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Clock Ticking for J. C. Watts

By: Hazel Trice Edney
NNPA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—Rep. J. C. Watts—Chairman of the House Republican Conference, member of the Armed Services Committee and of the Special Oversight Panel on Terrorism—has only 10 minutes before a 3 p.m. briefing on homeland security.

As Jack Horner, his senior legislative director, gives him last minute details in the conference office, his deputy chief of staff, Elroy Sailor, chides a reporter for trying to squeeze in a question for a story about his decision to leave Congress when his term ends in January.

"No questions. I've told you, only photographs," Sailor says. But, hearing the question, the feisty congressman can't resist. "Elroy always gives me excellent advice that I usually follow...I'll take my chances and overrule him this time," Watts says, focusing on the question, which was, "Why didn't you ever join the Congressional Black Caucus?" He says, "I will answer that question by asking this, 'Has there ever been a White congressman who was asked that question?... Is there any reason that I should join?... It has no bearing on what I've done for Black colleges and uni-

versities. It has no bearing on what I've done on minority health care disparities...."

Walking swiftly from behind the huge mahogany desk and across the royal blue carpet, the

He's combative as his staff watches anxiously. "What did the Clinton administration do on it?" he challenges. "What did President Clinton do on it?" Still talking, he strides through the doorway and down the gray hallway of the Longworth Building, three legislative aides, the reporter and photographer in tow. The meeting, at the Capitol, starts in seven minutes. He urges, "Write as an American."



Rep. J.C. Watts (R-Okla.), who is leaving Congress after this term, says, "Both parties have work to do when it comes to the Black community. I've never denied that."

former most-valuable-player quarterback of the 1979 and 1980 Orange Bowl for the University of Oklahoma, heads towards the door. He then stops for another question - about President Bush and Attorney General John Ashcroft's failure to follow through on racial profiling—despite Watts' claim that he urged them to do so.

not without a caveat: "At the same time, my father was a police officer and I've learned that not everything that appears to be racial profiling is always racial profiling."

Leaving the reporter, Watts is in his element as he strides down the hallway, chased by his conference staff. To their cha-

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Dallas' Al Lipscomb Welcomes Chance to Clear His Name

By: Sharon Egiebor
Special to the NNPA from the Dallas Examiner

DALLAS (NNPA)—Time. Al Lipscomb, during his more than two years serving

time since April 2000 to do as he pleased.

Last Friday, a three-judge panel of the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals overturned his conviction and ordered a new trial. The U.S.



Al Lipscomb maintains constant communication with friends, family and political officials from his Oak Cliff home, sometimes on as many as three phones at one time.

Some days there was too much time. Time to sit and reflect on more than 30 years of a public and political life. Time to worry about the effects

his federal conviction on 65 counts of bribery and conspiracy was having on his children and grandchildren. "Thank you, Father. Thank you, God," Lipscomb said. "That was smothering."

On Monday, a U.S. probation official snipped off the electronic bracelet from the former Dallas City councilman's wrist that tethered him to the penal system. He was free for the first

came down the other day, I could see the relief on some of the family members. It was swoosh, they had been holding in."

The appeals court said U.S. District Judge Joe Kendall erred when he moved the trial from Dallas to Amarillo without the request of the prosecution or the defense. In Amarillo, Lipscomb, who had spent decades fighting

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Candidates for DISD School Board Defend Their Positions and Renew Their Pledges for New Term

By: Monica Thornton

As the Dallas Independent School District (DISD) Board Elections approach (Saturday July 28), three African-American incumbents spoke out to defend their positions on the Board and their reputations against the derogatory remarks made by Harry Tanner, Executive Director of the Dallas Breakfast Group.

In a letter to the Breakfast Group, Mr. Tanner said he expected Ron Price, Dr. Lew Blackburn and Hollis Brashear to undercut the superintendent (Mr. Moses) on some issues, "especially those relating to personnel assignments and construction and supplier contracts." He further went on to say that if an independent and competent opponent surfaced against Ron Price "I would support that person."

Mr. Ron Price, Mr. Hollis Brashear and Dr. Lew Blackburn all found the letter to be disturbing, and targeted against the African-American incumbents.

"On a personal level I was disappointed that I didn't get more of an endorsement from the Group, as they endorsed me last year," said Dr. Blackburn. "And on another level, they seemed to not endorse any of the three African-Americans. It seems that they were discounting the services of the African American Board members."

Mr. Price seemed particularly puzzled as to why he was

singled out as during the search for a new superintendent he was the person who submitted Mr. Moses' name to the Board.

"Why would I undermine the Superintendent, Dr. Moses? He is the former Commissioner of Education for the State of Texas, as well as my former Principal in Junior High School," said Mr. Price. "During the Superintendent search, the Board was at a stand still. I received a call that Dr. Moses might be interested, so I submitted his name to the Board."

Mr. Brashear said the only angle Mr. Tanner could be coming from "is that we (Price, Blackburn and Brashear) always insist that the District meets our policy that minorities and women would be encouraged to participate in as many projects as possible."

"The remarks concerning us three as far as undercutting the superintendent are totally false," he continued. "We will always ask questions about minority or women participation in all contracts, and especially those that appear to be sound."

MON-The Gazette endorses Mr. Ron Price, Mr. Hollis Brashear and Dr. Lew Blackburn. In the State of Texas all School Board members are elected and receive no compensation. They also must live in the district they represent. Each of these incumbents spends an

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'GETTING YOUR VOTE to COUNT'

by Belinda G. Alexander

The right to vote is considered the most important responsibility in a democracy. Those whose voting rights have been suppressed or obstructed most understand the vote's value. The empowerment of casting a ballot and being counted is a democratic decision toward freedom.

Those groups of American citizens designated as 'Minorities'—know the importance of being counted. African Americans more than others should understand the struggle and plight of voter's rights. As with most significant movements in the march to civil rights, the true spirit of 'Voters Rights' was born and nurtured in the black church and community.

The Voting Rights movement was conceived and brought to life on the pews of black churches. After much bloodshed and sacrifice, the Voting Rights Act of 1965 became a reality. Even after this ruling, many people of color were denied this right of active citizenship. African-Americans were primary victims of this suppression, however many additional groups were labeled as inferior and treated as such.

Along with the traditional privilege exclusion of Blacks were Hispanics, Native Americans, Jews and Asians. As with any tradition, change did not occur until the people took an empowered collective stand against that which was wrong. Organized active participation continues to be the true movement to accomplish change.

In America's recent history, it appears individuals demand an emotional reason and critical personal benefit to vote. If these factors are not shown to be in compromise, our society tends to sit back and just go-with-the-flow. The problem is that the flow tends to pick up momentum when going down-hill and there comes a time when you may be pulled into the undercurrent, thrashed into the rocks and even washed away into the seas of disparity. It is a sad fact is that too many potentially empowered voters tend to insist on inactivity until the opportunity to take effect has long passed on.

'NEVER GIVE UP YOUR RIGHT!'

The importance of disenfranchised groups Americans to exercise that right to vote is truly a matter of life and death. Too many in 'minority' communities have grown to accept this negative stigmatism of humanity. The only way to shake of the label is to remove it personally.

A so-called minority population can have a majority effect on the outcome of any given election. The most significant effect can be felt immediately after an Election Day.

It is important that everyone registers to vote. The fate of Americans will be marked and set as we proceed into a new era of civic uncertainty and global unrest. The voting people will decide on the direction this country and the world as our future advances over the new horizon. Our participation or the lack of participation will have immediate consequences and tangible rewards.

OH VOTER, WHERE ART THOU?"

