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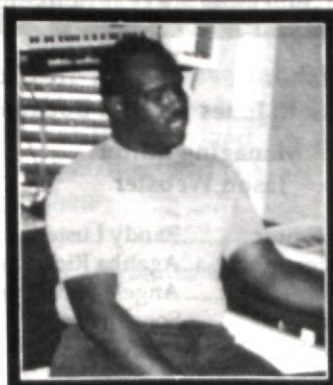
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**From the
Publisher
Thurman
Jones**

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The Expanded Role of the African American Press

THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT of the 1960s opened wide the doors of opportunity mandating the integration of restaurants, schools and public transportation. Three decades later, barriers have been broken, tears shed, and blood spilled. Such is the price many brothers and sisters—along with our ancestors—have paid for freedom, justice and equality.

But I submit to you we have not arrived yet. Our legislative achievements were marred during the Reagan and Bush administrations. Newspaper headlines read "Race Still a Factor in Hiring," "African American Job Applicants Rejected 20% More Often Than Anglos With the Same Qualifications," "African American Home Buyers Finding Doors Difficult to Open." These are just a few examples of the continued struggle. I challenge you to look in the mirror and ask, "What have I done for my community lately." At *Minority Opportunity News* we are constantly challenged to define our role and responsibility to the community.

I feel the African American press should be a conduit within the community. The Black press must be more than

just a watcher—it's incumbent on us to be a partner in the community. Our role can be described best as mediator, moderator and monitor.

Mediator—The role of mediator places us in the middle of controversies. Here we serve as intermediary to reconcile differences—during elections in particular. Our position is to present an unbiased view of the candidates' qualifications and achievements. On the other side of that coin, we try to focus on the benefits and responsibilities of American citizenship. Furthermore, it is our intent and purpose to review the years of struggle and sacrifice that ensured our present rights. I feel strongly that people who forget their part are doomed to make the same mistakes in the future. But first, we must know our past.

Moderator—As *MON's* readership increases, we plan to conduct surveys and market studies of our readership in an effort to reassess the needs in the African American community. Our strength as a people cannot be diluted if our needs are detected early and a preventative, not reactive, approach is taken toward resolving our problems. Sometimes when the mainstream press covers stories in our community it's not to gain real insight or shed light on an issue, but instead to ridicule and reinforce their belief system which suggests "You people" are all the same. This type of mentality is the root of racism.

Monitor—As a partner in the community, it's necessary for the African American press to monitor the practices of institutions, groups and organizations and report what we find. Facts may be facts, but the community needs accurate, informed information written from our perspective, covering all of our concerns.

It's shameful and embarrassing when the *Dallas Morning News* is the only source of groundbreaking reports, (continued on page 2)

In the News...

Campbell Honored As Texas' Most Enterprising Businessman

The Austin Metropolitan Resource Center (AMRC) and the Texas Association of Minority Business Enterprises (TAMBE) recently announced the awards recipients to be honored at their statewide Fifth Annual Business Opportunity Symposium Series (BOSS V '92). Greg Campbell of Dallas has been named "the most enterprising businessman in the State of Texas" by AMRC and TAMBE.



Campbell

Campbell is a principal with Baker Campbell Associates, a Dallas-based management consulting firm. Established in 1983, the firm primarily addresses the needs of small to mid-sized business but has also done extensive work with corporations, government agencies and non-profit organizations. Campbell's wife, Alva Baker is also a principal with the company which is headquartered in the heart of Dallas' African-American community. "We are actively involved in our community, that's part of our mission," says Campbell.

According to TAMBE President and CEO Barbara Burton, "Mr. Campbell's credentials are impeccable. We want to recognize his entrepreneurial talents as well as his support of minority businesses in Texas and around the country." Mr. Earl G. Graves, publisher of *Black Enterprise Magazine*, will make the keynote address at the awards banquet and assist with awards presentations.

Institute for Minority Males Seeks Participants

The Institute for Minority Males (I.M.M.) is a program of the Dallas Urban League committed to assisting minority males to become empowered in an effort to cultivate and exercise their full potential as American citizens.

I.M.M. is located in Paul Quinn College, Price-Branch Educational Building, Room 228, 3837 Simpson-Stuart Rd. Sessions are held for 16

weeks, Mon-Fri 9am to 3pm. For additional information call 376-0396.

The program is free to minority males between the ages of 17 and 38.

School Gets Top Honors

Frederick Douglass Elementary School was honored by Commissioner of Education Lionel "Skip" Meno at the Texas Successful Schools Awards Ceremony in Austin as a school of excellence. Principal Patricia E. Mays received the award presented to identified schools for performance gain and high performance on the TAAS. Out of 6,000 Texas schools, 125 received financial awards.



Patricia Mays

Frederick Douglass is a three year old school in Pleasant Grove with students Pre-K through 3rd. The school also received the DISD award for high achievement on the Norm-Reference Assessment Test of Texas.

Flea Market

The Tennessee State University Alumni Association's Dallas chapter is sponsoring a flea Market October 23 in the parking lot of Friendship Baptist Church, 616 W. Kiest St., Dallas.

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Litany for "Prayer"

THIS LETTER IS IN RESPONSE to your article, "Our Economic Prayer" in the September issue of the Minority Opportunity News. I found your article very refreshing and insightful. Your pastor and I have known each other for years. I say that to preface what I'm about to say in order that there may be no misconstruing my response. I'm not attempting to steal any other pastor's sheep.

However, being a native of Dallas I have long since observed that the problems the Black community faces both socially and economically can be effectively and efficiently solved by leaders from within our churches that have more foresight than just spending a million dollars to build auditoriums that basically will only be used once a week. I personally think that is a waste of our resources.

As a pastor of a growing progress-minded church, I have been criticized by the Black media and clergy for daring to blaze a trail and break traditional molds that have worked for past generations but are ineffective in this one and will be impotent for the ones to come. In short, I don't know what God has called other pastors to do and, thank god, I will not have to answer for them. But for me and my congregation, I will have to answer for.

We must stress and continue to emphasize economic empowerment from within our communities. The church must model this and set the example for other entities in our community to follow.

For example, this past Summer we hired all the kids in our church that were willing to work. They didn't have to go looking for jobs outside our congregation. If we can raise five and ten thousand dollars for a pastor's anniversary or choir annual day, why not restructure our curriculum to take those special day efforts and have summer jobs day. We did it. And even though our church is small (77 adults), it worked for our kids. We did not approach any city, state or federal agencies for assistance; we did it ourselves.

This is just one example of one pastor with more than just a vision for securing our economic future, but one with the fortitude to go against the grain of tradition and do something other than meet and talk.

Ron Shaw

Pastor,

Light Unlimited Christian Center

Director

Light Force

I READ YOU SEPTEMBER EDITORIAL on the Black Church, the possible answer to our "Economic Prayer." We are well aware that the Black Church, as an institution, is the largest Black economic entity in the world. It has the largest holding of assets and an incredible cash flow in a constantly expanding marketplace.

I have been castigated and ostracized for speaking of the church in economic and financial terms, but I know of no other place in the African American communities where there is more unencumbered cash flow. Nor do I know of any place where there is more unused economic power.

I have always contended that Black people are not manufacturers in ownership simply because we do not have channels of distribution, but the churches could provide those avenues of distribution for anything we chose to make. Imagine the power and independence we could have.

Comer J. Cottrell

IF I UNDERSTAND YOU CORRECTLY, and I think I do, you feel the church should put a portion of their assets into building businesses, providing opportunities for its members and the community.

I'm not an active member of any church, however, I do attend a number of churches on a regular basis.

I strongly agree with you. The church is the voice of the Black community. Churches like St. Luke and Concord should put their money in businesses that allow growth in the community.

They could start by purchasing properties or businesses in their immediate area.

Many Blacks are so caught up in the deprived mentality, no matter what our economic base is. We fail to look at the church as a valuable resource capable of not only taking in huge sums but also generating an enormous pool of wealth. And if these churches would simply listen to what you're saying, many would be self-sustaining, never having to rely on church members for support again. Churches could support themselves from the businesses generated as a result of donations already given.

Better yet, the money could be better utilized to feed and educate Dallas' own economically deprived population: the homeless, elderly, mentally ill, and abused minorities.

B.J. Hessert

(PUBLISHER from previous page) studies and surveys.

For instance, a recent survey by the News reported that mortgage loan rejection for African Americans and Hispanics in the Dallas area was double that of whites and Asians. Even more appalling, the survey found upper income African American families less likely to qualify for a mortgage than lower income white families. A case was cited recently where the closing of a loan took an exorbitant amount of time for no apparent reason and in spite of the fact the African American family had spotless credit, a rising income and a pre-approved loan.

The African American press must rise to a level where we conduct our own hardhitting research into issues. By doing this—and not letting a less sensitive en-

tity do our work for us—we can better advocate for change and progress. We must send a strong, unwavering message that impropriety to African Americans will not go unnoticed or unchallenged.

My duty as publisher is to bring to light circumstances and situations that you, the reader, have experienced. We must share in these experiences and find the lessons which hold the key to the truth. MON pledges to be your voice and your opportunity. Do you have an opinion?

