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The gospel of Flake

**White is Trite:
Publisher
Thurman Jones
responds to doing
the right thing**



From The Publisher
Thurman Jones
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EDITORIAL

Doing the White Thing?

Anyone who read the editorial articles in last month's Minority Opportunity News (MON) had, at least, two challenges.

For those who read the commentary of Cheryl Smith's Pen On Fire column ("Not a White Thing, the Right Thing," MON, April 1995) you no doubt noted her reference to a local "publisher," who, although owning a Black publication, had hired a white editor.

The second perspective that was shared in her article was to equate this decision with a denouncement of personal and corporate "Blackness" from the early civil rights days to the present.

Now, for those of you who didn't know (and in the same spirit of the famous "Who shot J.R.?" question), I will publicly reiterate that it was in fact MON Ms. Smith was referring to in her article.

I have often understood the compelling arguments by those who feel that some journalists, even those at MON, have raced to a position that does not truly reflect their real situations. While I never thought that this would happen to me, especially in my own paper, I now realize the obligation we all have to set the record straight when a confused and slightly warped interpretation would otherwise be the case.

First, perhaps the singular point that I will agree with Ms. Smith on, is her statement that the individual qualifications of the controversial editor were not the central issue of this discussion.

Suffice it to say that the editor was very qualified and the real measure of her work got measured by you, our readers, each month. There are, however, some very central and erroneous perspectives that she shared that I believe are worthy of comment.

First, there is an apparent and very basic misunderstanding about the real service that is made to the community by a paper such as MON. We have, since our first issue, been committed to providing an accurate, timely and relevant interpretation of the events and issues that effect the African American citizen.

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Time to Dance

Election time is drawing near, and with it the issue of social responsibility. Yes, I'm talking about voting. The very heart and soul of a democracy are the individual's right to participate in the choosing of his or her leaders. This ensures a government by the people, for the people, and of the people. Or for at least the majority of the people.

So why is Charlotte Mayes catching so much flak about her performance as city council representative for District 7? She has been accused of being controlled by "white money." "She's the white folks' puppet." "She's never available for her black constituents." Basically, the African-American residents of District 7 feel snubbed and disregarded.

However, let's consider a point or two. Was Ms. Mayes not elected by the

majority - twice? Was she not complying with the wishes of that majority? Indeed, was not she bound by duty, conscious, and promise, to act in the best interest of that majority?

But the majority in her district is African-American, you say! That's true, but it was not the voting majority. And that's the majority that counts. Not the silent majority, the apathetic majority, the sit back and complain but not vote majority.

Now, I'm sure that not only white folks voted for Ms. Mayes, and that's okay. (Just like every other ethnic group, African-Americans don't always agree.) People vote for the candidate that they think will best represent their interest. But if the true majority, the numeric majority, is not getting satisfactory representation, it has the power to vote in a candidate who will.

Thomas Muhammad's public hanging of Charlotte Mayes notwith-

standing (MON, April), the citizens of District 7 must take ultimate responsibility for the election of Ms. Mayes - if not for the first term, then most certainly for the second.

There appears to be a qualified, acceptable alternative to Ms. Mayes this election. Ken Green is challenging her for her seat in city council. Mr. Green touts himself as "the candidate for change and progress." He has a history of community involvement and has demonstrated an attitude of service that seems sorely needed. His support comes from those who appear to have no agenda other than improving the quality of life within the district.

Residents of District 7 have the opportunity to change their representation in city council. Charlotte Mayes seems to be guilty of only one thing - she danced with the ones that "brung" her. Voters of District 7, choose your date. -[MON]-

House Bill Prevents "Technology Redlining"

Banks and insurance companies have been accused of redlining, which refers to the practice of neglecting to provide financial services to certain communities.

The April 17, 1995 issue of U.S. News and World Report deals extensively with this issue, demonstrating once again that economic discrimination is still a common fact of life for African-Americans.

Yet an even greater danger in the future will be technology redlining, where certain communities may be denied access to the technology necessary to compete in the twenty-first century's global economy.

The Information Revolution will bring fundamental changes in the way the world operates as sweeping as the changes brought on by the Industrial Revolution of a century ago, but if we are not careful, our community will be left behind.

Affirmative steps must be taken to ensure that everyone, regardless of their income or where they live, have an on-ramp to the Information Superhighway. Good news from Austin: House Bill

2128, which has recently won unanimous approval by the House State Affairs Committee, would directly address this issue by preventing technology redlining. The bill would require the state's two largest telephone companies, Southwestern Bell and GTE, to invest \$1.4 billion, in building high tech fiber optic connections for schools, public hospitals and libraries throughout the State of Texas, including inner-city neighborhoods.

In addition to the access to advanced telecommunications technology, the bill would also spur major economic benefits for the state.

In fact, an economic analysis of the bill predicted it would create up to 70,000 new jobs and spur up to \$4.9 billion in new economic activity. The economic analysis was compiled by University of North Texas economist Bud Weinstein, one of the most widely respected experts.

The bill will soon go before the House of Representatives, where Speaker Pete Lancy has indicated that he expects relatively quick passage. The bill will then go to the Senate, where prospects are not as clear.

The African-American community should throw our support behind this legislation with all we can muster. Not only do we need the technology, we need the jobs and other social benefits that this bill would bring to our state.

Call your State Representatives and Senators and urged them to support House Bill 2128. Our children and grandchildren will thank us for it.

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Dear MON,

On behalf of Texas Commerce Bank, I would like to extend our congratulations to you and all of the Minority Opportunity News staff on the six awards received during the Texas Publisher's Association convention. In particular, your third place award for Newspaper of the Year is to be commended.

Your efforts to inform and serve as a leadership voice for the African-American community have been recognized. Texas Commerce is pleased to be associated with such an award-winning newspaper. Again, congratulations and best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,
Linda Heim

Dear MON,

I would like very much to have a pen pal. I was born on May 3, 1963. I am in prison due to drug-related charges. I am being released in December of this year.

I have been in prison for two years, ten months, and twenty-one days now. I am an African American male about 5 feet 10 inches tall with brown eyes.

I enjoy weight-lifting, swimming, and other fun activities. I would like to write to a female of any age. I appreciate honest women who are sincere and might be ready to settle down and establish a meaningful long-lasting relationship.

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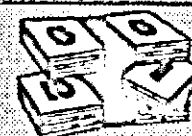
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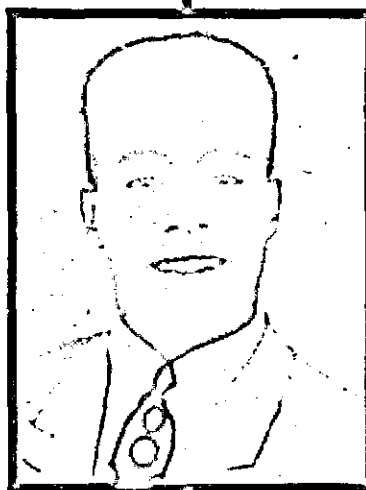
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More questions and answers to come in future issues as this series continues.

"Ron Kirk Didn't Do It!"



Thomas Muhammad

Mayor Steve (Racist) Bartlett is gone. So good damn riddance hit, the road jack and don't cha come back no more! (I still say that Bartlett was politically dead after sticking his nose in Diane Ragsdale's race. It was Bartlett and the racist Dallas Police Association (DPA) who were responsible for putting Charlotte Mayes in office, period. And all of you front Negroes who worked for her can stop lying and playing like you are knowledgeable political consultants, because you were fronts and that's all you ever will be. Take away the White racist Republican voters in district 7 and Mayes would not be in office. Which means that for Mayes and Bartlett, you front Negroes were useless and the consulting fees they paid you went down the drain. Maybe if Ron Kirk would put you on his payroll that would stop your attacks on him. But Ron's a smart brother, so I'm sure that if he is reading this column right now, to that suggestion he would be saying, "NOT!")