With so much evidence on the importance of the American voter and the obvious low turnout it is time to ask, "Where is the American Voter?" The most important factor in any election is voter turnout. There has been much discussion as to

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On the Homefront:

Come cheer on the finest men and women of the Frisco Police and Fire Department at the National Night Out Softball Game, on Saturday, August 3 from 7:00 p.m. to finish, at Shawnee Trails Sports Complex, 6501 Hillcrest.

Check it out! Beka Books Sale, on Thursday, August 3 at Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., and 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. It is a home school curriculum and textbook sale. Admission is free. For more information contact Mickey Pierce at (877) 223-5226.

Shop Till' You Drop—Carol Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller, announces that the annual Sales Tax Holiday is coming up August 2nd-4th! Start making your shopping list for back-to-school clothes for the kids and new clothes for mom and dad. During the Sales Tax Holiday, most clothes and shoes priced under \$100 are exempt from state and local sales taxes.

Tax-Free! Go Shop For Me! On Friday, August 2 drop your children off for a morning of swimming, climbing, water games, snacks and more while you take advantage of the first shopping day during the statewide sales tax holiday weekend. Kids activities from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. for children 7 years and older, at the Don Rodenbaugh Natatorium, at 110 E. Rivercrest. This special child-drop off activity is hosted in cooperation with Allen Premium Outlets. Parents can receive a voucher for a center wide coupon book from Allen Premium Outlets. For more information call (972) 747-4150.

The Beyond Gifts 2nd Annual Art & Craft Show, will be held at Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway, on Saturday, August 10, 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, noon - 5:00 p.m. Activities for the entire family, unique art and crafts. There will be a prize drawing. Admission is free. For more information contact Beyond Gifts at (972) 612-2863 or email beyondgifts@earthlink.net or log on to <http://www.mjsenterprises.com>.

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Church Offers Divorce Recovery Workshop

By: Tobl Hicks

All Nations United Methodist Church will sponsor a divorce recovery group held at the church, 3415 E. 14th Street, in Plano, beginning Tuesday of this week at 7:00p.m.

This workshop is designed for anyone who is divorced or is going through a divorce. The group will focus on the various stages of divorce and teach divorce coping skills. It will meet for a period of six weeks for one and one-half hours per week. The workshop has a nominal \$5 administration fee and is open to the public. The recovery group will help people realize that they are not alone and that there are many others that know what they are

going through. It is also designed to provide participants with ways to deal with the various issues and problems that impact divorcing couples and families. Bill Adams, a retired clinical social worker and chemical dependency counselor, who has based the recovery group on the exhaustive study of the dynamics of divorce and divorce recovery, will teach the group.

Registration for the group will be on Tuesdays August 6 and 13 at 7:00p.m. in the All Nations UMC Fellowship Hall. For more information about the recovery group contact Rev. Dr. Clara M. Reed, pastor of All Nations United Methodist Church at (972) 424-8500.

5th Annual Fun with the Son August 3, 2002

By: Tobl Hicks

On August 3, 2002, bring the entire family out to the 5th Annual Fun with the Son Family Event & School Supplies Giveaway. This event will be held at Old Settler's Park Recreation Center, on 1201 East Louisiana Street, East McKinney, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00p.m.

Families are encouraged to volunteer. If you and your family are interested in volunteering, here are a few ways you can. Pray for event participants to come to know Christ. Pray for the committee to have clarity of thought and effectiveness while planning this event. Financial support—each School Supply bag will require \$15 of support. Any gift, small or large, will be appreciated. A great way to involve your children in this event is to help them raise enough money themselves to

provide at least one bag for another child. Help out in the community. You could also help out by simply stuffing School Supply Bags, on Saturday, July 27th, from 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m. Volunteers will assemble bags at the FBC Fairview Worship Center. There will be 900 children and 200 adult bags to fill so many volunteers will be needed. Volunteers are also needed to mingle in the crowd and share the gospel, face painting, gospel bracelet making, cookie baking, registration table support, trucks are needed to move the supplies, and the list goes on.

For more information or to volunteer contact Tom Weichel at (214) 544-1176, Darrell Heinrichs at (972) 547-6116, or Samantha Coxen in the Church Office at (972) 529-5537 Ext. 100.

Letter to the Editor

RE: The Gazette, June 13-19 issue article on "Juneteenth".

The article raised the question as to why the Emancipation Proclamation, issued Jan. 1, 1863, was not applied in Texas until June 19, 1865 and offered several answers, none of which were accurate.

First, based on the proclamation itself (copy enclosed, highlighting mine), the intent was to free only the slaves in the part of the United States that were "in rebellion against the United States," that is, obviously, the southern states that called themselves the Confederate States of America and even in those states there were noted exceptions in the document (highlighting again mine.)

Second, the Emancipation Proclamation was a political move by President Lincoln to solidify the Union against a common cause: to elevate the Civil War from a battle over regional, economic and societal differences to a fight for justice for ALL and to preserve the United States as one country, undivided.

The proclamation also invited former slaves into the U.S. Army (but not on anything like an equal basis, but that is a different story for a different time.)

Third, and here is where Juneteenth originates. The Emancipation Proclamation had NO effect whatsoever until the U.S. defeated the Confederacy. As Union troops advanced through the South, slaves were indeed freed based upon the Proclamation. However, Texas was never overrun by the Union. In fact there

were only four battles fought in Texas: Sabine Pass, Galveston Island, Laredo, and Palmito Ranch (which was fought AFTER the war was actually over) and none of which were really very important as Civil War battles are concerned. This set the stage for two important facts of Texas history. One, the Texas infrastructure, as such actually existed, was not devastated as was the rest of the South. Two, the Texas slaves were not freed DURING the Civil War, as was the case in other Confederate States, which the Union captured as the war progressed. Therefore, the Texas slaves were freed only after the Civil War ended when General Granger arrived on June 19, 1865, to inform one and all that the war is over and the slaves were consequently freed. Juneteenth remained particularly a TEXAS event for the most part.

As a child living in Columbus, Texas, I remember the Juneteenth celebration: the whole town closed down, BIG parade, picnic at the local park attended by black and white folks from all over Colorado County.

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Letter to the Editor

I think I wrote something on this subject earlier in the year, but what the heck, here it comes up again. Years ago when I was a kid, television was just coming into existence and was more of a novelty than a source of entertainment. As I recall I think we had three channels to choose from, all in black and white with nothing able to be seen until sometimes late in the afternoons. No one seemed to be overly 'obsessed' with the fact that we didn't have anything to be 'glued' to for long periods of every day. In fact, the first programs that were broadcast could easily be taken or left unwatched without any problems. We had other things to occupy our time. We talked, we read, we visited our neighbors. For kids, we played. We rode bicycles and did things kids are supposed to do.

