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**From the
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Thurman Jones**

**As O.J. go,
so go we**

While witnessing the commission of a crime via live television the other day, a feeling of ambivalence transpired over me as I watched the agile and fleet-footed O.J. Simpson make perhaps his last run as a genuine American hero. Ironically, this run did not resemble the slashing lone off-tackle runs the former National Football League Hall of Famer running back entralled many sports fans with over the years.

Courtesy of the new age of technology, we now found ourselves (whether we like it or not) seeing this saga unfolding before our very eyes with mini-cams and helicopters capturing O.J. Simpson "The Fugitive" fleeing from law enforcement officials on charges he murdered his ex-wife and male acquaintance. As many of us watch in disbelief, it occurred to me that there are two tragedies to this story. As Mr. Simpson journeyed the small army of police officers on a low-speed 60-mile chase down a Southern California freeway, it confirmed what many of us have suspected all alone: there is something terribly wrong with the African American community.

For as we watch from the comfort of our living rooms, another one of our finest and most visible male examples fall from grace. We in the African American community must face up to this burden, for those of you who are "susceptibly prone" to conclude that it's just the juice's problem has not seen the big picture.

O.J.'s success exemplified the embodiment we as black men have long clamored for. His gridiron exploits propelled him to enshrinement into the NFL Hall of Fame. Along the way as an All-American tailback, he helped the University of Southern California Trojans win a 1967 national championship and himself won the Heisman Trophy a year later. In recent years, he was highly visible as a TV spokesman for Hertz Rent-a-Car and as a commentator for NBC.

Mr. Simpson easily qualified as an athletic hero, role model and from-ghetto-to-glory success story. Without presuming his guilt or innocence, one could easily conclude something went wrong. As we mourn

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In The News

Black Business Directory celebrates 8th edition

1994 marks the celebration of the 8th anniversary edition of the Dallas/Fort Worth Black Pages, a free directory that lists a variety of black-owned businesses offering specialty and general services or products.

It serves as a tool to promote the development and patronage of black or minority owned businesses. There are 65 Black Pages directories being distributed across the U.S. and in places such as Alaska, Hawaii, and Canada.

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Greg Hill involved in Youth Rally

Former Dallas Carter and Texas A&M football player Greg Hill, now with the Kansas City Chiefs will be featured in Summer Youth Rally '94 to be held July 9 at Holy Tabernacle Church, 2831 N. Masters Dr., Dallas, 11:00 am-2:00pm.

Hill will sign autographs in an atmosphere of praise, prayer and testimonies; food will also be served.

For more information call 391-6686.



Greg Hill

Contest for Yard-of-the-Month

All residents of the South Dallas/Fair Park area are eligible to participate in the Yard-of-the-Month contest. Interested residents should send their name, address, date, telephone number and the month in which they are entering to Yard-of-the-Month Contest

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For more information call Kathryn Gilliam and Alfred Roberts at 421-1662.

Jackpot Hall of Fame

McAllen teachers Raul Zavaleta and Henry Lozano claim the third-largest jackpot in Lotto Texas history as they pick up their first installment of their \$37.6 million prize. When Lotto started, the two agreed with a simple handshake to share any prizes regardless of which one purchased the actual winning ticket. Zavaleta purchased the winning ticket and he doesn't regret the deal.

Minority degrees awarded rank high at UT institutions

Four institutions within the University of Texas System rank among the top 10 schools nationally in the bachelor's degrees awarded to Hispanics in all academic fields, according to an annual report of minority degree production published by the magazine *Black Issues in Higher Education*.

The four schools in the top 10 were UT El Paso (2), UT Austin (3rd), UT Pan American (4th) and UT San Antonio (7th).

For more information call (512) 499-4777.

Local McDonald's winners travels to West Africa

Sharon Deberry of Irving and Todd Fields of Dallas are among the 125 winners who traveled on an all-expense-paid, 10-day trip for two to Senegal and Gambia, West Africa on June 28 through July 10. The winners also received \$1,000 in spending money and a trip to New York for a reception at the Schomburg Museum, prior to departure for Africa. William Haley, Sr. son of *ROOTS* author Alex Haley, escorted the winners.

McDonald's Adventure to the Homeland sweepstakes was created to celebrate African-American families and the tradition of family reunions. The event was held during Black History Month, when over 10,000 consumers entered the sweepstakes.

For more information call (214) 520-5685.

UTA History Department announces essay contest

The Department of History at the UT Arlington is sponsoring the 1995 Webb-Smith Essay Competition, in conjunction with the '95 Walter Prescott Webb Memorial Lectures, on the subject of Africa and African Diaspora.

Essays should consist of 10,000 words or less. Aside from having essay published, the will receive \$500. Manuscripts must be submitted by Feb. 1, 1995.

For more information write to:
The Walter Prescott Webb Memorial Lectures Committee
Department of History, Box 19529
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Bank holding company expands

Compass Bancshares, Inc. signed an agreement to acquire Southwest Bankers, Inc. and its subsidiary, The Bank of San Antonio recently. The move will add 10 bank offices and more than \$137 million in assets to Compass' Texas franchise.

Shares of the company's common stock are traded through the NASDAQ national market system under the symbol CBSS.

For more information call (205) 933-3554.

UTA selected for Army Graduate School Program

U.S. Army Acquisition Corps officers can earn master's of business administration degrees from UT Arlington beginning this fall.

The university was selected to participate in the I-GRAD program over competing proposals from the University of Southern California and Babson College in Massachusetts.

For more information call metro (817) 273-3004.

Budgets approved

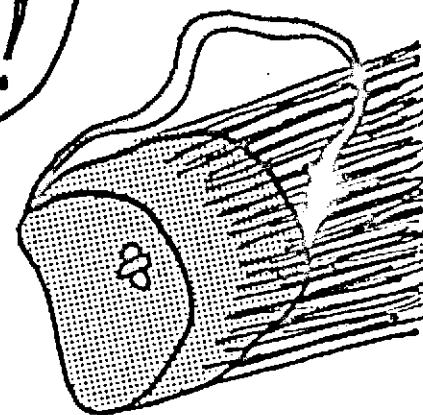
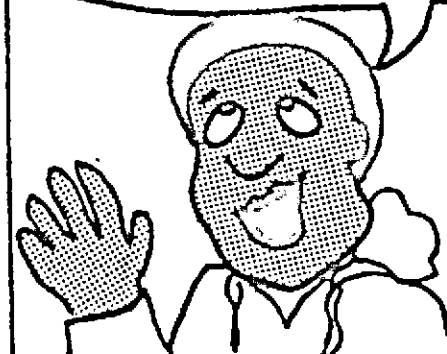
The University of Texas Board of Regents approved a \$4.03 billion operating budget for fiscal year '95 (beginning Sept 1).

The Regents also approved a System-wide capital budget of \$291.5 million for FY '95. The capital budget includes new construction projects, renovation and repair of existing facilities, and funds for library and equipment acquisitions.

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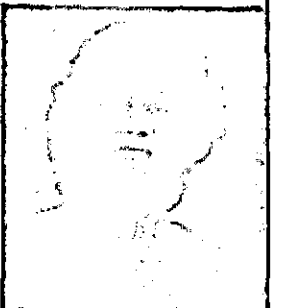
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Declining interest

How to reduce the interest costs on your mortgage



Curtis Yates

Although the subject of this column is about the cost of interest, mortgage interest specifically, my ultimate goal is to share how to reduce such cost. When buying real estate, cost of the structure is one thing, cost of the land is another; moreover, the cost of interest from financing the entire purchase of the property is still yet another. Let's look at the example in the box of how much a home costing \$60,000 could cost in interest over the life of a 30 year loan, using 8.5% as the interest rate. If you're ready for this, here goes...

Well, there you have it, interest costs over a thirty year period on a loan of \$57,000 with an interest rate of 8%. At this point, you may be wondering, just how to begin reducing

such an incredible cost of interest. Well, there is no easy answer, but there is a way of accomplishing this goal. It's a route that tends not to lean toward most of our way of thinking. This new way of thinking is, prepaying a little more toward your house payment each month, reducing the cost of interest on the loan. In general, the earlier you begin prepayments, the more you will save, because interest payments are highest

in, let's say, \$50.00, or even \$25.00 additional. For instance, if you had 20 years remaining on your home loan, and you started paying an additional \$25.00 each month, you would reduce the principle balance of the loan \$6,000. Interest cost is calculated from the remaining principle balance of a loan.

Every person owning a home ought to consider the advantages of such way of thinking. "Where else can such a small amount of money get such a good return?" After all, we are all continuously looking for ways to save money, especially in the area of housing expense. I admit that by toss-

dictable, consequently causing most of us to value time very briefly, so short term savings are all most of us focus on. On the other hand, if you're expecting to be around for awhile, then bring your focus in closer on long term savings by faith.

If you're considering prepayment, ask your lender if prepayment of the principal balance on your loan is allowed because, there are some lenders who do not allow this. In the case where prepayments are allowed, ask the lender to estimate how much you would save, based on how much you want to add each month. This of course, is indeed a new wave of thinking. People get so bogged down in just trying to get by, paying down a mortgage is usually the last thing they want to think of. But if you have that extra cash available, there's a pleasant surprise waiting for you, if you take a little time to figure it out. Just always remember, each time you reduce the principle balance of your home loan you're saving on the cost of mortgage interest. No matter how you look at it, it's always to our advantage to save, whether short-term or long-term.

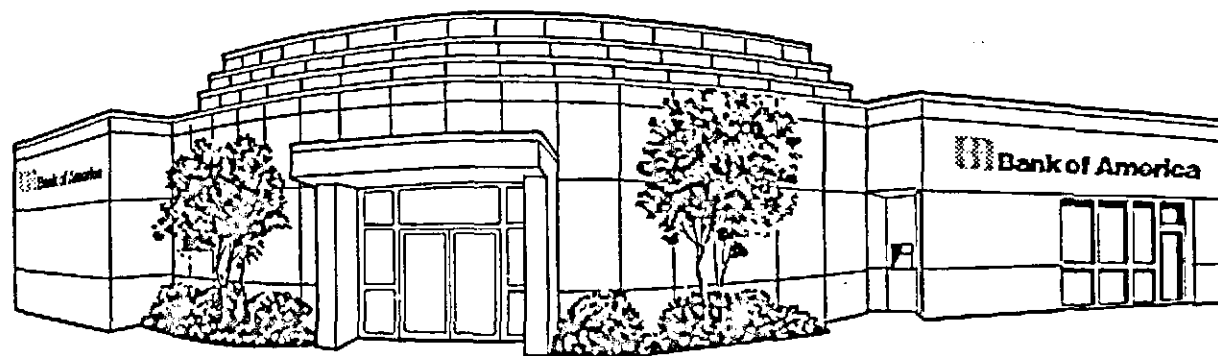
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For progress our leadership must be consistent



Thomas Muhammad

While glancing through the Dallas daily newspaper it was pleasing to read a comment by former Dallas Mayor Annette Strauss who spoke about the history of getting the World Cup

USA into the Dallas area. Her words were like music to my ears. In that one comment I got a flashback to those great years when we had leaders on the city council who did not always get along but did not try to speak or dictate for a fellow councilperson's district.

The statement Mrs. Strauss made was "this (getting the World Cup) started in 1987 and was completed in 1990." I must point out for this column that when the votes were cast for the city to accept the World Cup, the councilperson for the district at that time was former Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Diane Ragsdale, who voted against the World Cup. However, Mrs. Strauss's comments gave me cause to reflect and thereby create my columns title—and that is one of leadership consistency.

My focus, of course, will be the Dallas City (silly) Council's budget which is \$1.2 billion and what has, can, and should be done to make it accessible to people of Dallas.

Farmers Market, renovation of the convention center, the Cows and Cowboys exhibit, Cotton Bowl renovations, southern expansion of Dart Lines, the Rochester Park Levy improvements, the North Central Expressway improvements, Dallas Zoo expansions, the hiring of 150 additional police officers, the promotions of all the current African-Americans, Hispanics and female police assistant chiefs positions, etc.

Now take these away and I can assure you that this current city council has not done anything. Oh yes, they will come to your party, banquet, parade or any place where there is no work involved but beyond that—no mas no mas.

And just think, all of these improvements came from a council that was supposed to be so divided that nothing could be done towards progressing the city forward. In fact, the Strauss administration did so much that rumor has it that people from all quarters are out trying to

Let us first set the record straight. All of the progress that the current council is bragging about came under the Strauss administration; such as: Main Street improvements, renovation of

recruit the former mayor to run again in '95. And the same rumor has it that she has not said no.

The word is that Mrs. Strauss said that she knew sooner or later people would see the real Steve Bartlett. Now I ask you the reader, is she lying?

The other rumor floating around is that that business communities are getting together with people who provide Human and Housing services to the poor and locked out because all of them have a common enemy; and that is the current mayor and council. They point to the fact that all the competent city staff are jumping ship. For instance, former directors Adela Gonzalez of Health and Human Services and James Gilleylan of Housing and Neighborhood Services are gone.

Also gone is Henry Lawson, for-

merly the assistant director of Housing and Neighborhood Services. Following him are people like James Kincaide, the former director of the South Dallas/Fair Park Trust Fund. (I must point out that Mr. Kincaide was not director when the Trust Fund was being used as a political

tool by Ms. Mayes). Even the former City Cook Mrs. Laura Warren left mad as hell because she got reoccurring headaches in dealing with the current council. Man when you run off the cook, you know things are bad. Right?

In the case of 14-1, I feel it is time to set the record straight. It was Diane Ragsdale who actually set the lawsuit in motion. Fact: Diane Ragsdale called both her attorney friends, Betsy Julian and Mike Daniels, and asked them if she got someone to file for a single-member form of government would they handle the case. They said yes. Ms. Ragsdale then called Marvin Crenshaw who then called Roy Williams and the rest as they say folks is history.

I think the 14-1 and trying to get a strong police review board with subpoena power were a few of the only real problems we had with the Strauss administration. However, consistency in leadership is proof positive that you can get a lot of things done because there are no breaks in leadership even if the leadership changes hands.

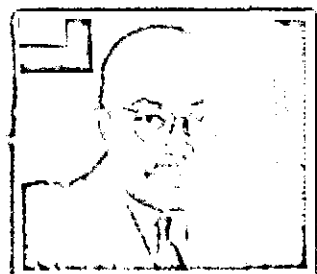
If the new person is supported by the past leader, people are served better because the new person knows through his or her involvement and understands the issues of the community. But when the new person has not been involved, a lot of ground could be lost.

The Strauss administration should be commended for their unselfishness because even though there were some rough times, they were able to swallow their pride or egos and respect the rightful leadership of the communities. By so doing, they were able to create many opportunities for people of all colors. Her administration will go down in history as one that truly worked on behalf of the people.

Until then the struggle continues...

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the tragic fall of O.J. Simpson, we must acknowledge that he took a piece of us with him. Hopefully, that piece will be the part within us that concentrates more on the cosmetics of our appearance and the type of automobile we drive rather than placing value on character and ethics in our community; something our forefathers and mothers have long understood.

Like O.J., many of our youth are trying to get it done with smoking gun and mirrors, exhausting their efforts on vanity, instead of taking advantage of opportunities. African Americans have sacrificed, many to the death, so that we may progress as a people.

Therefore I hope this eye-opening saga tarnishes our concept of success in a way that it dispels the notion that we have to leave the community when we get a better paying job.

As we watch O.J. arrive home in the affluent Brentwood community in Southern California being pursued by law officials, many of you will continue to debate his guilt or innocence without a clue of the crime before the crime.