Now that I got that off my chest let me return to my topic. To me, the best way to enter into this column right is to use the same introduction for Ron Kirk as former Deputy Mayor Pro-Tem Diane Ragsdale did at the April monthly meeting of the Connectional Alliance. It went this way: Ms. Ragsdale said she first met Ron when he worked as an assistant City Attorney for the City of Dallas. She said that at that time Ron was also the city's lobbyist, meaning that he would work with elected officials in Austin, Texas to get the city council's legislative bills passed.

However, what people didn't know is that unlike white city lobbyist's of the past, Ron would lobby just as hard for bills that she and former Mayor Pro-Tem Al Lipscomb were able to get into the package such as Community Receivership, which is one great answer to deal with absentee slumlords. (That should dispel any myths that Ron will forget that he is an African-American.)

On the liquor question, Ms. Ragsdale said that she had gotten a call from the Dallas Morning News about the story they did on Ron and his client, Red Coleman. However, she said that she was not able to get back with them

so her comments did not make the paper. But she said that she wanted to clear up any misconceptions concerning Ron's role.

Diane said that, for one thing, the firm that Ron worked for had always had Mr. Coleman as a client but after the Merchants Association members filed on Coleman's store in South Dallas, Ron was asked for because he is an African-American.

To keep from making this issue even more confusing let me give you it's history. Everyone knows about the 350 plus liquor related businesses around schools, churches and day care centers in South Dallas/Fair Park that we have been fighting against for many years with Diane's leadership, right? Well, thanks to Ms. Ragsdale, we were able to get the usual \$500 dollar filing fee waived so poor people in the community could fight against the more sleazy liquor related stores in their neighborhoods.

The community filed on about sixty-five of these sleazy stores, most of which were owned by Koreans, Indians, Africans and others. It was Mary Davis and a few African American store owners with Asian money that led the way in filing on all 350 stores, including Mr. Coleman's. The idea was to clog up the system and start a scare throughout the community and it worked.

Although Red Coleman had a good reputation with the neighborhood he had to join the other Merchants because they put him in it. And of course, because of the \$500 dollar filing fee waiver, it didn't cost the Merchants Association a dime to file the cases. When Ron was approached to work on behalf of Red Coleman before taking the case, he first called Diane, who represented the area at the time. Diane told Ron to contact Mrs. Clara Young, who was the President of the Rose Garden Neighborhood Improvement League and was the neighborhood spokesperson near the Coleman store. Mrs. Young met with Ron and told him that the residents liked Colemans and that it was the only store that did not allow loiterers around it. Other stores had people loitering outside where they urinated in front of school children, curse customers and fight day and night like wild animals.

So based upon that response, Ron took Red Coleman's case. He chose not

to represent the sleazy stores in the area. (By the way, the sleazy stores did find an African-American attorney to represent them; that attorney was Eric Moye, who is now a judge, so Ron by far was not alone in representing liquor stores. In fact, as of this writing, the Morning News reported that Domingo Garcia used his influence as Mayor Pro-Tem to stop the closing of a liquor related business that was caught twice selling liquor to minors. The News also reported that candidate Darrell Jordan's law firm represented the Texas Package Store Association, a state wide group of liquor merchants that intervened in the South Dallas' lawsuit filed by the City of Dallas under Ms. Ragsdale's leadership). And oh, by the way, all Connectional Alliance members came away that night supporting Ron Kirk for mayor.

Diane then went into Ron's role as the first President of the South Dallas/Fair Park Trust Fund. She said that under Ron's leadership the money was used for what it was intended to be used for. Only non-profits could get funds under the guidelines. Ms.

Ragsdale named five non-profits who received money. She said that you can go right now and see, as well as put your hand on, what they did with their funds. However, the person who followed Ron as president has hardly nothing to show for his tenure.

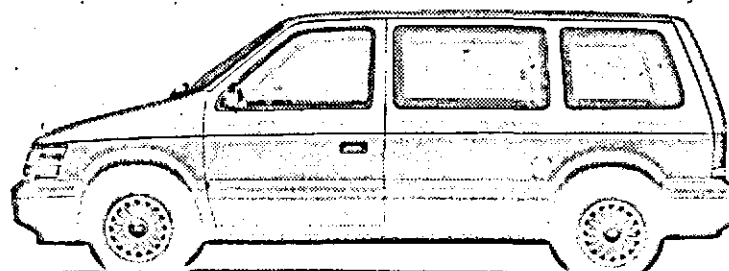
And Ron did not ride around town with Trust Fund applications in his car. Ron did not give \$10,000 each to people who did not have a building, no land, no address, no car, and barely a name. Ron was not the source of an audit while president of the Trust Fund. (The audit was called for by former Councilwoman Lori Palmer; no one has heard about the audit since Mrs. Palmer left the council).

To summarize, Ron Kirk is a strong, decent, married with children, God-fearing pastor and church-loving, won't sell out behind our backs, lover of diversity, knowledge-seeking, person to ride the river with, honest, hard working, won't agree with Thomas Muhammad most of the time, kind individual and human being who happens to be a great attorney. Ron will make us proud!

Until then, the struggle continues...
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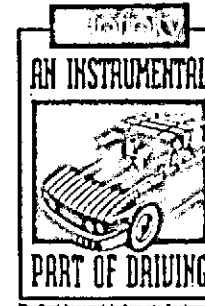


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This is exactly what happened with the hiring of our former Editor, who currently serves as our Arts, Culture, Entertainment Editor. While I was looking for a qualified editor, I likewise was looking for someone who was also willing to invest themselves into a new enterprise and commit the best of their work to help us to grow. In this process we actively and aggressively went to many candidates, including Ms. Smith, to fill this position. (Remember, the position was for Editor, not just a journalist, there is a difference.)

After interviewing a number of candidates I chose the person who best embraced the vision and commitment that would be required. This person was also professionally qualified to put the best quality product out to our readers - all of our readers. We must do so or MON will cease to exist as have a number of comparable enterprises.

The article would also like to leave you with the impression that we either could not find and/or intentionally overlooked Black candidates. Neither of these points could be further from the truth. We had very qualified applicants who either wanted the world or were not willing to commit to the rigors of a fledgling paper.

Again, the issue is not competence or our supposed lack of commitment to having a Black editor, rather the need is for someone both competent and available to us.

The Editor-In-Question did and still does meet both criteria very well.

The need for dramatic phrasing notwithstanding, the article would also suggest that we are having our editor serve to "champion a Black cause". While the words flow well, they have no substance.

No one has asked that she champion anything other than the production and delivery of the best paper MON can possibly be and there are no intentions to do otherwise.

By now, you must agree that MON is obviously dedicated to the free flow of journalistic opinion. Otherwise, you might appropriately believe that the article last month would have ended up on the floor of our layout room.

Ironically, Ms. Smith's commentary

provided the ideal test of our editor's commitment to making MON the best paper in Texas. Or else, she could have quit altogether. The point is that she did not quit and therefore showed that she is committed to sharing all perspectives whether she agrees with them or not. I believe this is what you want as well.

What are your thoughts?
-[MON]-



Flex Your Money Muscle

For a number of years, boycotts have been initiated by African American leaders in order to challenge major corporations to be more accountable to the African American consumer. From the boycotts of the 60s to the covenant agreements negotiated by Jesse Jackson and "Fair Share" initiatives of the NAACP, a common theme has always been to remind corporate America that "it has always been good business to do business with those who do business with you." This premise is neither Black nor White. Rather, it speaks to one of the most fundamental principles of the American free enterprise system and to the very basic issue of self-respect.