Somehow over these past years this concept seems to have changed. Now, we get regular reports on the number of hours in every week that the average American spends watching their television. We have chosen to use the device as an escape from reality. What truly amazes me and causes me to digress back to this subject again is the new infusion of so called 'reality' shows, which are coming on line for all of us to watch. Isn't it ironic that millions of people in the world are choosing to shut the door on real life relationships and sit in front of some electronic piece of machinery to watch how other people live? I truthfully believe we are living in strange times, when the number one rated program at this time is a 'reality' program centered around an aging rock star and his family who can't string more than four or five words together without using a word of profanity. One word in general is used so often that if it was eliminated from the program, you be watching a silent movie. I suppose since we have umpteen numbers of channels available twenty-four hours each day, it was inevitable that

television producers would soon run out of program content. But, please do we really want to know what Anna Nicole Smith and Liza Minnelli do in the bathrooms at their homes? I don't. Who really cares if Sean "P Diddy" Combs knows how to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich? Have we morphed into such a lemming like culture that producers actually believe we are interested in peeking in on the lives of the famous and not so famous people in order to fill up our days and make our lives more enjoyable? Are we that shallow? I think not. I do believe we have a segment of our population who cannot or will not interact with other members of our society on a regular basis. Television is not the problem. Addiction to television is a problem. At our home we receive about three hundred channels of programming. On any given day there may be one or at the most, two that I feel are actually worth my time to watch. Not so much more than when television first came out when I was a kid. I challenge you to do this, look at the programming guide before you tune into some program. If it says something like..."Two drifters, who robbed a bank get picked up by a psychotic driving to Las Vegas where they encounter a vampire cult." Save yourself, run don't walk to the library or to your neighbors or call your mother. Our time is all the same, we get the exact amount handed to us each day, we need to use it wisely and with some thought, not to be squandered on the mindless drivel that some entertainment production companies think we are only capable of being interested in. Come to think of it, those three channels operating for a limited number of hours each day when I was a kid sounds like a pretty good idea to me. Comments go to www.peary.com

Peary Perry

Local TV Anchor to Speak to Students

All Nations United Methodist Church is having a back-to-school Workshop on Saturday August 3rd.

FOX 4 TV's Anchor person, Ms. Clarice Tinsley will speak to the students about the importance of staying in school.

For more information contact Jacqueline Robinson (972) 529-5537 Ext. 100.

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THE TRUTH CLINIC SUPPORTING THE BLACK PRESS

By Jim Breedlove

The Black Press has a long and distinguished history. It has been in existence for almost 175 years. From the "Freedom's Journal" established in New York by two free Negroes in 1827, to the "North Star" in 1847 which was later named "Frederick Douglass's Paper" to the modern day news journals, we've seen the Black Press exhibit a forceful voice, initially against slavery and later against civil and economic discrimination. The Black Press served as an advocate for black concerns when the mainstream white media ignored or misrepresented these issues.

The founders of Freedom's Journal asserted the need to "plead our own cause," a need which remains as essential today as it was at any other time in our history.

While times have changed, the demeaning portrayal of blacks in mainstream media is still present and the Black Press continues to fight for its very existence.

We must never forget the implications of the perverse images presented by white media through such offerings as "Birth of a Nation", Aunt Jemima, Rastus, and Amos 'N Andy; all designed to distort the race. And it still goes on through modern depictions of criminal characterizations, fly entertainers, and derogatory buffoons.

We must remind ourselves of the treacheries that can occur without a diligent, independent Black Press. Remember the insidious attacks when the controversial "double V" campaign was initiated by the Pittsburgh Courier during World War II? The "double V" symbol stood for victory at war over enemies 'from without', and victory at home against the enemy of prej-

udice 'from within'.

J. Edgar Hoover chose to view the 'double V' campaign as an opportunity to accuse the Black Press and its publishers with acts of sedition. He sought to indict black publishers for treason. Hearing of Hoover's intentions, John Sengstacke, publisher of the Chicago Defender, insisted on meeting with Attorney General Francis Biddle. Sengstacke convinced Biddle that it was the black press's duty to print the truth, and that African Americans only sought their due rights and privileges as citizens.

Other attempts, such as Hoover's, to destroy the black press failed. In fact, the papers' combined circulation reached a record high of two million readers each week by the end of the war.

But, even today most Black Press Publishers are financially strapped and cannot fulfill the need of supplying critical and timely information essential to the empowerment of our communities or to stay abreast of current media technology.

John J. Oliver, president of the NNPA, which represents more than 200 Black newspapers across the country, said "Less than 10 percent have a regularly maintained website."

There is no doubt, the Black Press is not perfect. But, for decades, it has been there for us. It was our mouthpiece and focused the spotlight on treachery that racists preferred to perform in the dead of night. And now, it is time for us to support our Black press.

Many black organizations recognize the precarious position of the Black Press but address the dire situation with empty words of concern and grandiose resolutions. But, it is

well known that if your words have true meaning you will put your money where your mouth is.

One worth while solution would be for the various black organizations (fraternal, social, civic, religious) to join forces with their local Black Press in a pact of mutual support.

This support could take the form of financial aid, volunteering, or contributing other in kind services. Because most black newspapers live hand to mouth sufficient trained staff cannot be hired. Reporters, editorialists, and columnists are forced to work for the mainstream media in order to make ends meet. Artists, ad salespersons, skilled layout craftsmen, and proofreaders are in short supply.

But, it is a two way street. The Black press should reach out to the public. Owners need to recognize that they are the inheritors of a national institution that needs to serve the black community and not be just "my" personal business. Students at all levels should be encouraged to visit the local newspapers. Let the journalism classes spend time at the news office to learn the mechanics of writing articles, editing, proofreading, layouts, and the general business of putting a paper out.

The Black press must remain a free, fearless and uncompromised voice of the people, the Black people. Black America cannot afford to have the Black Press surrender its independence to special interests with money to spend. Blacks must support and maintain our Black Press for our special needs. To do less, is to fail our people.

Comments or opinions may be sent to the writer at jaydubub@swbell.net

Mt. Olive Church of Plano Presents: A Mini Dance Concert and the President of God's Woman Conferences

On July 28, 2002, at the 10:45 Sunday Worship Service, Mt. Olive Church of Plano will present a mini Praise Dance Concert. For those who are interested in participating in the Praise Dance Concert, a workshop will be held on July 27th from 10 am to 2 pm. Minister Charlyn Michelle Singleton will be the guest speaker ministering the Word of God.

Everyone is invited and we believe you will be richly inspired, greatly informed, and most of all, encouraged to go on in the power of Jesus Christ!

Minister Charlyn Michelle Singleton, an articulate and captivating speaker has touched thousands of lives through her dynamic teachings and ministering of the Word.

As President of God's



Charlyn Michelle Singleton

Woman Conferences, a nationwide ministry that brings thousands of women to conferences each year, Minister Charlyn teaches principles in the Word of God and challenges the women to practice these principles in

their everyday life.

Minister Charlyn is also the President of "Moments That Matter Ministries". Her feeling is that it is the moments you spend in the Word of God that will matter in life.

Minister Charlyn is the wife of Chuck Singleton, Senior Pastor of Loveland Church in Southern California, and the mother of four sons, and two spiritual daughters.

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Magazine Names Parkland One of America's Best Hospitals

By: Tobin Hicks

For the ninth consecutive year, Parkland Memorial Hospital has been named one of U.S. News & World Report's best hospitals. The annual listing appeared in the July 22nd edition of the magazine, which hit newsstands July 15th.

Parkland is recognized in 11 categories, including Digestive Disorders, Geriatrics, Gynecology, Health & Heart Surgery, Hormonal Disorders, Kidney Disease, Neurology & Neurosurgery, Orthopedics, Rheumatology, Urology, and Ears, Nose & Throat.

"To be recognized in this

capacity, especially on such a consistent basis, speaks volumes about the dedication of our physicians, nurses and support staff," said Dr. Ron J. Anderson, Parkland's President and Chief Executive Officer. "The University of Texas Southern Medical Center also shares in this honor as our partner in accomplishing the mission to provide quality health care to all members of the community."

In order to be considered a candidate for the list of "Best Hospitals," a medical facility must meet one of three standards. The facility must be a member of the Council of

Teaching Hospitals, affiliated with a medical school, or provide at least nine out of 17 prescribed technological services.

