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**From the
Publisher**
Thurman Jones

Thanks for your support

If you tuned in to our August and September issues, you are well aware of Minority Opportunity News' recent crusade to delay the proposed transfer of licenses from Summitt Communications, which currently owns KJMZ/100.3 FM and KHVN/Heaven 97 AM, to New York-based Granum Communications, Inc. (GCI). After a direct appeal, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) graciously honored our request to delay approval for the transfer. This extension, or waiver period, recently came to an end on September 25, 1994.

As a measure of thanks, I would like to take my hat off to those of you who offered your support by taking the time to write and/or telephone your comments regarding this very important matter. I give special thanks to Crest-Moore United Methodist Church; who, under the direction of Pastor Sheron Patterson, voted as a church body to support us in our efforts. This support was made evident by the multitude of letters we received from the congregation. Since then, all letters have been forwarded to the FCC in care of Mr. David Blank, who has assured me that we will get due consideration.

As noted in previous articles—during our review of JAMZ community access files, we were concerned but a little more disturbed, that no letters were contained reflecting the opinions of the "man off the street," who makes up the station's listener base. Instead, a majority of the letters on file were written by directors of non-profit organizations mainly thanking station personalities for their participation in various events. Considering that most other radio station files contain a representative sampling of both positive and negative feedback with regard to programming content, we were astonished that JAMZ files contained no dissenting letters which protested the station's broadcast of profane or offensive lyrics.

As I have stated previously, MON's position throughout this crusade has not been one aimed against KJMZ/100.3, as we would take the same action in the same circumstances, involving any other local radio station. Instead, we would like to see the station take a more proactive approach toward issues affecting our community such as teen violence, gang warfare and unemployment. Considering the fact that about 60 per-

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In The News

Unsung Hero of the Month



Opral Nelson

Southwestern Bell telephone has nominated Opral Nelson as the unsung hero of the month because of her dedication to all ethnic minority entrepreneur, getting the information necessary to do business with SWBT. Also, she will go the extra miles to ensure that you get the opportunity to be included in the pipeline whenever the opportunity arrives. NIBA and MON is proud to salute her as the Unsung Hero of the Month. For more information call Sammi Akinmulero at (214) 350-9590

DART board news



Oliver

Jesse D. Oliver was unanimously elected as the Board's vice-chair. Oliver, who represents the City of Dallas, has been a member of DART Board since 1993. He

is a shareholder/attorney for Lannen & Oliver, P.C. of Dallas. Billy Ratcliff, a Dallas representative since 1993, was elected assistant secretary. He is president of Ratcliff Recycling Inc. of Dallas



Ratcliff

All Board officers serve a one year term. Board members receive \$50 for each board meeting. They receive no compensation for their participation in other community meetings

TU electric introduces new program

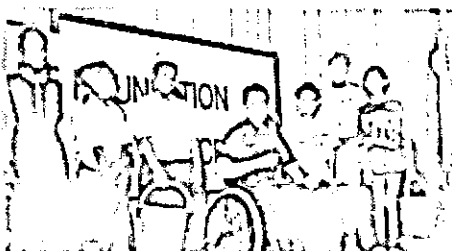
Tu Electric, along with area law enforcement officials, recently introduced a new children's safety program called McGruff Truck. Children may flag down TU Electric vehicles that have McGruff's picture on them, and employees will contact local police,

sheriff's or other law enforcement agencies for help. The company will designate more than 1,500 vehicles as McGruff trucks through out its service area.



Introducing the new program at Jose Navarro PK-3 Elementary School are, from left: Dallas City Councilwomen Barbara Mallory; Chrystal Shield, student; McGruff the Crime Dog; Sonny Vasquez, student; Steve Bell, Dallas police officer; and Dallas Police Chief Ben Click

Students pennies helping police



Fifth graders from both Kramer and J.J. Rhoads Elementary schools created decorative banks in support of the Dallas Blue Foundation's "Pennies Helping Police" special fundraising campaign last month.

The pennies campaign gives everyone a chance to contribute and will benefit injured Dallas Police Officers and their families. For one week in September, forty-five Dallas NationsBank locations placed specially marked buckets in their lobbies during regular banking hours, in order to collect donated coins from citizens. In

addition, residents of the Apartment Association of Greater Dallas collected loose coins at their property office.

For more information call Pam Quitty (214) 830-2661.

Community housing fund

Housing available for low-income buyers Community Housing Fund, a non-profit organization formed to assist low-to-moderate income first-time home buyers, broke ground on a new home in the Red Bird area, located on Texridge. Lisa



Davis, the new home-owner learned of the program through Curtis Yates of Real Estate Status Quo and an article he wrote for Minority Opportunity News earlier this year.

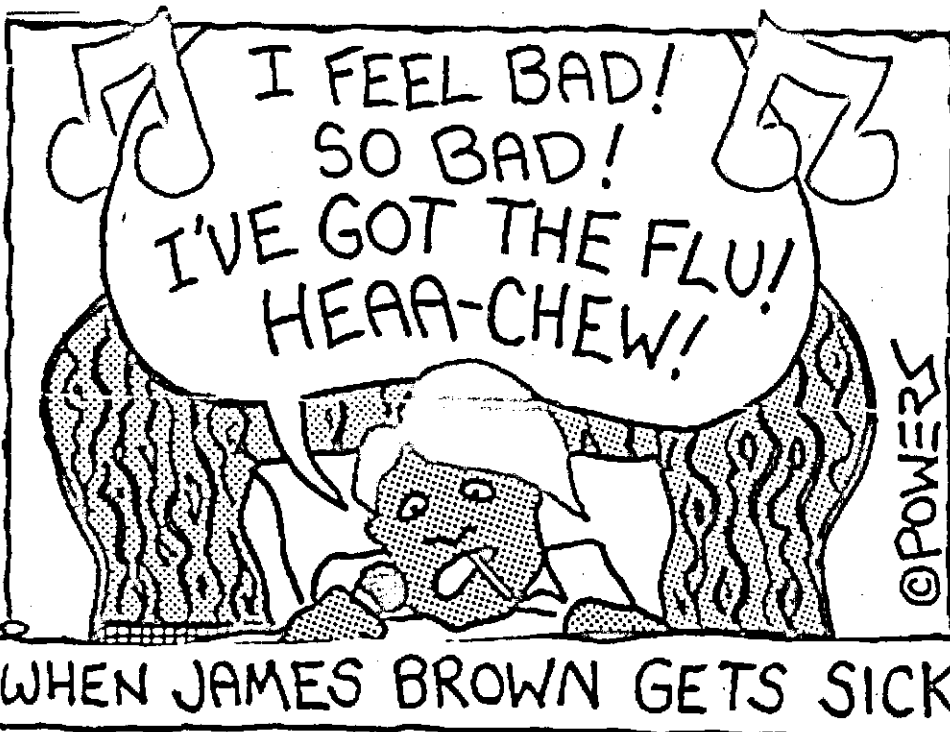
For more information contact Mr. Yates at 702-0151.

Local artists win cash prizes

Several local artist were selected as winners in the annual Southwest Black Art Exhibition sponsored by the Mobil Oil Foundation, Inc. and the Museum of African American Life and Culture.

Tommy Lintz of Dallas won \$700 for his Colored Pencil Drawing, John

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Dear MON:

I was shocked and astonished by your decision earlier this month to publish an unsigned--and obviously fake--letter purportedly written by some one who writes for the Dallas Observer.

It is clear that the text of the letter was offensive and contemptible, as well as idiotic. No one could believe that it was anything but phony. Yet, for some reason, you chose to print it.

Does your newspaper make a habit of publishing fake letters that defame people? Does that not strike you as irresponsible? In this case, the decision is particularly puzzling. In a telephone conversation, your Publisher Thurman Jones, explicitly told me that "no one at the Minority Opportunity News believes anyone at the Observer would write such a letter." Thurman Jones later reaffirmed to one of our writers that he personally believes the letter is a fake.

So why was it published? It is hard to imagine a better example of acting with what media lawyers call "malice"--reckless disregard for whether something you publish is true or false. It's the sort of behavior that prompts lawsuits.

It is easy for hateful people to try to make others look bad. In printing this despicable piece of fiction, you have helped some imbecile do just that--to my entire staff.

You know better--just as anyone who reads the Dallas Observer know better

Peter Elkind, Editor
Dallas Observer

Dear MON:

Although I do enjoy listening to KJMZ I am very concerned about the message that is being sent from the station when airing some rap music. Music that stereotypes, degrades African Americans, disrespects women and provides negative influences can imbrue

one's character permanently.

Now let me expound, if a 6 year old listens to hard core rap and this becomes part of his daily environment this is information that he is taking in, then it is in fact a part of his surroundings and a child is a product of his environment which brings us to the conclusion that the rapper's information is perceived as fact and a way of life.

In my opinion the media has to start taking responsibility for the information that is transmitted to its public.

Gary Ferguson
Dallas, Tx 75382

Dear MON:

I am very concerned about the playing of hard core rap on our public airways. I am the parent of children ages 11, 14 and 17 years and I know the impact that the message in music can relay to our kids, I live the experience daily.

My two younger children are at an impressionable age and my sons (ages 14 and 17) are most taken by the music and lyrics. You see he can't determine reality from a profit making scheme he is trying to "be all that" and "all that" could cost him his life. We have battles daily on my trying to interpret and discourage him from Yanting to live in that fast and quick money lane.

I'm trying to instill in my children that "anything that's worth having is worth working hard for" and that a lot of those hard core rap artist just want to get the kids mind and money, to be able to exploit them and get paid while doing it.

Help us to save our kids by playing something they can enjoy yet appreciate or to encourage and relate to one another. They are the future.

Luvenia Polk
Dallas, TX 75216

Dear MON:

Hard core rap music is destroying the African American community and it must be stopped. As a pastor I am witnessing the victimization of young lives in my congregation and community being negatively shaped by the lyrics of this genre of music.

Specifically, there are aggressive attitudes and lax moral values. The young women demonstrate low self-esteem by having babies, and the young men exhibit a carelessness and lack of responsibility which is fueled in part by drug and alcohol abuse. Violence, sex, careless living and drugs and alcohol are the staple of hard core rap.

KJMZ plays hard core rap music and therefore this station is contributing to the downward spiral in this community. Please help us clean up our com-

munity "musically". Do not permit KMJZ to continue to play such music.

Sincerely,
Sharon C. Patterson, pastor

Dear MON:

I'm glad that you're holding KJMZ's feet to the fire due to their lack of community involvement. And playing songs with offensive lyrics.

I beg to differ with Mary Sneed of Summit-Dallas Broadcasting Corporation. Her station still plays song with offensive lyrics. Case in point: rap group Salt & Pepa has a song entitled what a In it there is a line that goes, 'Even though most men are hos'. If that not offensive I don't know what

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is. That go on to rap that because this man makes them feel good, that is good in bed, they want to have his baby. Nothing is said about commitment or heaven forbid marriage.

This song is played several times during the day.

In addition morning D.J. Alfredas portrayed a female that is money grubbing, argumentative, partyin', and oversexed.

This characterization of Black women is counter-productive and detrimental to the African-American race.

Keep the pressure on KJMZ. Make them more accountable to the community they're suppose to serve.

Sincerely
Danny L Stiggers
Dallas, Texas

Dear MON:

I am extremely displeased that KJMZ offers no better rationale for the music they broadcast than the demands of their market. When KJMZ tells us that they play a song because lots of listeners ask for it, we still have to ask the listeners why they want to hear it before we can get at the root of the problem. However, I am equally displeased with prudes who judge songs based on subject matter or the explicitness or profanity of the language.

Prudes do not help us to combat the evil in our lives: they only hide evil, making it harder to eliminate. Erasing cusswords from a song diminishes the intensity of the negative emotions expressed in the song, which makes the portrayal of the evil less vivid. The rap "My Mind Is Playing Tricks On Me" by the Geto Boyz needs every one of its cusswords to fully express the nightmare that the protagonist is living through. Like a good tragedy, "My Mind Is Playing Tricks On Me" achieves catharsis with a vivid yet plausible fictional presentation of evil, and the ending even lets us laugh at the horror of it all. Too bad KJMZ and KKDA let the prudes mug it.

Richard W. Burden

Dear MON:

It has come to my attention that the above transfer of ownership is imminent. Thus it seems to me an appropriate time to voice my concerns regarding the present programming philosophy of said station. This station presently targets the young listening audience of the African-American community in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. As a newly elected political representative of this area (I am running unopposed for the State Legislature in the November Elections), I feel compelled to express

my concern with the Reported present programming philosophy. It has been reported that the present philosophy of said station is to play whatever its listeners (young/teenage African Americans) want to hear. Such a philosophy represents a callous and indifferent disregard for the social problems of crime, violence, substance abuse, and teenage pregnancies which are threatening to destroy our communities. I, along with many responsible adults in my constituency, consider this programming philosophy totally unacceptable.

As an attorney, I am poignantly aware of how precious are the freedoms guaranteed to us by the First Amendment to our beloved Constitution. But, as a student of the law, I also recognize that there is not now, nor has there ever been any such thing as an unlimited right. All rights are balanced by an equally important legal duty to exercise those rights in a responsible manner.

I wish to state very clearly that I am categorically opposed to censorship or any other abridgement of our freedom of expression beyond that which is necessary to preserve our social structure. But our First Amendment has never countenanced treasonous expressions, unlimited expressions in public schools, expressions which are false, expressions which incite to violence, untrue expressions, nor expressions which are detrimental to the general welfare. Our Supreme Court has always been very careful about where to draw the limits on our freedom of expression. Responsible citizens and commercial entities which hold a public trust over our airwaves must act responsibly in determining where these limits should be drawn. If enough citizens called in requesting it would you broadcast Ku Klux Klan Rallies? This is an unacceptable approach for those who hold such an important public trust.

The present KJMZ programming philosophy is irresponsible, destructive, and uncaring. I would hazard to guess that the persons responsible for such a philosophy do not live in or among the filthy consequences that it helps to perpetuate; all in the name of money. As a parent, attorney, and elected official, I add my voice to those who call for a delay in the transfer of a license to broadcast from said station until a more enlightened and socially responsible programming philosophy can be enunciated. We will no longer tolerate people doing business in our community in any unrestrained irresponsible manner which they may choose. Violence, Vulgarity, Pornography, and general human Depravity have always sold Commercially. But no More; Not our children; Not our community! Certainly a more laudable and yet profitable approach to using our airwaves

is possible. We deserve it !!!
We demand it !!!

Respectfully yours
Attorney GLENN O. LEWIS
REPRESENTATIVE - ELECT
95th DISTRICT
TEXAS HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

Dear MON:

I would like to voice my opinion of the music played on 100.3 KJMZ.

Their rationale that their "market", i.e. young urban listeners, demanded that the music continue is ridiculous.

A public radio should be encouraging our young people to advance their minds above and beyond what the lyrics of the music is suggesting. I have often listened to the station with my 15 year old son as well as my 23 year old son. Needless to say some of it is too vulgar for a 23 year old, not to mention the 15 year old.

My 15 year old has often tried to switch from station to station (I call this musical radio) trying to avoid having me hear what is being played; his rationale is "we don't listen to the words, only the beat". This is a lie, he can sing every word that is being played. Also, I have nephews, ages 2 and 4 years; they also hear, learn and sing these same lyrics. Even though the younger children may not be aware of what they are singing about, later they see videos which offer the full picture.

Not only should the music be banned from radio, but TV stations such as the BOX should be discontinued also. The BOX is as bad as any skin flicks, and is targeted to the younger generation. In my opinion it's a sad fact that most of the song writers (if you can call them that) of this generation can only relate to sex, violence, and the idea of fun as depicted in the songs they write. Our children have lost any hope of a childhood period. They go from the crib straight to violence, sex, and abusive language. It's not fair that they are missing the joys of being a child all for the sake of the dollar. If it sells, it plays/shows.

Our society appears to have totally forgotten the things taught to us by our parents and grandparents. We are just as much to blame as the radio/TV stations. Instead of teaching them the values we were taught, i.e. morals, standards of the bible, etc., we have bought into the lie of "children's rights". We have totally abandoned the truth, thus deleting the Lord from their young lives. Somewhere along the way parents have started to believe that the child is in control and not the parent. We worry about how the child will feel instead of what is best for the child. Everything that they are desperately searching for can be located in one place, the Word of the Lord the Holy Bible.

We should let our children know that

when all else fails, read the Instructions. These are located in the precious Word, left to us by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. THE HOLY BIBLE.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion on this topic and I do pray that the Lord will soon see fit to put a stop to the genocide of the youth of this country.

Hitler said it best when he stated that if you can wipe out one generation of a nation, you can destroy the nation. That is what our culture is doing to our youth.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Beasley
A Concerned Parent & Christian

Dear MON:

Is either of your mothers, sisters or Pastors a "ho" (slang for whore), a bitch or a hoochy mama? A "NO" answer would not surprise me, for like you, I do not consider and nor do I refer to my mother, sister or Pastor as either of these things. However, in listening to radio stations like KJMZ/KHVN here in Dallas (Irving) you would think that all of the women in all of our lives are all of these things. The lyrics of many of the hard-core 'gansta' rap songs played on KJMZ glamorize the usage of words such as these as well as violence against women in particular and everything and everyone else in general.