**July 11, 1753
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is born**

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TXDOT workshops scheduled

Texas Department of Transportation scheduled a listing of enhancement workshops across the state. The program encompasses ten wide-ranging project categories such as: improving water quality, historic preservation, and creating hike-and-bike trails from old railway corridors.

For more information call (512) 463-8588.

Texas Stock Index takes another hit

The Texas Stock Index took another hit last month as a result of efforts by the Federal

Reserve Board to fight inflation. However, the Index still remains 3.4 points higher than last year.

For more information call (512) 463-4070.

Community Banking Group formed

Central Bank & Trust's Business Banking Division has created a Community Banking Group to better serve the small business market of the bank's expanding banking center network.

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Let us break ground

Banking center opening in S.E. Ft. Worth

Bank One Fort Worth officials and area community leaders today broke ground for Bank One's new Southeast

Forth Worth banking center. The ceremony was held on the site of the new banking center at the southwest corner of the intersection of East Loop 820 and Ramey Street in Stop Six.

John Hickey, chairman and CEO of Bank One Fort Worth, also announced at the ceremony that Bank One officially will name the new office the Dunbar banking center and the adjacent neighborhood retail center the Stop Six Plaza. As previously announced, Bank One also will build a new neighborhood retail center on the 22-acre site.

To further establish ties with its new neighbors, Bank One recently distribute 2,500 ballots to 100 area churches and other community organizations

asking for name suggestions.

"Banking is about partnerships, and today we're forming the strongest economic partnership we can between Bank One and the Southeast Fort Worth community," Hickey said. "We envision the Dunbar banking center and Stop Six Plaza becoming the true economic center of this community."



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Empty cup

Some African Americans are feeling left out of World Cup benefits

by Gordon Jackson

Are African Americans in Dallas getting a "kick" out of the 1994 World Cup; or are they getting kicked in the *** when it comes to economical benefits?

As activities involving the globe's top sporting event came into fruition in the Dallas community, reaction has begun to surface from some Black community leaders regarding the success of—or lack of success of—cutting a fair slice of the economical pie from the event for the African American com-

boycott of World Cup activities.

At a press conference at City Hall June 10, AACT spoke in conjunction with the National Black United Front, South Dallas Business Association, Reorganization of African People and Queen City Neighborhood Association.

The organization expressed its dissatisfaction of African American involvement in the event. They stated that African American businesses received only 5 percent of the contract dollars awarded by the World Cup officials in Dallas and only eight of the

eighty-three contract jobs. Of the construction dollars for the International Broadcast Center (IBC), Black contractors were projected to receive 15 percent of the dollars.

AACT said that the World Cup situation is just another example of South Dallas not receiving their adequate share of rev-

enue from events at Fair

Park or the Cotton Bowl.

"Every time a major event comes to the City of Dallas, Fair Park and the surrounding area never gets its just desserts," said AACT member Ken Green. "For the city to allow this to happen with the World Cup, it's just gross neglect, they just don't give a damn."

AACT said they had tried to work with World Cup officials at the national headquarters in Pasadena, California to set up an African American pavilion on the Fair Park grounds where Black

with a resounding "no!" and have acted accordingly by calling a protest and

businesses would be able to establish booths and sell their products to the World Cup crowd. They said the officials flatly refused. The organization also expressed displeasure on other underlying issues such as: the lack of promotion of the World Cup among youth in the African American community; and brochures being distributed encouraging World Cup attendees to patronize businesses in several parts of the city except for any of the business districts in South Dallas or Oak Cliff, including the establishments on Robert B. Cullum or Martin Luther King boulevards which are across the street from the Cotton Bowl.

"It is the attitude of the World Cup officials and the City of Dallas that they can grease the palms of some people's hands and make payoffs in this community in order to gain support," said Walker. This is 1994 and this community should benefit as a whole."

Mayor Steve Bartlett responded by saying that the city and World Cup

had in fact lived up to their goals in the Good Faith Effort Plan. AACT persisted that very little faith was exercised.

AACT went on to hold a protest rally June 17 at the Fair Park main gate just before the first World Cup game played at the Cotton Bowl between Spain and South Korea. The organization stated that the much of their criticism is toward the private World Cup organization

and not the city because, in some cases, the City of Dallas has also become a victim, having been criticized by World Cup officials on a number of issues. The two entities have had continuous clashes regarding the security fence around the playing field at the Cotton Bowl as well as operations of the IBC, which stands as the international headquarters for media coverage of all the World Cup games. Plus, Dallas city officials revealed that projected earnings from the event has plummeted from an estimated \$200 million to a range of \$40-60 million. Finally, Dallas is the only one of the nine sites around the country that hasn't sold out its games.

Yet Walker said that the city is reaping what it has sowed.

"It is bad enough to be raped by the City of Dallas," said Walker "as it relates to economic development in the African American community. But for the city to allow the world to rape this community is the last straw."



Ken Green of AACT talks to the press before he and his organization begin their enue from protest/boycott of World Cup activities.

munity. Issues have ranged from African Americans in management and employment positions to contract dollars to African American vendors and businesses and South Dallas receiving a portion of the spending dollars from those attending the six scheduled games (see "Soccer scope", MON, June 1994 issue).

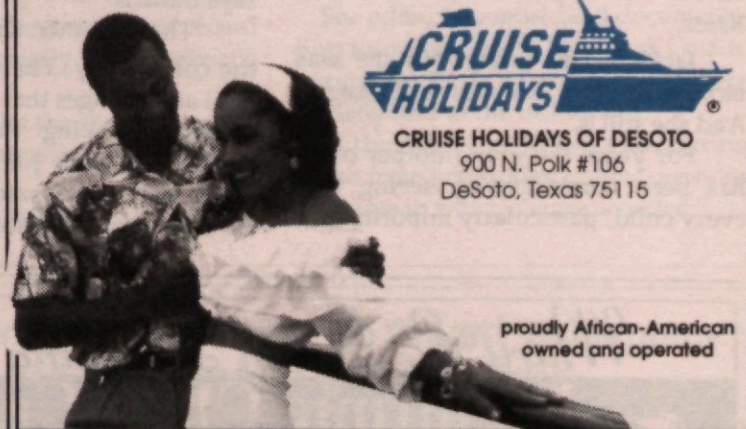
Has the city lived up to its "Good Faith Effort Plan" for Minority and Women-owned businesses? The African American Coalition TaskForce (AACT) has responded to that question

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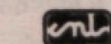
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School daze

Community activists opposes new Dallas school board president

By Veronica W. Morgan

They came from all over the city. The educated. The elite. The common folk. Friends. Spouses. Conscientious observers. And Parents. Some even brought children.

The room was full. Some people were there for the very first time. Others who make it a point to never miss any of Dallas' school board meetings, were there. Mainly, Johnnie Jackson, president of the Black Coalition to Maximize Education. This time was special though.

Rene Castilla, DISD school board president for the past three years, was passing the baton to another worthy candidate. Jackson was there because she wanted to see that a black board member received the rod and run with it.

Hollis Brashear, entrepreneur and DISD school board member was to be the number one man. Instead, he was chosen as number two, vice president of the predominantly minority school district.

The number one person voted in as school board president was Sandy Kress.

Jackson was angry. No she was more than angry. She was really angry. And she still is.

For years the grandmother of 17 has been committed to seeing that every child, particularly minority stu-

dents, receive equal opportunities in education. And for years, she has seen slow progress and tremendous setbacks, largely due to people who are not concerned enough to work on deficiencies in poorer school districts.

Now with the election of Mr. Kress, she envisions even greater disaster for Dallas Independent School District students and faculty.

"Mr. Kress has a history of overlooking the minority community as a board member trustee," she says, "now that he has full charge he is likely to cause even greater hardships within the schools."

Kress, however, asserts that his mission and desire is to work together for the sake of the children and make the school system open and accessible to everyone.

"What matters to me is that African-Americans and Hispanics are doing significantly better," Kress said.

Jackson is not buying the sincerity act. And several people feel the same as she does.

Shirley Daniels, a concerned parent and friend of Ms. Jackson, says it is time for the district to have a black president. Hispanics have had their chance and now it is time for an African-American.

"Our children need to see people that look like them," says Daniels.

"The man (Mr. Kress) has divided the community. There's so much turmoil and changes that he's put teachers through, making them think they would lose their jobs if student test scores were not elevated," says Daniels, "everyone was stressed."

"Teachers were stressed, parents were stressed and some principals of these low-performance schools were having to take nerve pills."

What seems most peculiar to Daniels is that all the schools deemed low-performance were said to be in minority school districts.

All of sudden our children were being pegged as not being smart enough while other schools received high ratings, Daniels said.

But the former school board president says the school district has shown significant progress in student achievement. However he says the new presi-

candidate for '95, says only a black person will show true concern for the African-American students.

"I'm not prejudice," she says, "I just don't trust white people."

"This situation hurts me, all I want is for the kids to get a good education and live without all this hate."

DISD's new vice president says poverty and other factors doesn't inhibit anyone.

"I'm proud to have the position which allows me to have a part in establishing the agenda," said Brashear. "I plan to focus a great deal of my attention on being a role model for our youngsters."

As vice president, he plans to continually seek out methods of increasing math and science achievements—by far the weakest area among students.

He plans to see that more training be provided for teachers so that they will be able to teach the two subjects so students can grasp hold of the fundamentals.

"I believe it is time to move forward. The person getting the most votes has won and the time is right for everyone to work together for the common good," Brashear adds.

Nethel Jackson, concerned citizen, says she's disappointed because the district is not truly reflecting an African-American role model.

"Black man is always second," says Jackson who accused Mr. Kress of being concerned only with getting his hands on a million dollar budget.

"And to those handkerchief head African-Americans that felt so embarrassed when we were yelling at the board meetings, I want to see what they will do when there jobs are gone."

"What are they going to do when Mr. Kress goes after them, because he will," says Jackson.



Community activist Ernestine Taylor striking a power pose. She was against Kress becoming school board president.

dent will have to work diligently to bring a new sense of achievement in student performance to the table.

"The job will be time consuming," says Castilla, "but I plan to work with my replacement."

Ernestine Taylor, outspoken community activist and possible mayoral

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A crowning of glory

Priscilla Evans wins Miss Juneteenth Pageant

by Angela D. Ransome-Jones

If you were in attendance at last month's Sixth Annual Miss Juneteenth Scholarship Beauty Pageant, consider yourself one of the few — but one of the fortunate.

For just ten dollars a "pop," members of the audience were treated to a display of African-American beauty and talent at its finest. Out of the 14 contestants who competed in this year's pageant, only one reigned victorious at the end of the night. The lucky lady was Priscilla Evans, the new Miss Juneteenth 1994.

Diana Ross' song, "I'm Coming Out," was a very appropriate overture, as 14 contestants draped in purple and red, emerged on an ascending stage at the Irving Arts Center. Kenya Wilson, Ms. Juneteenth 1993 was also a participant in this "tre' chic" performance.

Among the sponsors of this year's event were Coca Cola, Southwestern Bell Foundation, McDonald's Minority Mangers, Inc., Ethnic Gold, John Robert Powers, and Bank One; who together, contributed over \$6,000 to the Miss Juneteenth scholarship fund.

The highlights of the evening included performances by a pint-size trio called Infinite Three, who performed a charming musical Father's Day salute that received a standing ovation. Comic relief for the pageant was provided by K104 morning personalities Skip Murphy and Valerie Moore, who presided over the event as the Master and Mistress of Ceremonies.

Although the evening gowns worn by the contestants were dazzling, they did not compare to the performances presented by each of the six semi-finalists. Among the most memorable performances of the evening were the monologue performed by Tessie Sanders, the vocal performance by Erica Shaw, and the dance piece performed by Jasmine Bates, entitled "The Sparrow." By far the most explosive monologue of the event was performed by the pageant's very deserving winner, Miss Evans.

Evans, who is a sophomore at the University of Houston, is pursuing a degree in broadcast journalism. In accord with the theme of the pageant, she proclaimed that she would "explore a whole new me," as future owner of a Christian broadcasting network. She

intends to embark on this goal when she interns this summer at Chicago's Moody Bible Radio Station.

Among the gifts Evans will receive during her reign as Miss Juneteenth 1994/95, are a \$500.00 shopping spree from Sears, a one-year membership to President's Health Club, one night

accommodations at the Radisson, 10 hours of limousine service, a designer evening gown from Proline and other products, and a complimentary videotape and pageant portfolio. Should she be unable to fulfill her reign as Miss Juneteenth, Evans has two just-as-talented replacements to back her up — Jasmine Bates and Jacqueline Garrett.

Overall, Linda Ragsdale Sanders, founder and president of the Miss Juneteenth Scholarship Beauty Pageant said she was very pleased with the evening's outcome. Among the disappointments that encompassed this year's event, was the low turnout; which Sanders attributes to the pageant's competition with other Juneteenth activities scheduled during the same time frame.

By far, the biggest upset of the night, however, came just before the intermission when former Miss Juneteenth, Kenya Wilson, made startling allegations, which posed questions about the pageant's credibility. These allegations came during the Final Tribute portion of the program, when Wilson took her traditional last walk.

"... This pageant is more of a show," Wilson announced, as she stood at the podium.

"My expectations as Miss Juneteenth were not fulfilled," she said, among other things.

In an interview immediately following her announcement, Wilson provided MON with more details of her claim. She described her reign as Miss Juneteenth as one in which several guarantees and promises were left "unfulfilled," specifically in terms of the awarded scholarship monies. According to Wilson, pageant officials promised her \$2,000 in scholarship funds in accordance with the amount allotted to the preceding Miss Juneteenth (1992). Wilson complains that she not only received a lesser amount than promised, in the form of \$1,300; but that the money was received after the registration deadline at the school she currently attends, Florida A&M University.

"I have been entering pageants since I was eight," Wilson said, "and I enjoy doing it."

"I entered the Miss Juneteenth Pageant due to the scholarship money. They promised me I would get the same amount as that was given the previous



Priscilla Evans, Miss Juneteenth 1994

Sanders shed a different light on the issue.

"As far as scholarship money, Kenya knew what she would get," Sanders said. "We make sure we go over all the rules and regulations with the girls, and they must sign to say that they have received all of their rewards and gifts." Sanders added that she has records of all contracts, agreements, and other documentation; including Wilson's.

According to Sanders, because last year was the first year that a Mr. Juneteenth was ever crowned in the pageant's six years, the scholarship funds had to be split between the king and queen.

This, she says, explains

why Wilson received \$1,300 and Mr. Juneteenth received \$700.00. In many cases additional funds are distributed to winners after the pageant, due to the fact that some sponsors may continue to make donations.

"We are a non-profit organization," says Sanders. "We never really know how much we are going to get in donations, so if there is extra; naturally it is disbursed to the winner."

She adds, "we must send documentation to our sponsors like Coca Cola to verify that the scholarship funds were actually sent to the institutions."

"I think a lot of Kenya's slandering stems from her grudge against previous pageants in which she participated."

year (\$2,000). When I did get the money (\$1,300)," she adds, "it was after the deadline so I had to pay a late registration fee."

Since the time of the pageant, Wilson has contacted a number of other medium, including some pageant sponsors; in what she describes as an effort to bring her experience to surface. She says although a lot of people may view her allegations as "whining," she felt obligated to bring awareness to the public, to the contestants, present and future; and especially to the event's sponsors.

"It's not fair to let the sponsors invest money that the girls are not going to get," she said.

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Independence deferred

July 4th holiday not respected by many African Americans

By Artnella Holmes

To many African-Americans, this July 4th will be an ordinary Anglo-Saxon holiday, with little significance to them.