The U.S. News & World Report then asks 150 board certified specialists in each field to name five hospitals they consider to be "best in field." Mortality ratios and data from annual surveys by the American Hospitals Association and its members will be evaluated.

For more information about Parkland and America's Best Hospitals, log on to U.S. News & World Report's website at www.usnews.com.

Seeking Foundation In Son's Name

Jason and Sherrie Hubbard, of McKinney, give thanks to God for all of the elevations and devastations that they have faced over the years. On New Years Eve in 1998, Mrs. Hubbard gave birth to Jordan. Jordan was the picture of health. At eight months, other than difficulty in controlling salivation, Jordan progressed normally for a child his age. Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard thought the excessive salivation had to do with teething.

In May of 2000, Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard noticed that Jordan would collapse when falling. Jordan's primary care physician, Dr. Frank Martinez of Allen, referred Jordan to Dr. Van Miller of Plano. Dr. Van Miller is a specialist in movement disorders. They noticed similarities between Jordan's movements and the movements of his grandmother (Jason's mother). Jason's mother had an undiagnosed illness in which she first had to use a cane, then a walker and now a wheelchair. Dr. Miller diagnosed Jordan with spino cerebellar ataxia (SCA), a rare genetic disorder. Jason's mother tested positive for SCA. An MRI revealed that the genetic disorder had passed down to Jordan. At the age of two, Jordan was terminally ill. Sherri was preg-

nant with her second child. Sydney, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard, has been tested for SCA. They wait for the test results. SCA typically doesn't reveal itself in childhood. The genetic disorder does not skip generations, and Mr. Hubbard also has SCA, from which he may eventually die. Mr. Hubbard experiences loss of balance. He said that it could be SCA, but then again he is getting older. He regularly conducts tests that he hope will give him an early warning.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard took photographs and filmed videos to remember good times with Jordan. The Hubbards gave thanks to God and their church, Greenville Avenue Church of Christ in Richardson, for loving kindness. They feel that Jordan helped them become better Christians, better parents and better spouses.

Even when the insurance

refused to provide necessary

items, they fought for their son,

and miracles occurred in every

instance. Mr. Hubbard said that

when they were denied a feeding

chair, a medical supply company

donated one to them.

Jordan developed like a

healthy child. He learned how to

walk and then eventually learned to run. Jordan enjoyed listening to music, eating popcorn and playing with his favorite red and white ball. Jordan's health steadily declined. He began to fall to the ground, then crawl, and was finally paralyzed. A feeding tube was inserted into his stomach because he could no longer swallow. He could no longer talk. Mrs. Hubbard said that the very last thing he lost was his beautiful smile. On March 29, 2002, Jordan passed away of respiratory failure, a complication of spino cerebellar ataxia.

Statistics indicates that less than 150,000 in the United States have SCA or are susceptible to the disorder. The Hubbards are seeking a non profit foundation in Jordan's name to raise money for ataxia research and to assist families with medical and durable supplies that are not covered by insurance. The Jordan Hubbard Memorial Walk will be held on September 21, beginning at Russell Park in Plano, where a tree was planted for Jordan by Early Childhood Intervention. The theme is "Building Upon a Dream." For more information email Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard at: hubbard_jason@msn.com

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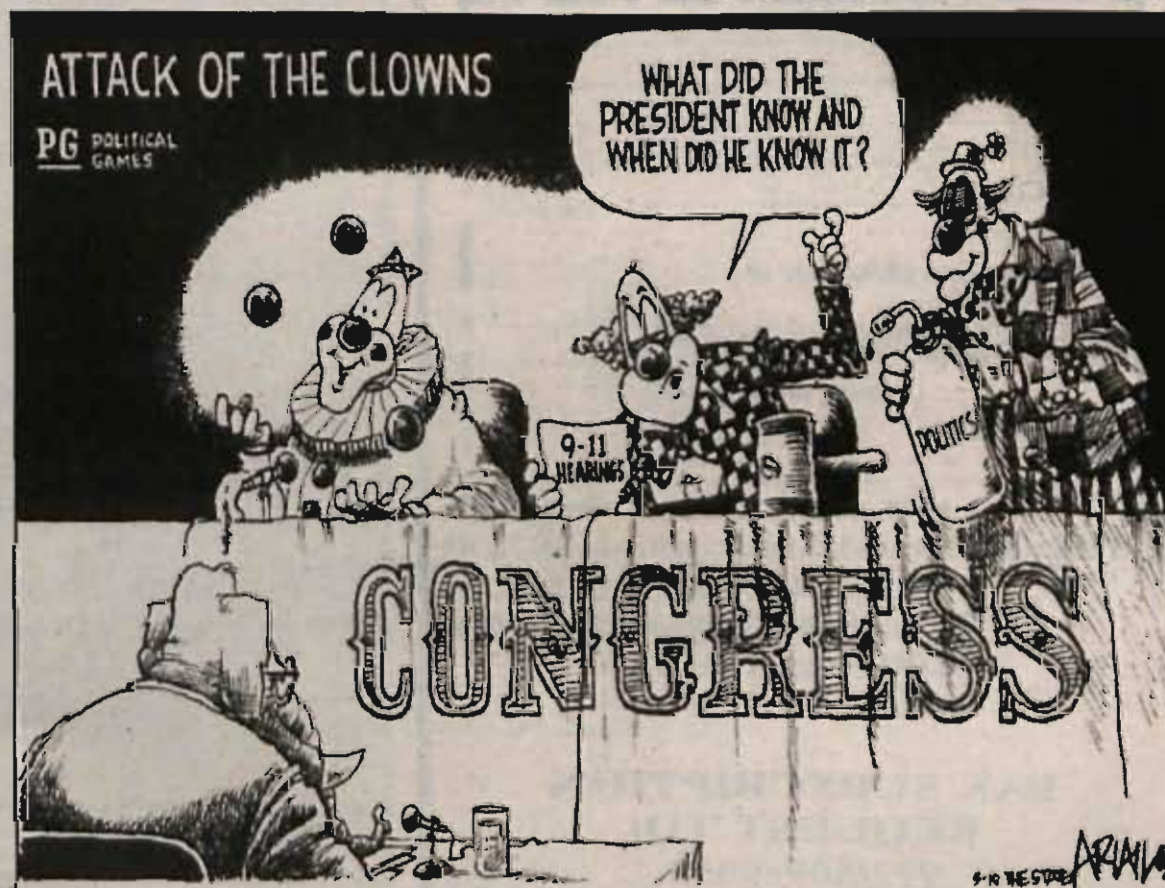
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Is the sky clearest on the day it is most blue?

While you ponder that thought we would like to announce that Minority Opportunity News, Inc., formerly a Dallas based renaissance community tabloid, founded in 1991, has relocated to Plano, Texas, and changed our name to MON-The Gazette. In addition to moving our offices to Plano, our editorial coverage has also shifted to encompass Dallas' Northern Corridor. The Northern Corridor is clearly the fastest growing region in Texas, if not in America. MON-The Gazette believes that the engine to continue this growth is the airport expansion in McKinney, which is the largest and most visible of many area opportunities. As always, and true to tradition, MON-The Gazette will be there carving a world of opportunity for those seeking to provide quality services. Should you dare to expand your quest for economic parity outside the southern region or just want to know what is going on up north-

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MON-The Gazette formerly Minority Opportunity News, was founded July, 1991, by Jim Bochum and Thurman R. Jones



The National Association of Colored Women

By: Tobl Hicks

In 1896, a convention was held in Washington, D.C. It was during this convention that the National Association of Colored Women was formed. The National Federation of Afro-American Women and the National League of Colored Women, both organizations that have risen out of the African-American women's club movement, met in Washington, D.C.