I am the father of two young sons who have the potential of being anything that they set their sights on being (including, God forbid, a rap star). I am not making a wholesale condemnation of all rap music, but I am taking a firm stand against the hard core gansta rap that is presently wrecking havoc over our air waves and in our communities by fostering disrespect for self and each other, glamorizing violence and corrupting the minds of our youth. KJMZ has been one of the main conduits for this type of sewage being spilled in our communities. I am tired of it and absolutely forbid my sons from listening to it.

While I am by no means acting as a censor or a prude (in fact I personally like some rap music), I am asking you to help us put a stop to the madness that is found in this music genre and played over the air waves. In your deliberations regarding the proposed assignment of KJMZ/KHVN from summit-Dallas Broadcasting Corp to GCI Texas II, Inc., please take into account the fact that, in addition to other causes, the rise in gang violence, lawlessness, drug usage, lack of respect for life, property and others is directly correlated to the rise in popularity of gansta rap music. Help us stop the perpetration of this madness and, reject this proposed assignment.

Very truly yours,
Jerry G Bradford

Wipe Out

Let's toilet flush the Democratic Party



Thomas Muhammad

Recently the Democratic leadership in Dallas, the State of Texas and the United States have spent more time, it seems, trying to out Republican the Republicans. There is not a day or week that goes by without us hearing

things coming from Demo's like: reducing the age range of youth to be tried as adults, building more prisons, publicly denouncing or avoiding Democratic President Bill Clinton, and trying to abolish welfare without clear-cut solutions.

These days, people who have been loyal to the party—such as African- and Mexican-Americans, blue collar European-Americans and others—are beginning to set their sites on an independent party platform.

Last month in Dallas' only daily, a poll was released and indicated the key to this year's elections will be decided by independent thinking individuals, meaning people who have left or do not claim any party affiliation.

Examining the 1990 Gubernatorial race between Ann Richards and Clayton Williams, we find that out of a registered 7.7 million voters only 3.9 million went to the polls. Texas, as of August '94, had 8.1 million voters on the rolls. Our new Secretary of State Ron Kirk tells us that he hopes to have 9 million registered in time for the November elections.

A large number of these independent non-voters this time around are

black and white women, recent conservative legal immigrants and disgruntled black and white men.

Ms. Richards beat Mr. Williams by 99,239 votes. She received 83 percent of the Mexican-American vote and 97 percent from African Americans.

Ms. Richards also carried about 51 or 52 percent of the women voters in 1990, including a large number of Republican women. Ironically, these are the same groups that George W. Bush is targeting except for one category and yes you guessed it, African Americans.

It seems that Mr. Bush and his handlers have already conceded us to the Democratic Party. In other words, we belong to them!

Am I saying that we should join the Republican Party? No, I'm not. What I am saying is that we should continue the trend of becoming independent thinkers and support anyone who will support our causes.

Believe you me there are nationalities and groups who are being led down that road of tighten the spending belt, family values, low crime rates etc. that the Republican party has been pushing for the last 13 years. For instance, the Muslim community membership of all races have become very active with the Republican party because of these issues. However, as I have said to a number of them, white Democrats have been saying the same things.

My problem is that there are too many times in which these slogans are aimed at the poor and disenfranchised.

However, at some point and time all of us must ask ourselves what are the differences between former Democratic U.S. Senator Lloyd Bentsen and Republican U.S. Senator Phil Gramm, Democratic Lt. Governor Bob Bullock and Rep.Lt. Governor candidate Tex Lezar Dem.U.S. Congressman Pete Geren and Republican U.S. Congressman Dick Armezy?

How do you determine the differences between Republican Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison and Democratic Senatorial candidate Richard Fisher? I will say the same thing to you the reader that I have said to the Muslim community and that is, there is none! Of course we know the difference between Gov. Ann Richards and George W. Bush is one of a son seeking revenge for his father—remember the silver foot joke Ms. Richards told about Former

President George Bush at the Democratic Convention? As an independent thinker, I think Gov. Richards has done an outstanding job as governor and can do even more.

And if it ain't broke don't fix it!

However, before we give away the store, African-Americans must remind Ms. Richards of the importance of our votes and our issues. Like appointing African-Americans to a number of statewide appointments. And there is one other issue that Mr. Richards needs to resolve because until she does Texas Democrats will never win the Bentsen seat, *FORGIVE JIM MATTOX*. The reality is that Texas has probably lost the Democratic U.S. Senatorial seat forever

because Ms. Richards refuses to lend support to probably the only candidate who could have gotten out that badly needed grassroots minority vote and that person is former Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox.

It is my opinion that Texas needs both party's represented in Washington to be effective. In speaking to my cousin, Judge Morris Overstreet, who is the highest ranking African-American elected official serving in the State of Texas and probably the only African-American since reconstruction to win a Texas statewide race. In fact, he has won twice. (We found out we were cousins at our last family reunion).

Judge Overstreet said Jim Mattox—after losing to Ms. Richards in 1990—campaigns heavily for her. In addition, he campaigned heavily for Bob Krueger when the governor appointed him to replace Senator Bentsen. Mattox rallied his support even though he wanted the appointment.

Recently, he has been campaigning for Richard Fisher, after their runoff, so again that shows his loyalty.

According to some polls, Mr. Fisher was trailing Ms. Hutchison by 19 points and most people polled said they did not see any difference between the two so why change. Which brings us back to how this column began and that is, what can the Democrats do differently than Republicans? So far the only thing is they can unite on—"hankchief-head" Negroes and whites—is to denounce Dr. Khallid Muhammad and the Nation of Islam. What they should do is try and draw some courage from Rev. Ben Chavis and Rev. Zan Wesley Holmes, Jr.

So now that you know YOU have the real power, go out and do the right thing. Oh by the way, before flushing the Democrats, use the Republican party to wipe with.

Until then, the struggle continues...

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cent (60%) of JAMZ African-American listeners are unemployed, we feel that the station would provide more of an effective vehicle in providing information on many job opportunities this city has to offer our young people. In addition, we feel that the station should take a proactive approach in highlighting positive alternative to violence, as well as educational and career opportunities within our community.

To date we have not received so much as a telephone call from KJMJ management, in response to our efforts. Needless to say, this greatly disappoints me. Although our extension period has ended, our struggle is just beginning...

For this reason we encourage you to continue to send in your letters, all of which will be forwarded to the FCC. Through it all, we feel that our voices have been heard and that we were granted due process. Regardless of the outcome, I assure you that MON will continue to be vigilant, with your support, until the airwaves can be used in such a way to help our community move forth, not backward.

Once again, I thank you for your prayers and support.

On Page 3 and 4 are sampling of the many letters we received from our supporters. Due to space limitation, we could not publish all of your letters; however, we do appreciate all of you who took the time to write and we encourage your continued support. Please forward all future correspondence to the following address:

Thurman R. Jones, Publisher
C/O Minority Opportunity News
2730 Stemmons Frwy
1202 Tower West
Dallas, Texas 75207

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P. Winder of Irving, won \$700 for his pencil drawing, and Regis Shephard of Lubbock, won \$1,500 for his Watercolor exhibit.

Dallas Black Chamber celebrates annual banquet

Michael C. Rogers, director of Minority Business Development Agency/U.S. Department of Commerce of Commerce, will be guest speaker at the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce 68th Annual Banquet, to be held on Friday, October 21 at the East Ballroom of the

Dallas Convention Center.

The 1994 Willow Award will also be presented. Persons interested in attending should RSVP by October 14.

For more information call 421-5200.

Workshop on empowering parents

A 13-week workshop course designed to empower families who have lost children due to gun violence/accidents is scheduled to take place at the I Am That I Am Training Center, 4937 Veterans Dr., on Monday, October 10 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The first class is free, small donations will be accepted. For more information call 372-6838.

SDDC receives Bank of America grant

The South Dallas Development Corporation (SDDC) was awarded an

\$80,000 cash grant as part of the BankAmerica Foundation's '94 Community Economic Development Initiative.

The Bank established the Initiative in '93 to support community-based organizations that foster economic development and job creation in minority and low-income communities.

For more information call Mr. Hicks at 444-6800.

African American Museum receives funds

Guaranty Federal Bank and the Temple-Inland Foundation has made a \$60,000 grant to the African American Museum of Life and Culture located in Fair Park.

The museum is the only one in the southwestern U.S. devoted to the preservation and display of African-American artistic, cultural

and historical materials. The grant will be used to fund the museum's Educational Plaza.

Call Linda Walker of Guaranty Federal Bank for more details, 360-1969.

CSA nominations

The 17th Annual A. Maceo Smith Community Service Awards Brunch is scheduled for October 15th at the Dallas Grand Hotel beginning at 10 a.m.

The Award, named in memory of community leader A. Maceo Smith, is presented annually to a citizen of Dallas who has given distinguished volunteer service to the African-American community. The honoree is selected without regard to race.

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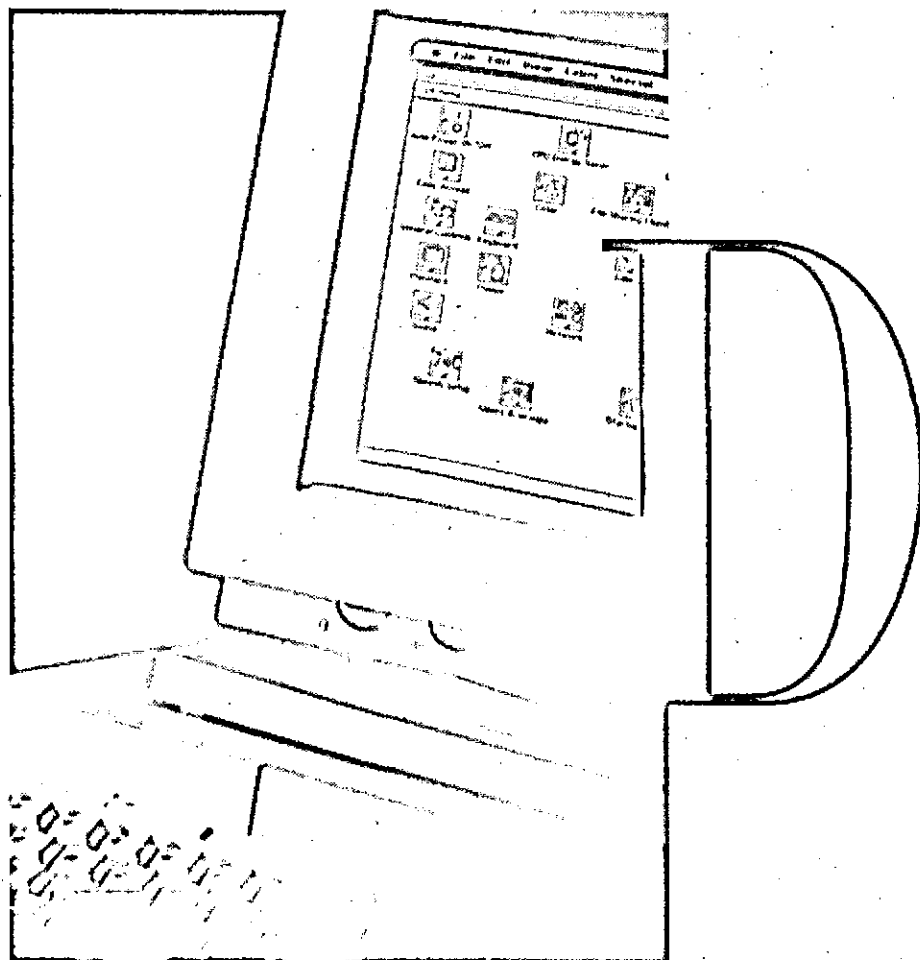
Students of Kimball High with redesigned horse without Knight

Sir Justin, the Knight, the fiberglass mascot of Kimball High School has been missing for close to 15 years. And a group of Kimball students have decided it's time to find it. "We never really looked for it before," said Claudette Taylor, scholarship coordinator and counselor at Kimball. "Last year we refurbished the horse the mascot sat on and we decided to try and find the Knight." Two years ago, Taylor founded the Knights of Excellent Endeavors, a volunteer service-oriented organization. The refurbishing of Sir Justin's horse - which had been deteriorated by the weather - was the group's first major task. The horse dedicated and unveiled last spring - was the group's first major task. For the current 94-95 school year, the group of about 25 students have taken on their biggest

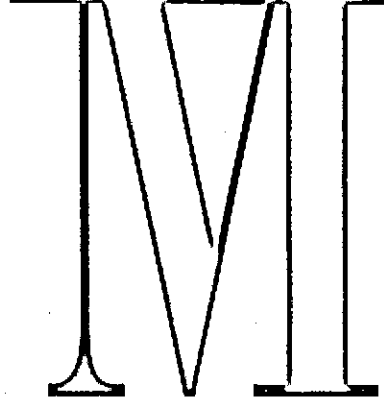
task yet - finding Sir Justin, the Knight. "We really don't have a lead. You just never know if it will turn up again," Taylor said. "We just want to see what kind of response we will get. "We thought it would be a way to generate interest and give our kids some community service," she said. "If we could find it (Sir Justin) we would just be happy, happy." According to Taylor, rumor has it the Knight was kidnapped about 15 years

ago from a rival school. For security purposes, its horse was grounded in the school's open courtyard so it was not kidnapped. Sir Justin and his horse have been Kimball's mascot for more than 20 years, often seen on the sidelines at most football games. But now, the newly refurbished riderless horse sits in the courtyard all alone, Taylor said. The students are willing to pay the ransom for Sir Justin through community service.

AAA Fiberglass of Grand Prairie, owned by Alan Dumu, volunteered the training, space, tools and supplies for the refurbishing of the horse. Danny Manning, Souvanna Keovitich and Tyrius Bass, now college freshman, gave more than 100 volunteer hours to the project. Anyone with information about the missing Knight, please call Taylor at 331-7720.



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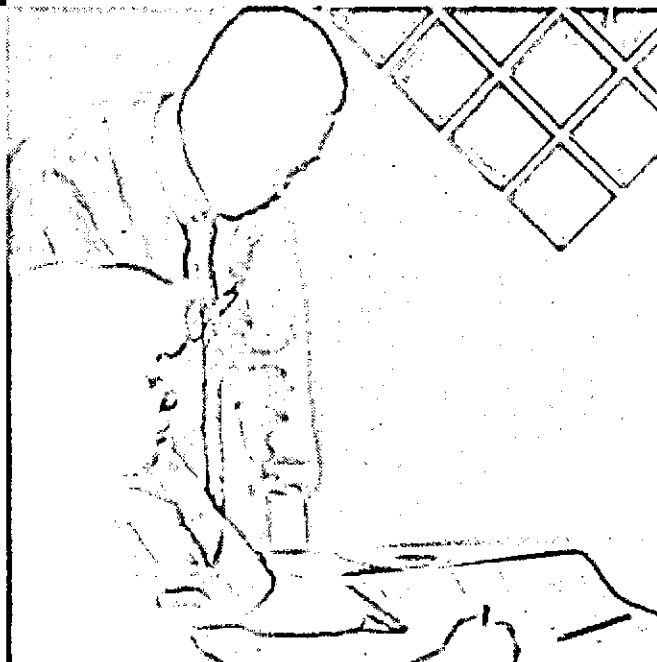


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Curtis Yates

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methods. The truth is, buying a home through low and moderate income programs is a bit more complicated and time consuming, which brings us to the second area of impor-

tance.