Although Americans will be out enjoying this holiday by firing up the barbecue grills, lighting fireworks, and reuniting with family and friends, many black Americans may not be as patriotic as white America.

Throughout the years, history books have exemplified the glorious war of 1776 fought on landmark locations like Bunker Hill and by historical figures like George Washington and Paul Revere.

However, many Americans have neglected the involvement of black soldiers that made victory possible for the U.S. It is because of that exclusion and lack of recognition, that Independence Day for some African-Americans is insignificant.

"It doesn't seem like a holiday for Black Americans," stated Bobby Thomas of Dallas, "African-Americans have been overshadowed. I know that blacks

fought in the war but we only hear about George Washington. We have yet to be recognized. July 4th is just another day to me."

It's no secret that American history books have excluded black America. In the mid to late 1700s the early American congress was determined not to credit the 3,000 or more black soldiers who gave their lives for America in the Revolutionary War.

During that time, many black slaves perceived this battle as a way to attain their freedom. In exchange for their freedom, many slaves volunteered in the war against the British. Black Minutemen such as Peter Salem, Pomp Blackman, and Lemuel Haynes were posted at Lexington and the Bridge at Concord. Peter Salem won the admiration of his comrades by shooting the Major Pitcairn.

When Ethan Allen invoked Jehovah and Continental Congress at



Crispus Attucks, the first martyr of the Revolution.

Ticonderoga, he was accompanied by Haynes, Primas Black, and Ephraim Blackman. Many other black Americans were commended for their heroic deeds during the battle against Britain. Among these were Caesar Brown of Massachusetts who was killed in action; Barsillai Lew, a fife and drummer; Titus Colburn and Alexander Amer of Andover, along with many other Massachusetts blacks.

Although black Americans did shed their blood for freedom and independence, they would be soon cast out by a council of war led by George Washington and decided that negroes were no longer needed and could not participate toward prevailing freedom for America.

On July 9, 1775, an order was sent to recruiting officers that they were not to enlist "any deserter from the ministerial army, nor any stroller, negro, or person suspected of being an enemy to the liberty of America nor any under eighteen years of age."

However, the British considered the negroes a valuable part of the Revolution. On November 7, 1775, Lord Dunmore made a plea to the

slaves to bear arms and to join the British soldiers. This open invitation for black Americans caused great fear within the colonies. This prompted General Washington to retract his original order and enlist free negroes, as well as the slaves.

Haitians also played a major part in the war and were in the front ranks during the siege of Savannah. African-American slaves served as spies for American soldiers. James Amistead infiltrated the British camps with false information on the American soldiers, while at the same time supplying Americans with battle plans of the British army. Blacks served on war ships as ordinary seaman, pilots and gunner's mates.

Because of the exclusion of properly recognizing blacks' contributions to the war, as well as the other wars fought by the United States, patriotism for this country is considered a farce for many African-Americans. The lack of credit have frustrated many of them.

"Although African-Americans fought in 1776, it still seems like a white boys' holiday," said Al Dupree of Dallas.

"Everyone should know and understand the reason for celebrating Independence Day. Many black Americans just celebrate Independence because it is just a holiday," stated Ronald Curry of Dallas. Ingrid Johnson also of Dallas, stated, "Everyone should just come together and celebrate the holiday as one."

Whatever the reason Independence Day will be celebrated, but the original intent of those American soldiers should be noted within the history books, as well as, American minds:

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Enough is enough!

Cory Weems' family determined to achieve positive out of tragedy

By Veronica W. Morgan

It was a warm day outside and nine year old Cory Weems was ready for summer vacation. An outstanding third grader at C.F. Carr Elementary School, Weems worked hard all year to maintain his good grades. And for fun, he looked forward to playing baseball with his friends.

Weems baseball days and leisure summer days ended abruptly on Wednesday, May 25, 1994.

His last moments in life were spent on his great grandmother's porch, where he sat laughing and talking with friends and savoring the taste of a soft swirled ice cream cone, trying no doubt to lick every drop before it melted.

No one would know, not even the young Cory, that before the sunset that day, before his little tongue could take the last swirl around the ice cream

cone, his precious young life would be stilled by a bullet.

The perpetrator was able to escape unidentified but the senseless slaying of the young Weems serves as an ugly reminder that violence has no respect for age, color, income level, or surrounding.

Rev. Clarence Glover, community leader and pastor of Exodus Ministries, was among many concerned citizens angered and saddened by Weems death.

"This has got to stop," says the minister, "that bullet found Cory but it could have easily been you or I."

Glover started the Enough is Enough campaign in an effort to lend



Cory Gerard Weems
April 14, 1985-May 25, 1994

support to the family and friends of Cory and others who are victimized by crime.

"Violence affects victims and it

affects perpetrators.

"My goal, however, is to work with victims and young people who are traumatized by violence, and somehow prick the consciousness of the youth."

A college scholarship fund has been set up in Weems memory. Glover says details outlining the criteria for the scholarship are still being worked out.

T-shirts are on sale at Black Images bookstore in Wynnewood Shopping Center for \$10. Proceeds will go to benefit the most improved third grader at C.F. Carr Elementary School. The winner receives a monetary award.

Although a date has not been set, Glover says organizers are planning a Violence Must Stop Day.

For more information on what you can do to get involved call (214) 692-8687.



DHA Announces Section 8 Opening

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LOGO logic

Your logo is your business personified



Andrea Allston

A logo is a symbol which represents your company's image in an abbreviated way. It is a marketing tool which makes a statement and can communicate your firm's name, image and positioning, reminding people of your company and products each time they see it. If you need convincing of the power of using a logo consider what advertiser you think of when you see: golden arches, a yellow-shell or the Rock of Gibraltar. I imagine you thought of McDonald's, Shell Oil and Prudential Insurance respectively.

Because we're so visually oriented, the logo is the most immediately recognized element of your company's identity. It is the visual personification of your positioned image in the marketplace.

When should you design your logo? When you first decide to go into business is the best time! Don't dismay—if you're already in business and

don't have a logo—today is the best time! My personal (albeit biased) philosophy is that any attempt to do business without a logo will be seriously impaired. Whether you're attempting to borrow money, produce products, advertise or put your company vehicles on the road, your captivating logo is an opportunity to build your corporate identity.

There are three basic styles of logos. The name logo stylizes the firm's name in a unique fashion. It is often referred to as a signature logo because it doesn't use a design independent of the firm's name. Well-known companies using a signature logo include IBM, Hertz and JCPenney. The mark logo uses a design—either abstract or literal which identifies with the company's name. An abstract mark has no inherent relationship to the product offered or the company, such as Prudential's Rock of Gibraltar. A literal logo illustrates something directly related to the business or the product or service offered, such as flowers for a floral shop. A combination logo is the third basic logo style. It uses a unique design with a name representation. Many national companies use the combination logo. A benefit of a corporate mark using the combination logo is that it allows the advertiser to use both elements until

the recognition level is very high. Once recognition is solid, just the mark can be used.

There's much to consider when designing your logo. What is your company involved in? How will your logo be used? Will it be reproduced in small ads or on large billboards? How much can you invest in the design and reproduction of your logo especially when you consider the cost when you reorder stationery or business cards?

At each step in your logo planning process ask yourself if it satisfies the name, image and positioning criteria. Will this logo communicate your firm's name easily? Is the image consistent with your firm's product offerings and does it identify with your target market (You probably would not choose a flower as a logo for a trucking company or a heavy bold typeface for a women's product)? Does your logo serve as a positive positioning statement? Logos and the elements associated with it—color, for example can be extremely powerful. Sometimes the logo elements are so deeply positioned in the minds of the public that the product or company can be identified when the logo is not even used! When you see a pink Cadillac you automatically think "Mary Kay Cosmetics." Kentucky Fried Chicken started out with the image of

the Colonel and the words "Kentucky Fried Chicken." Now it is easily recognized as KFC.

Want a great logo? Here's some do's: 1) Hire professionals to design your logo. Many do-it-yourself logos look the part; 2) Be distinctive. Using clip art for your logo may be inexpensive in the short-term but costly in the long-term; 3) Ensure that your logo will reproduce well in black and white; 4) Make sure it matches your company's identity; and 5) Eliminate confusion. Do not select a logo which copies someone else's or one which has no bearing on your product or service.

Your company's logo can be the cornerstone of your entire marketing program. Your logo will be with you for a long time so it warrants much upfront planning and development time. Creating the correct logo for the long-term is critical. When your logo is created, please remember to use it on every advertisement and with each marketing opportunity. Your logically conceived logo will be an asset to your overall marketing program, reinforcing your company's name, image and positioning!

Andrea Allston is president of APLOMB, a marketing and public relations firm in Plano, Texas. For ideas for future columns or questions, call her at (214) 964-PR4U (7748).

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Black expo-sion

Black Expo returning to Dallas bigger than ever

By Veronica W. Morgan

At a time when the buzz words throughout the African-American community are such things as: take back control of the community and support black-owned businesses,

"We're trying to show our collective purchasing clout, and to stop taking our dollars for granted," she said.

People from all over Texas will come and browse the premises of the convention center to see what services are available and to meet other business owners who have specialized goods or services to offer.

The entire weekend is meant to entertain, inform and educate the

their space quickly. Lohr has special assistance set up to help you make your decision.

"We make it easy for vendors to participate. We have a layaway plan which requires a minimum down payment of \$200. The balance of the plan is due up to two weeks before the show opens," she said.

In addition, a new Black Expo credit card will be made available. And vendors will be able to accept credit cards for purchases made this year. In order to help curb fraudulent practices, a clearing-house system for on-spot verification of checks written, is another added feature for vendors.

Small booths sized at 10 X 10, complete with a draped table and carpeted area are priced at \$475. Agency rates are priced at \$700, and the corporate rate is \$1,400.

"Black Expo is an unconfidential way that African-Americans in business can come together," she said.

Jerry Roebuck, the mastermind behind the big explosion, started Black Expo in an old passenger ship terminal in Manhattan New York back in 1989. Since then it has grown into a tour of 15 major cities, Dallas included. Ms. Lohr is responsible for bringing the event to the metroplex.

For more more information call (214) 522-9585.



Saundra Lohr (center with light-colored dress) with associates, supporters and friends of Black Expo. PHOTO BY REGINALD LOFTIN

Black Expo USA returns to Dallas for the third consecutive year, and it promises to be bigger and better than before.

The event, sponsored by Coca Cola, is considered one of the most viable indoor family attractions to hit the city. Black entrepreneurs have a chance to come together, and market their goods and services before thousands of potential buyers from all over the metroplex. It's an event you won't want to miss.

The show was moved to the new space of the convention center, Hall D. The new location allows for 113,000 sq. ft. of exhibit space—a welcomed adjustment considering that at last years event close to 400 vendors and over 27,000 individuals were in attendance. Reported sales were around \$2.8 million.

A free gala reception—considered a pre-expo function solely in Dallas—is scheduled to take place in Hall D. National sponsors, vendors, and the public are all invited to come out and network. Refreshments will be served.

Saundra Lohr, successful owner and operator of her marketing and PR firm named Applauz!, believes this year's expo will bring in sales close to \$4 million.

African-American community on ways to truly teach their dollars some sense.

"It's about fostering an attitude for success," says Ms. Lohr, "its about building success stories and creating jobs, taking control of our community."

Today over two million African-Americans have at least four or more years of college. Over 50 percent of African-American families have annual incomes of \$50,000 or more.

And the number of African-Americans in managerial and professional specialty occupations is on the uprise as well.

According to the 1992 Consumer Expenditure Survey of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, blacks consumer households spend over \$300 billion annually.

The dollars are in the households and if just a few of those dollars are spent with black-owned businesses, consumers are likely to see more African-American owned businesses spring up and flourish.

Black Expo is slated for the weekend of August 27 and 28. To date, half of the 600 booths are sold. So it seems safe to say vendors need to reserve

ACORN demands jobs from Price Waterhouse

Members of the Association of Community Organizations (ACORN) marched on the offices of Price Waterhouse in Dallas and twelve other cities demanding jobs for residents of low income communities.

The actions were timed to coincide with new HUD regulations requiring that employers make best efforts to hire low income residents of HUD-served communities. The regulations in HUD's interpretation of Section 3 of the 1968 Housing and Urban Development Act, as amended by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992.

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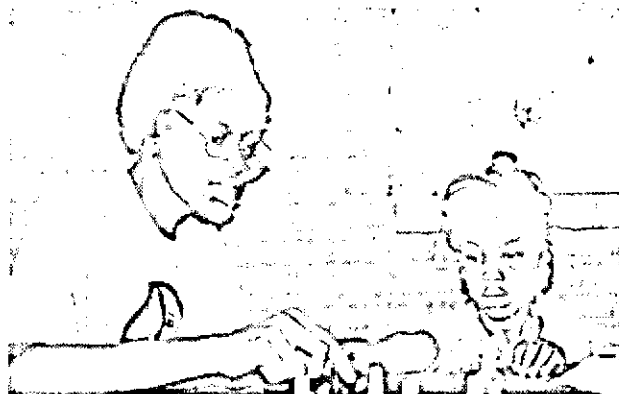
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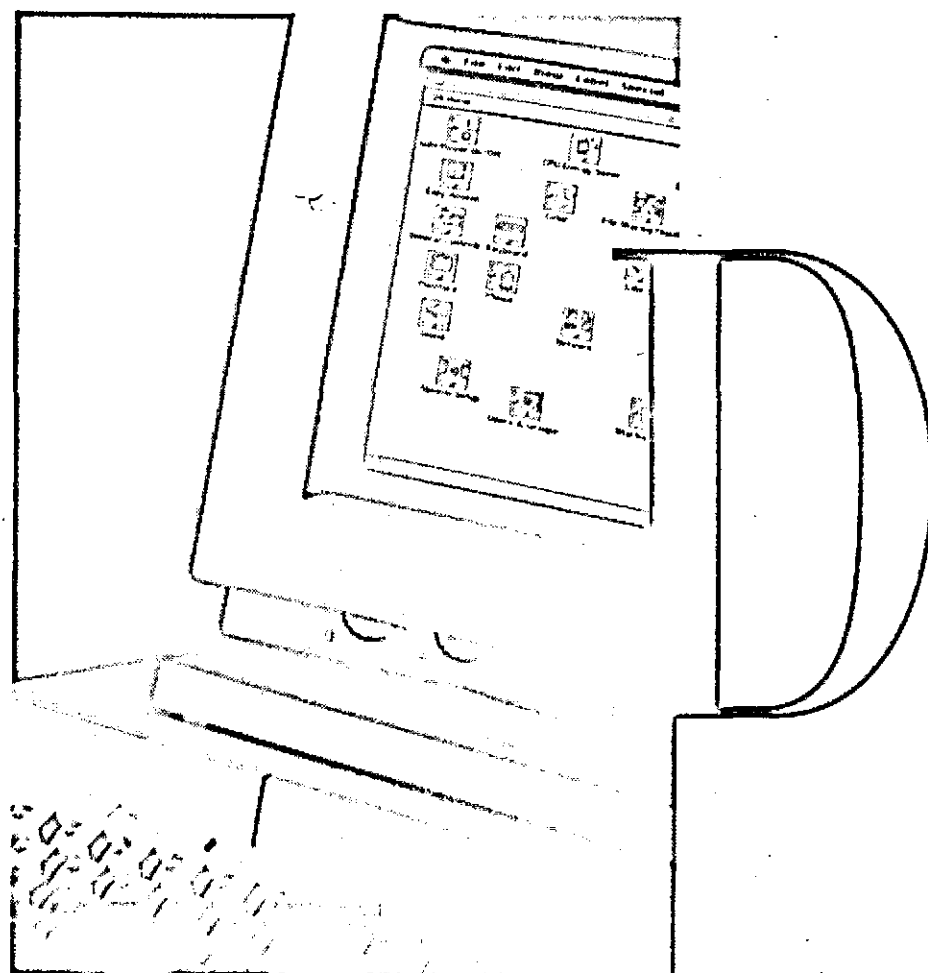
caring for children and included information about education, health and safety.