Harriet Tubman, founder of the National Association of Colored Women.

to merge and form one organization, the National Association of Colored Women. Its founders included Harriet Tubman, Frances E. W. Harper, Ida Bell Wells-Barnett, and Mary Church Terrell, who became the organization's first president.

The National Association of Colored Women focused on job training, wage equity, and childcare. The organization's first President, Mary Church Terrell, established an ambitious and

straight forward thinking agenda for the organization. The organi-



Ida Wells-Barnett, founder of the National Association of Colored Women.

zation raised funds for kindergartens, vocational schools, summer camps, and retirement homes. In addition, the NACW opposed segregated transportation systems and was a strong



Mary Church Terrell, founder of the National Association of Colored Women.

and visible supporter of the anti-lynching movement. It adopted the motto "Lifting as We Climb" with the intention of demonstrating to "an ignorant and suspicious world" that their goals and interest were the same as all good aspiring women.

In 1912 the organization began a national scholarship fund for college bound African-American women. During that same year, it endorsed the suf-



Frances E. W. Harper, founder of the National Association of Colored Women.

frage movement, two years before its white counterpart, the General Federation of Women's Clubs. By the middle of the 20th century nearly every state had an NACW chapter. In the latter part of the 20th century, this organization continued its traditional community service projects with equal pay and childcare remaining as main issues, and is continuing their mission into the 21st century.

Milton Hinnant, in his own words:

Two things happened on July 16, 1945, the first Atomic Bomb was tested and I was born. The world was never the same. My birthplace is Garner, North Carolina. I went through elementary, middle, and high school in the same building. My main interests were sports, science, music and math. I graduated from high school June 3rd, 1963 and enrolled at Fayetteville State University in September of 1965.

My major in college was physical education. I wanted to coach and teach. I was on an athletic work-study, so I played football. I did not do very well, so after two years I withdrew from FSU and joined the US Army September the 8th, 1966 and became a paratrooper. My military training took me to Kansas, and while there, I met a guy who was an amateur photographer. He showed me some fundamental things about photography and I was hooked. I got my first good camera the first week I got to Vietnam and I wanted to show my folks what it was like there. I was a communications specialist with the 173rd Air Borne Brigade. We moved around quite a bit the year I was there. I was discharged from the Army September 5th, 1969 and I resumed my education at FSU in 1970, with the idea of remain-

ing in physical education. After a year in college and taking hundreds of photos for the newspaper's public relations and athletic department, I began to like photography better than physi-

After many years of trying to fine my niche, I worked as a TV cameraman at UNCCS. Upon graduating, I got a job as a staff photographer for the Charlotte Observer. The Dallas Morning

News called me about coming to Dallas to work; I was hired here in November of 1984. After 18 years of working at the DMNS, I am still finding it a good place to work. Working has provided me with some very good experiences. I have a wife of twelve years, Wonda; two children, Syan age 10, and Milton (ML) age 7.

Milton Hinnant will be this year's special guest lecturer at the annual Guest Lecture Series, the culmination program for the RC Hickman Young Photographers Workshop and the Gordon Parks Young Photographers Competition. The program will take place at the Dallas Public Library's Erik Jonsson branch located across the street from Dallas City Hall on 1515 Young Street, at 11am on Saturday July



Milton Hinnant

cal education. I picked up the nickname "Kodak" by my schoolmates and teammates. Some of my professors and instructors had a meeting about me. But I was not invited. They suggested I withdraw and go to a photo school. The University of North Carolina at Charlotte had a photo major and I enrolled there and graduated in 1980.

27th, with refreshments served following the program. This event is presented annually by the Artist & Elaine Thornton Foundation For The Arts, Inc., and is co-sponsored by James Miller's KFC, Ritz Cameras, Nikkon, The City Of Dallas Office Of Cultural Affairs, Minyard Food Stores, and MON-The Gazette.

Vote

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why people don't vote. Some reasons and excuses for not voting are noted in the following list.

- Dishonesty and scandal throughout the political arena
- Changes in the views and values of individuals vs. the family
- Doubt and suspicion and confusion in the facts vs. what is reported
- The stress factor of America is out of control
- The non-voting family has become a tradition
- The community and family relationship appears to be lost
- The political game looks more like a money race
- Negative and slanderous campaigning is a common practice

The urgency of taking action weighs in greater than any excuse of in-action. The importance of voting only grows more intense with each excuse! An important question is no longer who has the right to vote, but rather who will use that right? If you don't cast your voice at the ballot—you must keep silent after the act. During elections, Politicians scramble to influence the voter's decision.

It often appears that the election 'band-wagon' becomes a circus of pumped up performances and magic tricks to win the collective vote.

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When you vote, it is important to be informed about your choices. There is no excuse not to at least have an idea of your voting choices. Ask yourself what and why you are making particular decisions regarding the incoming government. If you are an American—you have a valuable interest in the outcome of each election. Don't be confused or thrown off the political tracks by catch phrases and empty promises. Look at the history of your potential choice.

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for increased minority representation on the Dallas City Council, against South African apartheid and police violence and for equal economic rights, faced an all White jury.

Kendall said the ruling surprised him and that he still believes he acted within the law. "My gut feeling is that, from everything that was going on in that case, including the lawyers beginning to try it in the newspapers, as well as the prominence of Al Lipscomb, there is no way that he and the government could have gotten a fair trial in Dallas, Texas," he told the Associated Press.

Former City Councilwoman Diane Ragsdale, who served with Lipscomb during some of the most turbulent times on the council during the 1980s, said Kendall should have known Lipscomb couldn't get a fair trial in Amarillo.

"In my view, the trial was moved to Amarillo without the prosecution or the defense request to guarantee a conviction," said Ragsdale, who considers Lipscomb one of her closest friends and practically family.

"Judge Kendall was denying Al a fair trial and his goal was to guarantee a conviction. 'He had an all-White jury in a rural community,' she said. 'I don't mean to be funny, but they weren't quite able to understand the complexities of the trial. Judge Kendall knew they were not going to be sympathetic to a Black man.'"

After weeks of testimony, the jury found Lipscomb guilty of accepting money from the owner of a Dallas taxicab company in exchange for favorable council votes. Lipscomb was sentenced to 41 months of house arrest, which confined him to his Oak Cliff house. Leaving without permission, stepping too far outside the property boundaries or failing to return from approved appointments would set off the alarm.

"It's been challenging and difficult and frustrating and painful," said Ragsdale, who met Lipscomb decades ago when she was a student at Madison High School. "But at the same time, we came through with the help of our Lord Jesus Christ." Friends and family said Lipscomb's sense of humor and strong religious beliefs kept him from being too despondent. "I would see it coming, and I would have to talk with him and meditate with him and prayer with him and get him out of that thing," said Lovie Lipscomb, his wife of 45 years. "I could understand. I work with people who have these types of problems." She said the entire family—eight children and 16 grandchildren—had to readjust their lives.

"It has been an experience. I wouldn't wish it on anybody. I had to do a lot of things that looked like that I was being punished," said the part-time nurse for a South Dallas rehabilitation home.

She said the family has faced a lot of challenges—people shooting randomly into the house while he was fighting The War on Poverty in the 1970s, death threats when her husband pushed for city council redistricting in the 1980's and the anonymous, hateful telephone calls and letters. "In comparison, I would say this is the toughest," she said.