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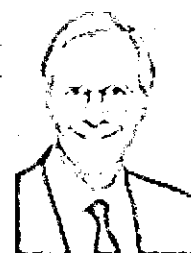
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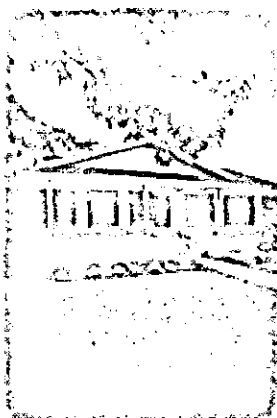
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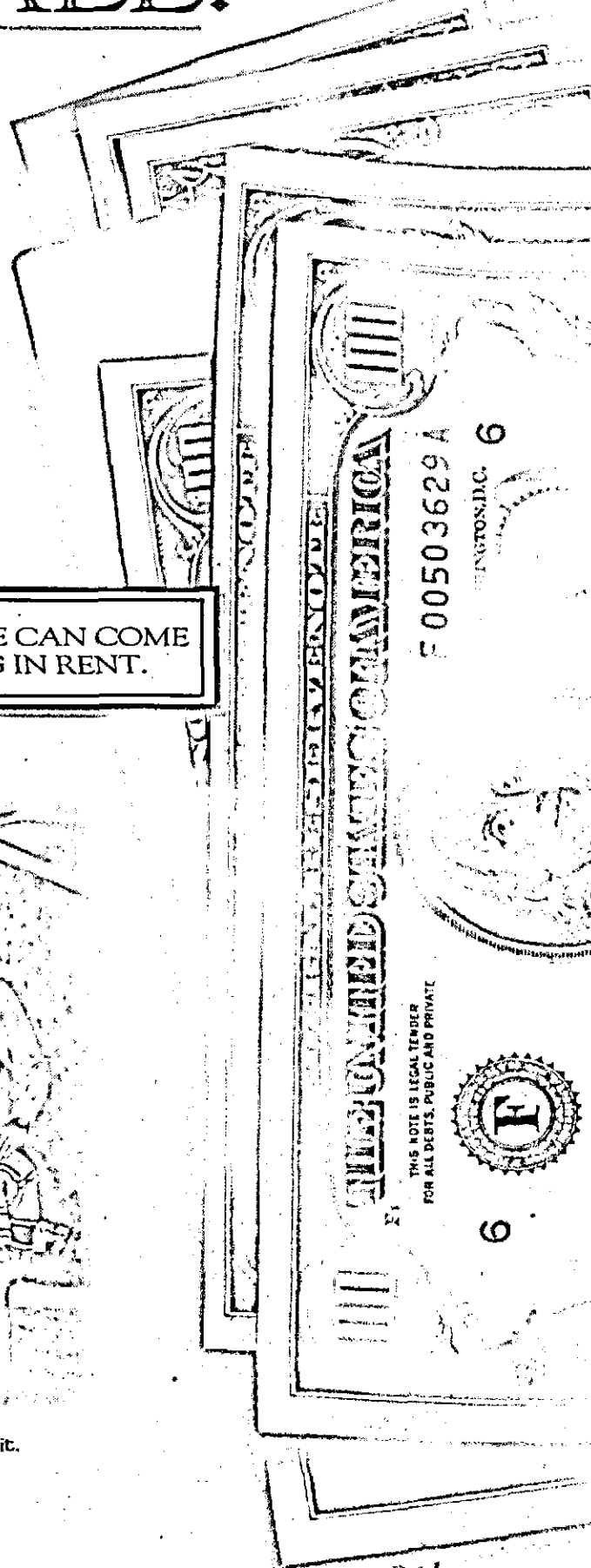
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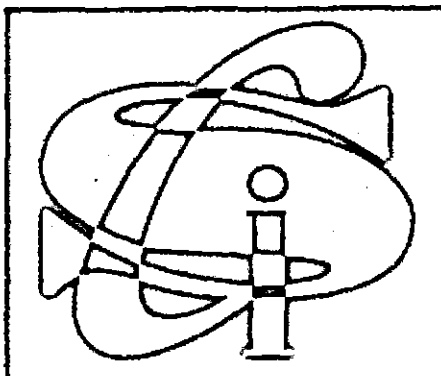
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because it does a body good or do you want a Coke for the real thing? Multimedia blitzing is one way to increase believability in advertisements. We hear and see something so many times in so many ways—it not only heightens product awareness, we accept the advertiser's claims as factual. Advertisements may bore us and/or annoy us—but small businesses and entrepreneurs can learn much from them. Over the next week make a mental note of how advertisements—on TV, radio and in print attempt to increase believability. It's through increasing believability that advertisers increase sales! I'd like to address several of the most widely used methods advertisers employ to increase believability. Telling the truth is perhaps an obvious (and despite rumor to the contrary—often used) method advertisers and other marketers (politicians, institutions, etc.) use to provide themselves a boost on the believability scale. Understand that telling the truth might be more a reflection of consumer legislation rather than a sense of moral obligation on the part of advertisers. Product endorsements by athletes, film stars and other notable spokespeople is extremely popular and assists the public in "believing" in the product. Oftentimes people unconsciously assume they will gain the traits of the well-known endorser or the "benefits" implied in the ad by using the promoted product. It works for Wheaties! Personally, I know there's fun in a box of Jell-o because Bill Cosby has communicated that message so often! It's not just kids who are susceptible to the power of endorsements. You're dashing to the tool department in Sears and take a short cut through home appliances. Suddenly you find yourself mesmerized by the vacuum cleaner demon-

stration. Who would have believed that unimpressive-looking canister model could pick up all that dirt from that carpet? Demonstrations are an excellent way of creating believability—particularly for the "I'll believe it when I see it" types.

Those of us who are fortunate enough to have our children accompany us to the grocery store can vouch for the widespread use of sampling as a means of increasing product awareness and believability of the product's purported benefits. Many people have said they would not have ventured to purchase a new (or improved) product until they were introduced to it by way of sampling. How else would you have possibly known that those low calorie cookies could actually taste so good? Providing copies of "proof" documents is another way those who wish to influence us can pump up the believability factor. These "proof" documents may be bank statements, copies of court documents, notarized statements or sales receipts. The purpose of these documents is clear—to legitimize claims and provide the basis for quelling concerns of doubters of the advertiser's message. Remember the old adage that a picture is worth a thousand words? Studies have shown that in presenting a product or its results with a photograph is considerably more effective than an illustration. Consider those weight-loss "before and after" photos. Would these ads be as effective with "before and after" drawings? (As an aside—they'd be even more convincing if the "after" shot showed the same facial expressions and drab hairstyles as the "before.") Guarantees are another familiar way of adding believability to an advertiser's message. Reducing the risk of trying a product or service with a guarantee can allay apprehensions of the purchaser.

As you read the newspaper, watch TV or listen to the radio, you'll become aware of the variety and combination of methods advertisers use to achieve belief. In addition to ways I've mentioned, you'll note the use of testimonials, building rapport (which suspends disbelief) and the use of providing detailed specifics. Your marketing budget may be small but you can improve your marketing efforts (and your bottom line) by mirroring major advertisers' efforts in increasing believability. I guarantee it!

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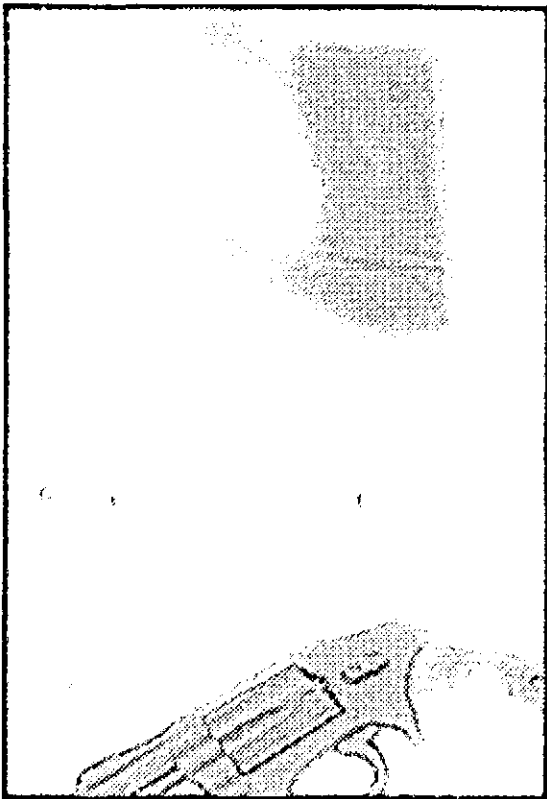
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THE DEADLY MERCHANT

by Dorothy Gentry



It's about 10 a.m. on a Friday morning. The sun is shining and there is a cool breeze flowing through the air. Five people walk back and forth in front of the Berry East Shopping Center, a small strip of about seven Ft. Worth stores and businesses in the 5400 block of East Berry in south Ft. Worth.

One of them, 32-year-old Evelyn Brown, is wearing a large poster board around her neck that reads, "Let's Stand Together! How much is a black life worth? If you do business in our community - you must respect us!"

The five people are picketing one of the businesses, Jacob's Food Mart. The owner, 25-year-old Jason Noh shot and killed 42-year-old Darrell Bivins a week earlier. Bivins was Brown's oldest brother.

"I am here because it was my brother and I want justice done," Brown said of her daily presence on the picket line. "Nothing could ever replace what he (Noh) has taken from me."

Bivins was shot and killed in front of the store in the Stop Six neighborhood-by Noh who told police he shot Bivins because the man was on his property after he told him to stay away two weeks earlier, allegedly because of shoplifting.

Noh has since been charged with murder and is free on \$50,000 bail. He has been granted permission by state District Judge Joe Drago to leave the city after bullets were fired into store which has been out of business since the shooting.

The store - still filled with merchandise and other food products - closed for business after the presence of a group of Stop Six residents-began daily pickets in front of the store.

"We want to make sure this store

is shut down. We don't want it to re-open under the present management," said Michael Bell, pastor of Greater Saint Stephen Church in Fort Worth and a major organizer of the pickets.

"They have lost the trust of the community and acted in bad faith. They abused and misused their right to do business in the community," Bell said. "We have administered the death penalty on this store."

The shooting has brought to the forefront and the public eye, the often strained and tension-filled relations between foreign store owners and their mostly African-American clientele-mainly because Noh is Korean-American and Bivins was African-American.

The tensions, perceived disrespect, generalizing, stereotyping and suspiciousness on both sides between the foreign store merchants and their African-American clientele has always been in existence.

The foreign store owner, not being able to find a job in most companies due to language barriers, often opens up a convenience store in an area where it is needed - mostly in a predominantly African-American community long since abandoned by the Kroger's, Albertson's and Minyard's of the world.

This may or may not bring up jealousy and anger felt by African Americans that these "foreigners" are taking money that belongs to the community.

But Bell contends the main issue is respect and nothing more.

"This is not Asian-American against African-American. It is not jealousy or envy, those are simplistic," Bell said. "There is a frustration and anger between the two groups because they are coming into our community, doing business but not respecting us."

"We don't begrudge anybody making a living, but they don't respect their clientele," he said. "They are feeding their families and sending their kids to college on our

dollars."

Brown believes it is the stereotypical way that some foreign store owners look at African-Americans that may have gotten her brother killed.

"We are thinking it was a case of mistaken identity. You know how they say we all look alike," she said. "I was with him the week before (the shooting) and he never mentioned anything about being accused of shoplifting."

"He (Bivins) was pretty quiet and pretty much to himself. He would give you the shirt off his back and he was always very giving," she said.

"For them to say he was shoplifting, he has too many relatives if he needed anything."

Sunny Graham, executive director of the Tarrant County Asian American Chamber of Commerce and publisher of the monthly Asian American Herald, said the strained relationship between the two groups needs to be explored.

"I am not the spokesperson for Asian-Americans but most of them tend to isolate themselves. The assimilation takes a long time," she said. "With Asian-Americans they tend to mind their own business."

"I don't question that maybe some African-Americans feel that gro-

cery store owners are disrespecting them," Graham said. "But the fact that the sentiment is being expressed, it needs looking into."

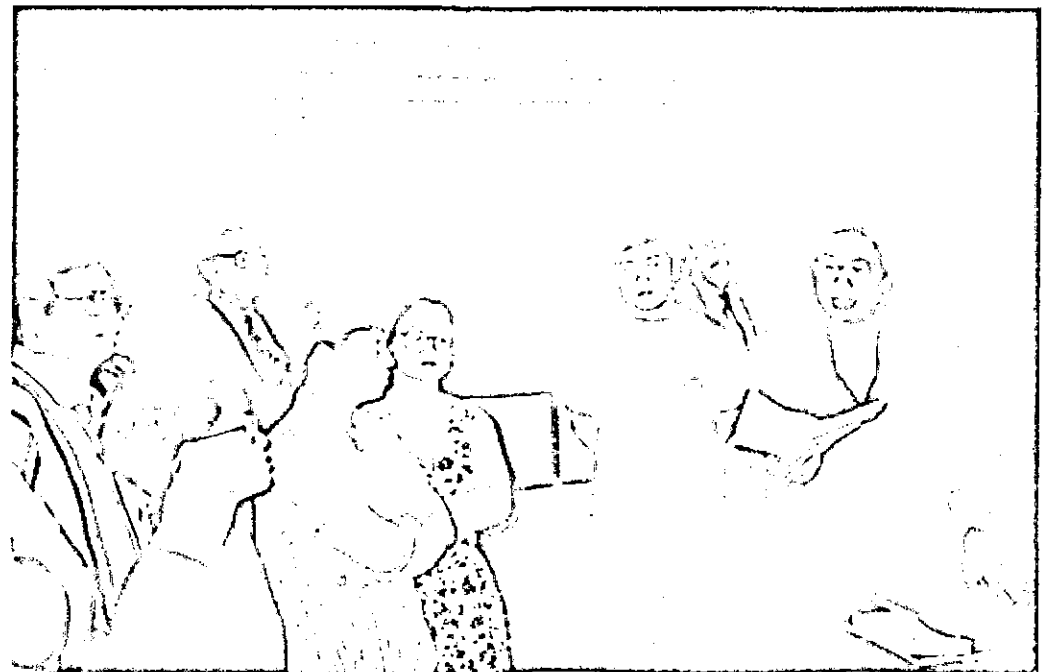
"We need to sit down and look at it and prevent it from happening. As a general community I don't think we should ignore these sentiments," Graham said. "These are human relations that are complex. Race is one issue but it is not the only issue."

Fort Worth City Councilman McKinley Jackson, who represents the Stop Six area, agreed that dialogue between the two groups is necessary.

"There is nothing wrong with them coming into our community. We shouldn't feel threatened by them and they shouldn't feel threatened by us," he said. "All foreign store owners are not bad."

"It is just like everything else - the few bad ones make it bad for everyone else," he said. "We need to meet with them and try to set up some rules, some do's and don't's (on how to treat their customers)."

In addition to talks aimed at strengthening the ties and the lines of communication between the two communities, a second idea to come from Bivins' death is the possible ownership of Jacob's Food Mart turning to African American or a partnership



Sunny Graham, publisher of the monthly Asian American Herald, talks to members of her community

between an African-American and a foreigner.

African-American ownership of this particular store and others like it, would help keep African-American dollars in its own community and create jobs for each other as well as a sense of pride and ownership.

The prospect of such an idea ever occurring created mixed reactions from both communities.

"I would highly encourage it but that would be the day the race issue does not become the paramount issue," Graham said. "If they could become partners, that is an indication that we can work together as human beings.

"I know some Asian-Americans who have employed African-Americans (in their stores) to help bridge the gap. But a partnership ... that would be wonderful if it could happen."

Jackson, however, believes that the differences between the two groups are too vast to overcome.

"It sounds like a good idea if it would materialize but our cultures are so diverse. I don't know how that would happen," he said.

Ron Alonzo, chairman of the city's Human Relations Commission and owner of Alonzo Funeral Home, called the possibility of such a merger, "an interesting idea."

"That is an interesting concept as far as a joint venture," said Alonzo who is Hispanic. "It couldn't hurt. I could only see how both parties could benefit."

But Bell believes a lack of money would prevent such a thing from occurring.

"The question of African-Americans running the convenience store has been asked over and over. It (capital) is not happening," he said. "How will you run a store without capital. We don't have it."

The majority of African-Americans don't qualify for loans to start businesses, Bell said, adding that he isn't sure why that is so.

"There is talk about churches pooling together; there is talk about that (African-Americans running the store) abounding in the community," Bell said. "But we don't have the wherewithall. It would work if the community got behind it."

John Booker, an African-American member of the Human Relations Commission, echoed Bell's sentiments.

"We don't really have any capital. Like they said, they (foreign store owners) are not really getting rich there," he said. "I just don't see how that could work. We can't get loans."

Bivins' mother, 60-year-old Rudy Bell Brown, who traveled Albuquerque, N.M. after learning of her son's death, said although she

doesn't believe the shooting was a race issue, "we want to see our own take care of our own."

"I would not mind an African-American coming in and taking over (the store)."

Whether the store re-opens under African-American ownership, a different foreign ownership, or a combination of both, everyone agrees that the issue of respect between the store owners and their clientele must be addressed.

"I have no qualms with anyone coming in and running this store except for the same individuals. Anyone as long as they respect the community."