The fair was sponsored by NationsBank and featured organizations such as Dallas Police Department, Children's Medical Center, Martin Luther King Center, African-American Life and Culture Museum, Texas Department of Human Services, DART, Child Care Management Services and

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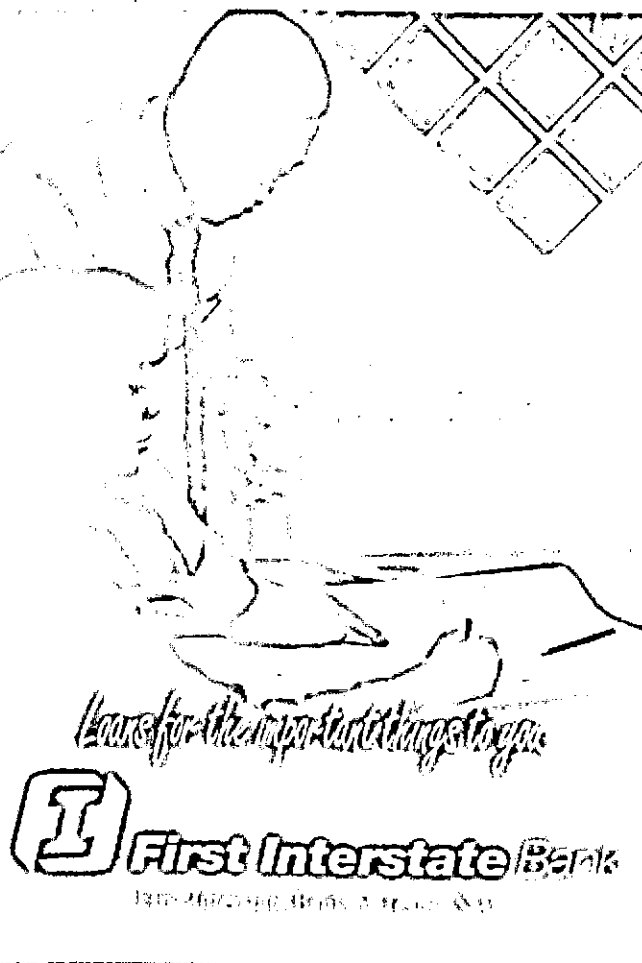
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The love gang

Youth organization fights curfew law and homelessness

by Angela D. Ransome-Jones

To the typical passerbyer, the McDonald's downtown on Commerce Street used to resemble a hangout for stray teens. Last month the spot emulated a scene from beneath the I-45 bridge, when a nest of teenagers camped out overnight in protest of their eviction from the section of McDonald's they called "home."

Twenty-two year old Gaylon Harrison is founder and director of "Visions of Love," a non-profit youth center which is now homeless, due to a recent decision made by McDonald's management to remove the organization.

Harrison, who is also a member of a gang known as the Downtown Posse or "DTP," is looking to lease a new home for his organization. So far, the group has its eyes set on a \$16,000 property, which is just across the street from the Junior Black Academy.

Harrison says he formed Visions of Love (in 1992) in an effort to help keep teens out of trouble by giving them alternatives to crime. To him the teen curfew imposed by the City of Dallas on May 1st, is virtually ineffective when it comes to keeping young people off the streets, and is in no way comparable to the program he has enacted.

"The curfew is actually making matters worse," Harrison says. "What

it's going to do is cause more problems and make teenagers even more disrespectful of the police.

"As it is," Harrison adds,

"anything dealing with authority has a bad taste to teenagers."

As part of its mission, Visions of Love opens its door to youths, mostly males, between the ages of 12 and 24. The organization held a Job Fair last month in which it provided live entertainment, job information booths, and various other career opportunity-related activities.

Although Harrison says he is willing to work with associations like the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and other local groups in finding solutions to the problem of teen crime, he says that such organizations have been reluctant to cooperate due to his gang-affiliation.

"The crime rate has gone down about 44 percent because of us," Harrison says. "The city council has even used some of our plans to start programs of their own."

"We consider ourselves more of a family than a gang because once you come into a gang you become part of family. That's something most of these guys don't have," Harrison adds.

Edna Pemberton considers herself perhaps the biggest advocate of teen rights, yet she supports the teen curfew. In fact, Pemberton, who is founder of an organization called

Concerned Citizens Against Crime, is one of the original writers of the Dallas Teen Curfew. To her it's up to the parents — not the gangs, to provide a safe and stable environment for teens, thereby deterring them from fleeing to the streets, and subsequent lives of violence and crime.

"What we need to express to our kids is that we love you more than the gangs," Pemberton says.

"I understand that sometimes the home may be uncomfortable or in some cases unsafe, which is part of a bigger problem. That's why we are trying to make recreational programs available and trying to let other adults

know that our young people are salvageable."

She adds, "although groups like the ACLU have been very active and vocal in trying to put a stop to the enforcement of the teen curfew, I have yet to see them come out with effective proposals for the prevention of teen crime."

Since being denied a petition by the U. S. Supreme Court to hear its case against the Dallas Teen Curfew (by way of Writ of Certiorari), Joe Cook, Northern Regional Director of the ACLU still intends to "vigorously pursue" his case.

He says, "the bottom line is that the curfew abridges rights of parents in raising kids appropriately and lets

them 'off the hook,' so to speak because it lets the police handle them instead."

The next step in the ACLU's plan is to ask Jerry Buchmeyer's U. S. District Court to re-hear the case on the basis of the Fourteenth Amendment's "due process liberty, as applicable to freedom of movement," Cook says.

Supporters and opponents of the curfew alike believe this defense will be just as hard to establish, especially now that Fort Worth had just recently passed its own Curfew Law to curtail its own teen crime problem.

In terms of solutions or alternatives to the law, Cook says the solution is to deal with the underlying cause of the crime and the social aspect, as well.

He adds, "the police should occupy their time trying to solve unsolved murders and not harassing kids."

"A good start would be to get these young people some jobs and more recreational opportunities. We need to get young people involved in things that would occupy them in a positive way."

With summertime in the midst and the lingering condition of young people with "nothing to do" while school is out, the police will continue to patrol the city, watchful of noncompliance. In the meantime, the ACLU says it will continue its fight to dismember the curfew law, groups like Ms. Pemberton's will continue their search for a vaccine to fight the crime epidemic, and Harrison's Visions of Love will labor to raise money for a new facility to house its teen haven.

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Frontal attack

When it comes to business opportunities for minorities, some feel that anglo women are trying to get in the mix

by Gordon Jackson

Flashback:

Once upon a time, in a land called America, there were a race of people. This race came to be known by several names throughout time including colored, negro and black.

Many of this race were forced to endure through the longest and most cruel cases of mistreatment of human beings in the history of mankind—the Slave Trade, lynchings, and Jim Crow—among other periods of deep degradation and oppression.

Despite these atrocities, this race took the lead in, made supreme sacrifices in, overcame and won many battles; one of their most significant being the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950's, '60's and 70's. This created the headway—or so many blacks thought—for a stronger and wealthier Black America centered around a proposed stronger business district where black entrepreneurs would be allowed to trade in Mainstream America. Their astonishing achievements in the name of human rights also inspired other groups of people—Hispanics, Native Americans, Asians and others.

Update:

It's the 1990's. This race of people are now known mostly as African Americans. Their dreams and expectations are still the same. However something has happened. The height of the civil rights movement is over, but as the bandwagon rolls downhill, other groups have now jumped on it including Hispanics, Native Americans, Asians.....and white women.

It's the last category of people that has raised strong concern and warring suspicion among African American business owners as they continue to struggle for their share of the economic pie at all levels whether it be contract dollars from city, state and federal government to procurements from major corporations and other large businesses. That concern was increased when it was learned that the Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce have been discussing plans to establish a department that would seek to meet the needs of women-owned businesses

(see "From the Publisher", MON April 1994 issue).

Black business owners, along with other ethnic business owners, have reacted. It

doesn't take a lot of detective work to figure why. The needs of ethnic women should and usually are taken care of within each of the respective ethnic groups. Thus through process

said that, whatever her role, her mission will be to ensure that the chamber addresses issues for all women, not just white women.

"I intend to make them understand that they would have a difficult time if they decided to back anglo women as a minority group," said Foreman who also said that, while the chamber in itself may not be trying to classify anglo women as minorities, some individuals within the organization may be making such an attempt.

The debate between minority-owned and women-owned businesses have been ongoing and highly energized. There's never been a question that women have legitimate issues of their own from equal pay to attaining corporate management positions and

be involved because we're all women'.

Sounds like an excellent bargain for ethnic women. They help anglo women get minority recognition while they already are a minority, based on their ethnicity. A "2-for-1" deal. Right? Foreman doesn't think so.

"Anglo women want to frame it as all women but only white women would benefit."

Where have we seen this before? There are some examples.

Historians reveal that many black women as well as whites were involved in the Woman's movement during most of the 1800's through to the early 1900's. That movement eventually led to the passage by the U.S. Congress of the nineteenth amendment in 1920, providing them the right to vote. Yet after that passage, Black women as well as Black men continued to be denied that right under Jim Crow for several more decades. Similar situations regarding women's rights took place with other prominent women-oriented organizations.

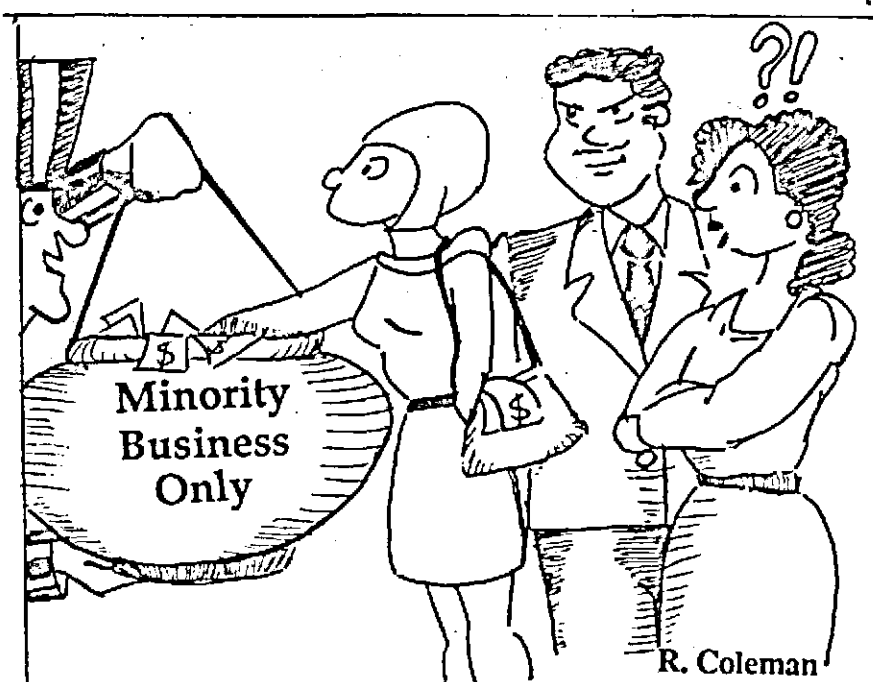
That confirms that African Americans has on several cases made significant contributions to the development and progress of the United States, only to be short-changed when it comes to opportunities for reaping the economic benefits. Is this case of minority job-hiring and business contracting just another chapter? After all is said and done, do black businesses still end up at the bottom end of the totem pole?

"Most African Americans feel that way," said Reginald Gates, president & CEO of the Ft. Worth Black Chamber of Commerce. "We have to go back to the point of origin. These (minority business) programs were established because of pressure from entrepreneurs in the African American community who wanted to be included in the mainstream. One needs to focus on why programs like these were created."

Anglo women successfully "piggybacking" and taking advantage of rights fought and won by ethnic minorities is, not only a legitimate fear among minorities, but a current harsh reality.

Recently, the State of Texas General Services Commission released the 1993 Calendar Year Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Report. The annual report, mandated by the state legislature, shows the total amount each state agency spends with minority and women-owned businesses.

An issue in itself is the fact that only 8.3 percent (in dollar amounts) of state contracts were awarded to certified HUB's. A further breakdown reveals that, of that figure, women-owned businesses received the largest share at 3.4%, followed by Hispanic-



of elimination, it is felt the women-owned business category means specifically one sub-group—firms owned and principally operated by white females.

Which arouses the continuing and probing question: should white females have their own and separate category, within the structure of minority business programs, in addressing their business needs?

"No," says Joyce Foreman, founder and president of Foreman Office Products, Inc. "While I do believe there is a gender issue, I don't believe that anglo women should be classified as minority-owned businesses."

Foreman has had extensive experience addressing needs in the minority business community, having served on boards and councils with several institutions including the Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce, Dallas/Ft. Worth Minority Business Council, Southwestern Bell and Dallas Independent School District. In fact, she has been approached by the Chamber to vice-chair the proposed women's business division. Foreman

political offices. Therefore it's necessary to determine where to draw the line.

One important spot would be at the level where businesses would recycle dollars back into their respective communities. The end-result purpose of diversity in minority business development is so that African-American businesses can take their dollars back into, and develop, the African-American community in other spectrums of society. The same would apply to Hispanics, Native Americans and other ethnic groups. Thus the argument against anglo women becoming official minorities. Their dollars would circulate back to where it has historically—the anglo community.

Foreman explained that part of the strategy among some anglo women is to persuade ethnic women to join forces with them to enhance their chances of being considered disadvantaged.

"The anglo women are hard-pressed to go to the table and say 'we want to be involved because we're white'. So they have to say 'we want to

owned businesses at 2.5%, Asian/Pacific-owned businesses at 1% and African-American owned businesses at 0.6%. Women-owned businesses made up 44.71% of all certified HUB's and received

41.63% of all the dollars awarded to HUB's; African-American businesses, although representing 17.84%, received only 8.1% of the dollars.

"The question is 'where were you when we were fighting?'" asks Foreman of anglo women. "In most cases they were nowhere around. Now they want to tack themselves on to all the programs."

Ethnic

minority businesses are also asking "who's really running the show", adamant that many women-owned businesses only appear to be that and are actually operated by the female's husband, father, relative or other anglo males.

"It's no problem with white women being a category," said Foreman. "The problem is when you have these 'front' situations."

Yes, white women are discriminated against," said Gates. "But I'm

talking about true legitimate businesses, not in these 'front' situations where the white male turns the business over in name to the female and you technically have people on paper who really

200 companies signed a covenant pledging to outreach and do business with minority firms. According to Foreman, a member of the Forum, attempts to add women-owned busi-

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-Reginald Gates, president, CEO, Fort Worth Black Chamber of Commerce.



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Former Dallas city councilwoman Diane Ragsdale feels that the core of handling the issue properly is in the proper running of the government agencies that are assigned and appointed to accurately certifying minority and women-owned businesses.

"That responsibility goes to the system," said Ragsdale. "The problem falls with them."

The key organization in the Dallas/Ft. Worth metroplex is the North Central Texas Regional Certification Agency (NCTRCA), based in Arlington.