As many of you know, the local NAACP has recently initiated a call for an immediate choice of selective buying of the products of the Dr. Pepper Company. This Dallas business icon is being acquired by the British firm Cadbury Schweppes. While the attention of the shareholders and general public is on this transaction, the Southwest Regional offices of the NAACP, under the leadership of Mr. Shannon Reeves, seeks to have Dr. Pepper explain their dismal performance statistics relating to minority procurement, hiring, promotion and board membership. The essential elements of selective buying call attention to the significant percentage of African



Positive Insights

By Tamia HAYES

Editors Note: MON Publisher Thurman Jones recently visited Pearl C. Anderson Middle School Learning Center. During a speech to the eighth grade, Mr. Jones told the students of the importance of writing and challenged each student to write an article about anything of interest to them. The following is an article by one of those eighth-graders who was also presented with \$100 from MON.



Jim Bochum, Sr. V.P. of Minority Opportunity News, presents a check to Tamia Hayes as Mina Dawes, Dean of Instruction looks on.

Lots of people do not recognize the positive things happening in the community. They only seem to notice the negativity around them. So I am here to inform all the people that do not know some of the positive acts taking place in the community.

First of all, there was a nursing home built in place of the old one. It is for the workers and residents. It also spruced up our neighborhood to have a new edifice on the block. I think this was a good gesture because, if those people are not able to live on their own anymore, they deserve a decent and comfortable place to live.

Another thing positive going on in my community is the sense of brotherhood being displayed by our churches. Some of our churches are fighting the battle of hunger by feeding the homeless. I participated in this generous act with my church, St. Luke.

They gave blankets and other necessities to the homeless to help them out as much as they could. I think it was a very nice and interesting experience.

Some of the schools in this area of the community are taking their students out of the country to see what it is like in other places. The students of these schools have traveled to Africa, London, and the Bahamas.

The names of these fantastic schools are Lincoln High and Pearl C. Anderson Middle Learning Center. The students that have journeyed to these places have received a life-long experience they will remember and cherish for the rest of their lives.

As you can see, there are lots of people trying to build up the community instead of letting it fall to pieces. I figure in this lifetime there will always be people who care.

Hopefully, the people that read this will not focus on the negatives of South Dallas but will instead relish the positives.

Tamia Hayes

Eighth Grade
Pearl C. Anderson Middle School
Learning Center

You're still Black, I don't care what you do or where you go!



Cheryl Smith

For six years, the Dallas/Fort Worth Association of Black Communicators has sponsored the Urban Minority High School Journalism Workshop at Lincoln High School. During an eight-week program, area students have an opportunity to work with professionals and learn some of the basics of being a journalist. The Workshop is the brainchild of *Emergence* Magazine editor George Curry. Former Dallas Morning News Assistant Metro Editor Rochelle Riley introduced the program to Dallas. After laying the foundation, Rochelle has since moved on to become Deputy Managing Editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal.

While it is an admirable endeavor that includes journalists of different ethnic backgrounds from around the Metroplex, there is still a concern about the commitment of area African American journalists to the program. In fact, this argument can also be waged against all so-called professionals.

Those of us who have been in the business for a while realize the significance of having mentors and working professionals to help guide you along your career path. We remember the time when there were so few that you hardly ever saw another Black face in a newsroom unless you were at a Black-owned establishment.

So why is it that those of us who "pulled ourselves up from our own bootstraps" work in this industry and display no desire to mingle with other African American journalists, mentor African American students, support community functions, or be a "warrior" in their respective shops?

Why is it that some African American journalists come to town and disassociate themselves from their own?

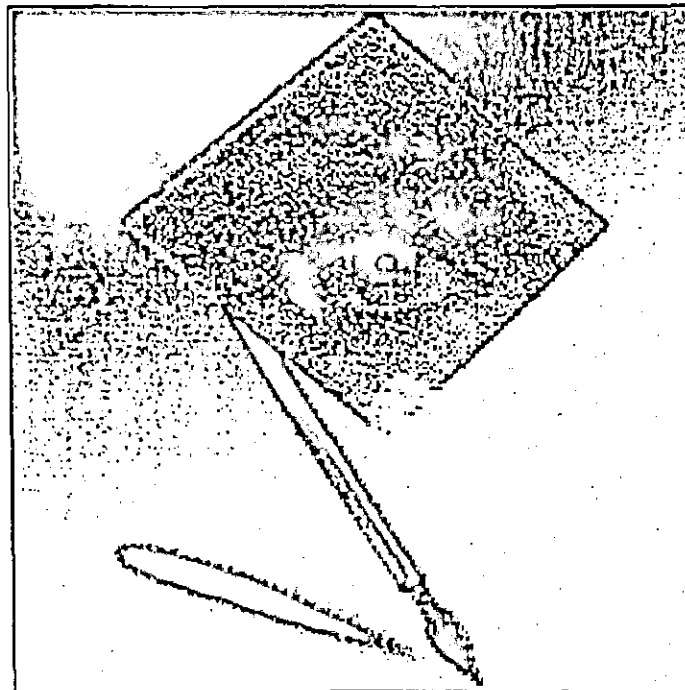
Is it possible that there is a thought, however dumb, that by disassociating one's self, others will also?

Oh sure, you'll come out to those "high-profile" events. You know, the events where the ticket prices are so high that the less fortunate never get to attend, let alone rest their eyes upon your natural flesh. Even DFW/ABC insures that there are tickets available to

share with those who can't afford a \$40 ticket.

But what about those other activities and programs? Where is the commitment?

Why is a higher level of consciousness missing from some of our brothers and sisters? There are some who, when they first get to town, are about the business of [connecting with their own]: finding out where their people are heavily populated (translation - where is the hood?); finding a church; finding a place to get their hair done; locating African American owned businesses; checking out the Black Press (because if the Black Press is doing it's job, you'll find out exactly what's happening in the city and who's making things happen); finding professional or social organizations.



Then there are those journalists who have no desire to seek out the African American community. You would never know they were African American if you didn't see them on the screen, hear their voice on the radio (this can sometimes be deceiving), pick up a clue by the name on their by-line, or someone just plain tells you.

I can't understand, for the life of me, why people from the toughest streets in Newark, Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami, Houston, and Washington, D.C. come to Dallas to live and act like they are afraid of, or better than, the very communities that reflect

the type of environment where they spent their formative years.

The ones without a level of consciousness are the ones that make it especially tough living in America. Surely everyone must realize that the job becomes easier if more are working to uplift the masses. Surely everyone realizes that no matter how high you climb, you're still low if you can't reach back to pull someone up with you. Surely everyone realizes that there's nothing glamorous or noteworthy about being the "only one" in 1995. And surely everyone realizes that the only way you can hold someone down, is to be down there with that person!

Young brothers and sisters are looking for someone to provide them with different perspectives. Possibly, many of the problems they are facing

today would become obsolete if more so-called professionals would get up off their behinds and stop giving lame excuses for their noninvolvement.

The excuses are over-abundant. These same journalists have to go out and cover stories or report on youth in trouble who could possibly have led an entirely different lifestyle if someone had shown an interest.

This is not to say that journalists are responsible for

the problems of today's society; however, every man and woman must stand in the mirror and ask themselves, "with all that I am, or have achieved, what am I doing for those other than myself?"

If you are content with your contributions, then more power to you, keep on with your agenda. Just remember the immortal words of Lou Rawls: "Your good thing is about to come to an end."

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Cheryl Smith is the host of *Reporters Roundtable on Superstation Soul 73 KKDA*. Her show airs on Sunday mornings at 8:00, immediately following Minister Louis Farrakhan's address.