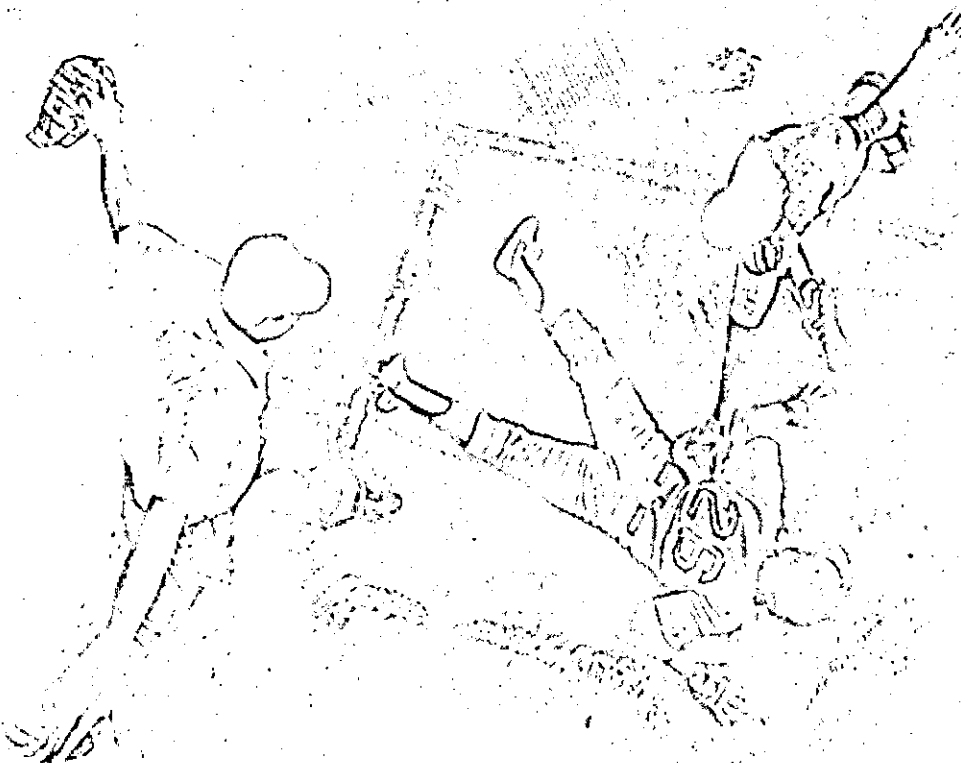
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The winner of the Ms. Black U.S.A. Metroplex contest held in San Antonio last month is a beautiful, brainy, and enthusiastic young lady from the heart of Dallas.

Kim Warren, a diehard Dallas Cowboys fan who currently reigns as Ms. Black Texas Metroplex, walked away with the coveted national title and crown as well as the distinct honor of traveling throughout the country to represent African-American women everywhere.

On a national level, Warren intends to strongly support childhood development programs. Her ambition is to own and operate several child development centers and promote early education and excellence in the lives of all children. She believes that juvenile crimes can be reduced if the young teens (particularly males) are

Telecommunications Software Engineer in Richardson, Texas. In her spare time, she enjoys jogging, reading, sacred dance and aerobics.

Warren is employed as a

The USA Metroplex Pageant Systems, Inc. is a non-profit organization formed that has awarded over \$300,000 in scholarships to pageant winners.

Applications are being accepted for the November state pageant, at that time Warren

will relinquish her state crown. Also, young ladies ages 13 to 24 years of age, are encouraged to compete in the upcoming Black History Month Celebration.

For more information contact Hazel Dailey or Roxanne F. Martin at 458-4404.



STEPHANIE'S COLLECTION GEARS UP FOR A GRAND RE-OPENING

"Never before has there been this much talent assembled in one place," said Stephanie Ward, owner of Stephanie's Collection on Greenville Avenue. The gallery is celebrating its fifth year in business by hosting a grand re-opening celebration in its new 7,200 square foot store. Three nationally known artists will be brought to Dallas by the gallery for a reception and signing October 14 - 16, 1994.

Baltimore artist Larry Poncho Brown, Cincinnati artist Gilbert Young, and California artist Charles Bibbs will bring a collection of new releases and originals to Dallas. "This would be the perfect opportunity for people to come out and get to know more about art and the artists that are making an impact on contemporary history," said Ms. Ward.

On Friday, October 14, 1994, the gallery will host a VIP reception for the artists. Art enthusiasts are invited to meet the artists and participate in the gallery function. There is a \$10 donation for the reception that will last from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Saturday, October 15, 1994, the public is invited to an open signing and

reception. The artists will sign their prints and will display original artwork from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday, October 16, 1994, everyone is invited to a Gospel Brunch and art signing. The featured artists will sign reproductions and discuss their art to the sounds of contemporary gospel music. The brunch event lasts from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

"It is our goal this year to raise \$10,000 and we have high hopes for this event," said Bernadette Logan. "There are just so many families that need help, we want to do all that we can to quail the tide of the needy," she reveals. Proceeds from the sale of art during the three-day event will go to SOS Outreach a non-profit organization that raises funds for woman and children in crisis.

Ms. Stephanie Ward says "Since we've moved we want to offer Dallas art lovers more of what they like. This is just a first in a series of show we are planning through out the next year." For more information on attending call (214) 368-2024.

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Senate Report

by Angela Washington-Blair

He is Texas State Senator Royce West. In January 1993 he became another "first" by becoming the "first African-American male elected to the Texas Senate from North Central Texas (Dallas County) since reconstruction." Now, after almost completing the two-year term of office, Senator West is up for reelection in the upcoming election. He is unopposed in the race for District 23 which is Dallas County.

When not in office serving the 140 day session in Austin, he is a partner in the largest minority law firm in Dallas, Robinson-West. The firm consists of 12 lawyers who practice real estate law, commercial, tax, criminal, family, personal injury, and banking law.

Royce West at the age of 42, has attained the outer accoutrements of power and prominence that would dazzle many. He has won numerous awards and served on many boards and committees. But he graciously sees himself as a servant. When asked by MON what his goals were in the position of State Senator, West emphatically replied that his role is to serve his constituents and to listen to them. He also stated that the legislative agenda needs to be set by the constituents. When he first attained that office two years ago, he stated that "my primary goal was to raise the visibility of the Senate office itself." That is, Senator West also sees his role as an educational one. His office has a teaching component in that they try to inform constituents of what governmental offices would handle what types of problems or issues. "They need to understand the difference in the jurisdiction of the offices. For example, if someone calls my office to say that the grass is too high, we refer that person to the City offices. We provide information and referral services and track that referral," explained West.

He has also had countless town hall meetings to listen to the concerns of the constituents. The prevailing issues that West strives to impact while in Austin are crime, economic development, education, school safety, insurance and health care reform. He has indeed impacted these areas. He has introduced many bills during the legislative sessions and has co-sponsored many others. "He was instrumental in the passage of Texas' first Hate Crimes legislation as well as passing legislation to create a new offense for reck-

lessly shooting guns inside the city limits. He co-sponsored bills to make stalking a felony and to toughen penalties on DWI offenders," according to the Senate report. In the area of economic development, Senator West "sponsored a comprehensive legislative package designed to increase

Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB's) contract participation."

Education is important to West and is an important part of his legislative agenda. He sponsored legislation to provide scholarships to needy students and "sponsored an anti-gang violence legislative package." Finally,

in the area of health and safety and human services, Royce West "passed legislation requiring the Texas Education Agency to provide "model Safe School Checklists" to all school districts in Texas. He was also successful in passing a law prohibiting the public consumption or open containers of alcohol within 600 feet of public or private schools." He also cosponsored bills to make apartment complexes safer. In addition he co-sponsored two major bills that impact the delivery of vital services such as vaccinations and nutrition services. All of this information is obtained from the senate report

These are just but a few of the many bills Senator West has authored or co-sponsored. They all represent his firm commitment to the aforementioned important issues of his constituents. To further that commitment, West created five advisory committees that cover the areas of health, education, criminal justice, economic development, and human services. Committee members poll the community and keep West apprised of issues and opinions.

On a personal note, Senator Royce West was born in 1952 in Annapolis, Maryland. From the time he was in the 6th grade to the present, he has been a Dallas resident. He lived in the Frazier Court housing projects and attended Phyllis Wheatley and Pearl C. Anderson. He graduated from Wilmer Hutchins High School. West is a graduate of the University of Texas at Arlington with a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Sociology. He served as Student Body President during those college years. He has a Law Degree from the University of

Houston. He is both licensed and certified as an attorney. Being a civil servant is nothing new to West, as he has experience working in the Dallas County District Attorney's office.

When asked who was the most influential

person in his life, Royce answered,

"Well, for sure my mom had a profound impact on my development. As did my grandfathers Samuel

Morris and Willis West." He was also encouraged by Robert Thomas, a DISD athletic

director, and Professor Williams from UTA (deceased) and Elwyn Lee a law professor.

Royce West is a family man, but

tends to keep his family life private. He did share with MON that his mother still resides in Dallas and he shares life with his wife Carol and his children. For fun he "loves high school football games." He is the cheering parent at his children's football and baseball games.

The most influential book he has read is the Bible, specifically the book of Proverbs, and according to his official biography, Royce West is an active deacon of the Good Street Baptist Church. The book he just finished was written by Cornel West. He is currently reading Preparing for the turn of the century/ by Paul Kennedy.

Finally, when asked what he would like to have people say about him in the future, Senator West responded thoughtfully, "for my sons and daughter and wife, I would like them to say that I was a good father and friend, and a person who cared. I would like my colleagues to say that I was a man of integrity and a man of my word. From my constituents, I would like them to say that I was an effective state senator."

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Smith vs Alcorn

The race for the Dallas NAACP presidency heats up

By Angela D. Ransome-Jones

After weeks of publicity stemming from the ousting of its leader, its back to business as usual for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

On the Dallas front, an election is scheduled for November 19, 1994 when incumbent NAACP president, Victor Smith, faces Grand Prairie chapter founder and president, Lee Alcorn.

After years of corruption and mismanagement of funds, the Dallas chapter of the NAACP has just recently been redeemed and uprooted under the leadership of Victor Smith.



Victor Smith

Smith first came to the Dallas chapter four years ago with 34 years teaching experience, a Master's in Education, and 30 years worth of NAACP membership. Among the

accomplishments he is noted with since taking office, are the establishment of youth chapters at Lincoln and Roosevelt high schools, a free legal clinic, and a generous scholarship fund. Most importantly, however, he is noted with bringing credibility back to the organization.

One Smith supporter, and NAACP Political Action chairperson, Dianne Gibson, says Smith is to thank for getting the organization back on its feet.

"For the first time in a long time, we can say that we have money in the bank and corporations willing to donate funds," she says. "...I figure if its not broken, why fix it?"

But presidential challenger Alcorn believes that something is broken, and says he can do a better job of fixing it.

Alcorn, who founded the Grand Prairie chapter of the NAACP in 1985, has been a member of the Dallas chapter for about a year. He says his decision to run for the presidential slot came a little over a month ago when several branch members approached him with the idea.

"I think the members are a dissat-

isfied with their leadership because there's a lack of functional competence within the organization," Alcorn says.

"There has virtually been no activity by the Dallas branch in terms of taking a stand on some of the issues affecting the city. I think we need to organize and improve the infrastructure, and provide more oversight on such issues as unitary status, discrimination on the police force, and redistricting," he adds.

But Smith says the NAACP, under his leadership, has already taken a stand on these issues.

"We've gone to Austin to testify on redistricting, we are working with the police department to develop a co-op, and just recently we donated \$1,000 to the Junior Black Academy to help pay its debt," Smith says.

Among the goals Smith has set for the organization "once re-elected," he says, is to advocate equal justice in the courts, and to help eliminate work force discrimination. Currently, the Dallas NAACP chapter consists of 2,000 to 4,000 members. Just recently at the national convention the branch was awarded for recruitment of the most members — the only branch in Texas to receive the honor.

With the support of Grand Prairie chapter members, Alcorn says he hopes to raise membership to even higher proportions. At the same time, he says he will bring more community leaders together to create a voice, and improve the political might in Dallas —

in an effort to get more political leverage and to raise voter power.

Among the accomplishments he is noted with in his career are the establishment of the only NAACP drug education program in the state, and receiving the

Chamber of Commerce \$10,000 Willow Award. Just recently, Alcorn was the focus of a piece in the Dallas Observer, as he negotiated with a judge to get a local

teenager out of a San Antonio mental institution; where he had been wrongfully committed.

Like Smith, Alcorn is quite confident that he will win the upcoming election. "With hard work comes luck," he says.

Smith, on the otherhand, believes that he should retain his presidential seat.

"This president is very positive about his winnersip," he says.

The presidential election for the Dallas chapter of the NAACP, will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on November 19, 1994, on the campus of Paul Quinn College.



Lee Alcorn

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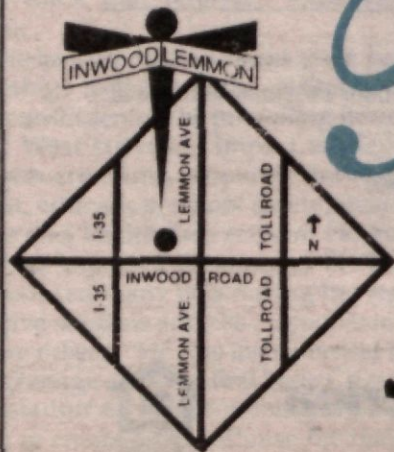
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Well, it's that political season again. Once more political leaders, both local and national, will boldly step forward to either tell us of the wonderful things they have done or what indispensable things they will do if elected. This season also gives the African American community one more opportunity to examine its priorities and how they best could become a reality.

As we're bombarded with the television commercials and radio advertisements for the political campaigns, there are at least two major strategic efforts that become obvious. First, the incumbent candidates will readily review their list of accomplishments and contributions to the various constituencies. Likewise, those individuals who are seeking office will always attempt to highlight inadequacies or problems of the current administration.

The upcoming gubernatorial election between Governor Ann Richards, a Democrat, and Republican George W. Bush is textbook material for why we need to go to the polls.

We, the publishers of the TPA, recently received a well positioned press release that highlights the accomplishments of Governor Richards within the African American community. She listed among her achievements the following:

- Hired more African Americans to serve in the Governor's Office than any previous Governor in the states history.
 - Appointed more African Americans to state boards and commissions than any other Governor in Texas history.
 - Signed into law the Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday Bill.
 - Signed into law several pieces of legislation relating to the increased utilization of minority and woman owned businesses by state agencies.
- The list these accomplishments is quite impressive.

While we believe that we should hold our political leaders accountable for what they say and do throughout

the year, many of us have the tendency to only look at what political leaders say as they are preparing their campaign speeches. The need for quality leadership by our elected officials is not a seasonal phenomenon. Rather, we must have the most sensitive, responsive and hard working public representatives throughout the year. Unfortunately, we are convinced that many members of our community only examine their politicians at election time and, as a result, will make voting decisions based on this very limited perspective.

For the Republican point of view, we have George W. Bush, the son of our former President who also seeks the office of Governor of the State of Texas. Most of the issues addressed in his campaign focus on increased crime and educational opportunities in the state of Texas. He has also spent considerable time highlighting trumped up deficiencies in the Richards' administration—suggesting that there is a need for change with the help of his leadership. Governor Richards rebuffs these accusations and points to the lack of any substantive political involvement by Mr. Bush as being the primary reason why we should not take his campaign and commentary seriously.

In the midst of these different viewpoints African Americans must decide which way to vote. The implications of this are actually twofold. First, will we make the commitment to vote at all? And secondly, who will we vote for? For all too many of us, we actually believe that the first question is a real alternative. The mere fact that this question even gains any consideration rests in a total ignorance of the tremendous sacrifice and hardship

that our forefathers underwent for the right to vote. With these considerations in mind, how in the world can we even consider not voting? Whether it is a local school board election or an election for the presidency of the United States, the level of registered and participating voters from the African American community is abysmal. Ironically any pollster will tell you that, should the African American community rally around and support a particular cause or candidate, our vote does make a difference in a major way.

Many of the accomplishments pursued by Governor Richards are directly related to her understanding that African Americans supported her election a few years back.

The darker side to this is if we don't back a candidate, not only are important issues to our community ignored but the elected official—representing the interests that got him there—can undercut or sabotage progress already made. Remember Ronald Reagan? African Americans did not support his election and—in a classic turnabout—he did not support the African American community after he was elected. The image of the Cadillac-driving, content-to-siphon-the-money-out-of-your-tax-dollars "Welfare Queen" was propagated by the Reagan administration to push a privileged agenda.

Now on a state level we are faced with someone who comes from the same good ol' boy familiarities, ready to—as some conservative Texans say—"Take back Texas." This might seem a harsh parallel to draw considering Mr. Bush is a babe in the political spotlight. Unfortunately, he already

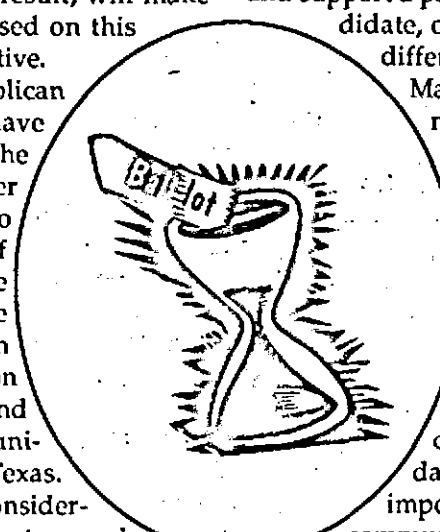
has shown the insensitivity, finger pointing, bait and switch tactics that made Republicanism a four letter word in the African American community.

As owner of the Texas Rangers Baseball club, Mr. Bush, as you may remember, was embroiled in what many would call a scandal. The building of his ball club's \$175 million facility—The Ballpark in Arlington—entailed almost completely shutting out minority contractors. What was even more outrageous than the less than 5% participation by minority contractors was the fact that most of the monies for the project were public funds (which means that, essentially, a large chunk of money derived from African Americans' income was used to line the pockets of non-minority contractors).