When the two met, she was working as a restaurant bus girl and he was waiting tables. "The things that we've had to endure as Black people is tough—period," lamented Lovie Lipscomb, who later went to nursing school and began working at St. Paul Hospital. "We talked it over, and I said don't get upset and frustrated about it. If you want to go out there and make a difference, I am going to support it. We both felt the same way about the situation and the things that were going. We wanted to make some better changes for everybody."

Lipscomb protested continually at Dallas City Council over a number of issues and was instrumental in increasing minority representation. He helped to create a police department citizen review board.

Following the sentence, Lipscomb said he was afraid people would forget the good things he had done for the community. "Sometimes I wondered who would take the time out to be associated with someone like me," Lipscomb said. "But that happens in so many quarters, which we could understand. I still knew who I was. ... But as long as I had five friends, the honorable Ms. Diane Ragsdale and others who said 'you better keep your head up' and 'don't you dare,' I felt good, considering. I didn't go

around with woe as me, looking for sympathy."

People didn't forget. Over the 27 months, hundreds of people made a pilgrimage to the Lipscomb home. The telephone rang constantly and late into the night. Sometimes, Lipscomb has three telephones in his hand. Some people wanted political advice, others wanted to lift his spirits. Minister Louis Farrakhan, Bishop T.D. Jakes, state and national politicians, and business and community leaders all paid homage.

A county district judge would drop by with the red soda Lipscomb liked. Others would bring his favorite smoked sausage, eaten in moderation to accommodate Lipscomb's diabetes. His church pastor and deacons would visit, often run errands that family members couldn't get to. Farrakhan visited Lipscomb during the minister's tour to promote the Million Family March in August 2000.

"He stopped to pay a personal visit and to lend his support and his voice in a call for either the lifting of the charges or for Mr. Lipscomb to get a new trial," said a Farrakhan spokesman, James Muhammad, editor-in-chief of the Final Call.

"Mr. Lipscomb is a warrior for Black people and as a result that may have been one of the reasons that he has been scrutinized from the top of federal government all the way down," he said.

"Mr. Farrakhan has a very tender heart for all people, but especially Blacks, and particularly those Blacks whose stand to make

a call for justice against injustice from the status quo."

Lipscomb repeatedly says he holds no animosity toward Judge Kendall, the prosecutors or anyone connected with his conviction. "In the other arenas, you could petition government when the playing field was uneven, the city or county or the state level or the federal level," said Lipscomb, who maintains he's innocent.

"In something like this, you have to dance to the drum beat. For someone to take a World War II veteran, honorably discharged, and wind up with possibly not being able to vote. ... If my case had not been on appeal I would not have been able to vote." Lipscomb said he is ready for another trial.

"I cannot go down being a felon. I cannot go down not being able to vote," he said. "I cannot go down with my name disparaged. I'm a great-grandfather now. With all the good work that I've done and all the good work people said I've done, the case has to be resolved."

Lipscomb said positive things did occur during his confinement. He obtained a degree in theology and better understands how to make the Bible applicable to his life. And he spent more time with his family. "You can go out there and save the world and be out there marching and going to Washington, D.C., demonstrating, going to city council and setting up policy, and fighting apartheid, and those are nice," he said. "But that quality time with the children is worth it, even when they knock you down with the football."

The North Central Texas Council of Governments to Host Bicycle and Pedestrian Access to Rail Workshops in July

(Arlington)—The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) wants your help in reshaping this region's transportation future. NCTCOG is hosting a series of three workshops to gather public input on bicycle and pedestrian access to the region's rail system. The first workshop will be held on Thursday, July 25, 2002 at the Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce in Dallas, Texas at 6:30 p.m., the second will be held on Monday, July 29, 2002 at the Richardson Civic Center in Richardson, Texas at 6:30 p.m., and the final workshop will be held on Tuesday, July 30, 2002 at the Intermodal Transportation Center in Fort Worth, Texas at 6:30 p.m.

These workshops will focus on the Trinity Railway Express (TRE) stations in Tarrant County as well as the TRE and Light Rail stations throughout Dallas, Denton, and Collin Counties. After a brief background presentation, workshop participants will be able to provide recommendations on their station(s) of interest. Maps representing each station and surrounding neighborhoods will be provided for participants to make comments.

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light rail stations are operational with 11 more scheduled to come on line throughout 2002.

Rail transportation is provided by DART and The T. DART operates the light rail transit system centered on downtown Dallas, and recognizable by their electric overhead wires. DART and The T cooperatively operate the TRE, a commuter train with a traditional locomotive engine.

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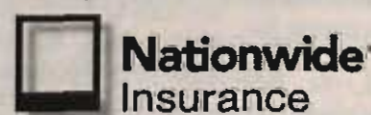


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Park Dedication

City of McKinney Commemorates Opening of New Park

The City of McKinney will dedicate Hill Top Park during a brief ceremony at 9 a.m. Saturday, August 3 at 1850 Winding Brook Drive. This will mark the seventh school-park site that the City has opened in cooperation with the McKinney School District. The public is invited.

Hill Top Park, located next to Roy Walker Elementary School, will include a playground, picnic pavilion, hike and bike trail access to the school, and a green space for activities.

Park Board Chairman Herb Yoehle said McKinney's park system is known statewide to be one of the best. "Hill Top Park is a wonderful example of the kinds of opportunities that are available to McKinney residents," he said. "The name is aptly called Hill Top because the park sits on a hill where you can take in the beautiful vista of our city. This is a very exciting project."

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grin, he stops again momentarily to greet Tony Moore, a Black Republican candidate for the state senate in Washington. After a handshake and pat on the back to Moore, Watts finally disappears around the corner towards the elevator.

He has been in Moore's shoes. Elected to represent Oklahoma's 4th Congressional District in 1994, he now knows the ropes of that vast White world of politics - especially being the only Black Republican in the entire 435-member House. Now, five terms later, he has announced he will give up the seat to spend more time with his family, obviously causing his White colleagues to lose what many of them perceive as one of their most valuable players.

"He served the people of Oklahoma and the United States with honor and distinction," says President Bush.

House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert, who tried to talk him out of leaving, says, "J. C.'s leadership in the U. S. House of Representatives has inspired all of us to remember the importance of following our dreams, working hard and playing by the rules...While obviously disappointed, I understand the reasons why my friend and colleague J. C. Watts has decided to retire."

"You give up power, you give up staff, you give up budget, you give up people telling you how wonderful you are, you give up the national limelight, you give up the number four post in the majority hierarchy," Watts says reflectively in an earlier interview. "But I said from day one, back in 1994 when I was campaigning that it was not my intention to try to build an empire. It was not my intention to try to be here forever or to make a career of this. This has always been public service for me." A public servant, yes. But for what public? Watts is under no illusion that some in the Black community view him as an Uncle Tom, a Black person who hordes power given by Whites, but rarely or never fights openly for the advancement of Black people as a group.

"I can name a whole slew of Black leaders who got called those names. I mean, Dr. King. Some said that about him. But I've got a good sense of who I am," Watts says. "I don't need the accolades or the confirmation from Republican leadership or any other leadership for me to feel secure in who I am."

"It upsets some people because I am a Republican," he says. "But I've always said I want the same thing for the Black community that Rev. Jackson wants for the Black community. I just choose to use different models."

Sometimes, the name-calling hits home. Literally. In 1998, his father, J. C. Watts Sr., the first Black police officer in Eufaula, Okla., ran for state labor commissioner as a Democrat, saying, "I'm not like my boy. I told him that running for the Republican ticket is like a chicken voting for Colonel Sanders."