Pen Notes:

National Association of Black Journalists President Dorothy Gilliam was in town recently attending the American Society of Newspaper Editors meeting. Diversity and Affirmative Action were of major concern to NABJ and other groups... Don Williamson, editor of the NABJ Journal joined Ms. Gilliam, who is a columnist with the Washington Post, for the April Dallas/Fort Worth Association of Black Communicators Meeting... Sportswriter Will Wright has been fired from the Fort Worth Star Telegram... What's happening over there in Fort Worth??? It's time to enter your works for the 1995 Grial Awards Program. Call Robin Fisher at the Dallas Morning News for an entry form... David Rice, the son of Dr. Brenda Wall has just been accepted into the graduate program at Columbia University School of Journalism... Speaking of Dr. Wall, possibly you've heard the promos on KKDA. Yes, it's true, Dr. Brenda Wall will be returning to the airwaves with her show, "Call Dr. Wall"... In June, Lawrence Young, of the Dallas Morning News, will be traveling to the beautiful campus of Florida A&M University to work with journalism students... Janet Johnson of WFAA made her annual visit earlier this year... Seems like a crew from KKDA-K104 has found another eating place worthy of note: Mom's Kountry Kitchen is in Irving at the corner of Northgate and Cheyenne. Take my word, the food is good. Call 252-1550 because they do deliver... It seems like wedding bells will be ringing at the Dallas Morning News soon. Stay tuned!!! Scott West has moved from KVIL and is now on the sports desk at KLLF Radio. Have you noticed lately that Shelly Lockhart has been sharing anchoring duties at KXAS-TV... Calvin V. Carter has been promoted to Senior Associate Editor of the Dallas Weekly... It's time for some contract negotiations and Curt Monfela of KTVT has not received his just due. KTVT has also hired another African American in sports. Geraud Moncure will debut in July... General Barry, publisher of *Our Texas Magazine*, was honored as the journalist of the year by the University of North Texas Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists... KXAS-TV's Cliff Caldwell, Ron Kirk, Dick Gregory, Dr. Brenda Wall, Tonya English, Judge Maryellen Hicks, Rev. Frederick D. Haynes III, and Joyce Ann Brown have all joined the growing list of Celebrities lending their support to the "DON'T BELIEVE THE HYPE" Celebrity Bowl-a-thon & Auction. This KKDA-K104/Patrick Media Group sponsored event will be held on June 24, 1995 at Don Carter's West, 10920 Composita Drive, Dallas. Call 263-9911 or 378-9525 for more information... Janet Johnson is moving to Seattle to become executive producer at KIRO-TV... People have been asking me if Willis Johnson is leaving KKDA.

Stay tuned. CLS

8 (a) Program under fire

Congress takes a closer look at eliminating programs designed to help small minority-owned businesses

BY VERONICA W. MORGAN

In 1987 U.S. Robotech, Inc., a full-service minority-owned computer firm based in Hurst, was struggling to make it.

With three employees and thousands of contracting opportunities falling into the hands of larger competitors, Roy Thompson, president of the company, held very little hope of getting his share of the pie.

But he didn't give up.

Thompson continued slicing away at the small contracts he received, doing his best to establish a reputable name for his company while drawing on past work experiences that increased his understanding of government contracting and how it worked.

His big break came in 1990, shortly after his firm's certification with the Section 8 (a) Program—a three-phase program designed to assist small "socially and economically disadvantaged" companies in existence for at least two years.

Shortly after certification, Thompson's computer firm competed for and won its first government contract—to provide services for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). The company did such exceptional work that the NRC offered several option renewals over the years.

Said Thompson: "The program opened the door for us to have access to such contracts and that in itself is a breakthrough for small socially and economically disadvantaged businesses."

His latest contract is with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Though he's not saying how much it amounted to, it is undoubtedly a whopper.

Such contracting opportunities for small companies has helped to boost business and provide job opportunities for a number of unemployed individuals, mostly minority.

For Thompson, the contracts have provided a springboard for helping him

build a stronger, self-sustaining base for his computer firm.

The automated data processing (ADP) firm specializes in computer programming, systems integration, custom computing, and the maintenance and installation of software, to name a few of its services. Today the company employs 30 people, a result the owner attributes to his being certified.

Thompson asserts, however, that the 8 (a) program is not a "hand out," as some would speculate. "You have to make the program work for you."

"The government is not just going to give you a contract, you have to compete for it. You have to negotiate and be able to spell out the information to them."

Thompson says the bottom line is that a company must show that they are qualified.

"It's not like welfare or affirmative action," he said.

Unfortunately, Congress views the 8 (a) program as such. And along with welfare and affirmative action, or any other program that smacks of being a hand out, Congress is wanting to get rid of them.

Only a few individuals are said to benefit under such programs and this was not the original intent.

The 8 (a) program was initiated to foster business ownership and the competitive viability of firms owned by individuals who are socially and economically disadvantaged. It was to expand their participation in federal procurement of equipment, products and services.

It was designed to get a business through the Start-Up Phase of learning and experience, on into the Developmental Phase and ultimately helping it through the graduating phase, whereby it could sustain itself and compete against larger competitors.

Ideally, by the time a company completes the nine-year program, their dependency on 8 (a) kinds of business

should be under 25 percent. "This is proof that a business can stand on its own," said James Breedlove, regional administrator of the Small Business Administration.

One of the problems, however, is that many firms became dependent on contracts obtained through the program and put little effort toward marketing their goods or services to the private sector. Breedlove says this was not the plan for 8 (a).

"The objective of the program was not to get the company into the program and their life or death was dependent upon it," he said.

If upon entering the graduation phase, 95 percent of a person's business is coming from 8 (a) contracts and the other 5 percent from the private sector, then the objectives of the program is not being met. Such has been the case and many businesses are failing within two years after exiting the program.

Congress has decided to step back and assess the program to determine if it is appropriate for the current environment and if it is meeting the challenge and carrying out its original intent.

They want to determine if the parameters for the 8 (a) program are in need of opening up or revision in order to meet the needs of minority-owned companies. If not,

then like all other programs that have helped minorities down through the years, this one could be hearing its own death knell.

Last year \$4 billion was put into contracting 8 (a) programs. Of all the companies eligible, only half received contracts.

Breedlove contributes a number of reasons for the short fall. Mostly, he said, it's due to the nature of the work. "There are regions where where the work occurs and the agency is not in a position to ordain what types of requests for work are going to come up."

When the work does become available, Breedlove says their job is to try to match up eligible companies.

Currently, there are 5,000 8 (a) certified companies throughout the country. Out of that number, 105 of those companies are located in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex.

The employment base between the certified companies in the metroplex is right at 2,000 workers. Business owners

believe Congress' decision will definitely impact the job security of a number of these individuals.

Members of the Unified Minority Businesses of Texas (UMBT) have met regularly since January of this year to form a political force that will encourage Congress to save the 8 (a) program.

Marta Gomez Frey, director of Administration with Hector Gomez Engineering, said the group members aim is to make certain that small business owners meld together and be outspoken concerning the issues that effects small businesses.

"A lot of doors have been open because of the program," says Frey, "and we want to keep those doors open."

The SBA has had several proposals for saving the program before Congress since last year. However, Congress went into recess before they had an opportunity to take the issue up.

Breedlove says the SBA's future plans are to focus on training, counseling, and making sure that 8(a) companies are well-grounded, possessing all the aspects of good business practices.

"We want to eliminate some of the difficulties and address the concerns of agencies whose perception of 8 (a) companies is that they are too small to handle large contracts," Breedlove adds.

He also said the SBA, through their Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Program, will support President Clinton's commitment to minority business and revitalizing the community.