Thurman Jones

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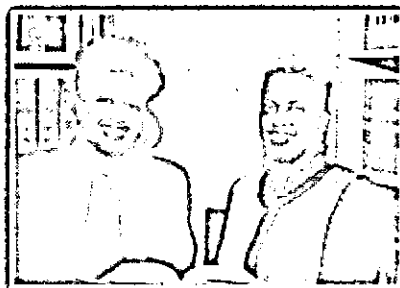
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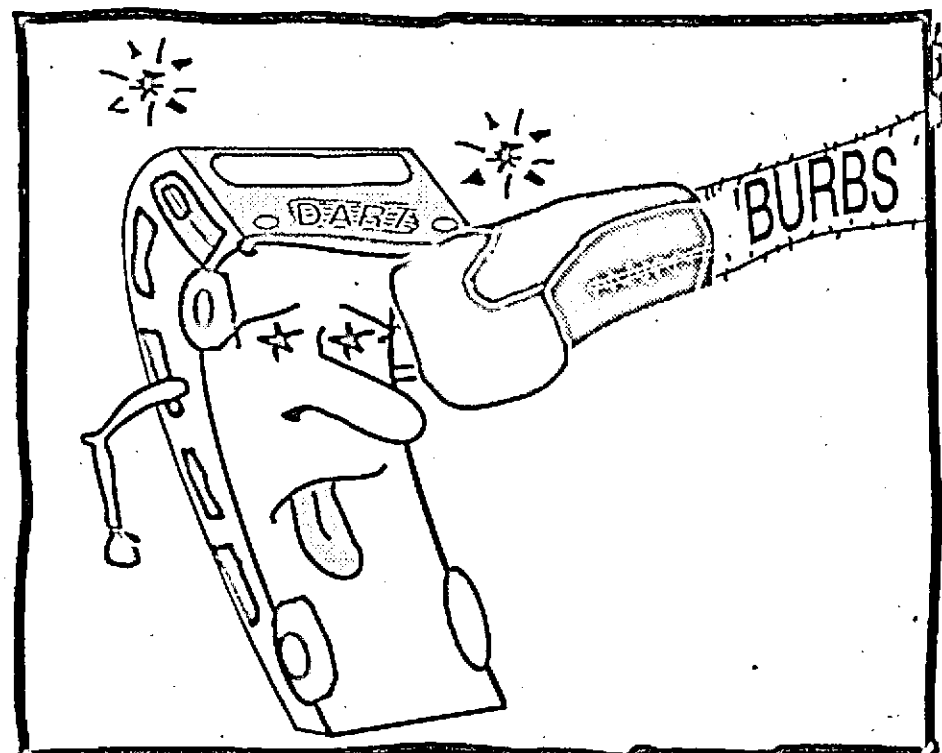
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In This Corner...Again!

DART and suburbs square off once again, as Dallas residents suffer the fallout of compromise

By Donita Marston

I'M SURE WE ALL HAVE OUR OWN legitimate personal beefs about DART. Everything from poor management to mismanagement to lack of leadership to piss poor decision making. Even the most ardent DART supporter must question last week's decision/announcement from the transit company that it has spent \$16.4 million to install a satellite system to track its buses.

DART will be the first public transit system in the world to use such a system, but in light of their mounting troubles it seems a foolhardy move. Can this really be good news when the agency says it is looking to cut service to its customers by five percent? Is this really good news to bus drivers and passengers when someone is on the bus with a gun, or a bus driver or passenger is being assaulted? Sure, it can send the communication of the situation at a faster rate, but if there aren't enough transit police to respond to the call, does it really matter? Wouldn't \$16.4 million be better spent hiring more transit police to ride the buses and discourage crime and violence before they happen?

This action, dubbed by a DART spokesman as a "cost saving measure" will reportedly "improve security" and decrease the need for supervisors." I just can't understand the mathematics of how spending \$16.4 million could be a cost saving measure. But the crushing blow of this news is DART's announcement that the system will first serve suburban/express service routes.

Let's face it, the poor inner-city, elderly and transit dependent are the reason why DART exists. They account for the bulk of riders who feed the DART farebox everyday in addition to paying the penny sales tax when they buy taxable items. Sure, suburbanites ride DART during rush hours and pay a premium price, but they also enjoy much better service—nicer, cleaner buses, shorter rides, fewer stops and less transfers to make. Many suburbanites have the option to drive or ride the bus.

DART should focus on providing the best service to all of its riders and stop playing politics with people's lives. For the poor, elderly, inner-city, transit dependent people, DART is their car. Many transit dependent workers have lost their jobs because DART was not dependable enough to get them to work on time.

In this latest suburbs versus DART rematch, Paul Fielding, acting as "head coach" of the city's "Sunset Commission," has called for a public hearing to review the need for DART. (held 9.24 at Hillcrest high.) The suburban mayors, led by Addison mayor Lynn Spruill have matched this Dallas move with a call for change in the DART service plan and a halt to all DART capital spending until DART's financial health can be analyzed.

This meeting itself exemplifies the disrespect DART has for the majority it serves. Most average DART daily riders couldn't attend because the difficulty of getting there by bus. It's sadly ironic that the people attending the Hillcrest high school meeting aren't likely to be

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By Louis Xavier

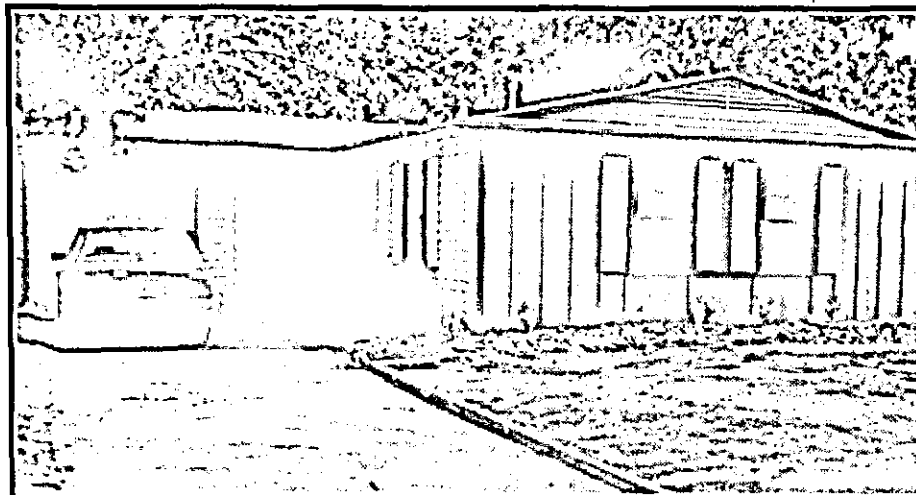
THE Oak Cliff Development Corporation is one of the few non-profit organizations who has made its goal to provide home ownership opportunities to families that may have thought that owning a home was a passing dream.

"We have successfully placed ten families in homes and currently have seven under contract to purchase," says a proud Lester Nevels, Executive Director of O.C.D.C.

Nevels says the program is designed to assist families whose current income is under \$43,000. Creative low interest mortgages are provided by lending institutions, banks and foundations enabling many to realize their lifelong dream of home ownership. "The monthly mortgage payments are less than most people are paying for rent," says Nevels.

In addition to finding creative financing to get into a house, O.C.D.C. also works with would-be homeowners in defraying the annoying add-on costs that keep many renting instead of owning. If a family is eligible, closing costs and downpayment assistance may be available.

All of the homes, according to Nevels, are completely remodeled with central heating and air, security sys-



The Oak Cliff Development Corporation has already placed ten families in homes. The houses, like the one pictured above, are completely remodeled and have all the comforts and amenities imaginable like new air conditioning, carpeting and security system.

tems, new carpeting, upgraded electrical and plumbing. "Those homes are almost like new," says Nevels.

The cost of new construction on similar type homes simply shut out the average buyer. This new approach to home ownership is an alternative to renting, while providing the satisfaction of security, more living space and a large backyard.

"The target area for the corporation is mostly Oak Cliff," Nevels says. "This community seems to provide a wide range of housing stock, a better quality of homes and access to bus lines and major highways. It is there-

fore a plus especially for the first time home buyer."

The organization seeks continued support from the overall community, while making everyone around them aware of the need for affordable and decent homes as the economy shrinks family incomes. O.C.D.C.'s efforts to halt the say-goodbye-to-your-money cycle of renting is more than providing homes to a fortunate few—it's an economic lifejacket in a drowning economy.

Nevels knows the real deal: "This organization has the potential for growing rapidly and making a major step toward relieving our affordable housing crisis."

The King of Hearts

W.T. Greer is a royal treat for ballad lovers

By Sonia Jordan

Last month, I introduced to some and reacquainted others with Mr. W.T. Greer—a multi-talented young man who can sing...no, he can "SANG" his heart out. Luther, look out!



W.T. Greer

A native of Texas, Greer attended Texas Tech University where he earned a degree in Micro-Biology. The man wanted to be a doctor. Then, W.T. decided to take a few years off from school to do something he felt the Lord wanted him to do with his life. He got busy singing and, hey, the rest you know. If no one has taken the name, and if they have they can share it, we'll call Greer, Dr. Love. He's already been called the "King of Hearts" and various other flattering, very descriptive phrases.

Although the entertainment and medical fields are definitely separate entities, this mellow voiced young man has been involved in both. For over seven years, Greer has delighted visitors at the Omni Melrose Hotel. From a

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Randy Luster
Business Editor

Calling All Vendors

I HAD THE UNFORTUNATE ANNOYANCE of catching the Rush Limbaugh show the other night while I burned the midnight oil working. In between collating senseless numbers and staring mutely at my computer screen, I heard Limbaugh spewing his rhetorical pap about how the Democrats are driving this country down, and how Reaganomics and '80s era policies were the way to revive our deteriorating economy.

To buttress his assertions, Limbaugh dug out a graph depicting the number of people on welfare from 1982 to 1992, then sarcastically traced the rollercoaster of peaks and valleys, schooling the dumb viewer on how it correlated to the White House: Carter era, more people on wel-

fare; Reagan era, steadily less people on government assistance; and, finally, the Bush years where the increase of welfare recipients was blamed on the migration away from '80s ideology.

What we need, Limbaugh suggested, is a return to the supply side pork barrels that kept people out of the government's wallet.