Chuckling aloud, the 44-year-old congressman scoffs, "I laughed about it then. I laugh about it now. You'd have to know my father to understand the context in which he said that. My father never voted for Bill Clinton. My father voted for many Republicans," he says. "We live in a state, the state of Oklahoma, that's 68 percent Democratic. He got 30 percent of the vote, so evidently, those Democrats that he was trying to capture didn't even vote for him," he says, still laughing.

Then, respectfully, he credits his father for the man he has

become. "My father always taught me to be a man, to be a leader, to look for what's right, for what works and that's the strategy that I've executed," he says. "If it went against the grain of those who gave me a 21 on my report card, fine. I don't make it a habit of calling the John Birch Society nor the NAACP when I vote."

The NAACP report card, on which Watts has consistently received Fs, apparently has bothered him and his staff. Only a month ago, Sailor telephoned to alert the NNPA News Service that Watts' office would be responding to his F on the NAACP's midterm report card. But, before he followed through, the organization released another F for Watts on its convention report card.

"I heard about the F. I hadn't seen it. I don't know what criteria they use. I heard one of them was the tax bill," Watts says. "I mean, how stupid is it to say that a Black man voting to give people some of their money back that you should get an F for that? Black people pay taxes. It takes four or five generations to create wealth in the Black community. And then the federal government wipes it out over night. That's unfair."

The president's tax plan, passed by the House during the winter of 2001, provided tax breaks and rebates primarily to people who earn more than \$110,000 annually, explains the NAACP, which says it opposed the legislation because it passed at the expense of social service programs for the poor.

"Well, it was a very high F," says Hilary Shelton, director of the Washington Bureau of the NAACP, the organization's primary lobbyist on the Hill. Shelton acknowledges that Watts has fought diligently for an African-American history museum for the mall and praises his work on behalf of Black colleges and for Black farmers. "He has done some things that were helpful to the agenda of the NAACP," Shelton says. He recalls an affirmative action debate in which Watts said eliminating affirmative action would not be the answer unless there was something to replace it.

"With the extreme Right wing looking for someone like a J. C. Watts to give them the cover to be able to eliminate affirmative action programs, I think that's something that he deserves credit from all of us for," Shelton says.

But Shelton says Watts usually bent towards party affiliation on key issues, such as ignoring anti-racial profiling legislation and pushing education vouchers instead of enhancing the public school system.

"Could I have done more? I don't know," Watts says, seemingly throwing up his hands. "Nobody's ever going to talk about all that I've been able to accomplish." He cites a bill to help address minority health care disparities and the American Community Renewal Act of 1996, a package of tax incentives, public housing reforms and government waivers that aimed to revitalize 100 impoverished, drug-ridden communities. "This is the most comprehensive piece of poverty legislation ever passed in the United States Congress and it has my name on it," he says.

Others would argue that anti-poverty legislation passed when Adam Clayton Powell was chairman of the House Education and the Labor Committee and Lyndon B. Johnson was president far exceeded anything Watts has accomplished.

Watts says he isn't sure what he's doing next. He has been President Bush's top organizer and advocate for the controver-

sial "faith-based, initiatives," a program to award federal money to religious organizations that provide social services. Watts says a full-time pastorate has seriously crossed his mind. "I could see myself doing that. But I don't know where I'll end up. I do know this, though. Once my government check runs out, I'm going to have a house payment and a car payment."

He almost preached his explanation for voting against the hate crimes bill, which would have established specific punishments as preventive measures for crimes based on racial hatred or sexual orientation. "We've already got laws governing that," he says. "It's almost like you say we're going to determine your punishment based on your skin color or your gender. It's almost like categorizing sin. Sin is sin. Death is death. If you shoot somebody, if you murder somebody, then they're no more dead, regardless of who did it."

Watts is leaving just as his party is fighting to maintain its majority in the House of Representatives. If the Democrats win a majority, Rep. John Conyers Jr. (D-Mich.) would become chair of the House Judiciary Committee and Rep. Charlie Rangel (D-N.Y.) would become chair of the House Ways and Means Committee. Conyers and Rangel would be the first African-Americans to rise to the chairmanships of those powerful committees.

"Would I rather have Bill Thomas as chairman of Ways and Means as opposed to Charlie Rangel? You bet. Bill Thomas is a Republican. Bill Thomas, he's in my conference. You bet I'd rather have Bill Thomas," he says. "But, do I like to see people climb the ladder? You bet."

Thomas, of California, is current chairman of Ways and Means. He got an F on the NAACP convention report card. Rangel got an A. Whatever happens in the leadership posts, J. C. Watts won't be a part of it—at least not on the Hill. "To say that I'm going home to be a dad and a husband and a citizen and a neighbor and a friend is not politically correct. But that's literally the truth," he says. "When you're the only one, when is a good time?...You have to make these kinds of decisions with your heart."

The Republican road has not been as smooth as Watts makes it seem. In the beginning of his tenure as chairman, he had rifts with Rep. Tom DeLay (R-Texas), among the most conservative members of Congress. "It's no secret that when I was first elected to leadership, Tom and I had some differences on who's responsibility was what. But, I've been in leadership now for four years and I tell you what, for the last two-and-a-half years, Tom and I have gotten along very well," Watts says. Asked if the problems could be attributed to racism, Watts replied, "I guess some would say that because that's where they want to go.... Tom was a hard charger."

Despite reports that he is planning to write a tell-all book, Watts scoffs at inferences that he is leaving because of frustration with the Republican Party. "I think both parties have work to do when it comes to the Black community. I've never denied that," he says. "What has the Black community gotten for its loyalty over the last 50 years? So, the Democratic Party says this is the most loyal constituency that we have. We don't have to worry about them.... And I think the Republican Party, in many respects, just says, 'Hey look, that's the most loyal constituency that the Democrats have. We have to win without them.'"

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average of 20 to 30 hours a week involved in work with the school board. Board members have three major functions - to hire the superintendent; to approve the budget; to provide general oversight of all district operation and financial activities.

They were each given the chance to defend their positions on the board in interviews with MON-The Gazette.

Mr. Ron Price - For Member of Board of Education, District 9

Mr. Price has been on the board for five years, and presently serves as Vice President of the Board of Education, President of National Caucus of Young School Board Members and President of National Association of African-American School Board Members. He is also President of the Metroplex African-American School Board Members Association, and represents Dallas on the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB). And he has a full time job as Academic Coordinator at Parkland College.

Mr. Price is proud of the achievements of the schools in his district. Of the 32 schools in his district, he said 13 are exemplary (seven being Elementary schools), which is the highest ranking for the state. Three of the schools are State recognized (one an Elementary school), and two are National Demonstration Schools. Lincoln High School (in Mr. Price's district), has the number one basketball team in the country, and the magnet school at Lincoln was academically recognized this school year.

"From an academic standpoint we had a pretty good year," said Mr. Price.

For the upcoming school year, he said he would like to see more parents getting involved with the PTA, and he would also like to bring back sports to elementary schools. He said if sports are given a top priority, funds obtained from the weekend games, with the combined effort of the PTA selling snacks at the games, could raise about forty three thousand dollars in the school year.

Also in his district, there is a program giving free computers to students. Mr. Price said he approached Don Williams of Trammel Crow, and John Edmonds of FCE, and they came up with a program to help low students in his district.

"I approached them and they answered the call, and stepped up to the plate," he added.

Mr. Price said he believes in a hands-on approach to being on the school board. To bring education and resources to his district he said he attends many educational conferences around the country at the weekends, and is constantly in touch with people involved with education at a local and national level.

