difficult for him that the American people would never re-elect him for a second-term.

According to Draper's book, a little over 15 of those lawmakers and strategists met up at a swanky, high-end establishment called the Caucus Room for several hours where they kicked around ways to not only take the White House back, but also win back political power in the House and Senate. One of the biggest items on their agenda, however, was developing a strategy to do everything in their power to collectively obstruct every single one of President Obama's legislative agenda items on his platform. In spite of these deliberate and concocted acts of obstructionism, President Obama never wavered. In his first-term as President of the United States, President Obama accomplished a great deal.

While having a Democrat-controlled House and Senate during the first two years of his presidency, President Obama was able to sign several pieces of legislation into law and make many executive decisions that have helped move this country forward. In 2009, President Obama:

- Signed the Credit Card Accountability, Responsibility, and Disclosure Act, which prohibits credit card companies from raising rates without advance notification, and also mandates a grace period on interest rate increases, as well as places strict limits on overdrafts and other fees

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# Jesus Intercedes for Us

Psalms 107:1-15, Hebrews 4:14-5:10, Lamentations 3:52-58, James 5:13-18 Leadership in ancient Israel was vested in three offices, (1) Prophets, (2) Priests and (3) Kings. Usually their duties did not overlap, but there were exceptions. Ezekiel was both a prophet and a priest. King David performed the functions of a priest on one occasion (2nd Samuel 6-16) as did King Solomon.

Jesus was the exception. He was a High Priest, King and a Prophet. (Hebrew 2: 17 -3.1, Jesus was appointed by God He became flesh and dwelled on earth. He understands what humans go through because He was tempted but did not sin. Upon His crucifixion the curtain separating the Holy of Holies from all mankind tore (Luke 23:44-46). Jesus passed through into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father all might, opening the way for everyone to approach the throne of grace (Hebrews 4:16). He sits there and He intercedes for us. Matthew 4:1-11, Mark 1:12-13 and Luke 4:1-13 tells us that

Jesus was tempted in every way that we are because He was fully human and so He experienced what all humans experience. The devil tempted Jesus trying to get Him to deny His identity as Messiah.

Priests were put in charge of things that relate to God. This gave them a status of leadership and authority. This was for themselves and for the sake of the people. It was a leadership of servitude. The church some say is failing because (1) it is failing to adjust to cultural changes and it has compromised itself to cultural changes losing God's blessings.

The truth is the church can change its methods but never its message. The message is the faith we profess is that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

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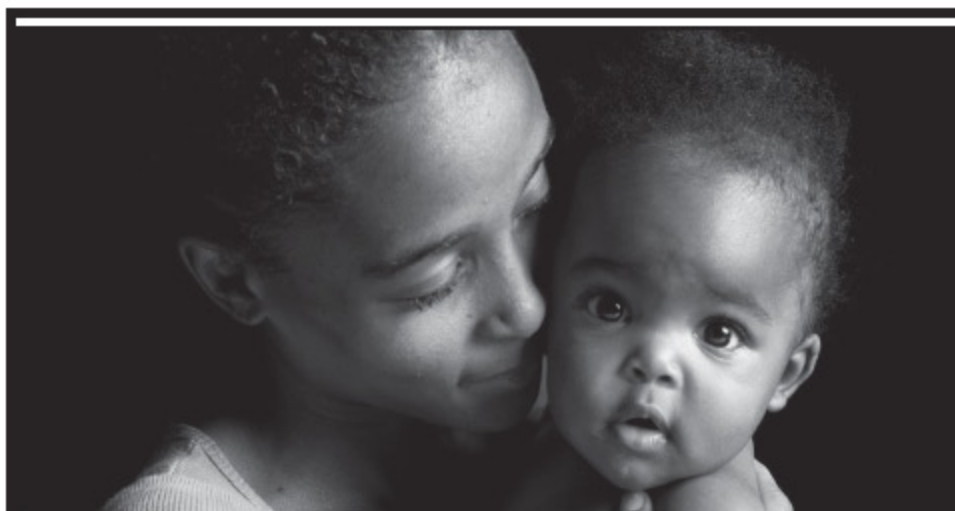
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# Church Youth Department presents pastor with gift