The fact not shown on Limbaugh's illustration, nor reflected in his diatribe, is the plain truth that in the '80s the rich *did* get richer and the working man simply rose to the status quo. Once the windfalls stopped for the big money makers, cutbacks signalled unemployment for the working class. With budgets tight, the overflow to the little man has stopped. But don't be fooled; the same money still circulates "in the loop."

Last year the city of Dallas awarded over 13,000 contracts worth more than \$250 million. But African Americans—who total almost a third of this city's population—received less than 4% of that money. This isn't even a percentage point above white women owned businesses who received nearly 3%.

Having a job and "gettin' paid" are certainly needed for survival, but employment doesn't necessarily signal progress. African Americans must build their own economic base by competing on an even level for available dollars. This ensures growth for businesses who—hopefully—will in turn "spread the

wealth" and create jobs for other African Americans.

One problem is black businesses must make it known they're out there and be accessible. The larger the pool of active, competitive black businesses, the harder it is for entities, like the city, to justify not using African American vendors.

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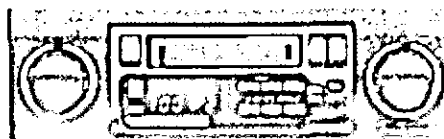
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Feline Phoenix

By Jason D. Webster

THE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING tranquility at the Dallas Police Department's Southeast Sub-station seems oddly out of place. The calm—often joking—demeanor of police officers standing around might give the impression of a public relations function. That is, until you hear the chants.

"DPD, stop messin' with me," floats melodically from the picket line of twenty or so African Americans parading in front of the sub-station's entrance. "Stop raping our women," the chants continue, "stop killing our men."

The dozen cops posted at either end of the picket line don't really seem to care much about the protest. They smile and joke with one another, posed in the traditional feet-spread, hands-resting-on-gunbelt position. They know they're just there for looks.

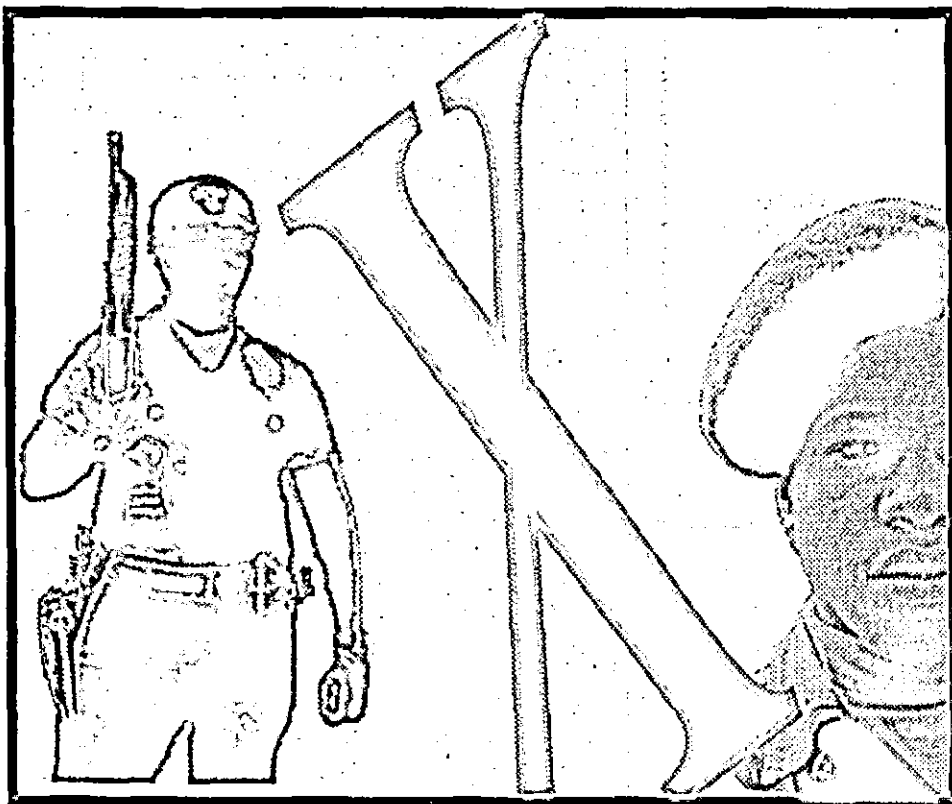
Even the Black and Hispanic cops—numbering almost half of the small peacekeeping entourage—don't seem disturbed by any ambivalence. One African American policeman points to a picketer toting a placard that says "The Rath burns from LA to Dallas," and chuckles with a white, female cop standing with him.

But the smiles and chortles evaporate instantly when the picket line, led by County Commissioner John Wiley Price, crosses the street and loops back to the sub-station's entrance, completely blocking Jim Miller road.

Suddenly the cops have a situation on their hands.

Before you know it, the police's ranks have swelled to over twenty officers, quietly marshalled by the sergeant in charge. Then, calmly as possible, they attempt to stop the picket line at the curb. "Could you please stop right there, ma'am," says a cop to a small, middle aged woman. She hesitates, then walks forward. The cop stops her progress with his body, putting his hands on her shoulders.

"Don't touch her!" wails Price, bolting toward the cop from 50 yards away. When he's intercepted by more cops, the screaming and expletives fly. "Get away from me," screams Price as he's quickly surrounded by blue shirts.



Just as expediently as the cops mass around Price, several black uniformed men wearing berets sprint to Price's aid. There's some manhandling, orders from police, deafening shouts from the picketers, but ultimately the picketing continues unabated.

Eventually, the small army of gathered police begs off. A race riot obviously wasn't on their agenda.

Back at the picket line, emotions are boiling over. Before the incident, picketers had a cause—now they have a mission. "The message they've given is clear," says Ron Smith between chants. His calculated speech and peaceful inflection stand out in contrast to his military regalia: black combat fatigues, combat boots and black hat.

"We've been doing things by the system for centuries," he continues, his deeply lined face set in a mask of determination. "But if [the oppression] continues, we'll use other means to stop it."

Such radical talk could be dismissed as hyperbole, but Smith is obviously serious. "Let's just hope that doesn't happen," he says with unaffected concern.

If Smith's attitude is reminiscent of the '60s and early '70s, it should be—he's part of growing core of members in the resurgence of the Black Panther Party.

ALTHOUGH MANY LEADERS OF THE Black Panther Party are either dead or have gone on to a different way of life, the ideology they spawned has found a following in a whole new generation.

Founded on the principles of self-defense and community involvement espoused by Malcolm X, the Black Panthers quickly sprang to national attention in the latter 60s. Openly toting guns and rifles to protect their community against the "fascist cops," Black Panthers became sort of 60s mythology. The media left us with the picture the Panthers were all larger than life, white-hating radicals ready to gun down a n y "honkey" unfortunate enough to cross their path.

Despite their explosion onto the scene, by the mid '70s the Panthers were all but defunct, with members scattered throughout the US either factionalized or in hiding. The original Black Panthers died a sort of slow, fitful death. Pockets of Panthers and Panther related groups remained active for several more years, but the momentum of their movement lost steam as the country fell into the lethargy of "progressive relationships" between the races.

It wasn't until years after the Panthers' demise that we learned that their leadership was ruthlessly hunted and gunned down, their organization the target of FBI counterintelligence tactics and, most surprisingly of all, that the Panthers main core of activity was within the community—organizing and implementing programs from health service to education.

The media fixated on the Ramboesque side of the Panthers because it was their deepest fear manifested into life, horror turned reality. But the reality was they were young idealists ready to die for what they saw as the "way out" for the embattled African American.

Now that the smoke has cleared, a number of African Americans have

grown disenchanted with the stagnant state of progression for people of color. Perhaps the fastest growing ideology is one that doesn't necessarily exclude force from its agenda to affect change.

One local young African American, who had at the time been studiously researching the role of the original Panthers, decided that particular ideology was most credible for aiding the community. The New Black Panther Party was born.

"We are really not doing anything new," says Aaron Michaels, founder and leader of the New Black Panther Party. "What we advocate more than anything is self-help, self-determination and self-defense of our community. The same idealism the Panthers of the '60s had."

AARON MICHAELS IS A STUDY of contrasts. Sitting in the control booth at KKDA radio station, he seems a world away from the militant upstart who heads the police's local list of subversive leaders. He's extremely articulate with an affable manner that renders an odd sort of thoughtful depth to the tenets he upholds, unconventional as they may be.

Like the group who inspired him, he believes in economic self-determination, community control and self-defense. The New Black Panthers, he says, are very involved in grassroots programs to educate and care for people in the community, especially the youth.

He's actually very much like the Panthers who preceded him: provocative, well-spoken and unafraid to go against the grain. He's also dangerously close to the cutting edge of what could be a real grassroots uprising.

Michaels says when the '92 LA riots were in full swing, he was contacted by members of the local police and even the FBI to see if he would help quell any backlashing from militant African

Americans. Almost jokingly, Michaels says he told them, "We're not going to burn our own communities," then added a small caveat to put them on notice. "At least not this time."

And though Michaels is far from a frothing warmonger, he doesn't rule out the possibility of violent confrontation with police forces. "I think when you are dealing with an establishment as racist as it is here," he says, "the threat of you having to kick somebody's ass al-

Dormant for 20 years, the ideology and methodology of the 60s most radical organization resurfaces with the New Black Panther Party

ways has to be there."

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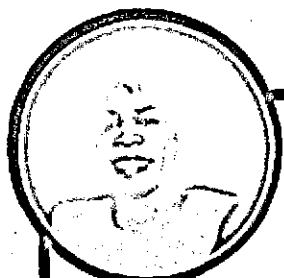
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Police brutality is a big issue with Aaron. But equally as insidious, he says, is the danger to the community posed by drug dealers. They too are targets of the group. According to Michaels, the New Panthers are ready to deal with the dope man just as forcibly as with police.