Business leaders in all of the ethnic communities are taking strides to specifically define the status of being a minority and making sure their ethnic representation are getting an equal opportunity for procurement dollars. One example is the Dallas Together Forum, a three-year old program involving business and professional leaders from all racial backgrounds. Under this plan, almost

nesses to the program was met with strong disapproval from some of the ethnic members. At least with the Forum when they talk about minorities, they truly mean ethnic minorities.

Minority business leaders however feel that the struggle between minority-owned and women-owned businesses does not have to exist if all the entities are sincere about involving them in providing opportunities for contracts and procurement. They say one thing that has to be done is to stop having all of the ethnic minority and women groups fighting over a small percentage of the dollars available. This will become even more critical as census statistics continue to project that, by the year 2000, the labor force in the United States will be 85% ethnic and women, and only 15% anglo male.

"The issue becomes, in order for us all to be successful, we have to increase the goal," said Gates. "Once you do that there is enough room for participation for all of us. The real solution is not make everybody crunch into these small goals. We're trying to leave the percentages the same and increase the number of people that are in the game. That leads to more infighting, let's expand the playing field."

"When you pre-determine that you're going to go after 25% minority participation, what's bothersome is

that these minorities can't go after the other 75 percent. When you set goals like these, they should be set up for minimum participation, not maximum." It should be how far beyond that goal did you attain."

John Martinez, outreach coordinator for the City of Dallas Office of Minority Business Opportunity, agrees.

"The goals that we have do not lump minorities into a certain percent. What we do is we break down goals so that various ethnicities have their own goals for participation and in addition to that we have our women-owned goals. We think of a goal not as limiting minorities to where they can only work up to that goal. We think of a goal as to say at the end we want these ethnicities and women-owned goals have achieved as much as that goal. What we want to do is to give minorities as well as women-owned businesses exposure to the opportunities to get as much contracting with the city as possible. Certainly the goals are not seemed as boundaries."

"Women of all races will have to work on the gender problem," said Foreman. I think the race fight is much more in depth than the gender fight. Therefore when the choice is between anglo women and African American males, our choice is going to be African American males.

"At least for those of us who understand."

Pitts accept TCU appointment

Dr. Delia C. Pitts, who for 15 years held positions in international educational and cultural programs with a strong focus on Latin America and Mexico, has accepted an appointment as director of international education at Texas Christian University, effective August 1.

Dr. Pitts will work with such programs as study abroad, all summer study/travel and intensive English study. She also will work with directors of faculty and student exchanges, particularly with Mexico, and with other programs.

Since 1983 Dr. Pitts has been on the staff of the United States Information Agency (USIA). In its African Regional Bureau, she is country affairs officer for Francophone West Africa.

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Musically Educational

*Freddie Jackson and Eric Gable
to appear at Dallas symposium*

A concept has been designed for a symposium designed exclusively for aspiring music performers and professionals that

presents the basics of the business side of the music industry.

The Simply Music Symposium will be held July 23 at the International Apparel Mart, 2300 Stemmons Frwy. has devised a curriculum that consist of nine hours of practical and theoretical instruction.

Tony Wilson, Chief Executive Officer of MPI, the company that conducts the symposium said that the program can help keep aspiring performers from falling through the cracks because of lack of knowledge.

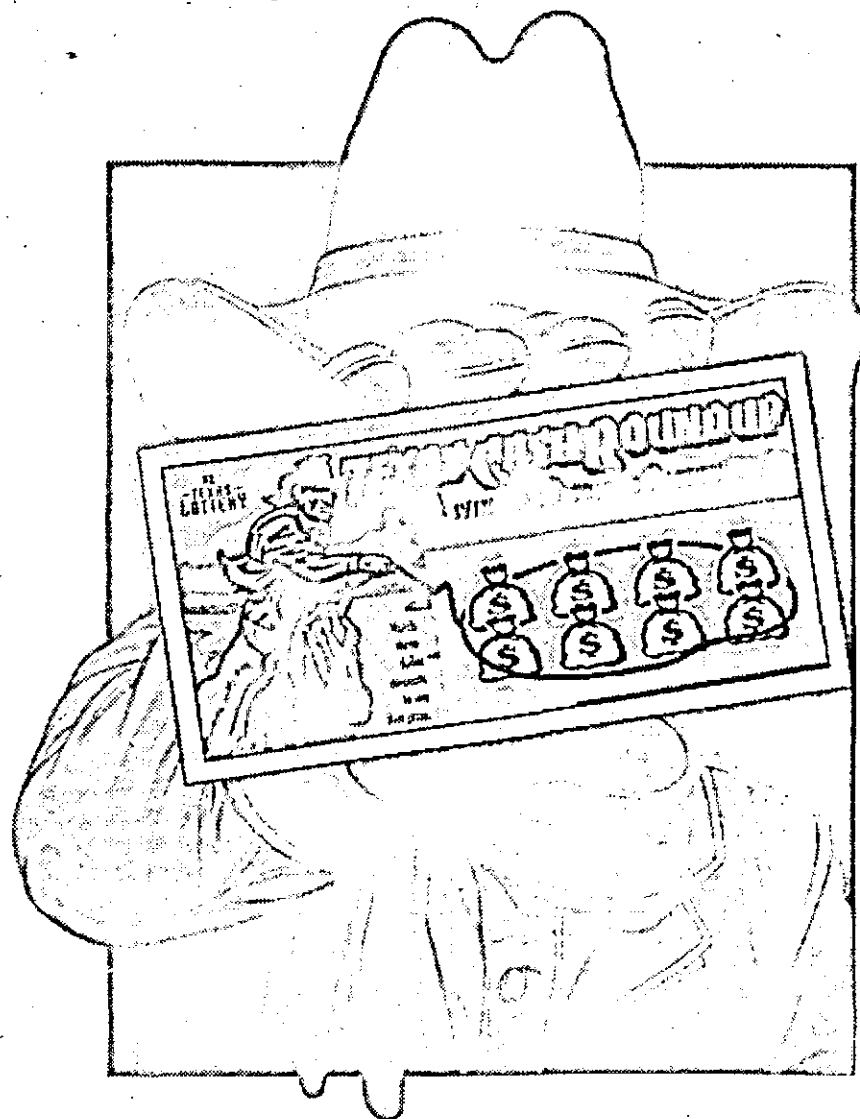
"I can't begin to count the number of Garth Brooks and Snoop Doggy Dog's we've encountered over the years," he said, "who had great potential but lacked the basic business knowledge necessary to establish themselves to be competitive in the rough and tumble music industry."

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John F. Moning, Jr., P.E.,

35, a civil engineer whose ideal companion has a great sense of humor, and must be loving, compassionate, independent, trustworthy, have great looks, and strong Christian beliefs. In his leisure time, he enjoys writing plays, video production, and artists management. He also produces a local video show called, Video Radio."



BACHELORS 1994 by: Tai E. Jones, Entertainment/Business Events Editor

Whoever said a good man is hard to find must have overlooked MON's eligible bachelors for 1994. Suave and sensitive, the brothers of the metroplex say they are awaiting the right lady for a long-lasting relationship.

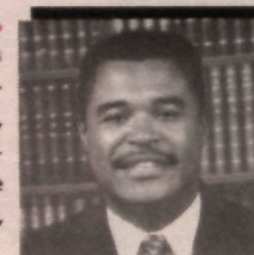
Whether they are CEO's, engineers, educators, law enforcement officers, clergymen, or bankers, all are professional in demeanor. These eligible men enjoy a variety of leisure activities, ranging from writing screenplays, fishing, cooking, listening to jazz, and motorcycling to golfing, weight lifting, tennis, and simply, watching a good movie.

This year's bachelors are looking for down-to-earth, independent, spiritual, confident, outgoing, and career-minded women. One says his ideal mate is "versatile enough to go from casual to formal on short notice." Another says the woman of his dreams "must be his best friend and someone he can talk to about anything."

MON is sure that each of its eligible bachelors will captivate many of our female readers attention and definitely leave them wanting more....

Nate Alexander,

41, a divorced Physical Education teacher and Co-owner of a driving school seeks a spiritual, energetic, friendly, and strong-willed lady. In his leisure time, he enjoys basketball, bowling, tennis, and traveling.



Johnny Powell, Jr., H.

23, a salesman and Manager-In-Training with a local car dealership, desires a woman of intelligence, poise, and individuality. She must be physically fit, beautiful, and open-minded. He likes modern women "who can treat their men like they want to be treated." He is a jazz enthusiast, marital artist, and likes to work-out.



Arthur Gregg,

31, is looking for a strong Christian woman who has a personal relationship with God and is not just a church-goer. She must be happy and comfortable with herself, as well as independent, sensitive, giving, caring, and just an "old-fashion type of woman." His hobbies include reading, writing, and listening to music.



Rengldo Cordova,

46, is President/CEO with a large national trucking firm, who seeks a sincere friendly and caring person that will compliment his weak points. He admires women who are down-to-earth, well-dressed, and independent with a sense of humor. His ideal mate must be soft spoken yet assertive, versatile enough to go from casual to formal on short notice, conciliatory instead of confrontational, and be willing to adjust to his very busy work schedule.



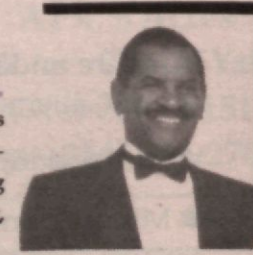
Ken Davis,

46, a co-owner of an African-American gift and bookstore, enjoys racquetball, reading, and traveling. He admires women who are strong-willed, independent thinkers, spiritual, communicators, and have a targeted destination in life.



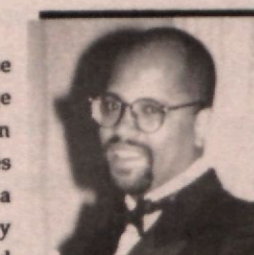
Ralph Kinchen,

45, a new car Sales Manager, seeks a professional, attractive, understanding, and not demanding companion. He enjoys swimming, skating, and listening to jazz.



Anthony Cordova,

35, a service representative with a large national trucking firm, seeks an attractive mate between the ages of 30 - 45. His mate must be a career professional that is very independent, sure of herself and outgoing personality. She must be down-to-earth and love to dance. He feels that his mate must be his best friend and someone he can talk to about anything. He admits to being turned on by women who have light brown-eyes and are well-dressed.



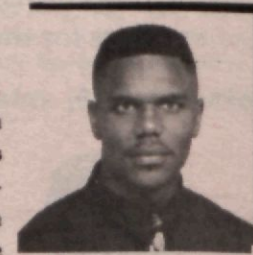
Larry Green,

27, is a Parole Officer in the metroplex. His ideal mate should be at least 5'5 - 5'11 inches tall, physical fit, a non-smoker, and career-oriented. She must be outgoing and adventurous. He enjoys weightlifting, water sports, and various types of music.



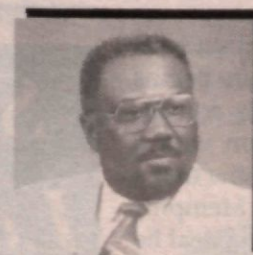
Edward Mitchell,

27, is a Daycare Director who spends leisure time with sports, traveling, movies, and art. He seeks a companion that shares the same interests who has a sense of humor, as well as is attractive and outgoing.



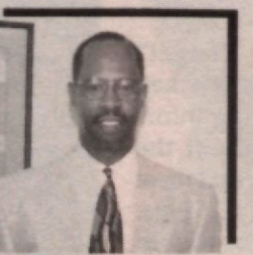
Harold Haynes,

47, is a Veterans Counselor in the metroplex. His ideal companion is a tall, well-educated Christian woman who enjoys working in the church, civic affairs, and understands the plight of a black man with a well established goal.



Willie Scott, Jr.,

42, is a bank lending officer who enjoys traveling, motivating other black males, and public speaking. He seeks a church-going companion who is fearless, self-sufficient, career-minded, and marriage-minded and must be able to have fun.



BACHELORS 1994 by: Jim Bochum, Sr. Vice President, Director of Marketing

After the roaring success of our Bachelorette's issue this past March, we were determined to make our Bachelors' section even more special.

So, with the strong assistance of Ms. Jones, and along with the rest of the MON staff, we got going. We searched high and low, far and wide, hither and yonder and scouted the entire metroplex area to present to you the very most eligible bachelors available.

I'm confident that we have been successful in that endeavor. I think you will find our list of men impressive. Not only are they strong (yet gentle), hard-working, dedicated to their cause... these men are achievers!

As you all know, we brothers have been taking a beating image-wise, due mostly to the way we're perceived by the conventional media. That's why we, a proud representative of the black press, are proud to present these "stereotype-busters." Ladies, I'm sure you won't be disappointed. Enjoy...and thank you.

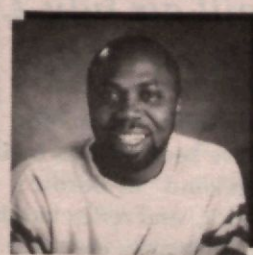
Gene Terry,

42, a sales representative for a local haberdashery, is looking for someone who is open-minded, trustworthy, enjoys traveling and not afraid to communicate. His leisure time finds him enjoying sports, singing, and traveling.



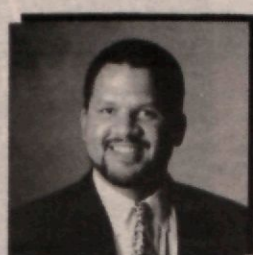
Bob Thomas,

35, is a corporate executive for a major communications company. His ideal companion is someone who communicates honestly, has basic religious beliefs, and attends functions (i.e. sporting events, etc.) She is a professional person who is secure with herself and is not jealous. During his leisure time, he enjoys jazz concerts, listening to music, and spending time with family.



Harry Wright, Jr.,

34, is a director at an institution for higher learning, who enjoys reading, traveling, and music. His ideal mate is sensitive, caring, community conscious, independent and in tune with her own spirituality.



Lew Blackburn,

38, an assistant principal who seeks a proud African-American woman who is independent, honest, caring, witty, and supportive. She must have a strong belief in God and herself. He enjoys music, reading, and traveling.



Alfred Morgan,

40, is a facilities supervisor who enjoys music, working out, and reading inspirational books. He seeks a woman who is secure enough to reveal her innermost feelings, who loves God, and who cares about her spiritual being.



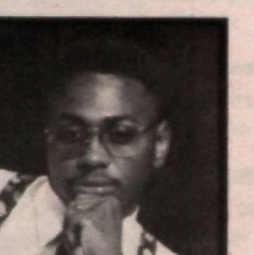
Robert Williams,

31, is a senior MIS Analyst with one of the largest minority-owned engineering firms in the southwest. In his leisure time, he enjoys racquetball, running, and softball. His ideal companion is supportive, charismatic and fun-loving with strong Christian beliefs. She must know who she is for what she is...



Ron Price,

27, is a Dallas Public School teacher and South Dallas community activist, whose ideal companion loves God, attends church, likes to travel, and enjoys attending professional sporting events. Due to the continual service that he gives within the community, his ideal companion must share a compassion for helping people. She must be intelligent, witty, and prepared to be treated like a Nubian queen. His leisure time is filled with reading, weight-lifting, sporting events, and attending church functions.



The following movies will be aired during the month of July on one of your TCI Cablevision channels. If you don't have cable in your home, please contact TCI.

by: Tai E. Jones

Entertainment Editor

LAST ACTION HERO

is an action-packed semi-spoof which has its share of shootings, fist fights, explosions, and ax-wielding murder. However, most of the action is treated comically. Arnold Schwarzenegger entreats the audience in his portrayal of both Jack Slater in the movie, and himself at a real movie premier. The movie deals with an 11 year-old dreamy-eyed boy, Madigan (Austin O'Brien) whose journey into the cine-



Last Action Hero will air July 30, 7:00 PM on HBO

matic world of his action-star hero.