## Juneteenth Celebration & parade Saturday, June 18th

The parade begins downtown Rusk at 11:00AM. - Essie Hart, wife of the late Jerry Hart will be the Parade Marshall

The celebration begins inside the church as soon as the parade ends

Speakers: Coach Joel McGowan - Tameka Foreman - Teacher -Dallas both former Ruskites

The public is invited to participate Celebration will be held at Mt Pleasant CME Church & IC Conley City Park 138 Reeder Street Rusk, Tx. 75785

For Information contact anny member of the Cherokee Brotherhood Association or call (903) 721-3112

Left to right- Daphne Session - Youth Director and Primary Class Teacher, children in primary and junior Sunday School classes and Pastor Geraldine Harrison. Vanessa Mansel, Junior class teacher not pictured. The pastor was presented with a gift for her office.

### Why President Obama is the best ever con't from page 4

- Made the decision to inject \$62 billion in federal money into two of the three Detroit automakers, which helped stabilize the American automotive industry and helped save and create new jobs
- Signed the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act, which was designed to strengthen the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) program and provide coverage to significant numbers of uninsured children and to improve the quality of care they receive In 2010, President Obama:
- Signed the Fair Sentencing Act, which reduced the sentencing disparity between crack-cocaine
- Signed the Claims Resolution Act in 2009, which provided \$4.6 billion in funding for a legal settlement with African American farmers who the government had been found to have cheated out of loans and

natural resource royalties for years versus powder cocaine possession from 100 to 1 to 18 to 1 – a disparity that has disproportionately impacted African Americans in this country for decades

- Signed the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act into law in order to re-regulate the financial sector after they caused the catastrophic financial crisis

Care and Education Affordability Reconciliation Act, which prevents insurance companies from denying anyone insurance because they have a pre-existing condition; allows children to remain covered by their parents' insurance until the age of 26; and requires health insurance plans to disclose how much of the premium actually goes to patient care Signed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, or as we affectionately call it,

Obamacare, into law, which now allows over 32 million uninsured Americans to get health coverage in 2011, President Obama:

- \*Had known terrorist leader, Osama bin Laden, captured and killed by U.S. Special Forces troops left in December 2011

- Signed the FDA Food Safety

- Ordered all U.S. military forces out of Iraq, where the last Modernization Act, which aims to ensure the U.S. food supply is safe by shifting the focus from responding to contamination to preventing it

- Released new fuel standards to increase fuel efficiency for all new cars and trucks sold in the U.S., which will cover cars and light trucks through 2025, and will save consumers money, reduce our dependence on oil, and protect the environment

All of this was done during President Obama's first-term. There are so many other outstanding things that President Obama has done, that it would require more space on the page and more time to discuss. Oh, and don't forget that President Obama managed to get re-elected a second time, in spite of the elaborate schemes and deliberate attempts by his many detractors, who were hell-bent on destroying his astonishing legacy before it truly even began.

I just want to say congratulations to President Obama, who I believe will go down in the history books as the most successful and impactful president America has ever elected. And guess what? His legacy will become stronger and increasingly more relevant as time passes on.

Not bad for a guy who had an obstructionist group of legislators in the House and Senate, along with other external forces, wanting to make him a one-term president, huh?

## Alex P. Bryant sixteen year old writer photographer author babysitter



Alex P. Bryant, granddaughter of Odell and Jean Armstrong Hinton and Claude and Katie Armstrong of Jacksonville.

Alex Pilar Bryant is handling her business well at the young age of sixteen. She is a sophomore at Rocklin High School, Rocklin, California and is already on the path to a challenging career.