He relates an anecdote that happened during one of the Panthers numerous drug patrols where Panthers, police and drug dealers converged in a scene so cynically ridiculous, it had to be real: "We basically take the stand the police do. We come down there in our uniforms and guns 'cause we understand who we're dealing with," he says. "We tell drug dealers 'you got to go, and if your not ready to go then you must be ready to die for what you believe in, 'cause we are.'"

"So the drug dealers called the police on us. The police came down and asked us 'These guys say you're harassing them with guns,' and I said 'Yeah, it looks about like that.' I said 'If you're not going to help us clean our community, then I think it's time for you to get the hell out of our community right now.'"

"So I guess he thought about it, and it would look stupid for him to help the drug dealers to chase us out when we're a community organization, so they just left."

But just like the Panthers of the '60s, the new party is really focused on home: the group has already implemented educational programs, afterschool programs and eating programs to aid certain communities. Michaels and many members of the nascent party spend much of their off time at different neighborhood

rallies and demonstrations as well as at Panther meetings and functions. "Basically," says Michaels, "we're just involved in the community."

Most importantly, though, Michaels wants it known that the goals he and his group advocate for are not exclusive to color: it's oppressed versus oppressor.

He points out that even though the New Black Panthers tout a hardline stance

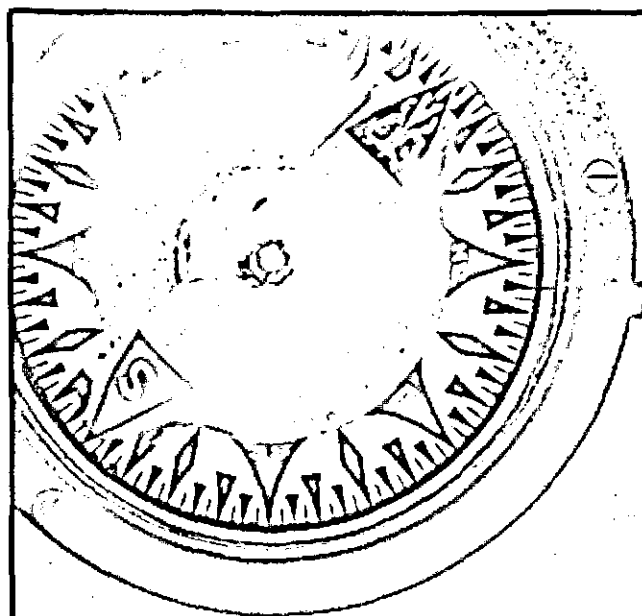


New Black Panther Party
founder Aaron Michaels

against establishments often associated as being "white," he has no malice for Caucasians. "I am not in this because I hate white people," Michaels says evenly. "It's not about hatred of anything. It's about self-determination. It's about us moving forward no matter what the cost."

"I don't hate anybody because of the color of their skin. But I hate cops beating black people over their head and murder. That is what I hate."

With 100 members and growing, the New Black Panther Party may well be just as groundbreaking as their predecessors. But with governmental paranoia still high, and a media still controlled by conservatives, we may not find out everything we want to know about the New Panthers for years to come.



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Selecting a Career

SOME PEOPLE SEEM TO KNOW what they want to do for a living even at an early age. How often have you heard "I always wanted to be a teacher" or "I always knew I would become a lawyer"? But most people grow up with little or no clue of what career path to take. Fortunately, there are some instruments that can help narrow the options.

One of the most widely used interest "tests" is the Strong-Campbell interest inventory. The inventory does not measure abilities, but tells about the patterns of interest and how those patterns compare with those of successful people in many occupations. The results would tell you, for example, that you like the way an engineer spends his day; they do not tell you whether you have an aptitude for the mathematics involved. The instrument covers six general occupational themes. Your scores for the six themes (R-Theme, I-Theme, A-Theme, S-Theme, E-Theme and C-Theme) are calculated from the answers you give to the test questions.

While this column does not allow for

a full explanation of results, your scores are used in two main ways: first, to help you understand how your likes and dislikes fit into the world of work; second, to help you identify possible problems by pointing out areas where your interests differ substantially from those of people working in occupations you might consider.

Another "test" which enables you to narrow potential careers is the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator. The instrument separates people into eight basic personality types (Extroverted Thinking, Introverted Thinking, Extraverted Feeling, Introverted Feeling, Extraverted Sensing, Introverted Sensing, Extraverted Intuition and Introverted Intuition) which are designed to apply to each type at its best, as exemplified by normal, well-balanced, well-adjusted, effective people.

This column discusses only two tests but many more are available. Your high school counselor, career planning and placement office and librarian can supply additional information about interest inventories, jobs, job projections and the world of work.

Remember, choosing an occupation involves a lot of research. No single test will enable you to make this critical decision. Keep in mind, too, that people change jobs on the average of six times during a lifetime. The more information obtained prior to choosing a career, the greater likelihood of success.

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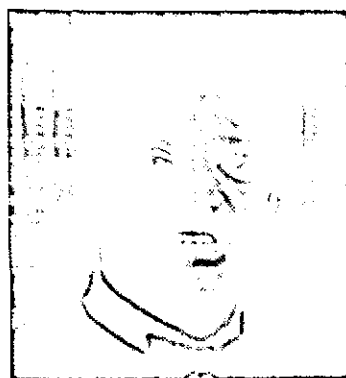
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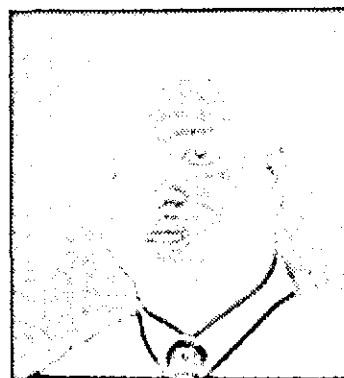
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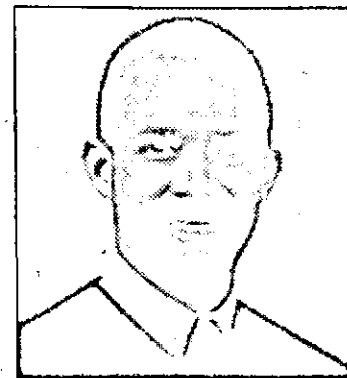
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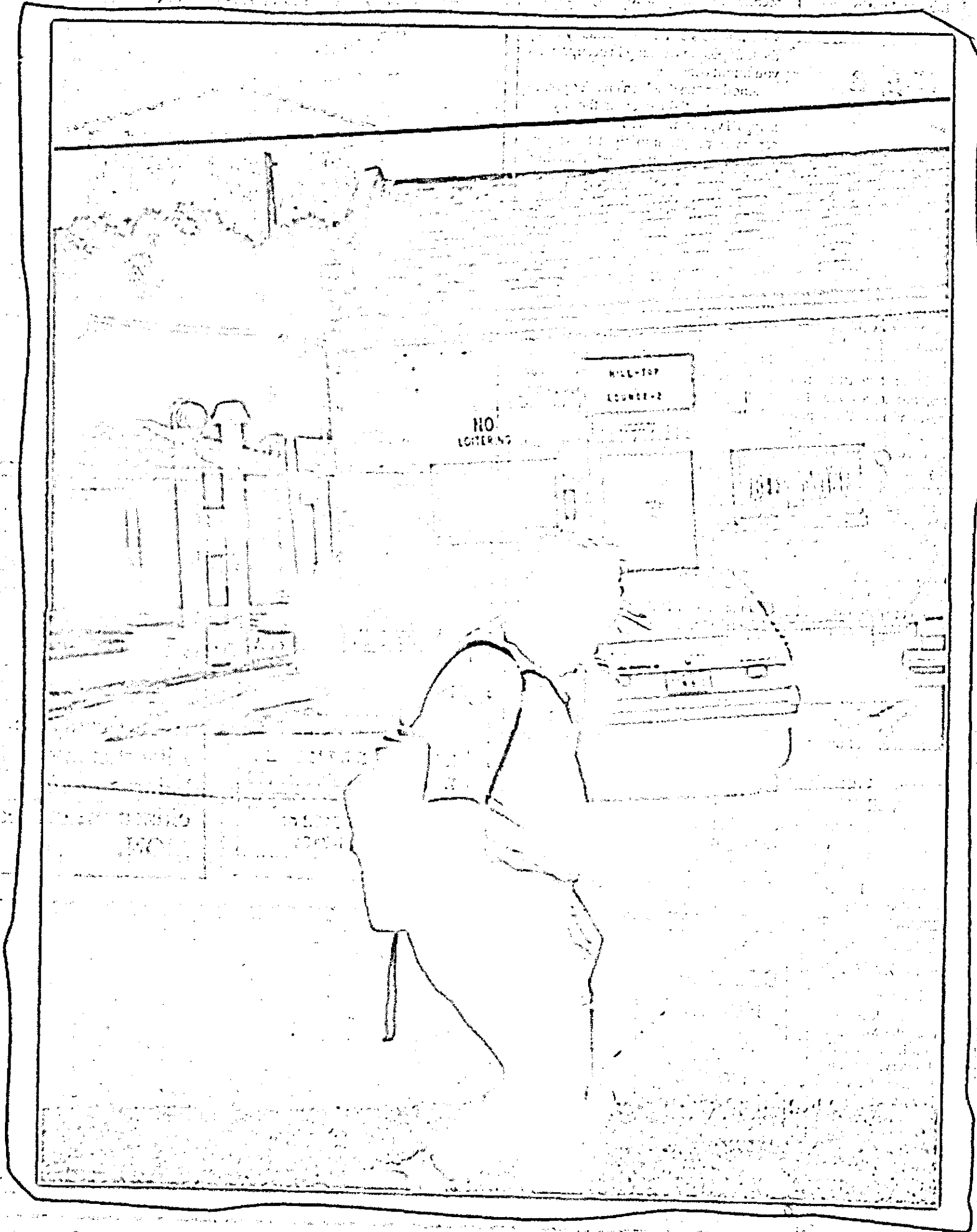


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Last year people spent \$30 million on alcohol in South Dallas, but only \$49 million on groceries. These alarming numbers and the increasing decay of neighborhoods have moved leaders to call for a "Drying Out" of S.D. liquor stores.