If Mr. Bush handles, or by extension, lets his business affairs be handled in such a manner, what does that say about how he will approach African American concerns if elected? By contrast, Governor Richards has a verifiable track record in the African American community. She has stumbled some during her administration, but African Americans have played pivotal roles under her auspice. It's clear she didn't forget who helped get her in office... will Mr. Bush?

Ultimately, any election boils down to a matter of choice. Few decisions are as critical in determining our future as who we select for these positions. The TPA urges each of you to give serious consideration to what is being said and who is saying it as you formulate your own perspectives on who you will support this Fall. As for the TPA, it is important that we remember that "actions speak louder than words." And in this sense, a demonstrative history of performance and support to the African American community is far more significant than a potential of significant future commitments.

What're your thoughts?



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Local Elections Overview

MON highlights candidates from some of the local races

By Veronica W. Morgan

Some information in this section was compiled by Yolanda Adams

As election time nears, citizens of Dallas and the surrounding areas, should be preparing to go to the polls and cast an intelligent vote for the candidate of their choice—one that has proven ability and will follow through on a number of important issues.

Most individuals hope their candidate will win and be able to deliver the goods promised during the many months of campaigning.

As always, Texans are concerned about a number of major issues which affect their daily lives so choosing the right candidate is important. According to information out of State Senator Royce West office, the next session coming up in January will cover issues dealing with Casino Gambling, Insurance Redlining and the Home Equity Bill—which calls for putting in place guidelines to protect citizens who decide to borrow against their home equity.

Another major issue in the area of criminal justice is whether or not to lower the age a child can legally stand trial as an adult from 16-years to 14-years old.

School financing and school safety concerns are other issues Texans can expect to hear a lot about in the coming months.

And in Dallas, safe schools remains an important issue to voters as well.

Two candidates believe they are able to meet the challenges in education that are outlined at the local level. They are:

Candidates for State Board of Education-District 13

Dr. Rosie M. Collins Sorrells (D) Sorrells says her political objective is to work with the State Board of Education to insure excellence in education for all children based upon their developmental needs and based upon the goals of Texas for education.

She is active with the Texas Commission for Children and Youth, and the State Task Force on Early



Childhood and Elementary Education. Sorrells plans to promote such things as:

- Effective personnel development for educators, board members, parents, and community leaders
- Safe schools, free of crime, drugs and violence
- Parent/family, school, community partnerships
- Adequate facilities, salaries and benefits
- Increased graduation and reduce the dropout rate
- Multicultural curriculum, textbooks, equipments/materials
- On-going assessment and prescriptive activities and adequate health/nutrition services

Richard Burke (R)

Mr. Burke plans to ensure the quality of education for children by first working to eliminate errors found in school textbooks and to cease from promoting a curriculum and teaching methods known to produce poor results.



He is an active member of the Cedar Hill ISD Strategic Planning Committee and the Vocational & Technical Advisory Committee. Burke plans to unburden teachers and school districts from the massive amounts of paperwork and regulations. He promotes:

- Supporting parents' right to home school their children without state interference
- Including contributions by all people of all ethnic backgrounds in the school curriculum and textbooks.
- Eliminating the threat of violence in the schools and supporting zero tolerance towards threats and physical attacks on teachers, as well as possession of weapons and drugs
- Allowing parents the right to choose the school of their choice
- Halting efforts to bring health clinics into schools and letting parents make the decision on healthcare for their children
- Opposing the efforts to introduce Outcome Based Education (OBE) into Texas schools
- Teaching students to read through phonics-based instruction

State Senator District 23

Candidate unopposed:

Royce West (D) Mr. West is the first African-American male



elected to the Texas Senate from North Central Texas since Reconstruction.

His agenda throughout his first term included school safety, economic development, crime and education. He has served on a number of boards and commissions and has received numerous awards and honors.

State Representative District '95

Candidate unopposed:

Glenn Lewis (D) His plans are to provide District '95 with aggressive representation that addresses economic development and crime.



Mr. Lewis is involved in the National Conference of Black Lawyers, Tarrant County Black Bar Association and the NAACP.

Candidates for State Representative District 111

Yvonne Davis (D) Ms. Davis wants to create a strong and viable community both economically and socially



responsible to all the residents of the District. She believes that state government should provide the services in the most efficient and effective manner.

Davis is involved in the International & Cultural Affairs Committee and Economic Development.

Lou Antonelli (R)

Mr. Antonelli believes in free enterprise and the normal free market transfer of wealth. He believes in economic opportunity for the minority businessman.



State Representative District 109 Candidate unopposed: Helen Giddings A lifetime Dallas resident, Ms.

Giddings is involved in a number of civic and community activities. She was appointed to the Committee on Business and Industry and the Committee on Investments and Banking.

She serves on the Subcommittee on Legislative Reporting Requirements, as Secretary of the 34 member Freshman Legislative Class and as Secretary of the Legislative Black Caucus.



Candidates for U.S. Representatives District 30

Eddie Bernice Johnson (D) Ms. Johnson plans to serve all citizens of District 30—

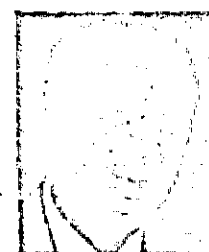
which includes parts of Dallas, Collin, and Tarrant Counties—in an effective manner. She wants to empower and revitalize old neighborhoods and increase the personal independence of citizens of District 30 through entrepreneurial and job opportunities success.

Johnson actively serves on the Public Works and Transportation Committee and the Science, Space and Technology Committee.

Lucy Cain (R)

Ms. Cain plans to focus on economic development in District 30 by looking at ways to create jobs and get people off Welfare. She will work to decrease crime and lessen government involvement in individuals lives by providing help up rather than a hand out.

Cain believes Congress should not be exempt from its own laws. Formerly she served as the chairperson, civic and community affairs alliance of Black Telecommunication Employees, Inc.



State Representative District 110

Candidate unopposed: Jesse W. Jones (D) Mr. Jones plans to promote efficient government for citizens.

He will focus providing a crime-free environment that provides quality education for children, and career options for all citizens.

Jones is on the Committee of Higher Education and the Election Committee.



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Statewide Elections '94

MON highlights candidates for the November elections

By Veronica W. Morgan

Too often, minority citizens and small business owners are the ones impacted most when funds are slashed and programs are cut. Unemployment rates remain highest in minority communities, and crime continues to run rampant throughout the streets.

The upcoming November elections are a time that African-Americans, Hispanics, and other minorities, need to make their voice of approval or disapproval heard most, by getting out to the polls and electing a candidate who will strive to do the best job for Texans. In this edition of MON, candidates in the statewide and local races are featured. Take time out to read over the issues and decide. Share the information with a friend or relative who may or may not be a registered voter.

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Remember, your vote does count.

Candidates for the Governor's race:



Ann Richards (D)
Bio: Born Dorothy Ann Willis in Lakeview, Texas, has four children and currently serves as the 45th governor of Texas.

Experience: Began her political career as a volunteer for local and statewide campaigns, fought for civil rights and economic justice, served on the Travis County Commissioners Court, won election for State Treasurer with more votes than any other statewide candidate on the ballot, making her the first woman elected to statewide office in more than 50 years.

Accomplishments: Overhauled the treasury's turn-of-the-century methods, pioneered banking and investment practices that earned taxpayers more non-tax revenue than all other Treasurers in Texas history combined, elected governor in 1990;

•Streamlined state government, authorized comprehensive audits of state agencies, produced recommendations that saved Texans more than

\$6 billion;

•Tripled the minimum sentence for capital murder, cut the early release of violent offenders by almost two-thirds.

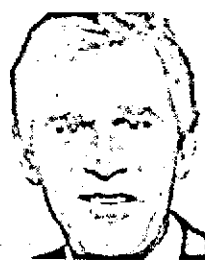
Issues: Plans to research various methods of providing start-up capital

and gap financing for minority-owned businesses;

•Will work to make health insurance available for working, middle-class men, women, and families.

•Plans to continually stand against state income tax.

Personal: Graduated from Waco High School, earned a B.A. degree from Baylor University, attended graduate school and earned a teaching certificate from the University of Texas at Austin, taught classes at Fulmore Junior High School in Austin.



George W. Bush (R)

Bio: Grew up in Midland and Houston, married, has twin daughters, General Partner of the Texas Rangers

baseball organization.

Experience: Former F-102 fighter pilot in the Texas Air National Guard, founder and CEO of Bush Exploration—Midland-based oil and gas company that merged with Spectrum 7 Energy Corporation—in 1983. Serves on the board of Tom Brown, Inc., a Midland energy company.

Issues: Plans to eliminate the need for government in the lives of Texans by working to change the current welfare system, wants to develop new methods for helping individuals/families who depend on welfare, wants to encourage competition in the welfare system by allowing private companies to compete in providing job placement and determining eligibility.

•Will work for lawsuit abuse reform, by discouraging frivolous lawsuits, etc. Personal: Earned a Bachelors degree from Yale University, an MBA from Harvard University, serves as Chairman of the Board of Hearts and Hammers, a housing rehabilitation group, board member of the Kent Waldrep National Paralysis Foundation, honored as "Man of the Year" by the city of Arlington.

Keary Ehlers (L)

Bio: Native of Texas, married, Registered Professional Engineer, manager of a Fortune 500 financial services company, a consultant on a



case arising from the Branch Davidian fire in Waco.

Experience: active in politics, led a county-wide opposition to sales tax for a bureau-

cratic crime control district, worked for Bell Helicopter as a project engineer for V-22 Osprey.

Accomplishments: Specialized in accident reconstruction for residential, vehicular, industrial, and aviation accidents.

Issues: Focuses on putting family first, believes in holding criminals accountable for their crimes, regardless of age, and says he will work to reduce the burden of government taxation that destroys families and jobs.

•Believes Welfare reform should begin with the wealthy;

•Says every piece of legislation should carry a "Family Budget Impact Statement" stating its cost to the average Texas family.

Personal: SMU graduate with a degree in Engineering, member of Sigma Chi and the honorary engineering fraternity Tau Sigma, member of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB).

Candidates for the Lieutenant Governor's race:

Bob Bullock (D)

Bio: Born in Hillsboro, married, father of three children, currently serves as the 38th Lieutenant Governor and



President of the Senate, State of Texas. Experience: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Secretary of State, Aide to the Governor, Assistant Attorney General, Texas Historical Commission, Member, Texas House of Representatives.

Accomplishments: Legislator of the Year '94, National Jaycee Hall of Leadership, Frank C. Erin Award, University of Texas '94; Chair: Legislative Budget Board; Democratic Leadership Council; Legislative Council. Personal: Attended Hill College, B.A. Texas Tech, J.D. Baylor Law School, Distinguished Alumnus Baylor University and received Honorary Doctor of Humanities in Medicine.

H.J. (Tex) Lezar (R)

Phoned office several times for information but nothing received.

Candidates for the Attorney General's race:

Dan Morales (D)
Bio: San Antonio native who became the 48th Attorney General of Texas in January of '91.

Experience: Assistant District Attorney for Bexar County in 1983. Elected to the Texas House Representatives for three terms, served as Chairman of the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee and as a member of the Ways & Means Committee.

Accomplishments: Created a new Criminal Justice Division to help local law enforcement officials deal more effectively with gangs and drug traffickers.

•Under Morales: the Child Support Program collected over \$1 billion in delinquent child support payments for Texas children & established 74,000 paternities.

•Worked with business and labor to ensure job security and the preservation of environmental quality.

Personal: Earned his B.A. degree (cum laude) from Trinity University, J.D. degree from Harvard Law School, recently appointed by President Clinton to the Joint Public Advisory Committee of the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation created under NAFTA.



Don Wittig (R)

Bio: San Antonio native born on September 18, 1941, father of four.

Experience: State District Judge in Houston since 1988, brings 28 years of experience



as a felony prosecutor and civil lawyer. The first judge in Texas to be board certified in both Family Law and Personal Injury Law.

Accomplishments: Honorably discharged from the Marines, volunteered for service in Vietnam, Deputy Chief Prosecutor with the 1st Marine Division, served in the Republic of Vietnam with honors. Issues:

•Concerning legal reform: Proposes a multiple legal reform package to attack lawsuit abuse; proposes reforming the criminal justice system—the use of arbitration and mediation on small claims to reduce transaction costs, says punitive damages must be reformed and restricted to cases;

•Concerning domestic violence: Plans to emphasize a statewide response team, intervention counseling beefed-up protective orders and public awareness and education to potentially explosive domestic situations.

Personal: Earned his B.A. and J.D. degrees from St. Mary's University in

San Antonio. Named to honor societies in both Economics and Social Sciences.



Vicki Flores (L)
•On Child Support Enforcement:
Issues: To put an end to the endless stream of litigation. To propose reducing costs and time delays in collection and heal the family in the process by initiating alternate dispute resolution when support problems arise.
•Stop theft of public monies

Candidates for State Comptroller's race:

John Sharp (D)

Bio: Raised in Placedo, graduated from Victoria's Bloomington High School in 1968, married and has two children.



Experience:

Owned a one-man real estate firm in Victoria, Texas, elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1978, elected to the Texas Senate in 1982, served on the Senate Finance Committee and the Sunset Advisory Committee, elected to Texas Railroad Commission in '86 and elected as State Comptroller in 1990.

Accomplishments: Reformed the state's trucking regulations, improved railroad safety, received national attention for the completion of his work Forces of Change, a two-year study of major issues affecting Texas.

•Established the Texas Performance Review, an ongoing audit of state government that has, so far, saved taxpayers \$6.2 billion.

Issues: To offset unemployment in the African-American community by promoting economic development, contracting with African-American businesses and setting a strong example for the private sector.

•Complete the Electronics Benefits Transfer project, which will make paper food stamps obsolete and virtually eliminate fraud in the public assistance program;
•Extend HUB contracting opportunities and strong financial support for Black Expo, BOSS and similar efforts.

Personal: Earned a B.A. degree from Texas A & M University where he was a member of the Corps of Cadets, upon graduation he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Army Reserves.

Teresa Doggett (R)
Bio: Third-generation Republican and Austin businesswoman whose companies (Doggett & Company Inc. and IMDC, Inc.) develop global markets for agri-business, aerospace, and high-tech clients. Married.



Experience: 18 years in business, banking, tax law, agriculture, government and non-profit. Practiced law as an agricultural tax attorney and in the general counsel's office for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, created international export/import businesses in Houston and Austin.

Accomplishments: Created Texas Works Together, a statewide public-partnership mentoring program for women.

•Joined Equitable Bank and developed corporate banking relationships with clients as a world-wide copper refinery, international shipping companies, a computer sales/leasing and service company and various other middle-market manufacturers. Issues:

• Will work to help avoid increased taxes.

•plans to look at ways to fund better schools and safer streets.

•reduce governmental interference with the businesses of the people of Texas.

• plans to run the Comptroller's Office and make it more sensitive to the impact that government can have on the survival and growth of businesses owned by people of color and women.

Personal: Received Masters in Public Administration from Harvard University in 1982, invited to join the Bank of Boston's international banking group, earned a law degree from Creighton University.

Candidates for United States Senator:

Kay Bailey Hutchison (R)

Bio: Resident of Dallas since 1978, born in LaMarque, Texas, married, currently serves as U.S. Senator.

Experience:

Former small business owner, served as Texas State Treasurer where she cut her budget more than any other statewide elected official, led the fight against state income tax, appointed as vice chair and general counsel of RepublicBank corp., co-founder of Fidelity National Bank of Dallas.

Accomplishments: Aided in removing Kelly AFB and Naval Station from final closure, pushed for the Department of Justice \$500,000 reim-



bursment to Parkland, and co-sponsored Fairness in Funding for Medicaid Act.

Issues:

•Will try to level the playing field for women- and minority-owned businesses;

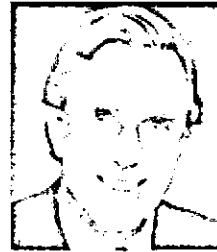
•Fighting for a stronger defense and defending Texas military bases;

Personal: Graduate of The University of Texas at Austin and The University of Texas School of Law, named outstanding Alumnus in 1991, serves as a trustee of the UT School of Law Foundation.

Richard Fisher (D)

Bio: The son of immigrants, married, four children, businessman.

Experience: Served as executive assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury during the Carter Administration, founder/trustee of the DLC think-tank, the Progressive Policy Institute, serves as director of Southwest Medical Foundation and Chairman of Dallas Goodwill Industries Board of Directors.



Accomplishments: Helped to develop the Democratic Leadership Council. Issues: Overhaul the entire vocational education system in America, streamline the number of federal job training programs, work with state and local authorities to educate more people and place them in better jobs.

•Supports severe punishment for violent offenders—with no early release, no parole.

•Allow the Federal Government to build more prisons, providing that states receiving new cells reform their criminal codes, reducing or eliminating the early release programs.

•Impose rational gun control laws—restrict sales on semi-automatic and automatic non-hunting rifles, and heavily tax ammunition for weapons

•Provide tax incentives for small businesses, lessen the regulatory burden on small business, end big business subsidies.