Alex's high school offers a full scope and sequence in journalism leading to production in all modern areas. In addition, the Communication Studies program continues to work toward full convergence of all media programs giving students opportunities to produce and publish media in a variety of formats. These include a traditional feature magazine, literary magazine and yearbook. In addition journalism is actively involved in the school's internal news feature broadcast (The Show), social media in a variety of formats, and online publication.

Alex is taking advantage of this full scope and sequence in journalism. She is a staff writer and photographer for *Living the Legend*, a neighborhood

newspaper and she has written her very own book and is now in the process of getting it published. In addition, Alex is a Junior Varsity cheerleader - flyer, tumbler and base. She is a member of the Anointed Dance Group at her church and is a certified Babysitter. She is well organized and balances her full schedule in a manner that is not a problem, but allows her to really enjoy what she is doing.

Alex's goals are to attend a four year university obtaining a degree in photography and in teacher education.

Her ambition is to work for National Geographic and to work at Disney land as the fairytale princess, Tiana.

Alex's parents are Daniel and Tur' ana Bryant and the family resides in Sacramento, California.

She is the granddaughter of Odell and Jean Armstrong Hinton and Claude and Katie Armstrong of Jacksonville, Texas

## Bentley - Hart to Wed



Kimberly Bentley and Quincy Hart

Mr. Percy Bentley and Ms. Lily Bentley and Mrs. Essie Hart and the late Jerry C. Hart announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Ms. Kimberly Bentley and their son Mr. Quincy Hart.

The happy couple will be married on Saturday, June 18, 2016 at the Legacy, Jacksonville, Texas.

Kimberly is a native of Arkansas. Quincy is a native of Rusk. The newly weds will reside in Conway, Arkansas.

## Terri from page 3

when Max and Maddie were born. Terri is a member of the Mt. Pleasant CME Church choir, the finance committee, the kitchen crew and a stewardess. She is assistant project manager helping contract special projects that have been ongoing at the church for the past ten or so years.

She has been a caregiver for her grandmother's both Mary Session and Hazel Sessions who were both ill for several years before they passed away. Now she does what she can to help her husband care for his father.

Terri celebrated her fiftieth birthday on March 17th. On March 12th of this year her husband and children decided it was payback time. They planned a surprise birthday party for her. Some how they were able to pull it off without her knowing.. When she entered the party

many of her co-workers, her family, some of her classmates from high school and her extended family were waiting to greet her. She was speechless.

Terri is just like so many other "Super Women who do the kinds of things everyday that Terri does.. There seems to be no project she won't tackle.

Through the years she and her sisters have been a part of producing the Texas Informer.

Terri's schedule this week has included several trips to building material stores, helping Krystal plan for Max's graduation Thursday evening at six and their birthday party at the museum on Sunday. She and Floyd also have children Amber who lives in Lufkin and Brent who lives in Dallas.

The one thing grander than the sea is the sky.  
The one thing grander than the sky is the spirit  
of the human being.

~author unknown

## What's Cooking?



### Lemon Mini Tarts

Cute individual desserts are quick to make, using refrigerated pie crust. When you want just a little sweet, they're the ticket!

#### Ingredients

1 cup milk 1 box (4-serving size) lemon instant pudding and pie filling mix 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel 1 crust from 1 box Pillsbury™ refrigerated pie crusts Strawberry halves, lemon slices or other fresh fruit Fresh mint leaves  
discard scraps. Fit rounds into 16 (2 3/4-inch) ungreased muffin cups, pressing in gently. Generously prick crusts with fork. Bake 5 to 7 minutes or until very light golden brown. Remove from pan; cool completely.  
4. Spoon lemon filling into tart shells. Garnish with sliced fruit and mint leaves. If desired, sprinkle with powdered sugar