"I also bring a national presence to the DISD Board," said Mr. Price. "I'm able to travel around the country and observe other school districts, to see their practices and the impact they have in their districts."

He also said it is critical to have Black representation on the Dallas School Board, especially at it is a 93 percent minority

school district, and the city is 53 percent minority.

"It's important to be a positive role model for the kids, regardless of your income and background," said Mr. Price.

One incentive that keeps Mr. Price going in his busy capacity as school board member is looking at the number of African American men in our prison system, and the high number of African Americans dropping out of college.

"We are in a crisis in the African American community," he said. "Especially with African American men."

Regardless of obstacles, Mr. Price is determined to continue to not only maintain but also to improve the standard of schools and education in his district. His commitment reaches beyond buildings and curriculums, to getting students involved in their education.

"I created the only teen school board in the country, and now other schools are looking at the concept," he said.

Last year he said he was blessed to host the first ever National Summit of African American School Board Members, which dealt with the problems and issues facing education African Americans.

Hollis Brashear - For Member of Board of Education, District 6

Between evenings and weekends, Hollis Brashear, an engineer, puts in at least 30 hours a week working for the school board. Mr. Brashear said he got involved in the school district after returning to Dallas in 1986 upon his retirement from the army. Retiring at the rank of Lt. Colonel, he said he re-settled in Dallas, but was appalled at the conditions of the education for African Americans.

He said when they came out with the state mandated testing system, we got a chance to see how far behind the education was for Blacks and Hispanics.

The core of Mr. Brashear's district is the Red Bird Airport area, incorporating Carter, Kimball and Molina High Schools. He said the student population in his district is approximately 65 percent Black and 35 percent Hispanic, and believes it is imperative to have the appropriate representation in the district.

"It's important when you have a district that's 91 percent minority that there is adequate representation," he said.

Mr. Brashear said if re-elected he will continue "to support those programs that are reasonable for the higher level of academic achievement that we have. I will continue to give strong support for the math program."

He added that he will encourage the administration staff to hire the best people for the math program.

Mr. Brashear is also in favor of further education for teachers, which he said, will help teachers and students alike.

Dr. Lew Blackburn - For Member of Board of Education, District 5

Dr. Lew Blackburn was elected to the School Board June 2 of last year. One goal for his district is for the schools to be seen as part of the neighborhood.

"The community must embrace the school so it doesn't

allow it to develop a stereotypical view of inner city schools," said Dr. Blackburn.

Dr. Blackburn has a Master's in Administration and a Doctorate in Education Administration. He currently is Executive Director of Human Resources for the Wilmer Hutchins ISD. He previously was a Professor at A&M University in Commerce, in the Department of Education and Administration, where, he said, he prepared educators to become Principals.

He said as he talked with teachers they talked about the conditions at the offices, and they felt he could make a difference if elected to the school board.

What he has found is that there are two class systems, one for the northern district of Dallas, and one for the south.

"You want to hope that schools are fairly equal, as far as the quality of teachers, administrative staff and facilities, but since most of my schools are in South East Oak Cliff and West Dallas (which were at one time the poorest areas of Dallas), you see a difference in the physical appearance and see a difference in the teaching," said Dr. Blackburn.

He said last year DISD ran an inclusion program, which involved some high schools receiving students with physical and mental differences. By the third day, the selected students at Roosevelt High School still did not have the facilities they needed. Dr. Blackburn said when he spoke with the staff at the school they were not aware of the severity of the students' needs. He added that he specifically asked if any schools were needing facilities for special needs students, and he was told no.

"I'm going to give the benefit of the doubt that the person didn't know," he said. "But when students showed up, we should have known what facilities were needed, because this didn't happen up north."

Dr. Blackburn is concerned with the conditions of the schools in his area, and frequently tours them to take notes and make calls to ensure repairs and regular maintenance are being carried out in a timely manner. He said he found that many facilities were in need of repair, yet nothing had been reported. This included the air conditioners in his district not working on the first day of school last year, which he couldn't understand, and which he also was aware hadn't happened in the north. He said not everyone may agree with his method of managing his district, but he is concerned that if he isn't out looking at the schools and reporting problems, then nothing will get done.

"I don't tell the teachers how to teach, but if I see a problem with the building I let the Principal know," said Dr. Blackburn.

He said that having a doctorate in education gives him enough knowledge about education to know what can work and what has failed in the past.

"So when something is brought to the Board I have that knowledge, and I can give input that someone without my background would not be able to," Dr. Blackburn added.

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The Neville Brothers are Aaron Neville (vocals); Art Neville (keyboards, organ, vocals); Charles Neville (tenor, alto, and soprano saxophone, native flute, vocals); and Cyril Neville (vocals, percussion). Members of The Neville Brothers Band are Nick Daniels (bass, background vocals); Willie Green

(drums); Eric Kolb (keyboards); Saya Saito (keyboards); Earl Smith (background vocals); and Shane Theriot (guitars).

Aaron, Art, Charles, and Cyril Neville have expanded the horizons of New Orleans R&B while honoring the music's roots and traditions. Drawing on the vast resources and multiple styles of African-American music, The Neville Brothers have combined R&B, jazz, reggae, and elements of rock and Zydeco with a harmony-based funk groove all their own.

The Nevilles grew up in New Orleans' 13th Ward. Art was the first to become a professional musician when he was featured on the Hawkettes' timeless single, "Mardi Gras Mambo," and later performed as the keyboardist with the Meters. The brothers first played together professionally as Art Neville and The Neville Sounds in the mid-1960's. Aaron made his first impact as a solo artist in 1967 with the Top 5 smash hit "Tell It Like It Is." Years later, the group convened to release *The Wild Tchoupitoulas*, a seminal album in the development of New Orleans pop/R&B. Since then, The Neville Brothers have stayed together, growing ever more popular in the United States and across the globe. The Neville Brothers won a Grammy in 1989 for Best Instrumental for their song "Healing Chant," from the RIAA-certified gold album *Yellow Moon*, while Aaron achieved bona fide pop stardom for his Top 10 duets with Linda Ronstadt, "Don't Know Much" and "All My Life," both Grammy-winning records. The arrival of The Neville Brothers' Columbia debut comes on the heels of Aaron Neville's recent Grammy nomination for Best Traditional R&B Vocal Performance (for "To Make Me Who I Am").

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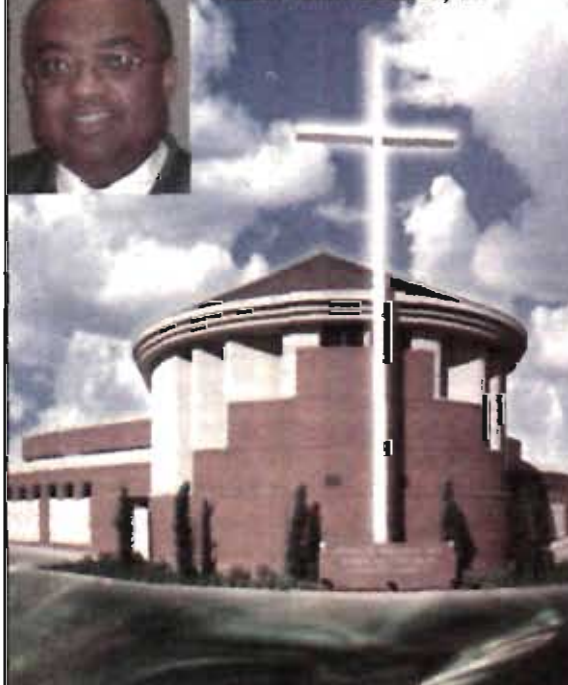
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