Personal: Harvard graduate, studied Latin American Politics at Oxford University, earned an M.B.A. from Stanford.

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Pierre Blondeau (L)

Experience: Operated a small business for more than a decade, lead project to design and install an hourly measurement database in a large Gulf coast refinery.

Issues: Give vouchers to families and let them "buy" admission to the school of their choice;

•Replace Medicare with cash awards to elderly people, who can use them to purchase care from private hospitals and doctors;

•End affirmative action, allowing businesses to award jobs solely on merit.

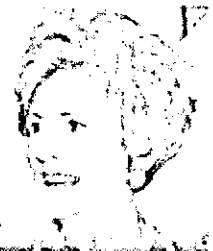
Personal: Graduate school in

Computer Science from the Univ. of Illinois, BS in Mathematics from UV of Ark., minor in Physics, Chemistry, and Geology.

Candidates for State Treasurer:

Martha Whitehead (D)

Bio: A native of Pittsburg, Texas, married and has three children, currently serves as Texas State Treasurer.



Experience: Served on Texas Bond Review Board, Texas State Banking board, Texas State Depository Board, East Texas State University Board of Regents, Texas Municipal League Board of Directors and the Citizen's Lottery Commission.

Accomplishments: Served as Mayor of Longview Texas and on the City Council for two terms. Set an all-time record by passing the \$10 billion mark in TexPool deposits—money that school districts, counties and cities invest in, and often take money out to meet payrolls, make tax payments etc.

Issues: Favors a constitutional amendment election to eliminate the state agency (Texas Treasury), so Texas won't have to bear the tax burden of an entire state agency just to perform the vital functions.

Personal: Received a B.A. in English from Southern Methodist University, M.S. in Business from East Texas State University, studied Conversational Spanish from the Universidad Nacional de Mexico. Graduated Cum Laude from SMU and member of the Phi Beta Kappa sorority.



David Hartman (R)

Bio: Chairman and CEO of Hartland Bank in Austin

Experience: Banker

Accomplishments: Transformed Austin's Hartland Bank from two failed banks slated for closure by regulators into one of Central Texas' fastest growing, most profitable independent banks.

Issues: To provide the State Treasury with qualified financial management for more profitable investments;

•Plans to end the unconstitutional growth of state spending.

•To be a "Taxpayers' Watchdog" to stop wasteful state spending and deficit spending to stop the personal state income tax and to secure longer term business and personal tax relief.

Personal: Worked his way through engineering school and Harvard Business School on scholarships, and became a Baker's Scholar along the way.

Candidates for County Judge:

Lee Jackson (R)

Bio: Born in Austin, began his professional career in city management as Assistant to the Dallas City Manager. Elected in 1986 as Dallas



County Judge, the presiding officer of the Commissioners Court and the County's chief elected official.

Experience: Represented Dallas County in the Texas house of Representatives from 1976-1986 where he was a sponsor of major legislation and chairman of the Business and Commerce Committee, served as Legislative Chairman for the Conference of Urban Counties and as a member of the Dallas County Juvenile Board and Elections Commission.

Accomplishments: Led efforts to complete a historical exhibit on the Sixth Floor of the former Texas School Book Depository, expanded law enforcement programs—including new jails, juvenile delinquency programs, drug abuse services and help for victims of crime and family violence.

Personal: Graduated from Kimball High School, received a B.A. in political science from Duke University and a Master of Public Administration from Southern Methodist University.

Lori Palmer (D)



Bio: Minnesota native, married, two stepchildren, executive director of North Texas Food Bank.

Experience: Served on the Dallas City Council for eight years, directed a

Head Start Child Development Center, senior management consultant to business, government, and industry.

Accomplishments: Advocated redistricting of Dallas City Council, promoted economic development in the Southern sector of Dallas, consistently appointed African-American and Hispanic men and women to city boards and commissions, supported city affirmative action plans, consistently voted against city contracts with corporations that did business with South Africa while apartheid existed.

Issues: Promote the health of Dallas citizens, improve transportation, rebuild the aging infrastructure, improve environment;

•Create opportunities for children and youth;

•Strengthen the community's tax base. Personal: Received B.S., University of Minnesota, Masters of Science in Social Work from the University of Texas at Arlington, and recognized with UTA Distinguished Alumni Award.

Lance Flores (L)

Bio: Married, father of three children, former business owner, certified instructor of court monitors for civil rights organization.



Experience: Financial Director of the Libertarian Party, lecturer, writer, director of legal affairs, directs ad hoc investigations into the corruption in family courts and Dallas County government.

Accomplishments: Co-founder of Citizens for legal Reform, marine combat veteran, former senior staff member of Wang Corp. semiconductor facility, employed with Digital Equipment Corporation as a semiconductor physicist and engineer.

Issues: To support small businesses, individual liberty and property rights. And to make government responsible.

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by Tai E. Jones

Entertainment Editor

Meteor Man



OCTOBER ON
SHOWTIME

This amiable movie adds a spin to the generics of the superhero genre, as actor/director/screenwriter Robert Townsend manages to touchingly endear his audience. Townsend portrays a meek and idealist innercity teacher, the sort of instructor whose good intentions get him trouble with parents and principals. He worries constantly about the state of the neigh-

borhood which is overrun by adult gang members and youthful followers.

After one grueling day, he is struck by a meteor and begins to experience things that invest him with mysterious but less than everlasting powers. For example, he can fly but must conquer his fear of heights first. These powers enable him to talk Canine, the language of the dogs.

This film features countless stars such as rap group, Another Bad Creation as the worst kids' gang in the city. Other stars are: Luther Vandross; LaWanda Page; Bill Cosby; Nancy Wilson; James Earl Jones; Eddie Griffin; Marla Gibbs and many more.

The Fugitive

The interrogation of Dr. Richard Kimble (Harrison Ford) will lure you into this film before it really ever begins. As Dr. Kimble is grieving the loss of his murdered wife, he is found guilty of her murder and sentenced to die. When his prison bus collides with a runaway train, he escapes and is forced to become a pursuer of the real murder and the pursuee of United States Marshal Sam Gerard (Tommy Lee Jones).

Director Andrew Davis spared no expense in making this movie; therefore you will inch your way to the edge of your seat in the real train crash that occurs. As well as the establishment of a man of action from the train eases the viewer into knowing that Dr. Kimble is also a man of character, you will enthrall yourself into Harrison



OCTOBER ON
HBO

Ford's "baptismal" as the fugitive. (A 225ft. plunge into a hydroelectric dam taken by six made to order "Harrison Ford" look-a-like dummies.)

An excellent film for both Ford and Jones, although there is minimal dialogue for Ford.

Halloween II

What would October be without the movie that officially gets the rap for starting slashes genre dominated the early 1980's? John Carpenter's smalltown stalking classic is hardly a bloodbath, yet revels in pure suspense and fear. The creepy classic of haunting naughty girls and boys who get sliced to pieces and the killer just won't die...

Carpenter has made it easier on viewers because he unlike some others has a method to his madness. Due to the widening of serial killers and possibilities of becoming impressionable to people who may imitate what they see on screen, Carpenter refuses to go too far.



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"USHER" Him Right On In.....

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Usher (ush' er) n. 1. an official door-keeper 2. one who shows people to their seats in a church, theatre, etc. 3. a young man born in Dallas, yet now Atlanta-based that is quickly rising as one of Grammy Award winning producer/songwriter L.A. Reid and Sean "Puffy" Combs (Mary J. Blige, Jodeci) hottest new talents.



Webster's Dictionary could not even begin to encompass the true meaning of USHER... just know this, if was definitely just all in a name, his will "show us" to theaters packed with audiences to see an artist who'll leave you wanting more....During a recent MON interview with Atlanta-based singing sensation, Usher Raymond, IV, (his given name), he got to thoroughly

explain himself and his views about the industry.

"I'm in this business for longevity, this is my life," says the 16-year old singing sensation. "I want to act, produce, write, and definitely the next album you'll see more songs that I have written."

USHER, the self-titled debut album, is a masterful blend of soul-stirring R & B augmented by hip hop sensibility. Executive Producers Sean "Puffy" Combs and L.A. Reid headline an arsenal of heavyweight producers that include Al B. Sure! (Tevin Campbell, Heavy D & The Boyz), Devante Swing (Jodeci, Mary J. Blige), Dave "Jam" Hall (Mariah Carey, Mary J. Blige), DJ Eddie F. (Johnny Gill, TLC), and Brian Alexander (SWV).

"Can U Get Wit It," the first single is a provocative midtempo jam produced by Devante Swing, the track showcases Usher's silky smooth vocals. Not only does Usher showcase his musical prowess in his debut album, his musical influences include Marvin Gaye, Shirley Murdock, Jackie Wilson, Stevie Wonder, and Michael Jackson. He says he likes to listen to "mellow" music.

Teasingly, Mon asked Usher about his visit to Lincoln High School and if we could lend any credence to his song, "Just Call Me A Mack," (Poetic Justice Soundtrack)...he grinningly replied that he was a "... gentleman. As well as a friend, homeboy, and wasn't doing any macking in the metroplex."

Mon agrees wholeheartedly Usher is a very handsome and charismatic young man. For all of you who requested his FAN CLUB information during his visit to the metroplex, the address is: J-Pat Management c/o USHER P.O. Box 500338 Atlanta, GA 31150-0338 Special thanks to Arista Records and Vanessa

Sooooo Funkdafied...

As her Marvin Martian boxer shorts peek from her jumbo size, DIC-the-Skin T-shirt engulfing her body are the drooping baggying trousers being worn by Shawntae Harris, best known as DABrat.

The latest pint-sized protegee of Jermaine Dupri is definitely as "Funkdafied," as her climbing record sales Being the first to give "props" to Mr. Dupri, a 21 year-old production wizard, who has been responsible for the success of the platinum debut albums for Kriss Kross and Xscape. She describes her entering the world of rap as, "this shit is off the hook."

After two years of waiting to be signed by heavyweight producers Michael Bivins and Teddy Riley.

DABrat credits Dupri for "hearing her, liking her, and signing her." Her discovery came after attending a Kriss Kross concert in her native Chicago, she entered a preshow MC throwdown battle, won the grand prize of fifty dollars and the

chance to meet Kris Kross's Daddy Mack.

Smitten with the rapping beauty, Daddy Mack arranged for an interview with Dupri. The rest is history...She was featured alongside Daddy Mack and Mack Daddy on their album, DaBomb. Following this, she spent three months in Dupri's Atlanta studio; which obviously was time well spent because it has resulted into her rising the charts with her debut album, Funkdafied.

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When Death Comes Stealing



Angela Washington Blair

The executive editor of *ESSENCE* magazine, Valerie Wilson Wesley pens her first mystery novel. When *Death Comes Stealing* is the first of a new series of books featuring the African-American heroine Tamara Hayle. Tamara is a former policewoman turned sleuth. She is a single parent of a fourteen-year old son, Jamal. ~he sometimes has a struggle making ends meet as she strives to increase business with her own company, Hayle Investigative Services. One day, in her current profession as a private investigator, Tamara encounters one person she would rather not have dealings with. It is

none other than her ex-husband, DeWayne Curtis, whom she considers no-good. He has four sons by four different wives. But when he calls her needing desperately to talk to her, she allows him to come over after he tells her that one of his sons died the previous day. Then he drops the bomb. He tells her that Gerard was not his first son to die. She tells him that he still has three sons left. He then informs her that he had a son that he never told her about. After Tamara gets over her shock, she reluctantly agrees to investigate Gerard's death, especially after he agrees to pay her. As this

story progresses, Two more of DeWayne's sons die under suspect circumstances. Tamara feels that she must work quickly to prevent her beloved son from being victim number five!

This story takes place in Newark, New Jersey, present day. The author cleverly

weaves a suspenseful tale told in the first person, as we, the readers, try to figure out "who-done-it." Who hates DeWayne enough to kill his sons? Who has the motive and opportunity? The ex-wives? Business associates? The suave Jamaican Basil Dupre who has openly fought with DeWayne? Tamara desperately tries to find out. She often suspects Basil with whom she comes close to having intimate relations. Read this thrilling, well written novel to find out the shocking conclusion.

This highly enjoyable novel was, in my opinion, marred by two things. Is it just me, or do all new books and movies suffer from a proliferation of profanity? Some may argue that it mirrors real life, but in the circles I frequent, I do not hear anyone using so much profane language. The book would have been just as enjoyable without it. The second item may be resolved in the next books in the series, which will be worth reading as well. The book ended with loose ends and unresolved issues. These may be covered in the next book. In spite of these personal observations, I did thoroughly enjoy Tamara Hayle in her murder solving adventures.

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Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce announces their 68th Annual Banquet slated for Friday, Oct. 21 at the Dallas Convention Center.

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Call 421-DINO for more details.

October 28

The public is invited to the third annual economic conference held on Friday, Oct. 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the John G. Mahler Student Center of Dallas Baptist University. The event is sponsored by The Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas and the university.

For more information call Kathy Boone 333-5244.

The Metroplex Red Ribbon Campaign Coalition is hosting a Recognition Luncheon for adults & youth whose efforts in the community have made a difference in the area of alcohol and drug prevention.

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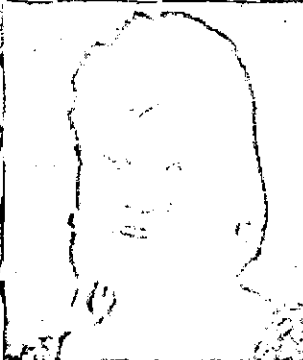
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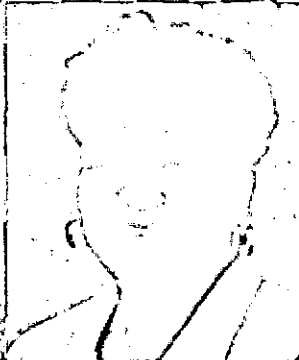
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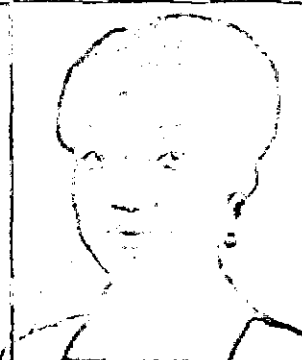
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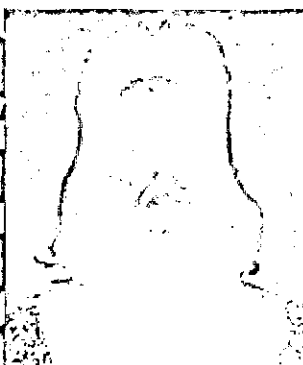
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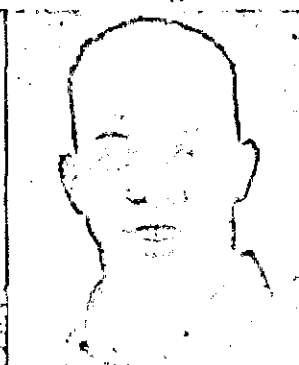
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Darren Woodson:

The full power package

by Dwain Price

Irving-Darren Woodson is the nicest and most cordial member of the Dallas Cowboys. That is, until he dons his football gear.

Then, it's no more Mr. Nice Guy.

Now in his third season with the Cowboys, Woodson has developed into one of the bright young strong safeties in the National Football League. He has the speed to play the pass, combined with the quickness to play the run.

"You're talking about one of the better athletes that I've been around," Cowboys cornerback Larry Brown said. "He can run, he can jump, he can hit, he can make calls, and he's a thinker. He's a great athlete and I think he'll be in the league a long time."

A linebacker/rover at Arizona State, Woodson at first had some difficulties making the transition to strong safety in the pros. Players were faster than what he was accustomed to, plus he didn't know how to watch film to dissect what the offense was trying to do.

"When I got here it was frustrating

because I was getting beat on passing plays," Woodson said. "In college I was covering tight ends and backs like they weren't anything. Here, I was facing

guys like Michael Irvin in practice, so it took me awhile to make the transition from Arizona State to the Dallas Cowboys.

"But the main thing is the Cowboys were patient with me. They gave me a chance to show my talents, and they showed me how to compete at different levels, and that gave me a chance to be a better player. Once I got the hang of things and started competing a lot better, then I became a better player."

Woodson led all Cowboys in tackles after the first two games this season with 20. He also had his first career regular season interception that stymied a Houston Oilers drive and helped Dallas clipped the Oilers, 20-17.

"Darren has done a great job since he's come here in a situation where he started out as a linebacker in college," Cowboys defensive backfield coach Dave Campo said. "We had to make a decision on whether or not he could

make that conversion, and he's getting better and better at it.

That progress started last season when Woodson earned a starting berth in training camp and finished second on the team in tackles — four behind team-leader Ken Norton — with 155.

The 6-1, 215-pounder has been with the Cowboys for two years, and in both seasons the Cowboys have walked away as Super Bowl champions.

"I'm just real lucky to be with the Cowboys and to play with a great bunch of players," Woodson said. "We have the talent to do it again, we've got the coaching staff to do it, and we've got a lot of confidence in ourselves."