#### Directions

1. In medium bowl, beat milk and pudding mix 2 minutes with electric mixer at medium speed or 2 to 3 minutes with wire whisk until well blended. Stir in lemon peel. Refrigerate.
2. Allow 1 pie crust pouch to stand at room temperature 15 to 20 minutes. (Refrigerate remaining crust for another use.)
3. Heat oven to 450°F. Remove pie crust from pouch. Using rolling pin, roll crust to 15-inch diameter. With lightly floured 3-inch round cutter, cut 16 rounds from crust;

#### Strawberry Citrus Punch Recipe

- Combine Ingredients:
- 1 can (12 ounces) frozen pink lemonade concentrate
  - 1 small can (6 ounces) frozen orange juice concentrate
  - 1 package (10 ounces) frozen strawberries in syrup
  - 3 cups water
  - 1 bottle (28 ounces) cold ginger ale
  - ice

## OBITUARIES

### Mr. Lafayette L. Ragsdale

Lafayette Lois Ragsdale was born April 8, 1936 to the parents of B. B. and O. Cleaver Ragsdale in Jacksonville, Texas. He passed away from this life on March 15, 2016 at TMF- Tyler, Texas.

He was reared in the Mt. Haven Community and was united in holy matrimony with Earline Ragsdale on June 1, 1963. He was the proud father of six children.

Mr. Ragsdale was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ House of Prayer, Cuney, Texas. He loved his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and served faithfully at his church until his health failed. He retired from the Coca-Cola Bottling Company.

Those who preceded him in death were his parents, wife Earline, sisters: Joy Haugabrooks, Otha Tilley, Nadine Kirby, Louise Battle; brother: Brelon Ragsdale, and daughter Veda Grandberry and granddaughter Anita Kirby.

Those left to cherish his memories are sons: Don Ragsdale, Rodney Ragsdale, and Larry Robeerts(Brenda), daughters: Vickie Ragsdale and Annie Martinez; sister Theopia Braggs. He also leaves 19 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. Services were held Saturday, March 19, 2016 at Sweet Union Baptist Church with Rev. Claudell Anderson Eulogist.

Burial was at rest Haven Cemetery, Jacksonville, Texas under the directions of Community Funeral Home .

### Mr. Lonnie D. Henry

Lonnie D. Henry was born to the late Hugh Holman and Arrie Burns on December 9, 1918 in Sulfur Springs, Texas. She entered eternal rest on March 25, 2016.

At an early age she confessed her faith in Christ and united with the Sweet Union Baptist Church where she was a member of the choir, Deaconess, Mission Circle #1 and Benevolence committee.

Lonnie lived and worked in the Dallas area for twenty-five years, later returning to Jacksonville where she met and married Elvin Henry. She possessed a beautiful personality and was always willing to lend a helping hand.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Elvin Henry, daughter Jerline Nelson, three sisters and four brothers.

She leaves to cherish her memory granddaughter Glenda Waddell, two great grandchildren Steven and Jonelle Speaker, two special nieces Annie aholman, and Alisa Orji, several nieces, nephews and friends.

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# The Great Migration

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government kept a "vigilant watch" over the Defender and several Black newspapers, which were feared of having ties to the Communist Party. The Atlanta Independent, a defunct newspaper that ran from 1903 to 1928, was also prohibited from being circulated.

Despite the challenges, the Defender still flourished. A shrewd businessman, Abbott by 1920, employed 563 newsboys to sell his paper on the street. In Southern states, Black Pullman Porters from Chicago smuggled the paper on the trains and dropped them off to a pickup person. Many did so while risking their jobs and lives. They were also carried in churches, barbershops and black businesses. In the early twentieth century, the Defender was the best selling Black newspaper in the country.

Another banned Black newspaper, the Pittsburgh Courier (now the New Pittsburgh Courier), used the Black Pullman Porters to carry out its "Stop and Drop" campaign, where a bundle of papers were dropped before they were sold. The Courier's readership also skyrocketed. With papers in fourteen major cities, the Courier's weekly circulation peaked at 500,000, according to news reports. Today, the Black Press is faced with new challenges and opportunities. With race relations back in the nation's spotlight, the

Black Press is poised to bounce back after years of declining readership. There are also fading job opportunities in the North that are fueling what many are calling a reverse migration. Many Blacks whose parents and grandparents moved to the North are heading back south. According to the U.S. Census, between 2000 and 2010, an estimated 1,336,097 Blacks moved to Southern cities alone, according to the Brookings Institute, which based the study on recent U.S. Census data.