"We want to provide managerial and technical assistance to get businesses prepared to know the technical aspects of managing the program, instead of just throwing them into the water and saying sink or swim," said Breedlove.

The 8(a) Program functions primarily under the SBA, which acts as a prime contractor and enters into contracts with other federal departments and agencies negotiating subcontracts with small companies in the 8 (a) Program.

LaVan Alexander, SBA's assistant district director, calls the entire certification process, which takes 90 days, "frustrating" but says it is worth a person's time.

To be eligible for the program, the person has to be a U.S. citizen and own 51 percent of the business. Also, the person must have been in business for two years.

Participants are certified for nine years. The first four years are considered the developmental stage and the remaining years are the transitional stage.

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Roy Thompson is president of U.S. Robotech Inc., an ADP Management Information computer firm located in Hurst.

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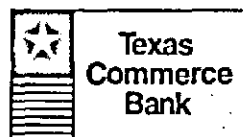
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The Gospel According to Flake

Congressman preaches, demonstrates economic empowerment

BY DOROTHY GENTRY

Church leaders in Dallas need to better understand their congregations and what those congregations can contribute in the way of economic development, a noted congressman and pastor said during a visit to Dallas last month.

"I am telling them to understand the potential in their pews and then understand that that potential represents a strong economic base," says Rev. Congressman Floyd Flake, D-New York.

"They have to understand that at their disposal are individuals who have been able to go to great colleges and have great jobs," Rep. Flake said. "Those people can make a contribution to rebuilding the community whether they live in it or not."

Rep. Flake was in Dallas speaking to a group of mostly African American church leaders, community leaders and banking officials at a seminar presented by Bank One Texas - Dallas.

The seminar, "A Briefing on the Church and Economic Development," was held Tuesday, April 19, at the African American Museum of Life and Culture at the Fair Park. Rep. Flake spent the day discussing economic development initiatives and how African American churches in Dallas and Fort Worth can lead the way in the rebuilding of their communities.

The African American community in general has to better understand economics, "which we have ignored," Rep. Flake said. "We have to understand what it means to invest - not in depreciating assets but appreciating assets - and we have to learn how to build opportunities so people can make those investments in appreciating assets in our communities."

Sneakers, cars and clothes are all depreciating assets that have no long-term value, Rep. Flake said. "But if we can rebuild stores and build homes, we are investing then in what has long-

term opportunities to give us great dividends.

"If we do that, we can build the life of our people, not send so many of our kids to jail, create job opportunities, teach work ethic and discipline at the very early stages of their life, and help our kids to grow up believing that they too can own a business and do better than generations before them."

Fighting for economic justice

Rep. Flake was elected, on his first run for public office, to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1986, representing New York's 6th Congressional District (Queens).

He holds a reputation nationwide as an expert on economic opportunity and civil and human rights. He has

mittee's attention to creating economic opportunities for residents of low-to-moderate income communities.

As pastor of Allen A.M.E. Church since 1976, Rep. Flake has seen it grow from a congregation of 1,400 with an annual budget of \$250,000 to a congregation of 6,600 and an annual budget of \$3.6 million.

Allen A.M.E. has completed a number of successful community development projects, including a 300-unit senior citizen complex, a Christian school and multi-purpose center serving over 400 students, and a multi-service center providing health care, Head Start education, psychiatric services, and numerous other projects that serve the community.

Rep. Flake also has built 61 affordable homes for local residents and established a home-care agency to assist elderly individuals.



made affordable housing and quality education priorities in his service in the House and in his pastorate of the Allen African Methodist Episcopal Church in Jamaica, N.Y.

Rep. Flake serves on the House Committee on Banking Finance and Urban Affairs, the Committee on Small Business, and the Committee on Government Operations. He is also the chairman of the Banking Committee's Subcommittee on General Oversight. He has dedicated much of his subcom-

mittee's attention to creating economic opportunities for residents of low-to-moderate income communities.

These numbers reflect Rep. Flake's ever-present philosophy: "The church must do it (rebuild the African American community) because there is nobody else who can."

The Rev. Donald Parrish, pastor of True Lee Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas, describes Rep. Flake as "very inspiring."

"He made one want to get out and do something. I believe if they can do it in New York, we can do it here in Dallas," Rev. Parrish said. "I feel we will be able to borrow from his experience."

The Rev. Zan Holmes, pastor of St. Luke "Community" United Methodist Church, said Rep. Flake's model of economic development "is certainly authentic. It is a good one for Dallas and the whole country."

The African American churches of Dallas "need a believable model and certainly he has helped us to see that we can do this," Rev. Holmes said. "We have the same resources as they so there is no reason we can't do it."

What is needed is commitment, Rev. Holmes said. "If we are going to save our cities, we have to get that commitment. That is what it is all about, saving our cities."

The historical relationship between the black church and its community

Churches in African American communities around the nation have yet to take on the responsibility of rebuilding their communities because of a mix of the old and the new.

"Most of the church leadership, prior to the last 20 years, came into those communities at a time when those communities were thriving," Rep. Flake said. "So as the older ministers moved off of the scene, in many instances, they moved off the scene at about the same time that the civil rights movement came."

It was at this point that the role of the church in the community was redefined within the concept of, "government will take care of it," Rep. Flake said.

"For 30 years, churches thought like everybody else; that it was the government's responsibility. Now we come back full circle, the older ministers that sustained those communities for the most part are gone."

"Now we have a younger group of ministers who are saying, for our age, we must do something to rebuild the communities that those guys built years ago," Rep. Flake said. "There has been kind of a lull because we thought that integration would solve some of the problems - and it did not - now the church has to do it."

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The relationship between the church and economic development

In inner city and rural communities where there is an absence of business development, the only institution left is the church, Rep. Flake said.

"Given that it has within it a human potential base that represents a viable economic potential, it is the only avenue that is left for rebuilding those communities.

"If you build a church within a community and that community does not offer an opportunity for jobs and does not offer opportunities for restructuring of its commercial businesses, then I think that the church has to take on that role," he said.

"A church cannot afford to get caught up in arguments about church and state. That is OK where everything is already in heavenly form," he said. "But we are so far from that. We have to start with what we have and what we have are fertile fields of opportunity that our communities represent."

Fields that could be developed if

the church would take the leadership in getting it done, he said.

African Americans and economic development

It is alright for African American people to talk about economics, Rep. Flake said.

"We have not talked about it; we have acted as if economics belong to other people. I challenge you to understand that until we become a part of that discussion and that reality, we will always find ourselves with hands out, waiting for somebody to do something for us," he said.

Rebuilding African American communities and gaining economic opportunities also, "is one of the most important things because we have too long been ignored and overlooked," Rep. Flake said.

"It is time for us to begin that process of some internal building of our communities. I love preaching the gospel of economic empowerment because it is the only way to go and the only way that we will be able to bring about change."

Before integration African

"But we got away from that over the last forty years and it is imperative for us to come back and take the best of what was a part of our segregated experiences and integrate that into where we are so that we can build a strong community."

However, this cannot be done without the infusion of capital - that is why banks are important - and without the participation of the corporate sector, Rep. Flake said.

It also must begin with us.

"Nobody will lead us to the promised land, we have to make that decision ourselves, that we want to get there.

"We can only do it when we have enough belief in ourselves, and enough trust in ourselves and in one another to participate with each other to

bring about the necessary changes.

"It starts with the church but it is not exclusive to the church," Rep. Flake said. "All of us have a responsibility to bring about that change." -[MON]-



(L - R): Bill Harris, Lee McKinney and New York Congressman Floyd Flake.

Americans built their own communities, their own businesses, their own homes, and their own standard of living, Rep. Flake said.