Arnold Schwarzenegger worked as the Executive Producer and Director John McTiernan (The Hunt for Red October & Die Hard) worked jointly in this film that has envisioned as a huge blockbuster; therefore, the production company spared no expense.

The film features four Oscar winners Mercedes Rehl, Art Carney, F. Murray Abraham, and Anthony Quinn. Even Tina Turner makes a cameo appearance as the city's Mayor.

ROBIN HOOD: MEN IN TIGHTS

Mel Brooks as director reaps jubilation from borrowed jokes he resurges from his old movies. Although some



Robin Hood: Men in Tights will air July 2, 7:00 PM on HBO

of the gags from Robin Hood: Men In Tights would have been vetoed by the creators of weekend at Bernie's II, others obtain quick, and reflex laughs.

The story is primarily the same as Robin hood, yet the names have been

changed. Robin Hood: Men In Tights features Robin of Loxley, the Sheriff of Nottingham, and Will Scarlet O'Hara. Maid Marian (Amy Yasbeck) keeps her legendary name, yet she is equipped with an "Everlast" (as in boxing) chastity belt. The film features rap music to liven up the dialogue. Robin (Cary Elwes) and the Sheriff (Roger Rees) must drag Mark Blankfield, robin's blind follower into combat. Dom DeLuise makes an appearance with an impersonation of Marlon Brando's, Don Corleone.

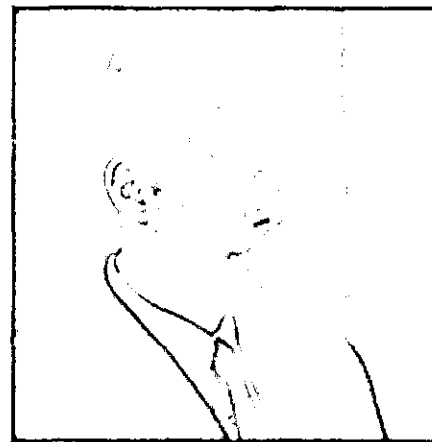
THE FIRM

is reasonably faithful to John Grisham's text, at least until the ending. Director Sydney Pollack felt "paternal" to Mitchell McDeere (Tom Cruise) and did not want him to end up like the rest of the lawyers in the firm.

As one the top law school students at Harvard, Mitchell McDeere begins to interview and weigh his recruitment options for a position with a legal firm. Little does he know that a prestigious law firm out of Memphis has already set him up with a deal he will not be able to resist. The initial quick-paced action automatically snares the reader into the confines of this safe environment that is a perfect Utopia. This quiet little firm has no African-Americans, no women, no homosexuals, and is part of an investigation being completed by the FBI into why none of these attorneys are mysterious being killed.

Mitch becomes the "target" within the investigation as the key insider who will be supplying information to the FBI. Throughout the film, he remains quick, smart, and most alluring to all of his surroundings. Constantly planning the best way to build his mousetrap, he manages to

out wit the listening devices that are everywhere around him, the blackmail scheme that may wreck his marriage, and save himself and his family.



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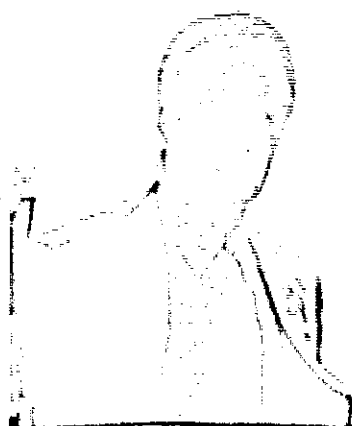


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Like father, like son

Gerald Levert picks up where
O'Jays singer left off

entertainment by: Tai

Many a woman dreams of finding one sexy and sensual man that is willing to come from the bottom of his heart and say, "I'd Give Anything." Somehow, Gerald Levert has managed once again to ooze the lyrics of his latest ballad across the airwaves like honey on toast. Produced by David Foster, "I'd Give Anything," will officially be released in mid-July, with the release of the LP, "Groove On," forthcoming in mid-August.

As in every tune, Gerald continues to provide raw, soulful, and heartfelt vocals throughout the entire album. As the son of one of black music's most distinctive and renowned singers, Gerald remembers always wanting to sing. "I always wanted to sing, and early on I definitely copied my Dad. But I got serious about singing as a career when I was around ten and I got the chance to be on the road with my Dad and the O'Jays when they were playing big arenas. Everyone was having such a good time and I heard all the girls screaming and that was it!"

In 1985, the group Levert (featuring Gerald, younger brother Sean, and grade school buddy Marc Gordon) recorded their first album, I Get Hot. Produced by Dexter Wansel, the

LP featured the song, "I'm Still," written by father Eddie and Gerald, which actually climbed onto the nation's R & B charts and made some noise. That served as Levert's introduction to the Atlantic Recording Corporation.

And thus the start of the train of hits...Pop, Pop, Pop Goes My Mind...Casanova...Baby I'm Ready...Baby Hold On to Me and many more.

His songwriting talents have been showcased on all of Levert's albums, and these skills are evident on Grammy winner Anita Baker's platinum Compositions album with the tune "Whatever It Takes."

It's easy to see that the man and the mission will be sure to delight us with his new tune, "I'd Give Anything," primarily because he has already given so very much....

Special thanks to Tabitha Walker of Trevel Productions



Gerald Levert

Her majesty, mon Jamaican-born Patra debuts with "Queen of the Pack"

by: Tai E. Jones

At the tender age of 19, she's already being called the "Queen of Dancehall." Her name is Patra, she's coming your way from Kingston, Jamaica with her Epic debut album Queen of the Pack.

Patra was born in Kingston and raised in Westmoreland Parish. She first began singing in the church choir and later tried her hand at deejaying. At age 15, she began to realize that music really could be her life. "I always enjoyed music, but up until then I didn't really think about my goals," Patra explains. "In addition to many Jamaican artists, I listened to Tina Turner, Patti Labelle, Sade, and Alexander O'Neal. And Micheal Jackson, of course he really taught me how to dance!"

Patra made her mark in the U.S. with two notable guest appearances. She had a duet with Mad Cobra on a track called "Really Do It" for Columbia and her wicked reggae-rap spiced up a Richie Stevens tune, "Body Slam," on Motown.

Now, we can get the opportunity to see Queen Patra in full effect...

Patra wrote all the lyrics for the

album, and her expertly timed vocals alternate between warm, melodic R & B and rough-and-

ready rapping. Queen of the Pack contains twelve hype tracks including "Hardcore," "Queen of the Pack" and "Worker Man." "Think (About It)" teams Patra with the sultry siren of funk, Lyn Collins, and the P-funk horns for a dynamic dancehall update of this James



Patra

Brown-produced classic, a top ten smash for Lyn in 1972.

Other special guests on Queen of the Pack include star soul singer Christopher Williams (on "Sexual Feeling") and west coast rap powerhouse YO YO ("Romantic Call").

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Young replicas of history

DFW Old Negro Baseball League opens first season

by Gordon Jackson

This month, at Kiest Park in Oak Cliff, the Memphis Red Sox beat the Gotham City Redcaps while the Birmingham Black Barons outdueled the Baltimore Black Sox and the Kansas City Monarchs edged out the New Orleans Black Eagles.

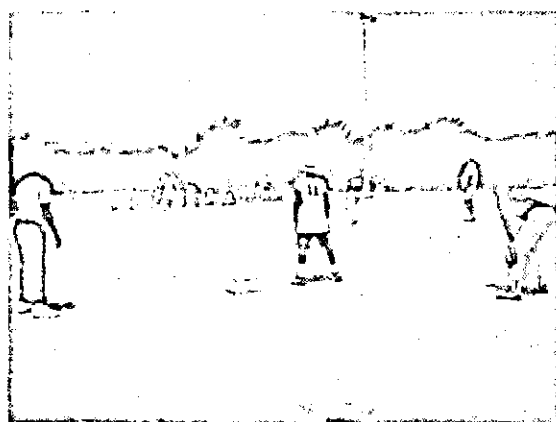
No, the Starship Enterprise didn't beam these teams over from another world, nor is it some sort of time warp since these actual teams existed forty years ago and beyond.

It was the inaugural season of the Dallas/Ft. Worth Old Negro Baseball League and it is helping revive the spirit of one of the major achievements ever in Black sports and the Black community. Also it's crucial to note the ones actually rejuvenating the legacy—not necessarily the older men who lived during those times in the past—but the young children who are living today.

The league, broken up into four age groups (7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-15) have

named their teams after some of the actual Negro League squads that played in the early 1900's when Blacks weren't allowed to participate in the major

leagues, known unofficially as the pre-Jackie Robinson era. These teams spawned such historical players as Josh Gibson, Satchel Paige, Buck Leonard



Two of the Old Negro League ball teams battle it out.

and Cool Papa Bell.

While league officials would love to see great baseball players come out of this program as well, they are quick to assess more crucially important objec-

tives for its concept and existence.

"We want to show the kids an alternative and take them off the streets," said league commissioner Sunny Jackson. "We also want to develop them to where they will be positive role models for the community."

"Our objective is to give kids something to do," said league secretary William Thompson. "Otherwise they will 'find' something else to do. We look to instill strong values into the kids and also to show them men who uphold strong value systems themselves. We feel the need to educate our kids, not only on the history of the Old Negro leagues but also to help them see there are good black men all over that they can look up to."

The idea of the league was introduced in Dallas by KKDA personality Willis Johnson who witnessed a similar format while travelling on the east coast. He used his program to announce and call for the organization's first meeting which took place last July.

Like in most leagues, the teams in the Old Negro Baseball League are sponsored by businesses. In their case, none of the major corporations have come forth so such tasks has been taken on by some of

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Nigerian nightmares

World Cup soccer team faced with many challenges off the field while in Dallas

by Dwain Price

It has been a bumpy ride for the Nigerian soccer team.

Even before the team arrived in Dallas last month for the World Cup, the Addison police chief reportedly said Nigerians often commit credit card fraud. This touched off a firestorm, particularly since the Nigerian soccer team was scheduled to practice in Addison, and possibly eat a few meals in restaurants in Addison.

"It was quiet unfortunate for the Addison police chief to have admitted that, and we don't agree with him," said Charles Awani, the consulate general of Nigeria. "The Addison police chief has only demonstrated that he has met with a few bad Nigerians."

"He has forgotten that over 99

percent of Nigerians are good citizens and are well respected. For him to use his own contact with some bad Nigerians to extend it to the rest of us is not welcomed at all, and it's something that

should be condemned."

Other problems also cropped up surrounding the Nigerian soccer team. For one, they couldn't fly straight from Nigerian to Dallas because United States officials said the Nigerian airlines don't have the proper pre-boarding material. This delayed their arrival to Dallas by half-a-day.

Also, other Nigerians who wanted to fly to Dallas to support the team were denied entrance into this country because they couldn't

prove they were going back to Nigeria once the World Cup was over.

Despite all the controversy, the Nigerian team still practiced in Addison.

"We only just tried to demonstrate that we are good loving people," Awani said. "We want to

promote friendship and understanding."

"Now, the people of Dallas and Addison will see Nigerians and they will be the better judge themselves. We are very excited that our team qualified to play in the United States, and I'm very happy they are here to display their artistry and skill and teamwork before the American crowds."

Nigerian delegates and team members have been treated to several luncheons and banquets during their stay in Dallas. It is that love and affection which Awani said he will hang his hat on, not the comments of the Addison police chief.

"I hear the mayor of Addison has apologized in his behalf, but Nigerians from Dallas have not been appeased by that, because they want the Addison police chief himself to go public and detract his statement," Awani said. "But we are very happy that our African-American brothers turned out to give us a rousing welcome."

"We think this will further strengthen the ties that exists between Africans and African-Americans in this country."

Nigeria defeated Bulgaria 3-0 at the Cotton Bowl June 21. They went on to qualify for the second round and will play Italy July 5 in Foxboro, Massachusetts.

Unmistakably human

It's the child that deserves our sympathy, not O.J.



Dwain Price

By now the O.J. Simpson double murder mystery should have sunken in.

So has the Michael Jordan gambling allegations, the Mike Tyson rape case, and the Magic Johnson HIV-positive ordeal.

How do you like your sports heroes now?

No one should be surprised at the latest sports tragedy involving O.J. After all, we all have played a part in the grooming of the player affectionately known as The Juice.

As long as there are athletes like O.J. who can do extraordinary feats in their chosen sport, there will be people in this society who will do cartwheels to make sure those athletes slide through the system. There will always be friends to help them pass that test, police officers who will not write that speeding ticket, women who will throw their bodies on them, folks who will buy them free drinks, people who will turn their back when they see an athlete do wrong, and children and adults who will view them as icons.

Society has always painted such a rose-colored picture for athletes that if I was an athlete I probably would think I could walk on water, and that I was above the law.

Just like your regular Joe Blow, some athletes rape, steal, use drugs, gamble, commit murder and cheat on and beat on their wife/girlfriend. They also cry, get depressed, have bruised egos, have mood swings, and hurt just like the rest of us.

But society tends to take a slap-on-the-wrist approach when an athlete breaks the law. Sometimes that slap leads to more mental and physical abuse. Sometimes it leads to murder, rape...

I like O.J., but I don't feel sorry for him. I feel sorry for the unsuspected 8-year old kid out there in any city in this world who already is being coddled by his parents, coaches overzealous sports fans just because the kid has

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exceptional athletic talents.

We don't know if O.J. is guilty of murdering his ex-wife and her male friend. We do know that the power of O.J. has left many people in suspended animation, shaking their heads in disbelief at the mere thought of another black role model being linked with a tragic occasion.

We see O.J. as a beloved brother, a life-long friend, the nice guy who always helped the little old ladies cross the street. But we truly do not know O.J., or his capabilities.

A fall from grace by sports heroes affect more people because too many people live their lives vicariously through those athletes. Too many people get emotionally spent behind somebody they don't even know.

Yes, the O.J. saga is a tragedy. But so is shantytown. And so, too, is apartheid.

I saw O.J. and spoke to him in Atlanta, about three hours prior to the

kickoff of the last Super Bowl. But I don't know O.J. nor will I insult your intelligence by telling you what he, you or anyone else is capable of.

I admire O.J. and other pro athletes for their athletic skills. That's where the admiration begins, and ends.

Perhaps if we genuinely love and care for people like O.J., maybe we should be more concerned with how well they perform in the classroom instead of how well they perform on the football field. Perhaps we should give a standing ovation when we see them coming out of a library with books in tow, instead of cheering when we see them coming around the corner on a power sweep football in tow.

Don't feel sorry for O.J. Feel sorry for that unsuspected 8-year old athletically gifted kid out there who doesn't have a clue what's about to happen to his life. He's the one who truly needs your sympathy.

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the local small African American businesses in the community, despite of their relatively low budgets. One company is Nitro Enterprise, a commercial furniture firm owned by Darrick Tucker. When he was approached by commissioner Jackson, he shared her sentiment that something needed to be done for kids in the neighborhood.

"Instead of playing ball like it was when I was young, I see kids out on the streets involved in drugs and alcohol," said Tucker. "We need to give them something at an early age. I'm disappointed in our churches and 'so-called' organizations and I'm tired of depending on other people to solve our problems. This is something we have to do for ourselves."