In 2011, Atlanta overtook Chicago as the city with the second largest Black population. Chicago is number three while New York maintains the top spot.

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A man who stands  
for nothing  
will fall for anything.  
~Malcom X

*Remember your mother every day, but if you are blessed enough to still have her, show her special love on Sunday, May 10th which is Mother's Day!*

# My name is Cocaine

(anonomous)

My name is Cocaine - call me Coke for short.  
I entered this country without a passport.  
Ever since then I've made lots of scum rich.  
Some have been murdered and found in a ditch.  
I'm more valued than diamonds, more treasured than gold.  
Use me just once and you too will be sold.  
I'll make a schoolboy forget his books.  
I'll make a beauty queen forget her looks.  
I'll take renowned speaker and make a bore.  
I'll take a mother and make her a whore.  
I'll make a schoolteacher forget how to teach.  
I'll make a preacher not want to preach.  
I'll take all your rent money and you'll get evicted.  
I'll murder your babies or they'll be born addicted.

# Poetry Corner

I'll make you rob and steal and kill.  
When you're under my power you have no will.  
Remember my friend my name is "Big C".  
If you try me just one time you may never be free.  
I've destroyed actors, politicians and many a hero.  
I've decreased bank accounts from millions to zero.  
I make shooting and stabbing a common affair.  
Once I take charge you won't have a prayer.  
Now that you know me what will you do?  
You'll have to decide, It's all up to you.  
The day you agree to sit in my saddle.  
The decision is one that no one can straddle.  
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## The Great Migration

flourished with economic the imagination of some six million Blacks, who for the longest time, yearned for prosperity and freedom.

They came from the South, a region whose economy was still struggling from the devastation caused by the Civil War and slavery. For thousands of Black families, jobs opportunities were few. The American dream remained distant and many could not read or write because of the lack of schools in segregated neighborhoods.

When several Black newspapers landed in the hands of many Black southerners, eyes widened and hopes grew. Headlines and stories that detailed the lives newly planted Black migrants triggered seismic migration and established the Black Press as a significant institution, one that would come under heavy scrutiny as it fiercely advocated the civil rights of Blacks across the country. The Black Press was around long before the Great Migration, beginning with Freedom's Journal in 1827. However, historians argue that the Great Migration was a major chapter in history that helped define the Black Press.

In Chicago, many Black men secured jobs as Pullman Porters, which historians say established the city's Black middle class. Before the mass migration 67 Blacks worked in Chicago's Union Stockyards, where they slaughtered and process meat and cattle. After the first migration, the number hovered around 3,000. Most Black Pullman Porters and Stockyard workers were earning higher wages than the jobs they left in the South. On the South Side, the editor of the now defunct Chicago Bee, James Gentry, first coined the named "Bronzeville" because of the newly arrived Blacks from the South. The Chicago Crusader, which originated in the Ida B. Wells housing projects in 1940, published stories that advocated more job opportunities and housing as more Black migrants arrived. Other Black newspapers such as the Chicago Defender, Pittsburgh Courier, Philadelphia Tribune and New York Amsterdam News printed inspiring stories that sparked a migration explosion that began in 1916. Because of the Great Depression, the movement would cool before thousands more would