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A League of Their Own

BY DOROTHY GENTRY

Josh Gibson, Freddie Jackson, Cool Papa Bell, Cousin Linnie Henderson, Rube Foster, Ernie Banks, Hank Aaron... No, these are not the names of singers or famous entertainers...these are the names of former members of the Old Negro Baseball League.

They also represent the names of leagues participating in the DFW Old Negro Baseball League, a local youth league patterned after the original and organized two years ago by several local businesspeople.

The league features children ages 4-18 simultaneously playing baseball and learning about their history.

"We have to care,

if we don't who will?" says Darrick Tucker, president of the DFW League. "We want people to know that this league is alive.

"Children are really counting on us to actually do something and stop talking about it," continues Tucker, who is also president of Nitro Enterprises Commercial Furniture in Dallas.

"If they are not in the streets roaming with gangs, they are winners. The losing team is when we look up and have children with nothing to do, out there on the streets just doing anything," says Tucker. "We are trying to teach children, responsibility, discipline and to have fun."

There are many advantages to the DFW League, says William Thompson, League secretary, a team coach and original founder.

"It gives us a chance to say that we have a history that we can be proud of and it shows that we can build on our past and build a better and brighter future."

Thompson believes people must begin to give something back to the community that they live in. "If you want your community to develop the way it has to or needs to, then you have to put something into that community.

"And it doesn't have to be a lot, it can be time, it can be two dollars, but you have to put something positive

back into the community."

They named each team in each individual league after actual teams that played in the Old Negro Baseball League of the early 1930s and 1940s. Names include the Philadelphia Excelsiors and the Brooklyn Uniques.

Cost to join the league is \$25 per child for ages 4-12 and \$35 per child for ages 13-18. "If you have two children, we knock off \$5 for the next child; three children, we knock off \$10 and on and on," says Tucker. "We are trying to make it as easy on the parents as possible. We don't want anybody to be excluded because of finances."

In addition to learning the game of



baseball and the value of team work, children learn the history of the Old Negro League by talking with coaches. Information on how the League got started, when they played the first official game, and more is available by reading their player's guide, which features information on original and former members of the Old Negro League.

Tucker emphasizes that, despite the name, the DFW League is open to anyone. "We are not discriminating. We are not just all blacks and not just all boys. We want girls this year," Tucker says. "We had whites playing last year, Hispanics...the original Old Negro League was not just for blacks, they also had whites and other teams playing in the leagues," he said.

As an example of its openness, the DFW League has a female commissioner, Sunny Jackson, a former sports writer with the Dallas Weekly and basketball commentator for the Dallas Mavericks.

Jackson, who currently lives in Chicago, continues to support the league and "put in hours and hours of time to make this successful," Tucker says.

League opening day was Saturday, April 29. They play games every Saturday morning at Kiest Park. The league has approximately 28 teams that compete in six age groups: 4-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-15, and 16-18. They hold team

practices at area parks two or three times a week.

Scheduled league events and games this season are the League Banquet, Saturday, July 29, at the Southland Center Hotel, the Post Season "Old Timers" Game, Sunday, July 30, and a trip to the Old Negro Baseball League Museum in Kansas City, Mo., Friday-Sunday, August 4-6.

New this year is a League All-Star Weekend, scheduled for the same weekend as the Hoop-It-Up basketball tournament, held in the West End Marketplace. The League will provide all-star jerseys for all-star players.

The idea for the League, Tuckers says, originated with Willis Johnson of KKDA-AM (730) and Impact. During his morning radio show a couple of years ago, Johnson talked about different youth leagues in cities around the nation formed and patterned after the Old Negro League.

Johnson passed the information on to a few other people, one of them being Cousin Linnie, whose radio show also is heard on KKDA-AM (730) and who is an original Old Negro Baseball League player.

"When Willis said 'hey guys let's get together and form a baseball league,' I said there is no way in the world we can fail," Thompson says. "We had faith in God that it was going to happen. We kept going."

As president, Tucker spends most of his time talking with businesses and cor-

porations about sponsoring teams in the League and offering financial support.

uniforms, operating costs, and to help sponsor teams, Tucker says. "Everyone cannot afford to pay for uniforms for their children, insurance for their children and attending the banquet. And this year we are also taking them to Kansas City.

"We don't want to turn any children away at all. If I am going to be president, we are not turning them away because they cannot afford to participate," Tucker emphasizes, adding that parents should "just bring in what you can and get your children here."

Tucker said the DFW League is also in need of African-American businesses to help out financially and with goods and services.

"I want the kids to see that there are (African-American) businesspeople coming out and supporting them. We need to show our children that we can do more than just play sports," he said of the positive images the business community will portray.

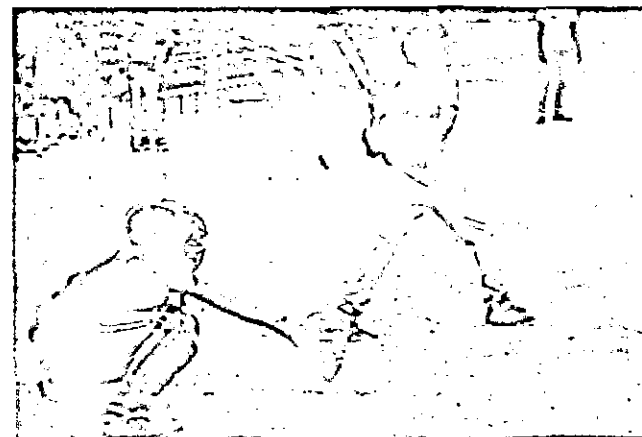
Thompson and Tucker said the league is important because it helps the children develop important qualities and it keeps them out of trouble.

"We have children here that love playing baseball and we also have children that have nothing to do during the summer time," Tucker says. "But we have people out there that have plenty for them to do and we want to make sure that if they are going to be in a gang, we want it on the playing field."

"We want them playing baseball instead of breaking into your house because they have nothing else to do," he says.

Tucker says the African American community can help, "just by coming out, watching the games, and being supportive in the crowd."

Volunteers are also needed to help with league paperwork, score-keeping, and the compiling of



the league's biweekly fliers, which will showcase team rankings, individual statistics, and more.

Other volunteer opportunities include coaches, assistant coaches, and managers. "Male or female, we need people to take a responsible role," Tucker says.

"We need to take responsibility of other people's children like in the old days."

For more information on the DFW League or how to volunteer, call (214) 426-5659. -[MON]-

The Search for Black Education: In the Beginning

Part I

(Editor's Note: The following article marks the debut of a new department in MON dedicated to providing information about African-American history the year around. This department's name, "ETHNIC NOTES," is derived from the name of the organization founded and directed by Russell D. Shockley, B.S. ED. An outgrowth of his Black Information Project, ETHNIC NOTES, according to Mr. Shockley, is "a study designed to reexamine some of the pivotal events that, over time, have helped to create negative stereotypes about [who] we, as minorities, really are." This is the first of a 3-part series showing the evolution of formal Black Education in America.)

The late President Thomas Jefferson, in one of his many references to the mental incapacities of blacks, demonstrated his unbelief in their ability to learn by stating, "In memory they (blacks) are the equals of whites, but in reason, much inferior. In imagination, they are dull, tasteless and anomalous."

Opposition to the education of blacks had been a vital issue from the very beginning of the American institution called slavery. Upon it rested much of the justification for the enforced labor. The conscience of the nation would not comfortably, and with consistency, condone the denial of "mental improvement" to persons like themselves. Thus, with this understanding, the system easily developed and then promoted rationalizations of "unlikeness."

It was believed excellent politics and good economics to control the interests and desires of those needed for that specific station which blacks had been designated to occupy.