"It's go to be a long road. But if we stay together and we stay healthy, we'll be in contention at the end of the year."

The Cowboys will stay in contention as long as Woodson keeps playing at his current Pro Bowl level.

"Darren Woodson will hit you," middle linebacker

Robert Jones said. "That's the thing the coaches like about him and that's the thing the players like about him."

"He has a linebacker's mentality. He comes up, he makes plays, and he's aggressive."

And he's not a nice guy. At least not on the field.



Darren Woodson

Big Bucks & Big Deeds = Big Future

by Dwain Price

Jason Kidd, the exuberant rookie point guard for the Dallas Mavericks, has already made a (financial) statement in Dallas' African-American community.

When he signed his \$54-plus million contract last month, Kidd let it be known that he was donating \$46,100 so the West Dallas Community Church could pay for a new floor to be built in their gym. This will also serve as one of the sights for the Mavericks' Midnight Basketball League, which was a success in its inaugural season last year.

Kidd plans to serve as the honorary commissioner for the league.

In an era when people keep criticizing black athletes for not giving something back to their community, this was a pleasant gesture by a kid who didn't even grow up in the Dallas community, but realizes what impact

his celebrity status has on kids in general.

"It's a great thing to be able to help them get a new basketball floor and to give the kids a place to go," Kidd said.

"Growing up I always had a gym to go to, so this is a great way to give back to my new community Dallas."

It's also an excellent way for Kidd to show that he's not

such a bad kid after all. His image had been tarnished a bit earlier this year in the wake of a paternity suit, and a run-in with the law when he flipped the family vehicle over and ran from the scene before police arrived.

But all is now forgotten, especially since Kidd went that extra mile and helped out a church he never heard of until recently.

"That's probably the most substantial act like that that any Mavericks player has ever done," Mavericks

director of public relations Kevin Sullivan said. "That's a lot of dough."

"We've had (Mark) Arguirre donate shoes to youth programs, Lucious Harris bought 25 tickets a month last year to selected games for underprivileged kids, and a lot of guys do good things."

But Kidd, a 21-year old wet-behind-the-ears rookie, tops the list of Mavericks who has put his money into action. He also plan to do something similar in East Oakland (Calif.), where he grew up.

In addition, Kidd plans to buy a block of 25 season tickets and award them to underprivileged kids, and to kids who improve their grades and attendance.

The gratitude is rubbing off. Jamal Mashburn also plans to purchase 30 season tickets this year and give them to the Special Olympics.

The Mavericks, who open training camp Oct. 7 on the campus of SMU, believes Kidd will be as effective as a basketball player as he is at bringing some smiles to the faces of some people who are less fortunate than he.



Jason Kidd

This is your Wake-up Call...



Dwain Price

What's happening to our society?

Last month they played a high school football game in Beaumont — on a Friday afternoon — between Galveston Ball and Beaumont Central. There were no band members in

attendance, no fans and no cheerleaders. And they weren't invited, either.

The only folks there were media members, school officials, the two teams involved, and a plethora of police and security. Thanks to suspected gang members, what should have been another in a string of Texas high school football games was reduced to something that was as eerie as any Steven Spielberg movie.

The Ball-Central game was moved to the afternoon because the previous night a Ball freshman football player was shot in the back by an unknown assailant as he was watching a junior varsity game between Central and Ball. Hearing the news, and the unusual events that followed, made me shudder.

When I worked as a sportswriter in Beaumont, I walked those same stands on numerous occasions. There were times when I didn't want to be there, especially knowing that whenever a group of teenagers are in one place, it seems as though trouble is just around the corner.

Teenagers today are much different than the ones I grew up with. Today, a lot of them are nothing but a bunch of short-tempered, gun-toting, dope-smoking, talking-back-to-their-elders fools. (If this doesn't describe you, then you should be applauded).

As I became older, and somewhat wiser, I've realized that one of the most unsafe place to go is to a high school sporting event. Security, for the most part, is lax.

The next time you go to a high school sporting event, take a look around and file away what you see in terms of security. It is a most uncomfortable feeling.

In Beaumont, the suspected gunman is a gang member. A group of people who have threatened to take over many facets of this world.

Imagine if what happened in

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TSLC paring the road to success

By Veronica W. Morgan

The main objective Linda Walker envisioned when she founded the Jeffries Street Learning Center back in 1986 was to open a place where adults could come and receive basic training to enhance their basic literacy skills, and children could receive after-school tutoring.

Eight years later, Walker's vision remains intact but her future plans for the non-profit center includes hiring more staff and making the center available for community events. Such an endeavor requires finances to help offset operating cost and pay employee salaries.

This year's Hoop-a-Thon, a three-on-three basketball tournament, scheduled for Saturday, November 5, at Fair Park is expected to bring in a hefty sum but still not enough to meet the needs. According to Thurman Jones, chairman of the event and publisher of Minority Opportunity News,

the goal is to raise \$10,000. The funds will go toward purchasing computers, diskettes, and other training material or equipment the center will need.

Currently, Adult Basic Education classes are taught Mondays through Fridays from 10

a.m. to 2 p.m. The classes include instruction toward GED preparation and entrance into a junior college. Upon enrolling in the program, one-on-one testing is done to determine what's the actual level of literacy per student.

After school tutoring and homework assistance is available for elementary age children on up to the eighth grade. "We need volunteers for both programs but mostly the after school program, to read stories and help out with the children," says Cofield. The classes and services provided are free. The center operates solely on donations.

Other upcoming events includes a voters registration drive to be held on Saturday, October 8 at the center. Several political candidates are expected to appear, including Ron Kirk.

The Open House celebration is scheduled for Thursday, October 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dallas Police Chief Ben Click will read his Crime

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Walker says she feels especially grateful for the special efforts made by Jerry Killingsworth, the director of Community Development for Bank One.

Killingsworth says his motivation

is not for recognition but because he believes it is important for the young children to have as much positive influence as possible.

"The landscaping will be completed in two or three weeks, and I believe it's important for the children to see something that looks pristine, that is pristine and a place that will make them feel safe," he said.

For information on sponsorships call (214) 360-2858. For volunteer information call 426-1834.

The Soul "Survivors"

By Veronica W. Morgan

Move over Dallas Cowboys and make room for the new metropolis 2nd World Title holders—"Dallas Survival."

The Survival's are an African-American softball team who has played together for slightly more than ten years, but before that, the team was known as the Western Barbecue players—a small community focused softball league that desired to get into the big leagues.

Last month, their dreams were realized when they were honored at the Black American World Tournament by the United States Slow Pitch Softball Association (USSSA), after having won the '94 tournament held in Detroit, Michigan.

Twenty seven states were represented and 56 teams participated in this year's event.

But the local men's team held the spotlight and ran away with the game, making the final score 21-3 against a tough Rochester, New York team named "Pace."

Said Dallas Survival Coach Jerry Pea: "This marks the first time in the history of the USSSA tournament, that a team has won two consecutive championships."

"And this is the first time a

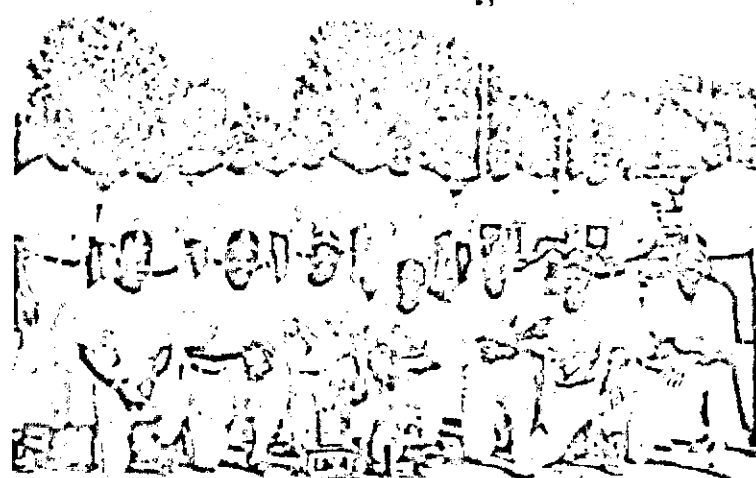
southern team took the honors."

This year represents many firsts for the local men's team, whose ages range from early 20s into the 50s. Plans are in the works to hold the '95 games in the Dallas area—meaning the first time ever to be played in the south.

Approximately 100 teams are expected to participate in this big event tentatively set for the second week in September of '95.

The USSSA is a co-ed league established in 1980 and currently has about 7,000 teams. The organization celebrated its ten-year anniversary this year.

Sponsorships are available and encouraged. For more information contact Jerry Pea at (214) 951-7902 ext. 2019 or Kenny Green at (214) 780-1174.



Kneeling: Kenny Green, Ed Thomas, Jeremiah Price, Danny Carter, Jerry Pea, Freddie Simpson, Paul Williams
Standing: Kevin Turner, Danny Wright, Tony Madden, Ray Butler, James Devault, Ivan Dennis, Thomas Brown, Manuel Kay Jr.

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Beaumont is played out on the many fields (of dreams) where high school football is played on a weekly basis. Imagine the fear and terror your son _ MY SON _ would have to endure if faced with such stupidity on a regular basis.

Guns, and the cowardly people who use them in an asinine manner, may be the one weapon that brings high school athletics to its knees. As testament to what happened in Beaumont, we all have become a slave to guns.

Those who carry them, realize the incredible power they have. Unfortunately, they're abusing that power while scaring the living daylights out of a lot of kids who turn to sports to help shape their lives, and fans who use it as a diversion from life's many problems.

Those who commit crimes like the one in Beaumont _ one that makes an entire community feel like they're being held hostage _ should be locked up with the key buried at the bottom of the nearest ocean.

I feel empathy for the players, coaches, parents, fans, band members, and school administrators from Central and Ball who had to endure what must have been a horrible nightmare. Some of those people I know personally.

What happened in Beaumont is a sad, commentary about our society, and certainly nothing to cheer about.

Delayed Intentions

Trials postponed again on oral drug used to slow down the AIDS virus

By Veronica W. Morgan

African-American physicians in the United States have pushed for two years to have the oral interferon-alpha drug, known as KEMRON, tested within this country to prove its effectiveness for the treatment of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV); but sources say the trials may be delayed again.

The drug, founded in 1990 and developed by the Kenyan Medical Research Institute (KEMRI), under the direction of Dr. Davy Koech, is said to be an effective treatment for the AIDS disease.

Studies conducted in Zambia, Uganda, Canada, Germany, The Philippines, Poland, Zimbabwe and Puerto Rico show the condition of AIDS patients have improved tremendously by the use of oral interferon-alpha treatments. And studies done in Thailand show patients experienced significant weight gain.

Despite the findings of the Kenya scientists, investigators at the National Institute of Health AIDS Division (NIHAD) are not convinced that low-dose interferon alpha treatments can or should be used to treat patients with the deadly disease, their feelings are based on a series of small-scale studies conducted by the institute that reveal dissimilarity.

But Simcon X Booker III, executive assistant at the Abundant Life Clinic in Washington D.C. says similar and beneficial results have been found in both Kenya and the U.S.

"The delay is unnecessary and leaves one to believe a number of things, mainly, that the NIH is not taking the Kenya findings seriously," said Booker.

The NIH trials to further study the drug's effect on HIV patients were surmised to be delayed following the unexpected resignation by Dr. Larry Brown, chairman of the Protocol Committee.

The news of Brown's resignation came just a week before the NIH trials were to begin and it has caused confusion among the team of physicians who worked closely with him. Sources say this is another frustrating setback that leaves them wondering why the federal government would decide to cut funds going into his department so close to the trials.

In a telephone interview, Brown said his resignation from the committee effective September 1 had to do with the inconsistency he found in the NIH's aids division.

"I don't believe low-dose alpha interferon is the miracle drug but the NIH should not give misuses in terms of intensity and lack of support," said Brown. "I thought it was a public health benefit to determine if a candidate drug works or not, and if it does we need to take advantage of all therapy's that work."

According to Brown, the principle investigators at the aids division are major-

ty white and this in itself creates a problem.

Dr. Joseph M. Cummins, a veterinary immunologist and president of VanGuard BioSciences in Amarillo, Texas, expressed disappointment over Brown's resignation but adds, he didn't think the NIH trials would be delayed. However, if

they are delayed, researchers will probably not be able to begin the trials until the Spring or Summer of '95.

The postponement could serve to frustrate a number of African-American physicians who believe the drug is more effective than azidothymidine (AZT).

"The trials have been two years in planning and a lot of information has been gathered on KEMRON and its time to do away with the hype and get to the facts," says Cummins. Some of the facts includes determining information on the dosage used and what type of schedule to set.

KEMRI researcher, Dr. Koech, developed the drug KEMRON after reading a paper written by Cummins, describing the treatment of feline leukemia with the use of low-dose interferon alpha.

Aside from its usage in treating leukemia, interferon alpha has been used in treating varying types of cancers. Still U.S. researchers remain skeptical and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) won't approve KEMRON for patent.

Dr. Wilbert C. Jordan, from the Oasis (AIDS) Clinic, Martin Luther King Jr. General Hospital, in Los Angeles has conducted several open-label studies of oral interferon alpha in the treatment of AIDS. Only one patient in the three studies died six months after initiation of the study.

Dr. Jordan, an Arkansas native and the youngest of 17 children, has done tremendous work in AIDS research. A large portion of his patients will be used in the NIH trials.

Should human interferon alpha studies be found effective in this country, this would mean a major breakthrough in slowing down the symptoms of the disease. More importantly, it would mean much needed funds will be contributed to Black medical research organizations to acquire the necessary equipment for researching the oral medication. Sources speculate that this is one of the reasons for that NIH continues to postpone the trials.

But Brown, who's also the senior vice president of the Addiction Research Treatment Corporation in Brooklyn, New York, says it would have made sense for the federal government to continually fund the program for which he served as chair.

"It was odd to me that funds were cut because we were the only Black investigators and we were considered #2 in the nationwide recruitment for the trials.

"The Federal Government did away with the funds through a peer review process based on technical merits," said Brown.

However, out of the 16 or so committee members only one African-American was included.

Several attempts were made to contact researchers within the institute but no one returned the call.

To date, the primary proponents of the usage of KEMRON and low-dose interferon-alpha treatments have been the Nation of Islam and its usage within their Abundant Life Institute.

Dr. Keith Rawlings, assistant medical director of the Community Oriented Primary Care (COPC) Program at Parkland Hospital, says the question is not so much the usage of interferon alpha but whether or not the oral medication should be solely given to manage the HIV infected persons, and whether KEMRON can be used to minimize the symptoms of the virus.

"There is a benefit for using KEMRON in patients who have certain cancers that are caused by the disease, but the position taken within the Nation is that the drug has a greater benefit for the virus management than many of the other drugs that are currently being used," asserts Rawlings.

Drugs like AZT and PVC are suppose to prohibit the reproduction of the virus but they are not cures for the disease. A Concord study done on the long-term effects of AZT shows the drug won't prevent the development of AIDS but it will slow the process.

Rawlings hopes the trials get started soon and the findings will be positive so KEMRON can be patented within the states.

Said Rawlings: "I see many patients in the advanced stages of the AIDS disease that are career-oriented individuals, or divorced men and women who learn after a routine checkup that they are HIV positive.

"Women were married for ten or fifteen years, who learn that their partner infected them, and some who go in to give birth and learn that they have passed on the virus to their offspring."

The HIV virus generally makes a persons body susceptible to opportunistic infections like pneumonia and microbacteria. In managing the disease, Rawlings says he tries to teach good common sense beginning with good nutrition, exercise and proper rest in addition to using other medications.

"It is a lot easier for me to help prevent the development of these opportunistic infections than it is for me to treat them once the patient develops it," he said.

Simple things such as remembering to

get a flu shot or hepatitis vaccines becomes important to AIDS patients. Avoiding raw seafood, and taking precautions to not use contaminated needles.

Also, its important for AIDS patients to use condoms to avoid acquiring other sexually transmitted diseases.

African-American physicians, scientist, and investigators will continue to push for trials to be conducted on low-dose oral interferon alpha.

Said Brown: "I believe the agenda concerning AIDS is politically driven, now African Americans are asking to be at the table and people find this to be reprehensible or no longer political.

"But we have to make sure our issues are adequately addressed."

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Ron Shaw

Recently while viewing an episode of the earlier Star Trek series, it hit me why along with so many other trekkies, I was so enamored with Mr. Spock. As I was reading our text, Spock came to mind. He was such a person of control. He determined

when he was going to have an emotional outburst. He decided how he would respond to various situations and people. He decided—not the circumstances or the people.

Now you may think me crazy for saying this, but in a lot of ways Spock reminds me a lot of Jesus. That's why I'm so determined to be like Him. Jesus.

He was such a man of control. He was in complete charge of his spirit, soul and body. He determined when it was time for indignation, or compassion, or reprimanding, not the circumstances or the people. I long to be a person of control. I like being in charge of me; my feelings; my thoughts; my body. I don't like being controlled like some Pon on a chess table. My desire to be in control led me to a very eye-opening scripture. Our text says that God gives us the ability to be in control.