Other team sponsors include S&B

Pest Control (Billy Robinson), DARSY Enterprises (Syrene Mitchell), Dust It Bust It, Inc. (Yvonne Barrett), Celebrity Art Productions (Willie and Elizia Harris) and Triple-D Roofing, Plumbing and Electric (Ronnie Dixon). Both Jackson and Thompson expressed a strong need for more umpires, coaches and just more parental involvement, especially among African American males.

By helping remember an important legacy of the past, the league will help restore the self-esteem of many Black youth of today—while possibly producing the Satchel Paiges, Josh Gibsons and Cool Papa Bells of tomorrow.

The DFW Old Negro Baseball League will hold their first annual awards banquet July 31, 3:00 p.m. at the Southland Center Hotel. For more information call William Thompson, 298-6269.

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Call 634-8704 ext. 260 for more information.

A one man free exhibit by Schroeder Cherry opened June 12 and continues through Aug. 31, in the James Kemp Gallery at the Junior Black Academy of Arts and Letters.

The gallery is open Tues-Fri from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sat. from noon til 4:00 p.m.

For more information call 426-1683.

July 2

Lorrie Morgan, Richardson Symphony Orchestra, Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders, Richardson Children's Theater and Fireworks are all a part of the Spring Creek Festival slated to start Saturday, July 2 at Winters Park, located on Arapaho Road five miles east of Central Expressway.

The festival will be held throughout the month of July and will also feature Janie Fricke (4th), Ricky Van Shelton (8th), Van Cliburn (15th), Bernadette Peters (16th), Willie Nelson (22) and Michael W. Smith (23rd).

Balloons launched nightly. Entertainment begins around 7:00 p.m. and ends around 10:30 p.m.

Call (214) 205-2632 for more information.

July 3

A free festival/picnic will be held on Sunday, July 3, from 3:00-8:00 p.m. at Griggs Park, located on Hall St. at Central Expressway. The celebration is entitled: *A Tribute To Our Own: For The Ancestors at Freedman's Town*. Frederick Douglass speech, "What to the slaves is the Fourth of July" will be performed by Irungu Barkari.

Contact Charles Hillman at 328-3761.

July 4

Star Spangled 4th will feature Janie Fricke, Garland Symphony Orchestra, Jose Feghali, LeAnn Rimes and Garland Summer Musicals. Fireworks and a balloon launch included.

For further details call (214) 205-2632.

Pegasus Theatre presents the production "One of Them Male Things" by Scott Thun. Rehearsals begin August 1-8. Script on file at S.T.A.G.E. as of June 21. Four men needed—all ages. Bring a picture and resume.

Call for audition appointment on or after July 4, 821-6005.

July 5

An Art Exhibition sale will be held at the J. Erik Jonsson Library, on Tuesday, July 5 through Thursday, July 28 featuring *Pieces of a Dream—Our American Dream*, by national, international and local artists.

For more information call Ms. Valder Beebe at (214) 357-7053.

A Business Breakfast for small minority/women entrepreneurs is slated for Tuesday, July 5 at the Holiday Inn North, located at 2540 Meacham in Fort Worth.

For more information contact Willie R. Heath Jr., (817) 334-3284.

July 6

New Image Business Association meets for their business luncheon every Wednesday at the Bill J. Priest Institute, 1402 Corinth.

For more information call 350-9590.

July 7

A theater production of "Bleacher Bums" is scheduled for Thursday-Sunday, July 7-10 in the Studio Theatre,

Fine Arts Building, 700 W. Second St. on the UT Arlington campus.

The production celebrates the baseball season and the new Ballpark in Arlington. Curtain opens at 8 p.m., Thursday-Saturday and at 4 p.m. on Sunday.

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The Office of Cultural Affairs conducts a workshop for ethnic and minority artists to apply to the Neighborhood Touring Program and the Ethnic Minority Organization Development Program on Thursday, July 7 at 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the West Dallas Multi-Purpose Center, 2828 Fishtrap.

Call 670-8749 for additional information.

July 9

Carter High School Graduate, Gregg Hill, will be guest speaker at a Summer Youth Rally being held at Holy Tabernacle Church on Saturday, July 9 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. RSVP.

For more information call Rev. D.L. Winkley 391-6686 or 285-7714.

A business seminar on the subject of *How to Advertise your new or small business* will be held on Saturday, July 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center located in South Dallas.

Limited space available. RSVP by Saturday, July 9. Cost is \$25 per person. Call Johnnie M. Griffin for further information: (214) 565-7835.

The Office of Cultural Affairs conducts a workshop for ethnic minority artist to apply to the Neighborhood Touring Program and the Ethnic and Minority Organizations Development Program on Saturday, July 9 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Bath House Cultural Center, 521 E. Lawther. Call 670-8749 for more information.

July 10

The 42nd National Convention of the American Guild of Organists will be held in Dallas on Sunday, July 10 through the 14th. Over 50 musical events will be offered to 2,000 organists attending the event. The Dallas AGO Chapter will serve as hosts.

For further information call (214) 369-1994.

July 11

The Dallas Chapter of the American Guild of Organists along with the 42nd National Convention of the American Guild of Organists presents Internationally Acclaimed British Organist Gillian Weir in recital at the Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas, on Monday, July 11 at 8:15 p.m.

For more information call (214) 520-2787.

The Office of Cultural Affairs begins conducting workshops for ethnic/minority artists to apply to the Neighborhood Touring Program and the Ethnic and Minority Organization

Development Program on Tuesday, July 12 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the South Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 S. Fitzhugh.

Call 670-0314 for more information or 670-4081 or 670-4006.

July 13

A free Resume Writing/Employment Workshop will be held on Wednesday, July 13 at the Lancaster/Kiest Branch Library, 3039 South Lancaster Rd. from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

For more information call 670-1952 or (214) 692-5570.

July 15

Stage West presents the comical love story entitled *A Distance from Calcutta*. The show runs Friday, July 15 through August 6 in Fort Worth.

For more information call metro (817) 784-9378.

Francis Ray, author of *Forever Yours*, and Maggie Ferguson, author of *Looks are Deceiving*, will be signing their books on Saturday, July 16 at Heritage Expressions in Irving from 11:30 to 1:00 p.m., Black Images at Wynnewood Shopping Center from 3:30-5:00 p.m. and Black Bookworm in Fort Worth from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

For more information call 943-0142.

July 22

The Annual Christian Singles Weekend Celebration, sponsored by First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park Singles' Ministry begins Friday, July 22 through Sunday, July 24.

Singles are encouraged to come out and fellowship, enjoy the food and entertainment. Casual attire for workshops and African dress suggested for the dinner theatre.

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Numbers 11:5



Ron Shaw

A vast majority of Christians are still living in an Egypt mind set. That is to say they have been delivered but are still not free. There is a difference.

Take African-Americans for example. They have been delivered from slavery

but are still not free yet. The indicators are in the way we think; our appetites; our desires. So it is with Christians.

Many suffer from what I call "mamba-win" disease. We mamba-win life was different. Some have the nerve to suggest that there were good old days. According to our text, God's plan was to take Israel through the wilderness to prepare them for freedom. There was a shorter route to the land of promise. However, he knew he had work to do on these people.

As soon as things got tight, they would begin to mamba-win they

were in Egypt. The problem is that God did all the work to deliver them. In order to walk in freedom, they would have to do the work.

Many Christians constantly seek the thrill of the deliverance experience. The truth is the Bible says that once we get saved, we have been delivered (Col. 1:18). Israel's appetite for the former diet of Egypt caused them to complain. They began to remember when they had onions and garlic in Egypt and Pharaoh brought them their food.

God's desire was to move them to a land flowing with milk and honey. Onions and garlic require little processing while milk and honey require some effort and labor. Lazy Christians—those in a deliverance mind set are always running from meeting to meeting trying to get God to do a miracle for them.

Those who move toward the liberty wherewith we have been called realize they must do something in order to walk therein. In order to break their appetites for the things in

Egypt, God put them on a strict diet of manna. The intent was to break their desire for the foods of their past bondage. Thus in order for Christians to have their appetites and desires for worldliness broken, we must be put on a strict diet of today's manna (God's Word).

Our minds must be changed radically until we are not just delivered from the bondage of sin, but free from the appetite and desire to sin. That can only happen when we feast on the manna from heaven on a daily basis. There are no short cuts. No apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor or teacher can resolve your conflicts permanent-

ly.

You may get momentary comfort but God wants you on a strict diet of his word. That means responsibility for your own life in Christ. If he wanted you to take short cuts, he would have taken Israel the short route, but he didn't. You can be prayed for until the one praying is hoarse, but until you take responsibility for your freedom and gather up the God-given manna for yourself, renew your mind and walk in His word, you will always stay in the deliverance mind set and never arrive at freedom.

In deliverance God does the work. In freedom He equips us to do it.

Ethiopia comes to Dallas

African Zion exhibit to tour in September

Dr. Harry Robinson, director of the African American Museum of Life and Culture, along with Dallas Mayor Steve Bartlett and General Hugh Robinson of the African American Museum Board of Directors, announced plans for the African Zion art exhibit to come to

the African American Museum this fall.

Dallas is only one of six cities in the world to host the event. The exhibit is the first significant collection of ancient and

medieval Ethiopian religious art to tour North America.

The date of the African Zion exhibit to be in Dallas will be September 1 through November 30.

For more information call Liz Lawless at (214) 653-1030 or Sheila Tucker at (214) 565-1623.

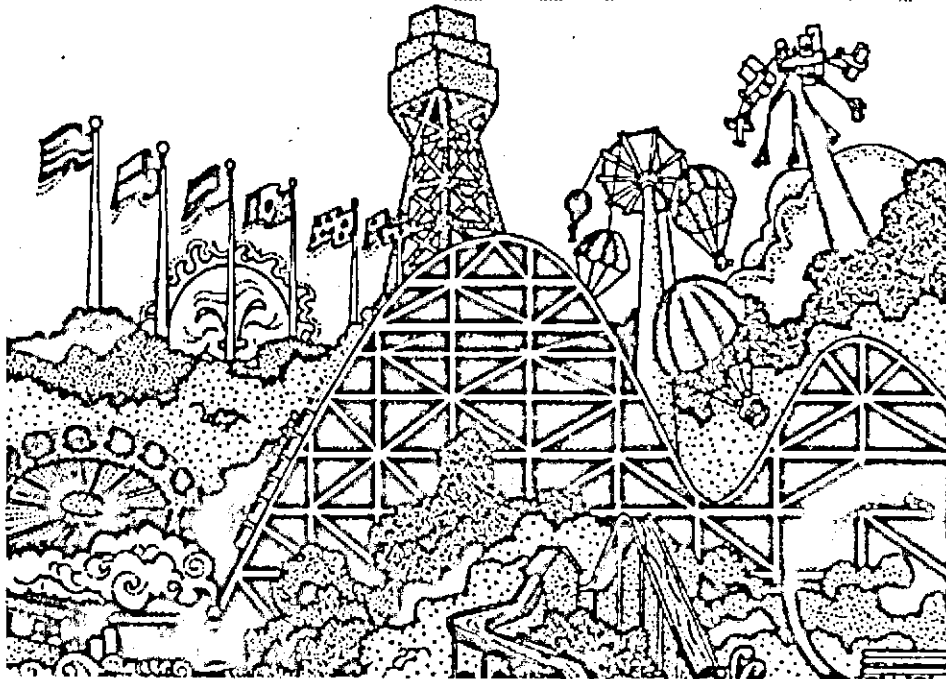


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John Powell goes from police detective to car dealership owner

By Veronica W. Morgan

Looking for a luxury vehicle which offers both smooth riding and comfort for a fraction of the cost? Perhaps you want something sporty, fully equipped and built for the road. Powell Chevy-Geo-Olds located just off I-20 at 67 and Wheatland is the place you'll want to go.

Aside from carrying Geo's, considered, "the best cars in the market for the price" the dealership has a full line of Oldsmobile favorites. All Olds come with a powerful V-8 engine, comfortable interior, and a variety of colors to choose from. Don't forget to check out the top-of-the line Aurora Olds, a definite must have if you want the best and refuse to settle for anything less. More importantly, it comes at an affordable price.

For the Chevrolet lovers, you'll marvel at the unique new body style of the Impala, the Monte Carlo, and other favorites. Including a remake of the Lumina, Cavalier and the Camaro, designed to showcase you in the manner you deserve while allowing you to stay within a reasonable budget. Sounds great? Well there's more.

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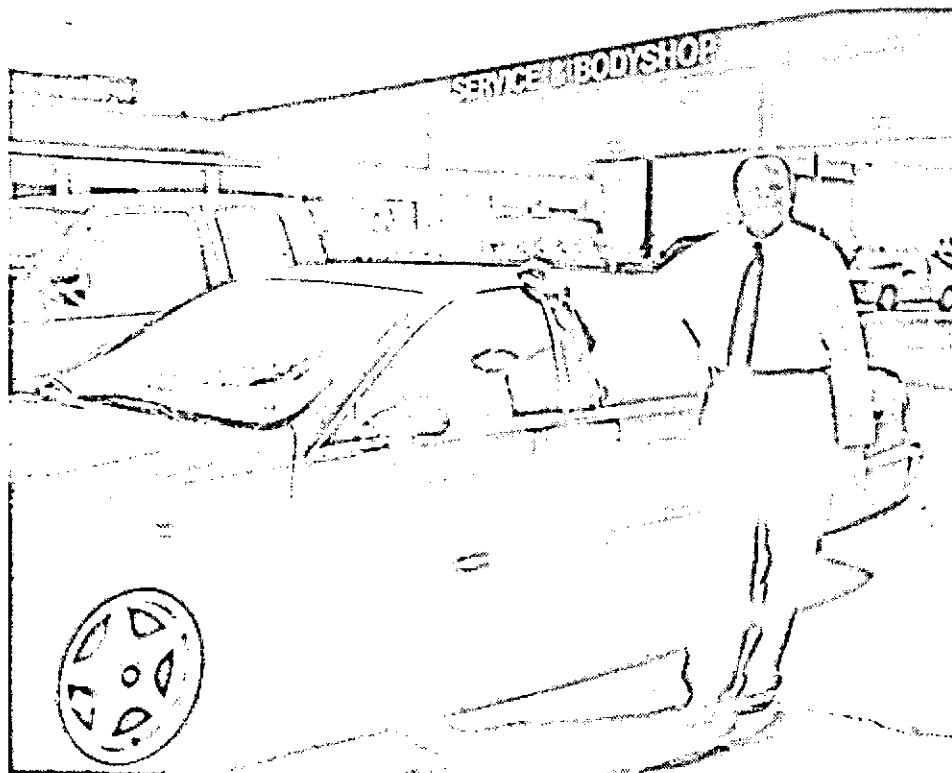
Formerly called Sun Chevy/Geo/Olds, Powell also offers a variety of used cars

and trucks as well. Not only are the prices affordable but the service is excellent. Chances are you won't be disappointed.

The owner John Powell, is an

Detroit and Clinton Township Police Departments. The honor student earned a Masters Degree in Personnel Management and Public Administration from Central Michigan University.

Married for 28 years to Polly Powell, the couple shared a mutual desire to relocate and upgrade to a larger, even bigger car market. The chance came for them in the Spring of '93 when General Motors offered Powell a chance to purchase the Texas dealership. He accepted and the rest is history.



John Powell, owner of Powell Chevy-Geo-Olds.

experienced dealer who has been in the business for a number of years in Jackson Michigan. Prior to his acquiring ownership of the dealership he worked as a police detective for the

"I enjoyed the move here," he says, "the people here are extremely nice and the climate is fantastic—particularly the business climate."

Over the years, competition in

the car business has been stiff and very few women and minorities try to get into it. "A person already in the business generally grows up in it or acquires an opportunity because of experience," says Powell who notes that his son John Powell, Jr. works with him in the business.