Education tended to make blacks less useful as workers, and it aided in the promotion of so-called "dangerous disturbances" within the social order, which was already being menaced by moral laws and humanitarian sentiment. Education for blacks fostered dissent and promoted threats of insurrection, all considered attempts at reversing the currently standing social doctrines.

The American slave-holders asserted their belief in the mental incapacity of blacks and promptly began making laws to prevent blacks from acquiring

knowledge. South Carolina, while still a British Province, led in legislating against the instruction of blacks. In 1740, its legislature made it an offense, punishable by a fine of 100 pounds sterling, to teach (or assist in teaching), any slave, or to employ one as a scribe, in any manner of writing whatsoever. Georgia followed in 1770 with a law modeled after South Carolina's, adding a fine of \$500, imprisonment, and a whipping of the free person or the slave instructed. Mississippi enacted similar laws in 1823, Alabama and Virginia in 1832, and Missouri in 1847.

In 1835, North Carolina totally abolished its existing separate schools for free persons and decreed that the descendants of blacks, to the fourth (4th) generation, should not share in the public's school system.

The border states of Kentucky, Delaware, and Maryland did not specifically oppose black education, but restricted their facilities to "white children only." The school laws of Illinois and Ohio, (northern states) specified "for white children only" throughout and did not mention "persons of color."

In Canterbury, Connecticut, a school for blacks, established by Miss Prudence Crandall, a Quaker, was first protested in town meetings and then mobbed by intolerant neighbors. Miss Crandall was eventually arrested and placed in confinement, while Connecticut's State government enacted legislation to defeat her endeavors.

A school for slaves was opened in New York in 1704 by the Frenchman Elias Neau, a member of the Society for the Promotion of the Gospel of Foreign Parts. However, the insurrection plot of 1712 created hostilities toward him and his school, though absolutely none of his students were ever involved in the plot.

Three uneducated blacks who had been slaves in Virginia established the first black school in Washington, D.C. in 1807 and secured a white teacher for instruction.

Anthony Benezet founded the first free school for blacks in Pennsylvania in 1750, and taught without charge. His unselfishness sparked the interest of the Society of Friends (Quakers) in black education, and in 1770 (year of the Boston Massacre and the killing of Crispus Attucks) a special committee approved the employment of a permanent instructor.

At the end of the American Civil War (1865), the more conscious elements of the southern citizenry realized

that giving freedom to some 4.5 million black citizens demanded some sort of education, though they (the southern element) might doubt the ability of these blacks to get an education, or to actually profit by it.

Poorer whites, released for the first time from the economic pressures of slavery, viewed this matter quite differently. Although temporarily awed by the display of military might (after the Civil War), they eventually began to look with suspicion and jealousy upon any assistance, economic or cultural, that blacks might be given because of their new status.

The interest in education demonstrated by these new citizens, in the minds of many, became the terrible threat to not only social inequality, but also to the dreaded idea of "racial intermingling." However, opposition was based upon a contrived, bitter objection to Northern teachers, described as "radical emissaries in disguise" with perceived different social doctrines. Opposition to the idea of education for blacks continued to be a hotly contested issue.

With the reestablishment of "Home Rule," along with the removal of the Reconstruction Governments, they reflected reactions to the past policies on education for all in the passage of radically new legislation. The public school systems implemented during the post-Civil War period were almost totally sacrificed (rejecting all that the Reconstruction Governments had suggested), and the notion of black education was mostly abandoned.

Russell D. Shockley is a native of Norristown, Pennsylvania and now resides in Dallas. He studied in the Black History Program at Virginia State University and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Cheyney University in Pennsylvania, one of the oldest African-American colleges in America (founded in 1837). Mr. Shockley's work has been previously published in MON and the Dallas Weekly, and he continues to work on the Black Information Project, the origin of ETHNIC NOTES. For more information, please write to: ETHNIC NOTES, Profiles in African-American History, 2838 Royal Lane, Suite 1020, Dallas, TX 75229.

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Voting Information

BY VERONICA W. MORGAN

Needing a ride to the polls?

Transportation is available.

Dallas' NAACP President Lee Alcorn said they will have at least two vans fine-tuned and running to transport senior citizens or anyone needing a ride to the polls for the May 6 elections.

All one needs, is to call the NAACP's office at (214) 337-3701.

A large voter turn out is expected. Over 3,000 new voters were registered in the predominately minority districts, due to efforts made by Mr. Alcorn and members of the Dallas branch of the NAACP.

MON urges the community to make its voice heard throughout the city. Do your part in bringing about change. Vote.

For information regarding polling places in your area, call 653-7192.

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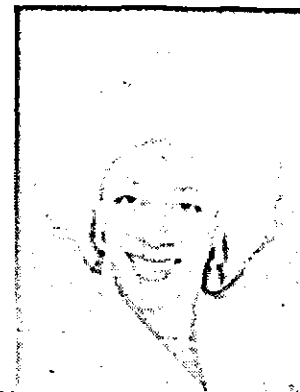
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Repeating The Cycle

Single-mother celebrates Mother's Day by giving to her children what her parents gave to her

BY VERONICA W. MORGAN

Americans love ice cream, apple pie and hearing a good success story. Twenty-five-year-old Tavius Jones loves hearing one too.

For years, the single mother of three watched as her parents worked together in their real estate and appraisal firm. She said that James Jones, her father, is the person who sued for the Equal Housing Act back in 1968. He is also the person responsible for training many African-American appraisers in Dallas.

But despite the pride she expressed when talking about her parents' achievements, Tavius held very little esteem for her own accomplishments. She wondered how she could ever support a family of her own with the meager income she received working as a receptionist for a brokerage firm.

"I couldn't afford to do anything special for my children," she said. "And I was always researching ways to support them."

With no outside encouragement, Tavius decided to quit her job and attend North Lake and Brookhaven Community College. While in school, she depended on Welfare checks to get her through the two and one-half years. Quite often, she had to take her infant daughter to class with her because she couldn't get a baby-sitter, and the child had to be breast-fed because she couldn't drink formula.

A glimmer of hope began to shine for Tavius upon completion of her course studies. With a real estate license and an insatiable yearning to provide for her children, the young mother set out to find an avenue where she could

best use her talents.

One day, as she browsed through the Wall Street Journal looking for bids, she noticed that the Resolution Trust Company (RTC) was looking for a contractor to work on a particular project.

She submitted a bid and won. The money she received from the project helped her to start her own mortgage brokerage firm in March of '94.

Today the company, known as MTC (Meeting the Challenge) Mortgage Brokerage Firm, has grown from its humble beginnings at the kitchen table to a full-fledged office at 210 C South Cedar Ridge, Suite 201, in Duncanville.

MTC boasts of having provided training and employment opportunities for minorities who would probably never get the chance to get into the business.



Tavius Jones' children.

In a year's time, the small company has placed more than 500 families into homes. And it was the first firm to become a test case for the Fannie Mae Mentorship Program.

Under the program, a firm receives special training on becoming a lender, selling mortgages, securing financing, servicing loans, and other facets of the mortgage business. The goal of the program is to teach a

firm how to become a lender so it will not have to sell the loans to another company.

It is a dream come true for Tavius and one that she would like to come true for many others. "There are so few minorities in this business and there are no Hispanic mortgage brokers," she said. "However, there is money to be made."

Tavius said the process was slow at first. The confidence level was there but she often found herself faking it when things weren't happening. "I didn't see the progress. I couldn't measure it. It is like losing weight; you lose a pound but you still cannot fit into the dress." Tavius believes in time that if you keep working to lose the weight, or to achieve a goal, it will happen.

The young entrepreneur is living out her dream today. She and her children moved into their own three-story home. She later purchased her dream car, which was a blessing considering

The African-American Mother

By Dr. Jennifer Giddings Brooks

The African-American mother is a woman of strength...