move North between the 1950s and 1970s. One hundred years later, historians and residents today are marking the milestone with celebrations and seminars to educate a young generation whose parents and grandparents likely migrated from the South. White newspapers during the Great Migration did not print stories about Blacks or their progress. The newspaper that has been widely credited for sparking the Great Migration is the Chicago Defender, a newspaper that was started with just 25 cents by Robert Sengstacke Abbott in 1905. Because of racism, Abbott, a native of Savannah Georgia, was unable to establish a law practice in Chicago and Gary, Ind. After he founded the paper in the kitchen of his landlord's apartment, Abbott wrote scathing editorials against racism and ran stories that highlighted the success of Blacks migrants in Chicago. He urged readers to leave the South and posted job listings, train schedules, and photos of the best schools, parks and housing in the city, in comparison to the deplorable conditions in the South. Because of its coverage, the Defender gained a heavy readership. According to various news reports, the paper was read aloud during church services, in barbershops, homes and on the streets. With stories on Black culture, weddings and lifestyles, the Defender became a must read for Blacks. The paper's readership went from 10,000 in 1916 to 230,000 in a week. During that time, as many as four readers reportedly shared a copy of the Defender. Some White newsstands refused to carry the paper. In Mississippi, one county banned the Defender, declaring it "German propaganda." In Pine Bluff, Arkansas, the city sued to get an injunction to prohibit the circulation of the Defender. Eighteen Black leaders including two ministers were named defendants in the lawsuit. In addition, the FBI began spying on the Defender six months before World War I, according to the Black Press Research Collective, a group of scholars who posted the report in March 2013. The report said the

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The Great Migration



PCOURIER1 The Pittsburgh Courier's circulation averaged 500,000 readers weekly during the Great Migration. (Pittsburgh Courier archives)

transform major cities in the Midwest, Northeast, and West. It's also a period that gave birth to "Bronzeville" as a Black Metropolis, where thriving businesses, prominent writers and artists flourished during the Harlem Renaissance.

The force behind this movement was the Black Press. And behind the Black Press was the FBI and city officials who aimed to keep Blacks in their place. Most Blacks who migrated from the South were poor Black men who

temporarily left behind families while risking their lives for a future that was uncertain. Their wives and children would stay behind until the men would secure better paying jobs that would support their families. With little money and the long journey, many did survive the trip.

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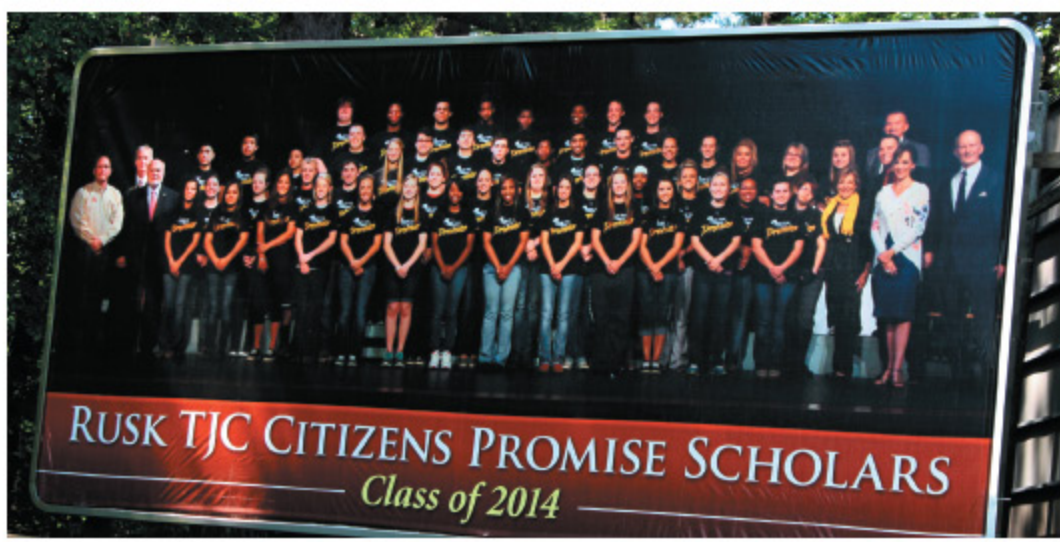
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