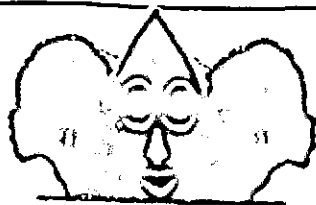
But though the opportunity for minorities to own a car dealership has been extremely difficult in the past, GM is working to make it easier by encouraging more interest and participation among those who were in a sense—locked out. In short, they've developed a Minority Dealer Development Program to teach the administrative side of running a business and a dealership. The classroom and on-the-job training is for one year. And individuals who wish to participate must have a degree of some type and of course be considered a minority.

Following graduation from the academy, GM will assist the students in acquiring a dealership for sale. There is no age limit, but Powell says in the past people anywhere from 30-years to 60-years old are the ones who try to get into the program.

His motto for being in the business? "Be honest, fair, and do what you say you're going to do. To me it is very elementary, people demand satisfaction and I go out of my way to be service oriented."

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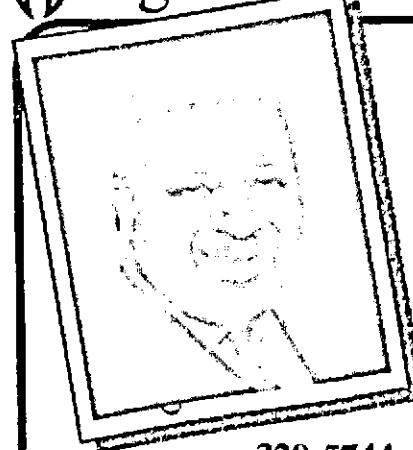
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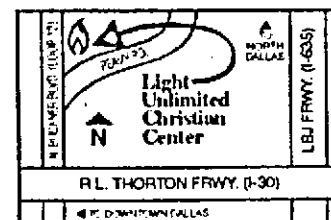
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HEALTH

Andre Dukes

Stop the ignorance The black church vs. AIDS

I recently read a book entitled, "Black Theology: A documentary History" by James H. Cone and Gayraud S. Wilmore. This led me to come across an article entitled "What does It Mean to be Black and Christian?" This article is a working paper prepared by the Kelly Miller Smith Institute of African American Church Studies, Vanderbilt University Divinity School.

The first paragraph sums up the overall crisis facing the Black church in the 90's. It states, "The African American church is in crisis. A crisis that calls for a national dialogue. At a time in history when we are about to enter a new millenium, the African American church stands at the crossroads of decision. Its traditional role as the conservator of Black culture and the conscience of the Black community is at stake. It must choose either life or death, blessings or curses. Whatever choice it makes will determine whether or not we and our descendants will live as a redeemed community in the land where God has befriended us."

One of the signs of the crisis we face today can be observed in our communities as we stand by while thousands of African American men, women, and children, both gay and straight, die of HIV disease and AIDS. African Americans comprise some 33% of the over 330,000 reported diagnosed cases of AIDS in America while only constituting 12% of the total U.S. population. African American women represent the fastest growing group of women, and among all, heterosexual women to contract AIDS, for they make up 55% of all cases of AIDS among women. In Dallas County alone, of the more than six thousand cases of diagnosed AIDS cases reported since 1981, about 1,200 are African American men, women and children.

As an AIDS counselor, I have for the past two years experienced the joy, pain and sorrow that comes from entering into the suffering, sickness, and death of African American people living with HIV/AIDS. The pain for me comes not so much from my counseling relationships with people with AIDS but more when I have to listen to countless individuals and family members of people with AIDS cry out in

anger as they tell horror stories of going to the churches they grew up and spent their lives in, seeking hope and healing only to have the door of fear, denial, and uncompassion slammed in their faces. Many have been told to leave the church.

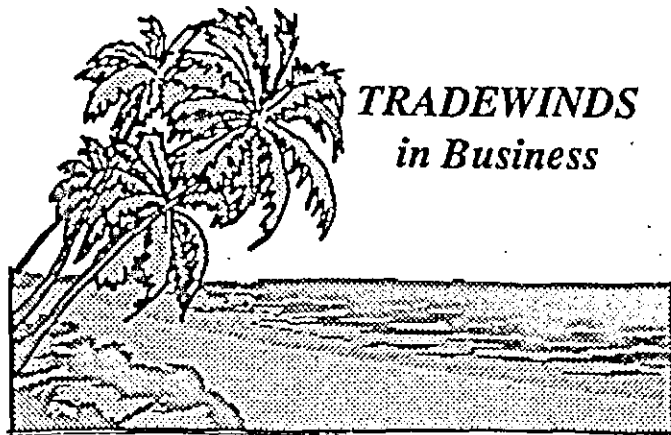
Therefore invitation by some churches has been withheld from our family and friends who are sick with AIDS and are trying to go home to the house of refuge and healing, known as the church. There are many reasons why a large majority of Black churches have not opened its arms of compassion to people with AIDS. These reasons include: fear, ignorance, denial, indifference, conservative evangelical philosophy, cultural conservatism and homophobia.

I believe that for almost fourteen years of the AIDS pandemic many Black churches and communities have wallowed in the stench of fear and denial. For many years the American media system portrayed AIDS as a gay, white, male disease through their media outlets of print, motion picture, radio, and television. This inaccurate portrayal by the media of people with AIDS lulled African Americans, both Christian and non-Christians, into thinking that we were immune to the disease. Therefore, AIDS prevention and risk-reduction education for the most part, took a back seat in our churches and communities as our Black church pulpits thundered homes the message that AIDS was God's punishment for sinful living.

The Black church must learn that it is alright to uphold the moral and righteous teachings of the church, while at the same time, demonstrating to people sick with AIDS the love, compassion, healing and redemption of God's church. Just for the the record, I am a heterosexual Christian minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ who does not condone the gay and lesbian lifestyle.

We, as a church cannot afford to hide behind the unholy rhetoric of the conservative evangelical religious right church who instead of reaching out in love and understanding to people with AIDS, proclaim a religion which seeks to only blame the victims of oppression which in this case are African Americans with AIDS. The Black church must overcome its present crisis of moral and spiritual leadership which answers to the voice of a liberating and redeeming God who is concerned about, and loves all people, whose will it is for people living a dying with AIDS, and who confront any number of oppressive situations, to find hope and redemption from that age-old sacred institution the church that has seen untold millions of African Americans through dark days.

Reverend Andre Dukes is Director of Pastoral Services of the AIDS Interfaith Network of North Texas, Inc. You can contact him at 559-4899.



TRADEWINDS in Business

Houston lawyer, Thelma Elizalde has been appointed minority member of the Board of Directors of the State Bar of Texas. Elizalde is one of four minority members appointed to the board by the State Bar President. Elizalde is an associate with law firm of Weil, Gotshal & Manges. Her memberships include the

State Bar opportunities for minorities in the professional committee of the Houston Bar Association.

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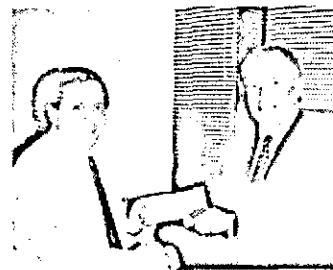
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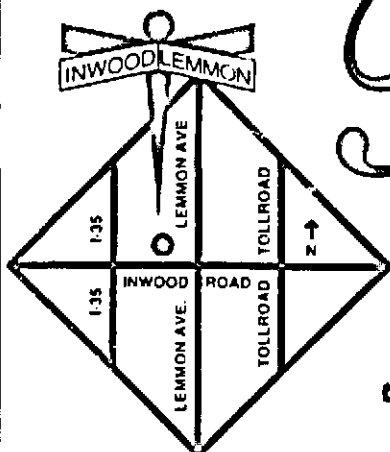
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Forever Yours is a contemporary romance novel set in Fort Worth, Texas. As with Ms. Ray's first book, African-American characters are presented in a positive



Francis Ray

who lives in Dallas

and engaging way. The book will be on shelves nationwide by the third week in June.

Francis Ray is a native Texan with her husband and daughter. After publishing sixteen short stories, she decided to write a longer work which would show the healing power of love between a man and a woman. She is a frequent speaker at writing workshops and seminars, including an annual event sponsored by the University of Texas at Dallas and the national conference of Romance Writers of American.

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3	4	5	6 Author Maxine Clark will autograph and discuss her fiction novel Farrington, set in a fictional black community north of Kansas city in the 50s. 6-8 p.m.	7	8	9
10	11	12 Jerrold Ladd, a 26-year old local Dallas author autographs and discusses his book Out of the Madness: From the Projects to a Life of Hope. 7-9 p.m.	13	14	15 Author Ishakomua Barahango will lecture She has written five books including African People & European History: A Memoir - Conscience Book 1 7-9 p.m.	16 Romance Double Header Author Francis Ray will autograph her recent book Forever Yours. And Maggie Ferguson will autograph her book Locks are 7-9 p.m.
17	18	19 Jill Nelson, author of Volunteer Slavery: My Authentic Negro Experience, returns to Dallas. 6-8 p.m.	20	21 Carmen Brice, a freelance writer and journalist, reads and autographs "We'll Talk": Affirmations for People of Color. 6-8 p.m.	22	23 Author Valerie Wilson Wesley, reads and autographs When Dusty Comes Stealing, a Pulitzer Mystery. 5-6 p.m.
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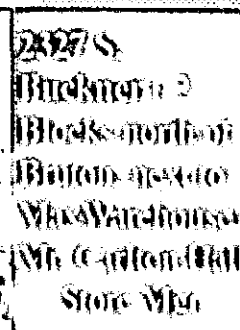
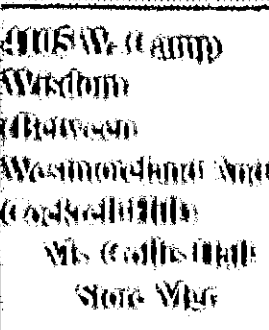
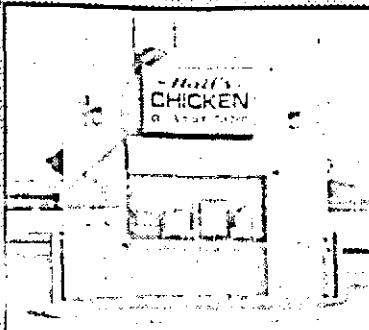
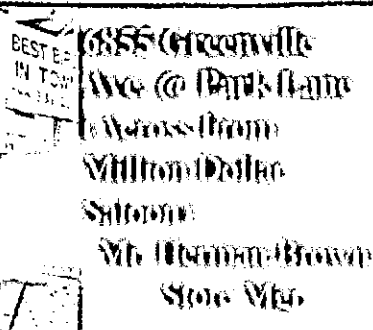
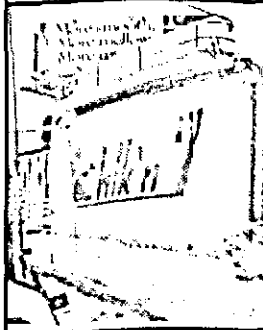
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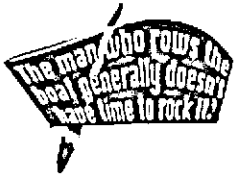
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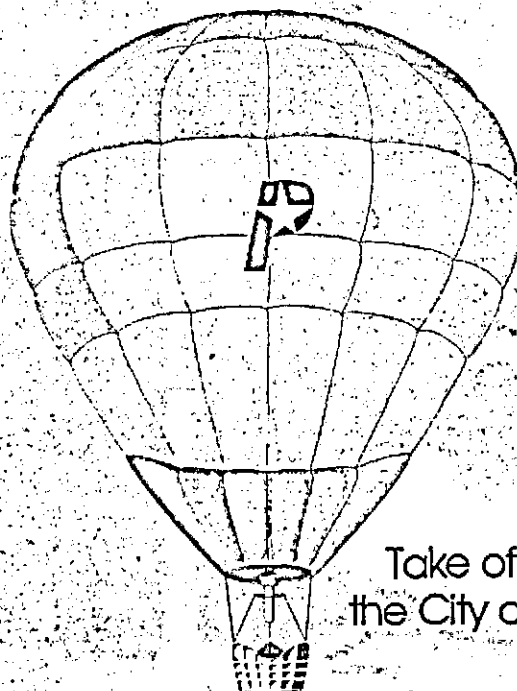
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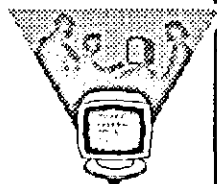


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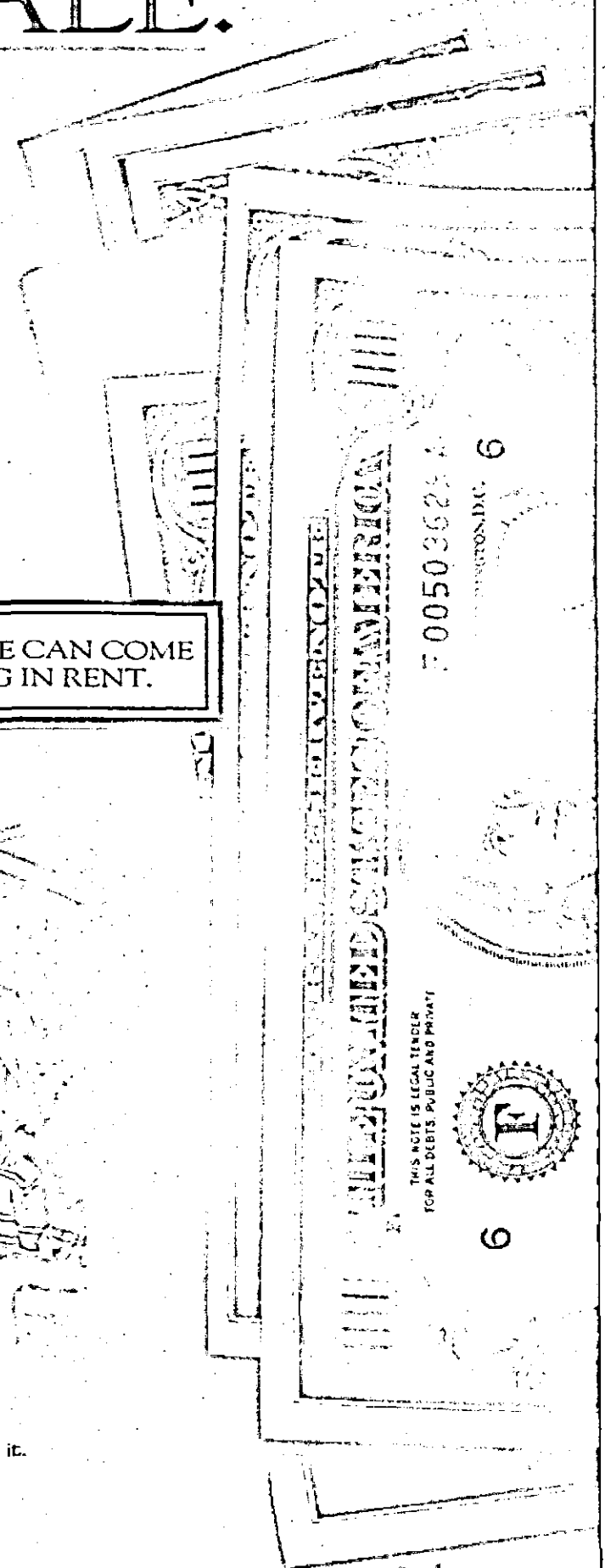
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