By Sandra Miller

THE SCENE IS ALL TOO FAMILIAR—DRUNKEN MEN, BOTH YOUNG AND OLD, STANDING OUTSIDE THEIR FAVORITE LIQUOR STORE. ON ANY GIVEN DAY THE "DRAMA OF LIFE" ON SOUTH DALLAS STREETS AND STREETCORNERS MIGHT SEEM OBITUALLY COMICAL IF THEY WEREN'T SO TRAGICALLY REAL: THE LOUD TALKING, LAUGHING AND PROFANITY HURLED AT PASSING CARS; A FOOLHARDY INDIVIDUAL SWAGGERS OUT INTO ONCOMING TRAFFIC AND BEGINS CARTOONISHLY DIRECTING TRAFFIC LIKE A BEFUDDLED POLICEMAN; A FULL BLADDER RELIEVED ON THE SIDE OF AN OPEN BUILDING.

THESE SCENES, WHICH SOME FEEL CAUSE NEIGHBORHOOD DETERIORATION, HAVE LED TO A CALL FOR CITY ORDINANCES THAT WOULD CLOSE DOWN LIQUOR RELATED BUSINESSES AND HAVE SPURRED A LAWSUIT CHALLENGING SUCH A PROPOSAL. THE FIGHT PITS POLITICIANS AND CITIZENS AGAINST BUSINESS OWNERS. AT STAKE IS OVER 350 LIQUOR RELATED BUSINESSES (732 COUNTY WIDE), APPROXIMATELY 2,100 LIQUOR RELATED JOBS AND STATE LAWS OVER CITY ORDINANCES.

BEFORE THE PAINT HAD EVEN DRIED ON THE BILLBOARDS THAT COUNTY COMMISSIONER JOHN WILEY PRICE HAD PAINTED TO SAVE THE LUNGS OF SOUTH DALLAS AFRICAN AMERICANS, HE WAS BACK IN THE NEWS CALLING FOR A WET/ DRY ELECTION IN AN ATTEMPT TO SAVE THEIR LIVERS.

THE BATTLE THICKENED IN AUGUST WHEN DALLAS CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED DOWN RECOMMENDATIONS FROM A DALLAS PLAN COMMISSION TASK FORCE. COMMISSION CHAIRWOMAN BETTY CULBREATH IMMEDIATELY CALLED COUNCILMAN AL LIPSCOMB AFTER VIEWING THE VOTING ON TELEVISION AND ANGRILY THREATENED TO RESIGN.

"ALL WE WERE TRYING TO DO WAS GIVE THE CITY A TANGIBLE WAY TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM," CULBREATH SAID OF TASK FORCE SUGGESTIONS IN A VOICE TREMBLING WITH THE SAME RAGE THAT LED TO HER THREATS TO RESIGN.

CULBREATH SAID THE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE MERELY A TOOL ANY NEIGHBORHOOD COULD HAVE USED TO CLOSE DOWN ANY "BAD BAR." SHE BELIEVES THE COUNCIL REJECTED THOSE SUGGESTIONS BECAUSE THEY MISUNDERSTOOD THEM. THAT MISUNDERSTANDING, SHE BELIEVES, IS DUE TO THE INFLUENCE OF COUNCILMAN LARRY DUNCAN.

CULBREATH SUGGESTS DUNCAN MAY HAVE THOUGHT THE TASK FORCE'S SUGGESTIONS WOULD HAVE TAKEN A D-1 RESTRICTION—A RESTRICTION REQUIRING A "SPECIAL USE" PERMIT TO SELL ALCOHOL—OFF BUSINESSES OPERATING IN HIS PLEASANT GROVE DISTRICT.

"THEY LET THE EMOTIONS OF ONE MAN (LARRY DUNCAN) DRIVE THEM TO THIS POINT ON AN ISSUE THAT NEITHER HE NOR THEY UNDERSTOOD," CULBREATH INSISTS. "I THINK THAT WE WILL GET THIS PROBLEM SOLVED IF THE CITY WILL LET THE COMMISSION MAKE SUGGESTIONS TO THEM AND IF THEY WILL JUDGE THE SUGGESTIONS BASED ON THEIR MERITS AND NOT BASED ON ANYONE'S EMOTIONS."

THE CITY COUNCIL WILL HAVE A RECALL ELECTION ON THE ISSUE AFTER AN IN-DEPTH BRIEFING FROM THE COMMISSION. BUT MEANWHILE, A SUPREME COURT HEARING IS PENDING FOR OCTOBER 27.

IN THE HEART OF SOUTH DALLAS A DIFFERENT, YET DIRECTLY RELATED, WAR OF SORTS IS BREWING. A NEW FRONTLINE WARRIOR IS COURAGEOUSLY MAKING INROADS TO QUELL THE DETERIORATION OF HIS ENVIRONMENT. HE IS MUCH LIKE HIS HISTORICAL PREDECESSOR, NAPOLEON, GOING ABOUT HIS PARTICULAR QUEST BELLOWING A HARD-TO-SWALLOW, "LEAVE A LUMP IN YOUR THROAT" SENSE OF RIGHTNESS. BUT THIS NAPOLEON—DR. NAPOLEON LEWIS, PRINCIPAL OF LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL—SEEKS A DIFFERENT CAUSE AND EFFECT. NAPOLEON LEWIS SEEKS TO OVERTHROW THE EMPIRE OF THE LIQUOR STORES.

LT. J.C. WELCH, ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, TEXAS ALCOHOL AND BEVERAGE COMMISSION (TABC), REPORTS THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED 732 PACKAGE STORES, WINE ONLY STORES AND BEER AND WINE STORES OPERATING IN THE ENTIRE COUNTY OF DALLAS. APPROXIMATELY 350-360 OF THOSE ARE IN THE SOUTH DALLAS AREA ALONE.

THE TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS TOTALS ALL 1991 ALCOHOL SALES AT ABOUT \$31 MILLION OF \$186,689,623 SPENT IN THE AREA—ROUGHLY 16 CENTS ON EVERY RETAIL DOLLAR.

"THERE'S A LOT OF STORES CONCENTRATED IN A VERY SMALL AREA...SO, THEY HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD," WELCH SAYS.

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All alcohol licenses are received through TABC in Austin, with Welch's office here in Dallas handling all complaints. According to Welch, the Texas Alcohol and Beverage Code states that if someone has an adequate building and they meet all requirements of the code, a permit must be issued. Moreover, the code does not limit the number of permits that can be issued in any specific wet area. He says that if someone brings in an application the TABC must issue a permit.

But Welch points out that TABC is not solely a lone player in allowing new liquor stores. "We do not issue a permit anywhere in the city of Dallas unless the city of Dallas has approved the permit," says Welch.

One may be misled into assuming that all monies spent on alcohol comes from the residents of South Dallas, but that is far from true. South Dallas/Fair Park is the only wet area south of Interstate 30. All residents of all cities below I-30 desiring to purchase alcohol are apt to purchase within the 13-square-mile area.

Nonetheless, the environment bred by such a dense concentration of liquor stores produces deleterious effects on surrounding neighborhoods. Whether the buyers reside in the 'hood or not seems a game of semantics and useless equivocation: the liquor stores are trouble.

In an attempt to solve this overwhelming problem, a D-1 designation, one that requires business owners to purchase a special use permit, would be the only other alternative to a countywide wet/dry election. With a wet/dry election, the citizens—not the city council—would decide who and how alcoholic beverages would be distributed. It was on these grounds that

the Merchants and Concessions Association and Adolph Hunt, former President and Founder, decided to bring a lawsuit.

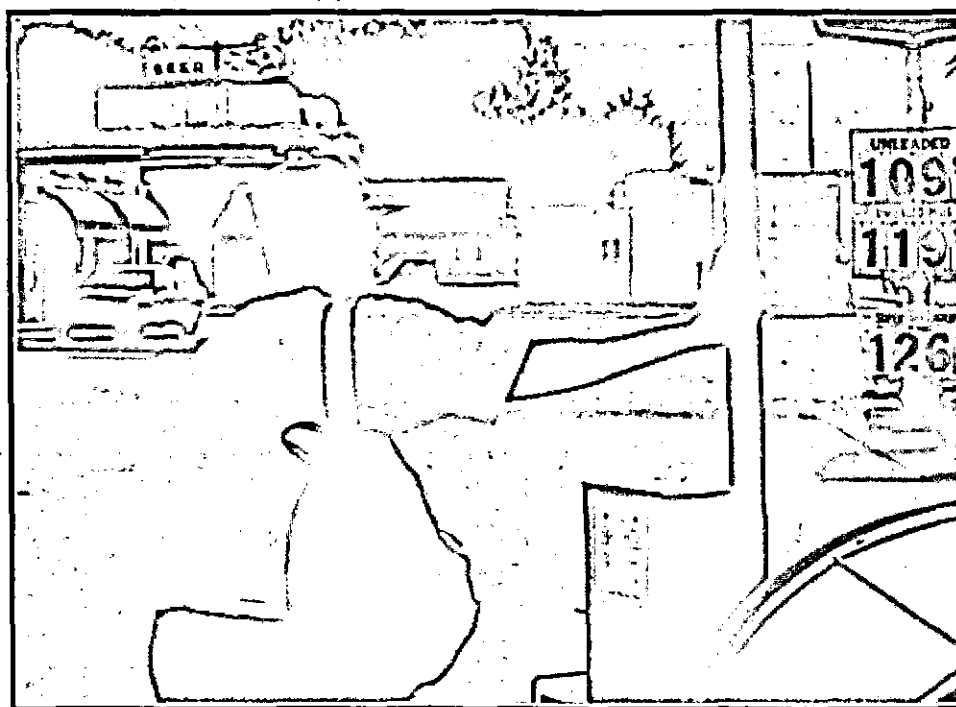
Dr. Lewis came to Lincoln High on March 10, 1980, viewing his surroundings and wondering, as he still does, why African American schools are so often placed in areas conducive to learning. He waged war on the establishments on March 10, 1980.