Well I have to tell you, listening to a lot of Christians you would get the impression that they can't help themselves in any way. If other people are not the cause of their behavior, then it's the devil or the Holy Ghost! The things I've seen in church that have been attributed to the Holy Ghost have been absolutely ridiculous.

The Amplified Bible says God did

not give us a spirit of timidity—cowardice—but of power (ability), of love, and of a calm and well-balanced mind and discipline and self control.

A lot of people want to control everything and everyone else either by manipulation or intimidation rather than concentrate on the one thing and person the Holy Ghost has come to empower you to control, you!

So I am suggesting that you be a control freak. Not with others but with yourself. Only through the power of the Holy Ghost can you control and discipline your mind, your emotions, your body, yourself. Think of how many problems you could eliminate if you allow the Holy Ghost to help you control you. Think of how many people you could influence if this were to happen. A person undisciplined mentally will not be focused or keep his eyes on the prize. A person who is undisciplined in his conversation will stay in trouble according to the Bible.

People who are undisciplined are prime targets for those who would manipulate them for selfish gain. Think of it?

A woman who can't control her self will usually be the target of Mr. Slick. The man who will not bridle him self will usually get taken to the cleaners by some manipulating women.

Discipline is involved in every aspect of the Christian walk if it is to be a joyful successful one. Prayer, Bible study, regular fellowship and the likes, are successful only when discipline is present. There are a lot of things my mind would like to think, a lot of people my body would like to be with, a lot of emotions my soul would like to feel. But they are not expedient or profitable so I say no to myself. I do this successfully only through the power of the Holy Ghost. That's what it means to be filled with the Holy Ghost.

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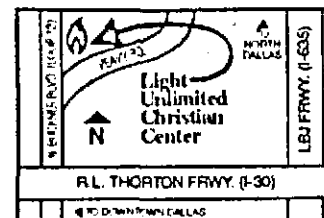
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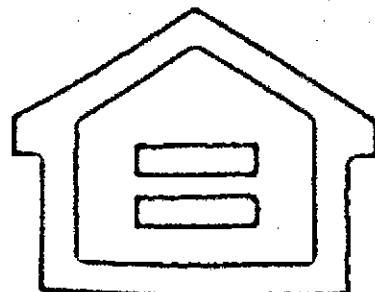
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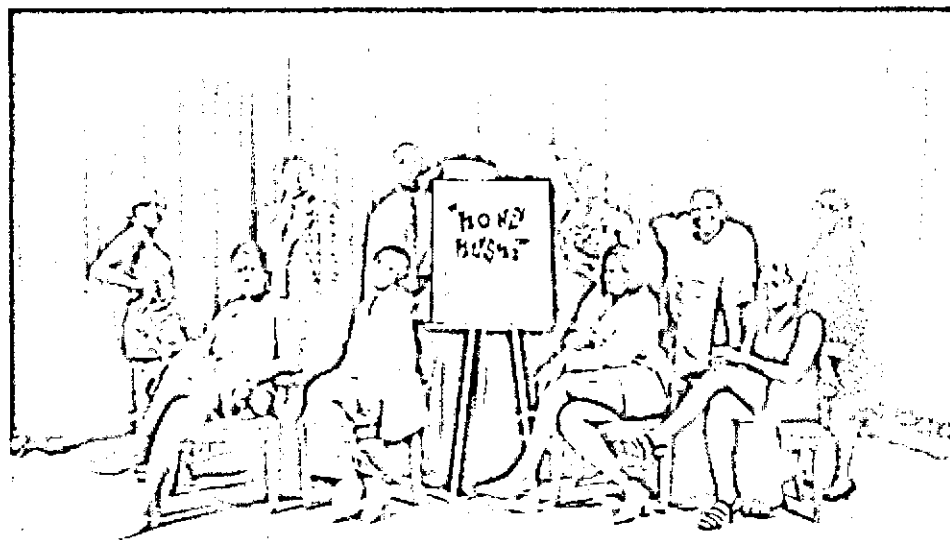
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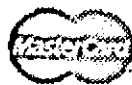
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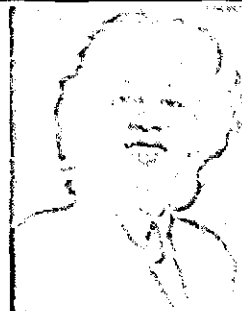
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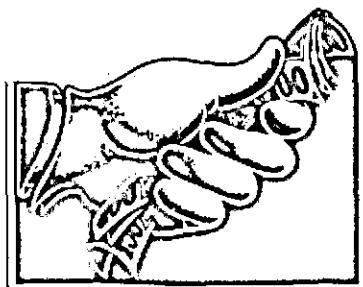
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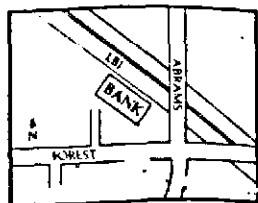


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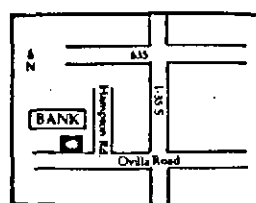
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The Smith Award is given annually to a citizen of Dallas who has given distinguished volunteer service to the Dallas African-American community. The honoree is selected without regard to race. The selection will be made by the blue ribbon panel of Dallas citizens who will choose a person who has been nominated by individuals, church's, fraternities, sororities, clubs and schools.

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Southwest Richardson: A community at risk

By Tonya Parker

The community in southwest Richardson, like so many other suburbs in America, is mistakenly using the "silent treatment" to deal with the growing numbers of African-Americans in the predominantly Anglo community. One can only speculate the reasons why, organized institutions in the community, namely the Richardson Independent School District and the Richardson Police Department, have inundated the schools and apartment complexes with more police, yet neither organization is making any noticeable effort to invest time or money in the type of community programming that will improve the quality of life for African-American youth.

The members of the African-American population in southwest Richardson are mostly single parents, who say they moved from the inner cities seven or eight years ago to give their children a chance to live a better life.

Perhaps they did not realize the opportunity cost involved in giving their children the so-called "better life" would include lowered self esteem, identity crisis, lack of self knowledge, as well as the virtual non-existent role models.

The problems in the Richardson area are not unique, they are the manifestations of the same mentality that has historically transformed "good neighborhoods" into genocidal war zones: African-American youth wake up one day and decide to respond and become visible in the eyes of those who have consistently looked over them.

In southwest Richardson, the responses of African-American youth are blatantly obvious in the gang graffiti spray painted on everything from the apartment properties to a local day

care center.

Clearly, the methods used by the youth are non-productive exhibitions of their frustrations but

they can not be shrouded because of their desire to stand up and be counted. In fact, this is the same honorable goal their predecessors desired in the slave insurrections of the 1800s and riots of the 1900s.

The epidemic like madness that exists for the teenagers in Richardson is not their fault, in fact, it is the fault of parents, teachers, counselors, and other civic organizations. All of these adults have idly stood on the sideline and watched good kids self-destruct and turn their community in a war zone. Currently, the major problem the teenagers have to deal with is the emergence two rival gangs: the Bloods and the Crips, and yet another one called the "Ho-pimps". Certainly, gang life is not what the parents in the community expected, yet the presence of gangs is one of the major reasons southwest Richardson is a community at risk.

In addition to the problem of gang violence, the youth must deal with the casual use and distribution of drugs such as marijuana and crack in their community. Furthermore, the hopelessness felt by African-American youth with regard to gangs and drugs carries over into the school system with regard to administrators and the lack of programming.

Richardson High School, does not have a single organization for African-American youth. During the past three years, the students have tried to establish an organization called UJIMA—Swahili term for collective work and responsibility—but limited support from school officials eventually led to the organization's failure. However, the responsi-

bility must be placed on the shoulders of those adults who did not foster the initiative of the youth and nurture their development.

More than 10 African-American students were pregnant during the 1993-1994 school year in Richardson. Such problems as gangs, drugs, and teenage pregnancy are controllable with positive mentor programs that will establish and address an agenda for the African-American students in southwest Richardson.

The problems that exist in the area can be attributed to the lack of introspect African Americans had when they asked for desegregation without taking preventative measures—teaching knowledge of God, self, family, and community—to protect the African-American youth from the psychological warfare that is unavoidable when disadvantaged, exploited African-American children are placed in an environment with privileged Anglo children.

The implications of this lack of parity in the southwest area of

Richardson are so clearly illustrated in the 1990 U.S. Census report. The report details the economic characteristics for tract

Figure 1: Per Capita Income in Richardson by Race:

Tract 136.09	
Ethnic group	Income per capita
Anglo	33,390
African-American	7,548
Asian or Pacific Islander	9,655

136.09 which is a street in the southern most part of Richardson called Spring Valley. The demographics of the street, alone, provide a strong indicator of the economic stratification in southwest Richardson, on one end of the street there are Anglo families in 5-bedroom houses and on the other end their are Black and Hispanic families in 2-bedroom apartments.

The economic disparity that exists in the community is evident in the information provided in the above chart. Oddly enough, this chart is only a small glimpse at the other information provided by the 1990 U.S. Census report about the Richardson communi-

ty. Other information in the report includes the unemployment rate of African-American (12 percent) compared to the unemployment rate (3.4) of Anglos in Richardson.

As one evaluates this information in an effort to make sense of the epidemic like madness that is plaguing the community, one must ask the questions: Why are the Asians—whose average income levels are slightly more than that of African-Americans—not responding in a way similar to the African-American youth? The answer is simple when you consider the rich culture the Asian youth have access to. Many of their parents are first or second generation immigrants and continue to pass on to their children their native tongue, their religion, as well as knowledge of community and self. Clearly the advantage of the Asian ethnic minority group over the African-American youth, is the fact that the African-American youth have low self concepts and no role models and mentors.

In an effort to be a proactive people we must take time to save this community of African-American youth. This can only be done if African-American adults rise to the occasion and establish a community program that will provide culturally affirming activities, sex awareness programs, mentors, and motivational speakers. If we organize these kids they will not be as vulnerable to the Crip and Blood organizations. The adolescents in southwest Richardson are in a shell shock zone without ammunition to defend themselves. They are constantly expected to compete with people they don't even feel equal to. We can do nothing about the demographics but we can help to improve their self-esteem.

Individuals with ideas concerning ways to improve the situation in southwest Richardson contact Tonya Parker at (214) 905-0944 or mail your suggestions to MON, 2730 Stemmons Fwy., 1202 Tower West, Dallas, TX 75207.

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SENATOR WEST HOLDS PUBLIC HEARING ON INSURANCE

story by Char Washington

Your insurance company may be hurting your pocketbook, because they could be practicing "redlining". Last week Senator Royce West and Commissioner of Insurance, J. Robert Hunter held a Dallas Public Hearing³ at the D.I.S.D. Administration Building. Dallas citizens were invited to listen and share their experiences with insurance companies within their communities.

Senator West feels that redlining is a big issue that all Texans are facing. The term "redlining" came about from a practice of drawing red lines on a map in order to identify neighborhoods or larger geographical areas. In most cases banks and insurance companies would not do business in those designated areas. However, while insurance companies claim that this does not happen, insurance underwriting has the same effect by cutting off access to financial products in certain areas.

Charles Yaker of Dallas told Senator West and the rest of the panel that he is currently a member of A.A.R.P. However, he told listeners that in his neighborhood they had received a lot of hail. Yaker said that he only filed one claim on his insurance since 1987 for hail damage on his vehicle. Mr. Yaker said that he was refused from a certain insurance company, because of his zip code.

Several other citizens went up to the microphone to talk about their experiences. Some folks told listeners that a company here in Dallas refused to write them a pol-

icy, because their houses were too old.

Charles Worth, Government Relations Director for State Farms Insurance told the audience that

his company is currently studying various locations in the Fair Park area. They intend to build a claim service center, which will combine the claim handling function with an agent's office location. In sincerity he added that he hopes that other agencies will enter into the area as well.

Mr. Donald Hicks, Dallas City Councilman doesn't feel that anything was resolved during the meeting. He

explained, "This is preliminary hearing and they are trying to determine what personal experiences of discriminatory practices in insurance." Mr. Hicks says there will be more hearings like this one.

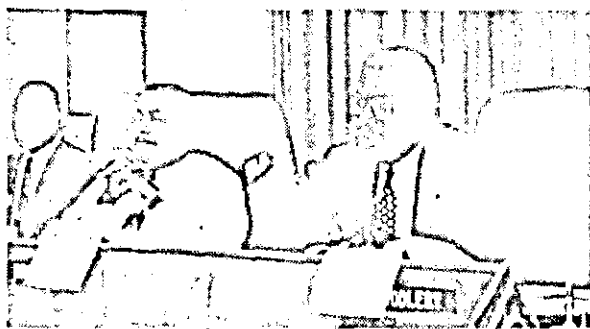
During the session, many people shared their stories of how the insurance companies had treated them. Insurance companies like State Farm, tried to identify minor problems and assure listeners that they are working on a solution.

The Office Of Public Insurance Counsel suggests that consumers be educated about this problem so that they can understand what choices are available in other areas. Some choices may have been unfairly limited, and what remedies exist to correct these abuses. O.P.I.C. thinks that the Texas Department of Insurance should adopt rules prohibiting

guideline that are unrelated to risk. For more information you may write OPIC 333 Guadalupe, Suite 3-120, Austin, TX 78701, (512) 322-4143.

"The realization of a hearing of this kind in Dallas is extremely important to Dallas and the entire State of Texas," Senator West says. "It is imperative that the Dallas County community realize that they are entitled to affordable insurance coverage. Outrageous pricing, exclusionary use of insurance guidelines, or any other practice utilized to deny coverage can result in the economical stagnation and ultimate devastation of a community that is trying to revitalize itself."

"I must commend Commissioner Hunter for his efforts in trying to



Senators, Rodney Ellis (Houston) and Royce West (Dallas)

find ways to make insurance available to Texans and the insurance industry accountable to Texans," he states. "I encourage business and con-

sumer groups, members of the general public and representatives of the insurance industry to testify and help us find solutions to these problems." Commissioner Hunter has stated in the past that he "wants to find out more about the problems

plaguing insurance in order to determine whether the cause is an insidious form of discrimination called 'redlining'." The original term 'redlining' comes from the old practice of company officials using a red pen on a map to mark an area or areas considered ineligible for certain insurance

coverage. Today the term generally refers to more subtle underwriting practices that target particular areas, usually those with high numbers of low income, older citizens and/or minority residents, particular groups, and older communities whose homes have less value. "Redlining" is not solely a racial issue. It is not a black or white issue," adds West. "It is not a young or old issue. It is not a me or you issue. It is a people issue. It is an economic nightmare. 'Redlining' effects everyone. It encompasses and impacts the entire rainbow that we call humanity."

For the past months, the Texas Department of Insurance collected availability information based on zip codes from various Texas insurance companies. A report of the findings was released in a press conference held in Austin on August 29, exactly one month to the day of the Dallas hearing. This information will be a part of the presentation by TDI and OPIC representatives. The public is encouraged to bring to the hearing documentation on their specific problems. Texas Department of Insurance case specialists will be on hand to assist the public with their concerns. In addition, Spanish speaking interpreters will be present at the hearing.

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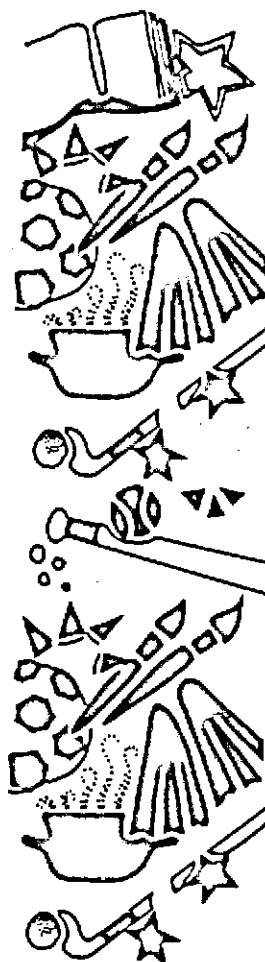
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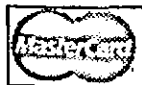
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Texas should
be able to
look at our
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and know
that they can
aspire to the
highest posts
in the state."*

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...ABOUT THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY?

Time after time, Ann Richards has demonstrated her commitment to the African-American community in Texas. Her record speaks for itself.

- Ann Richards believes that everyone should have a seat at the table when decisions are made. She has put more African-Americans in leadership positions in government than any other Texas governor.
- Ann has implemented summer job programs for high school students and has pushed for school reform that lowered the dropout rate. Scores among African-American students have dramatically improved. She cares about our kids and wants to help them succeed.
- Ann is fighting for a teen curfew to keep our kids off the streets and out of harm's way. She is fighting for zero tolerance to drugs and weapons in our schools.
- She also encouraged state agencies to award more contracts to minority and women-owned businesses.

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