Lewis' first attempts were through the city's bureaucracy. But he found no relief there. He attended several meetings and received several promises—empty promises.

"They've been jaw-jacking about what they are going to do, but they haven't done a damn thing!" Lewis barks bitterly.

Not content with the empty lip service, he crusaded store front to store front appealing—sometimes demanding—for cooperation from the business owners. Surprisingly, Lewis received immediate cooperation from the African American business owners in barring any and all students from their establishments. He was also successful in getting the city to agree to issue no other alcohol permits to new businesses in the area near the high school or to businesses that had since closed. Places Lewis says were far too easy for students to purchase wine and the even more deadly crack cocaine.

Since the start of Lewis' campaign, Lincoln High School, which was once at the bottom academically, is now consistently competitive in all academic areas. The school also has the lowest failure rate (students receiving a grade of F in one or more classes) in the last 10-12 years. And recently Lincoln was ranked the most effective school in Dallas, grades 9-12, according to a new DISD



ranking system considered the fairest ever.

Napoleon Lewis' only "Waterloo" is in Little World, a small food store on an adjacent corner of Oakland and Hatcher which is licensed to sell beer and wine. Little World is owned by Sung Kim, and Asian American.

Lewis says that he has witnessed students either purchasing wine there or, when denied, paying adult loiterers to purchase the product for them.

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Kim says whenever anyone resem-

bling a minor attempts to purchase alcohol, he or his employees ask for identification. He says he tries his best to find out which, if any, adults are purchasing alcohol for minors, but that it is impossible to discover every time such a violation occurs. All loiterers are encouraged to drink at home or they are stopped and issued a ticket by the police, who automatically pass by. This is a problem at all stores he says.

Kim has never considered *not* selling beer or wine, even though he says that it accounts for only a small portion of his profits. The lure of alcohol proves to be an inescapable drawing card and he must sell it to compete with other nearby businesses. Alcohol is vital to businesses in South Dallas.

Kim states that he never talked to Lewis at any time, but teachers from the school frequent the store to make purchases, but never to buy alcohol.

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Regardless of Kim's objectives, Lewis still carries disdain for Little World or any other business that would hinder his students performance. Lewis feels that the city should have bought off all undesirable businesses in favor of the school.

"They need to close all of them as far as I'm concerned," says Lewis. "I don't want any of them around this school building!"

Lewis and Kim agree on one point: The problems suffered by South Dallas are a lot more than alcohol—a lot more. In fact, many agree that is the least of the problems.

"I don't think that it's alcoholic beverage...It's drugs," Kim supposes. "The actual problem is they (South Dallas residents) need to get a job and to get off the drugs."

A Texas Commission on alcohol and drug abuse study reveals that in 1989 alone, for health care, crime related expenses and lost earnings, Texans paid an estimated \$12.6 billion. Of that \$7.9 billion was for alcohol abuse and \$3.7 billion for illegal drug abuse.

Ruth Hunt, wife of Adolph Hunt and Merchants and Concessions Association member, agrees that the causes leading to the diminished conditions of South Dallas are numerous.

"The problem is alcohol abuse. The problem is not the store," she says. "There may be some bad operators. There may be some located too near some churches and schools." But she adds that some of the businesses were there before the churches moved in.

Hunt says that when loitering and drinking occur in a vacant lot across the street from a business it's out of the control of a store owner. She says that store owners can't be held responsible for what happens in a vacant lot across the street. That is police work, she says, and it can happen anywhere.

"What we need to do is to make sure that there is code enforcement," demands Hunt. "When people urinate on the streets, that's a crime."

Welch says that as far as his office was concerned the alcohol stores have not been a heavily reported problem.

"We do not receive any more complaints on the stores in South Dallas than we do any other stores," Welch says. "We get more complaints of people standing around drinking in South Dallas than we do from any other area."

"Nobody in the neighborhood ever calls the TABC and reports a damn thing to them!" Culbreath says with annoyance. "The majority of the problem

is they don't know who to call."

Hunt says that these are some reasons adding to the neighbor's ambiguity, and that leads to why she believes that the neighbors really don't know why they are having these problems. She says that they only see that the problems are a fallout from the businesses. "They've been, more or less, brainwashed into believing this is why you're having trouble and we need to close them (liquor stores) down."

Hunt says the city doesn't have any regard for business owners. Many

South Dallas business owners are hard working individuals, says Hunt, who have sent kids to college from the sale of alcohol, a legal substance.

Kim feels that he and other small businesses such as his are suffering the most from the actions taken by Culbreath's organization and the city. He feels small businesses shouldn't have

to incur the additional expenses of attorney's fees for the lawsuit, nor the \$500 for a special use permit.

Culbreath said that her recommendations were never intended to hurt the small mom-and-pop stores.

"Major liquor stores and chain liquor stores didn't have a D-1 put on their business, and they're backed up right to Pearl C. Anderson Jr. High School. Why exempt them and put a D-1 designation on small businesses?" Culbreath argues. "I don't understand the rationale."

"We've got a fine line here," Hunt warns. "We've got to find a better way to handle this problem. No other alternatives (like relocation) have been offered to the merchants."

Hunt suggests having town hall meetings between those attempting to close the businesses, the city council and the merchants themselves. "You might have to do something like that," Hunt says. "You might need to see if there is any opposition in the beginning (before permits are issued)."

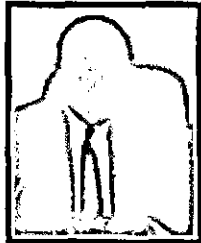
"That's what the task force was prepared to do," said Culbreath. "We would bring the Dallas Police Department and the TABC together with the neighborhood...and educate the neighbors on how to handle their problems."

This is the only way Culbreath really envisions the problems between the neighbors and merchants being solved. She feels all operators of bad establishments should have their licenses revoked. She said that by taking their license they would be prevented from simply going across the street and opening up another store.

"The TABC has the power to take licenses," Culbreath reminds. "That's the key."

"What we need is code enforcement.... When people urinate on the streets, that's a crime."

—Adolph Hunt



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Africa West part II

By Edlin Cowley

The Color of Money

WE AS A PEOPLE MUST BEGIN to weigh our present status against our desired future status. The key to remember with personal economics is ultimately *you* are in control. Too many people have their life savings on their fingers, around their necks, on their backs, or in their driveways. Although it's pleasing to reward yourself from time to time, it is not necessary to mortgage your life on them.

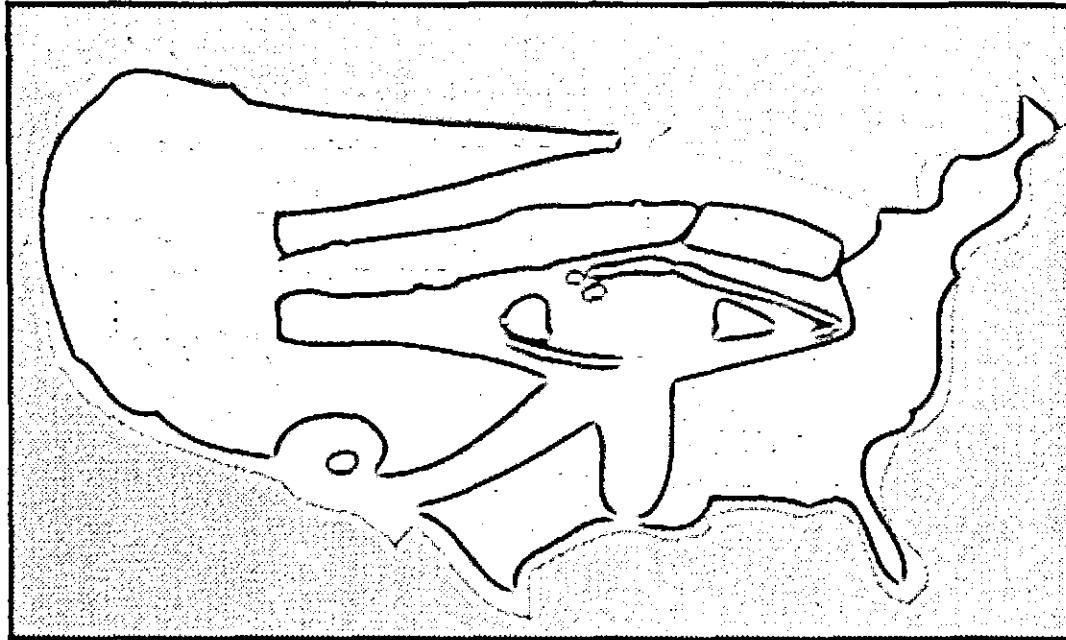
Look out for yourself—no one else has to. You can be sure you will need much more money in the future. Not only because of your own personal situation, but things like the budget deficit and unexpected tax hikes—with their resulting raised prices—should also be considered. Instead of trying to please you friends or show off to your family now, save that money and please yourself later.

Economic empowerment is what moves mountains here in America. Why do you think Oak Cliff, South and West Dallas receive less attention from the city in the form of street care, sanitation services and other basic needs. Someone can tell you it's lack of manpower, bad scheduling, or red tape but, if you look, you'll find these services in abundance where the money is.

If that upsets you then it is time for you to do something. The change in these things begins with you. We won't get to the next level of living by throwing money away or giving it to others. We must help ourselves like those before us. Save you money—it can't buy you happiness, but it can surely get you some respect.

My point is that it takes money to do things now. Everyone needs to have a savings account they make regular deposits to. This ensures some type of financial future. Pennies do add up.

In our current generation it seems that lifestyles have gotten so expensive. Before you buy that next gold chain, new car, or new suit think about at whose expense it will cost in the long run.



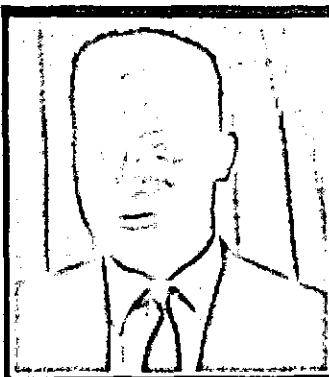
Community Reinvestment

Community reinvestment is a missing element in our communities in Dallas as well as across the country. We also lack economic empowerment, adequate education and historical knowledge, but community reinvestment is the easiest of these you can begin employing.

I am usually met with disagreement with most people when it comes to buying from African American owned businesses. Many cite a lack of quality, inferior products, and just plain objection to the concept of an obligation to buy from these businesses. My reply now would simply be, "Who else can we expect to do it?" It is true that quality may be lacking from some of these businesses. But without a customer base, profits cannot be made to upgrade product quality or efficiency.

Before integration, we as a people had a hand in controlling business in our communities, and a number of blacks were in ownership positions. Of course post-integration has seen a decline in certain aspects of African American owned business. During this same period though we have made people of other races millionaires with our money. Do you think that your money is only green?

The dollar comes under the racial barrier of this society also. Every time your money leaves your hands you should stop and think who will benefit in the long run?" If you thought about it long enough you might realize you are financing someone else's future.



Edlin Cowley

Do you think that they built up their areas by taking their money and putting it in other areas. Jews, Anglos and other communities have businesses that are sustained by their constituents plus a more than fair percentage of us. You can purchase Mexican food, Chinese food, or Italian food all representative of their cultures. We could sell our own cultural foods. You want KFC, Popeye's and Churches, but they don't qualify because there aren't many of us at the top, but we'll break our necks getting to the shop. We do have Clara's Kitchen, Gigi's, Williams Chicken and other ethnic establishment in the city and we should help them grow.

Our community needs you dollar to build up our old and new businesses so that we can compete and increase our collective effort. Total transition of your dollars is not required—just target 20-25 percent of your money to support these businesses or start a business of your own.

Reinvestment in the community goes past just spending your money there. You must invest your time, talent, and money to the tasks at hand. If you don't do it who will?

Answers for Racism

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You could just as easily use that money to build up businesses in your own community or start a business of your own.


When you think of community reinvestment think of other communities.

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Entertainment

A Panoramic Overview of the Arts

By Sonia Jordan

MR. CURTIS KING AND THE Junior Black Academy of Arts and Letters have done it again. The season opener, *Only the Strong* starring Vanessa Bell Armstrong, was a play that came straight from the heart. Mr. Benny Rogers, actor/writer/director and producer, is a multi-talented young man. When I talked to Mr. Rogers about the play, I got the feeling that a lot of what we saw on stage hit close to home for him. "Three-fourths of what the play is about has happened in my life," said Rogers. "It's a drama straight from the streets." I don't know about that, but it was definitely a drama that pulled on the heart. Not only was the production educational but entertaining as well and portrayed the African American male in a positive role. "You always see the man leaving when things go wrong and the woman is left to raise the kids," said Rogers. "I wanted to show an African American male hanging in there."

The cast was filled with many local talents such as Charles Hillman, who played Mason. You may know Mr. Hillman from Frank Frazier's Art Gallery *Vision In Black*. Vanessa Bell Armstrong "sang" he heart out. Mr.



The inimitable, controversial—but always entertaining—Millie Jackson

Rudy Ray Moore (Dolemite) stole several scenes with his hilarious antics. Daryl Coley, who played Sam, had a wonderful role as a business man with a positive influence on the community and his family. Jesse Campbell, the young gang member who decided gang banging was not for him, sang like an angel. I'm looking this young man up to sing at my wedding. Mr. Curb Gardener II portrayed the "devil." To give credit where it is due, Gardner played a wonderful bad guy. The other cast members, Dortha Sharron, Angela Bennet, Maivie Wright, M.C. Stewart, Burt Cross, all

did a wonderful job in presenting this timely bit of entertainment. If you missed the gala, you need to call JBAAL at 658-7144 to get on their mailing list so you won't miss upcoming events.

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Ashford and Simpson turned things out, as usual, in Fort Worth at the Caravan of Dreams. With renditions that took us back to their first hit single, performed by Ray Charles, "Let's Go Get Stoned," to the hit single from their latest album. Rumor has it that Chaka Kahn and Peabo Bryson will be gracing the Caravan with their presence in upcoming months. For more information call (817) 429-4000.

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If you like funny ladies, then you won't want to miss Millie Jackson in "Young Man/Older Woman" playing at the Junior Black Academy October 7-11 at 8:00pm. This show promises to be entertaining and enlightening. Younger man, indeed. Well, to each his own. Just don't miss the show, you might learn something.

Well, that's all I have for this month's Overview. See you next month.



New Sounds, New Words

Aycock has cool sounds and a flair for the language

By Denise Sharpton

WHAT IS SAXIFACTION? It is an adjective describing a feeling of excitement, contentment and fulfillment when experiencing the music emanating from the horn of a particular musician. In this case, it is a proper noun—that noun being saxophonist Jeff Aycock.

Aycock describes himself as the "saxifaction man."

"The man who plays the horn that commands your attention," says the musician.

He will be releasing his second album in January of 1993. It's titled *To Gun* and has ten songs that are a mixture of upbeat jazz tunes and slow melodies.

The contemporary jazz artist's first album *Just Hold On* was released two weeks ago and is in 11 Sound Warehouse stores.

"I don't have a national distribution channel. I distribute the music myself," says the swap show owner.

Aycock says he has sold more than 500 albums out of his South Dallas swap shop, and nearly 1500 albums total.

He has played the saxophone since the tenth grade. He started out playing the clarinet.

"The bass clarinet, not the one the girls play," Aycock emphasizes jokingly.

Aycock's musical inclinations go back to his young days in school. He was a drum major in high school and a drum major at Wylie College.

"It has taken years of dedicated practice. At times, over the years, I have been discouraged by the negative experiences I've encountered in the entertainment industry. I decided to drop out for awhile and do what the music industry calls 'woodshedding': practicing, writing, and planning," he says.

Occasionally, he plays at the Fairmont Hotel, Caravan of Dreams and Executive Clubs.

The 39 year-old Aycock says now he's ready.



Side splitting comedian Steve Harvey will be opening his own comedy club in the near future.

For over an hour, Steve Harvey had our undivided attention. Even when he kept commenting about how country we all were, the crowd kept laughing. Country?! Mr. Harvey, I agree with you. We may be country, but you admit to loving and missing us. Would you agree that birds of feather flock together? And seems to me that you have no problem understanding our language down here. You know, the "Fend to" and "Liable to." Are you sure you guys in Cleveland don't talk like that too, or are you just a quick study?

Steve Harvey, the new host of Showtime at the Apollo, airing Saturday nights at 10pm. Steve Harvey, the man who put Dallas

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Harvey Rocks Da House

By Sonia Jordan

YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE! STEVE HARVEY & COMPANY blew the roof off the...Ohhh, do ya'll hear me! The man is so bad that he performed to two sold out crowds at the Junior Black Academy Auditorium on Saturday, September 26.

The crowd started laughing with the emcee, Guy Black of K104, and kept right on going. Cedric "The Entertainer" from Apollo was too funny. He was also a little light on his feet.

Myra J is definitely doing it. Girlfriend has it all tied up from K104 to Martin's on Channel 21 to Bebe's Keds. Girlfriend was great.

Now I tell you, Chucky Ducky was something else. I mean, this brother could simply say "Chucky Ducky" and the crowd would die laughing. By now my side was already aching from non-stop laughter.

And then...HE rose! From the orchestra pit, the star ascended. The crowd stomped and applauded. Yes, homeboy, by way of Cleveland, was back on the block. And once he got started, he couldn't stop.

(COMEDY con't from previous page)

on the "Comedy Map" and opened a lot of doors for other comedians. Yes, Mr. Steve Harvey is doing it again. He will be opening "The Comedy House" in Dallas soon and once again we can laugh with the funniest man I know in his own comedy club.

Saturday night with Steve Harvey

and the others was funny, relaxing and refreshing. If you were there, I'm sure you will agree with me when I say to those who missed the show... "YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE!"

Keeping reading MON and listening to K104 and KKDA for the date, time and place of the opening of Steve Harvey's "Comedy House."

(AFRICA con't from page 15)

The race problem is one that can be solved progressively with both parties working hand in hand and eye to eye. The problem we have is that we are looking up to empowered whites and being helped up by whites and have a problem standing independently. Until we become an independent people we will have racial discontent. I personally believe the root of our problem is lack of economic empowerment and adequate education.

We have all come in contact with racial injustices at some time in our lives, but we must attack the center of the problem if we wish to solve it. Some whites fear the thought of African Americans—especially males—well educated and in power. It is time to start a new phase of our long defunct Civil Rights Movement. Boycotts, petitions, and marches worked well in the 60s and that tactic has been copied by almost every major group since that time. In this unsure era of red tape, police brutality, and loss of legal standing or "equality" is diluted and so is the potency of the methods used in the 60s. Wouldn't it be different if instead of boycotting a store, you bought it? Or if you opened your own store and put your competition out of your community? This new battle being waged is not going to be billed as "white vs. black" or "black vs. Hispanic," it will be about money and power and who controls things and we already know where we stand. Don't be fooled when you

hear some leaders who tell you to hate whites, Hispanics, or vice versa, but don't be a fool. We know that the systems and institutions in this country are racist and culturally biased. The time for complaining is over though. We must now form a communicative body that tries to look out for everyone. Money alone is not the answer to this problem. We have to learn to be a more responsible people. This new movement is not about following one leader or focusing on one person or philosophy. We can have many high profile leaders with different plans as long as the plan is for the same objective. These are some suggested objectives:

- Try to support black-owned businesses
- Read books that tell the real "American" history and talk about them with people
- Spend more time at home with your family
- Think of yourself as a role model and act accordingly
- Begin to save money and invest it wisely
- Become active in politics by voting regularly
- Do something in your community. It's time to get to work.

At this crucial time in "our" movement we need more than ever to have a detailed plan to follow. Too often a specific plan is left out of our preparation. We will not success if we continue to move without a gauge to let us measure our progress.



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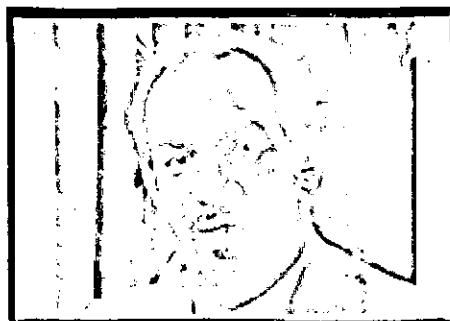
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You've got a while before Christmas and unless there are only guys working for your company, look around. There has got to be a lady or two there that would love to go with you.

By the way, my boyfriend wouldn't take kindly to the idea of me being someone else's date.

Dear Girlfriend:

Help! I am crazy about this guy. We're business partners and he leaves it at that. Our friends are always inviting the two of us on outings. It's always three guys and three ladies. Two couples and an extra man and woman. He pays me no attention, Girlfriend, I want this man.

Wanting

Dear Wanting:

Girlfriend says "tch, tch" what a shame. Maybe you're just crazy. Stop wasting you time on someone who is obviously not interested. If he can't tell that you're interested in him, and I'm sure you have let him know in subtle and not so subtle ways, then he may be brain dead. I wouldn't waste my time.

(DART can't from page 4)

DART riders or transit dependent, yet they will have a chance to determine the need for a service they don't use or pay for.

Instead of lobbying to resolve suburban/Dallas differences, DART's tendency is to play on the side with the suburbs. Recent announcements such as the \$16.4 million tracking system serving the suburbs first is a perfect example of DART's reserve status on the suburban team. Is DART so afraid of a suburban pullout that no price is too much or no compromise too great? Instead of DART appealing to cool heads to

deescalate the situation, they are clearly in the suburb's camp, fearful of what a suburban pullout might mean to its existence—forget the provision of service to customers DART was created to serve.

Let's get real. The bottom line is the major capital investment represented by the construction of DART's light rail system is an economic boost to the economy of the city of Dallas, the suburbs as well as the North Texas region represented by the Dallas area delegation. The line has the potential to be the catalyst for much needed redevelopment and infill development of the Dallas inner-city areas while providing

jobs to the unemployed and contracts for area companies. Not to follow through with it would be foolhardy at best. And the winner of the Dallas vs. the Suburbs rematch will score a hollow victory if it means the delay or cancellation of this major public works/economy boosting project.

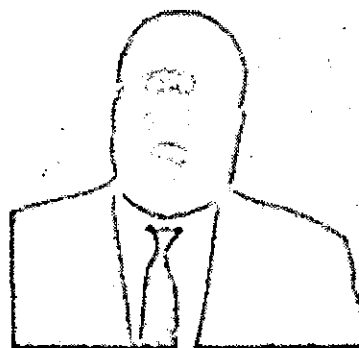
Now is not the time to tear apart the fragile coalition that has endured 8 years of DART miscues just to arrive at the pay window and find the pay-off delayed or cancelled. All involved parties must consider the serious consequences of such actions and do what's best for all parties,

putting aside their personal agendas and egos.

This time it won't be DART's fault alone: the city of Dallas, the suburbs and the state delegation will all have to share in the responsibility for not delivering the goods. The people of this area must hold their leadership responsible. To do less means the people in the area don't care what happens to them and are willing to stand by while someone they elected throws their tax dollars away. Let us not lose sight of what is at stake here.

Donita Marston is a Dallas area political observer and a frequent DART bus rider.

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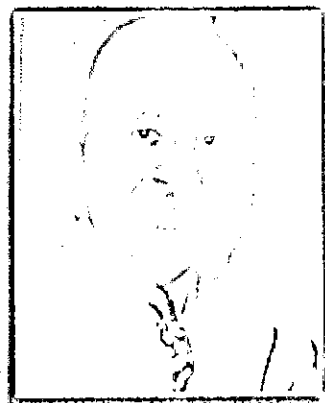
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"King of Hearts" W.T. Greer

don't ask him to sing "Happy Birthday."

Ladies, if you want a quiet, romantic evening with that special someone, have him take you to hear W.T. at the Melrose. You'll be delighted. Better

hurry though, this young man is destined for greatness. Soon we won't be able to hear him do beautiful justice to any of Mr. Vandross' love ballads. Soon, we'll be standing in line purchasing tickets to his concerts or trying to buy his latest CD. He's already debuting at the Meyerson Symphony Center on October 10. Together with Benita Atterberry, Prime

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Health Focus

with
Marsha D. Prophet, Ph.D.

Healthy Eating at Restaurants

MANY PEOPLE ARE NOW LOOKING for food that is healthy and tasty. The American Heart Association (AHA) has taken the lead in helping people select healthy meals when eating out.

To determine which terms and phrases signal low-fat preparation, look for words such as:

"steamed," "in its own juice," "garden fresh," "broiled," "roasted," "poached," "tomato juices," "dry boiled" (in lemon juice or wine).

Be cautious that some low-fat, low-cholesterol preparations are high in sodium. Items such as:

"pickled," "in cocktail sauce," "smoked," "in broth," "in tomato juice" should be avoided.

Foods that include saturated fat and cholesterol preparation may signal high sodium. Refrain from foods that are:

"buttery," "buttered," "in butter sauce," "sauteed," "fried," "pan fried," "crispy," "braised," "creamed," "in cream sauce," "in cheese sauce," "escaloped," "marinated," "in oil," "stewed," "basted," "casserole," "prime hash," "pot pie."

Although it is important to be selective when choosing foods, dining out can be fun, especially when trying new cui-

sines. Whether you're looking for exotic, ethnic, or down-home food, the thing to remember is to apply principles of sound nutrition. You can still enjoy a variety of foods. Listed below are some of the most popular foods and suggested menu items.

• **Chinese**—Avoid high-sodium soups that are high in fat. A request for sauces to be placed on the side should be welcomed by most restaurants. Ask that monosodium glutamate (MSG) be eliminated.

• **French**—Greek food may be too oily. Dishes that are limited in olive oil should be sought. Pita bread is low in fat. Dishes like plaki, fish that has been cooked with tomatoes, onions, and garlic; or shish kebob broiled on a spit should be considered for a main meal. Most often lamb that's found on Greek menus has more saturated fat than beef.

• **Italian**—Pastas are good for those on low-fat diets as long as the pasta does not include cheese or fatty meat or is tossed with butter or cream sauces. Linguine with white or red clam sauce is a good choice. Sauces such as marsala or marinara are considered acceptable. Italian ices are an excellent dessert choices.

• **Mexican**—To start things off, request salsa and guacamole. Avoid the flour tortillas because they are loaded with lard and are fried. Tomato, onion and avocado salads with fresh lemon squeezed over the top are refreshing. Try chicken tostadas on a cornmeal tortilla (not fried). Eat rice and beans instead of beef; they are high in fiber, low in fat, and complete vegetable protein.

With careful attention to dietary guidelines, a bit of planning and a lot of common sense, "dine-n-dash" people can promote their own health.



Employment

By Susan Lee

Fastest Growing Jobs in the '90s

LISTED IN THE TABLE AT RIGHT are some of the fastest growing jobs as projected by the US Department of Labor.

It has been reported that 18.1 million jobs will be added to the US economy by the year 2000.

We are finding as we enter into the year 2000. Projections indicate that four out of five jobs will represent the service industry is dominated by retail employees, cashiers and food workers. But in reality the fastest growing occupations will be the ones that require the most education preparation. Over half of the new positions created through

Occupation	% Growth Projected	Numerical Growth	Est. total emp.
Paralegals	75	62,000	83,000
Travel Agents	54	77,000	142,000
Physical Therapists	57	39,000	68,000
EEG Technologists	50	3,200	6,400
Human Services	45	53,000	118,000
Correction Officers	41	76,000	186,000
Podiatrists	35	44,000	17,000
Aircraft Pilots	31	26,000	83,000
Underwriters	29	30,000	103,000
Engineering tech.	28	203,000	722,000
Physicians	28	149,000	535,000
Biological Scientists	26	15,000	57,000
Architects	25	21,000	86,000
Personnel	22	91,000	442,000

the end of the decade will require education beyond high school and one-third will require a college degree.

Based on the information listed above, we find it necessary to continue to keep ourselves informed on the fastest growing industries in our work force.

In our next column we will be answering questions received from our reading audience. If you would like to have your questions answered, write:

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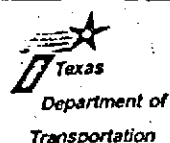
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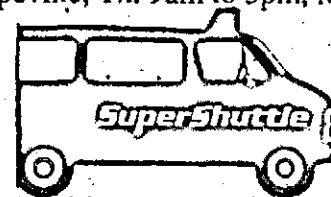
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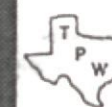
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