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She makes you put lotion on your hands and legs to cover the ash...

She uses your first and middle names when she really wants you to go to bed...

She kisses you each night...

She makes sure the covers keep you warm...

The African-American mother is a woman of courage...

She cares about you...

She is always there...

the years she drove a 1987 Isuzu Impulse with no air conditioning and windows that could go down only if you take the doors off the car. "Imagine that during the summer."

But she said the best feeling of all came recently when she was able to lend her dad some money. "He needed it and I was able to help him," she said.

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Update:**Search For Grace**

Local family remains optimistic that they'll find a bone marrow match for their daughter

BY VERONICA W. MORGAN

If you recognize the picture of this bubbly five-year-old named Grace, then you probably know her story by now.

She joins six other children in the metroplex who are awaiting bone marrow from a potential registered donor. Last month, one-year-old Jacob, a Hispanic child suffering from Leukemia, got lucky. A match was found and preparations for his transplant were scheduled to take place immediately at a Fort Worth hospital.

Grace's family and friends remain hopeful that they too will soon receive the good news that a match has been found for her. In the meantime, they continue to wait and hope.

The young child suffers from aplastic anemia, a serious blood disorder that's characterized by excessive bruising, high temperatures, infections, and tiny red spots on the skin. The disease is idiopathic in origin (it arises spontaneously), but studies show that it is caused by toxic agents.

Aside from a few small problems, Grace's condition appears to be stabilized for now. How long the disease will remain in remission is not known.

The National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) in conjunction with BloodCare have hosted a number of drives geared toward recruiting African-American who are willing to donate bone marrow to help save the young girl's life, and the lives of many more like her.

A recent bone marrow drive held at the West End Marketplace yielded 230 newly registered donors. Twenty-five were African-Americans and forty were Hispanics.

Shannon Murray, a representative with BloodCare in Dallas, says they had hoped to recruit 500 new donors but fell short. "We had plenty of good enter-

tainment and lots of people who stayed and watched but the numbers weren't what we expected.

"I don't know what it will take to increase minority participation," says Murray, who remains optimistic that a match for Grace and the other children awaiting transplants, will be found.

What Murray and the other recruiters discovered, however, is that the people willingly registered with BloodCare after taking just a few minutes to learn more about the procedure.

Future efforts by NMDP and BloodCare representatives will continually focus on recruiting more minorities to

become potential donors.

Thousands of African Americans and other minority transplant recipients got a second chance at life last year because of recruiting efforts launched by the organizations. However, those numbers still lag far behind Anglo donors.

The chances for many African-American patients awaiting transplants are expected to decrease as many more potential donors register at recruitment drives throughout the country.

Persons who are interested in learning more about the procedure for being a bone marrow donor may contact NMDP/BloodCare at (214) 351-8644.

Registration is simple and painless, all it takes is a willingness to donate a small sample of blood for testing. Your name will be entered in the registry and should a match be found, you will be contacted. If no match is ever found, your name will simply remain on the registry until the designated age.

Listen for upcoming blood drives being held in your area, or call BloodCare at (214) 351-8647.

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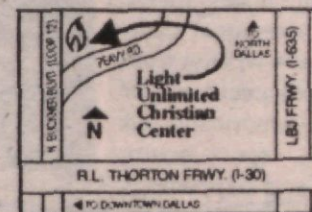
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Minority Opportunity News, KDFW-TV, The SJC Company and Konnections and Bridges will sponsor a seminar for small business owners across North Texas at 10 a.m., Saturday, May 6 at the C.A.W. Clark Community Center, 3126 Hatcher St.

Topics will include new business start-ups, business plan development, market trends, advertising campaigns, publicity strategies and inventory controls.

Marvin Whaley will begin the seminar with a wealth of information on sales and promotional strategies. T.V. Broadcaster Rochelle Brown, Newspaper Publisher Thurman Jones, Business Expert Russell Foster and Broker Jon Portley are also among the scheduled guests for the event.

Businesses can display and sell their products from noon until 5 p.m.

For registration information call (214) 467-7275.

Local journalist honored

General Berry, publisher of Our Texas magazine, was honored as Outstanding Journalist of 1994 by the University of North Texas' Journalism Department, on Saturday, April 8 in the Silver Eagle Suite.

Berry, a former student of the university during the early 70s, says he's honored that UNT's journalism department would consider recognizing him for the work being done at the publication.

Our Texas magazine is a regional quarterly that's written from the perspective of African-Americans. It focuses on issues, events, and happenings that take place throughout the state. The magazine made its debut in '91.

For more information, call (214) 943-7374.

Entrepreneurial workshop

The Fifth Annual Southern Dallas Entrepreneurial Institute (SDEI) is hosting a two-day intensive program with workshops structured to help existing and start-up businesses become successful.

The event takes place on Friday and Saturday, May 19 and 20. The cost for early registration is \$50, due

by May 15. Space is limited.

For detailed information, call 428-7332.

Federal grant will aid homeless veterans

The Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded a grant totaling \$2.987 million to aid homeless veterans in Fort Worth last month.

The housing fund was awarded to Fort Worth's housing Authority and will be distributed at \$600,000 per year for five years. It will be matched by an equivalent amount of in-kind services: medical care, substance abuse treatment, and psychiatric services provided by the Dallas VA hospital.

Applications for the assistance are accepted. For more information, call (214) 372-7000.

Master Gardeners provides training

The Dallas County Master Gardener Association is accepting applications for the Master Gardener Training Program to be held on Mondays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. beginning August 7 through October 30.

The weekly classes will be held in the North Dallas Government Center, Ste. B-101, 10056 Marsh Lane, in Dallas.

The deadline for applications is June 5. The cost is \$150, with \$75 refunded upon completion of the course. The exam consists of 72 hours of volunteer service within a year.

For more information, call 904-3053.



Texas Land Commissioner speaks at luncheon

Gary Mauro, Texas' land commissioner, spoke at the Oak Cliff Lions Club, last month at a luncheon benefiting Texas veterans.

The commissioner urged voters to support passage of a statewide constitutional amendment that authorizes an additional \$500 million in bonding authority for low-interest home loans to Texas veterans.

Mauro, who serves as chairman of the Texas Veterans Land Board said the three low-interest loan programs administered by the board have a significant impact on the Dallas economy.

For more information, call (512) 463-5339.

Class of '70 celebrates reunion

Franklin Delano Roosevelt High School Class of '70 will commemorate their 25 year of graduation at a reunion the weekend of August 4 through 6.

The event will take place at the Clarion Hotel, 1241 W. Mockingbird Lane.

For more information, contact Linda Hickman at 388-4681 or Arthur Derricks at 709-0725.

Black Dance Theatre announces new program

Dallas Black Dance Theatre, in conjunction with Thomas A. Edison Environmental Science Academy and other local schools, will hold the 1995 Summer Dance Enrichment Program from May 30 through June 15, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The program is designed for 9 to 16 year old boys and girls with previous dance experience. Registration is \$50.

For more information, call 871-2387.

Volunteers Sought

Positive Beginnings, a new program coming to Dallas on May 1, is seeking caring volunteers, particularly in the Oak Cliff, South Dallas, and Pleasant Grove areas.

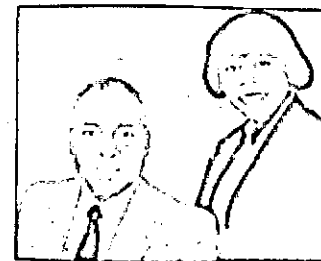
The volunteers will be trained to work with parents and children in teaching them how to use community services. Office volunteers, public relations, public speakers, fund-raisers, phone operators, and volunteers to work on newsletters are needed.

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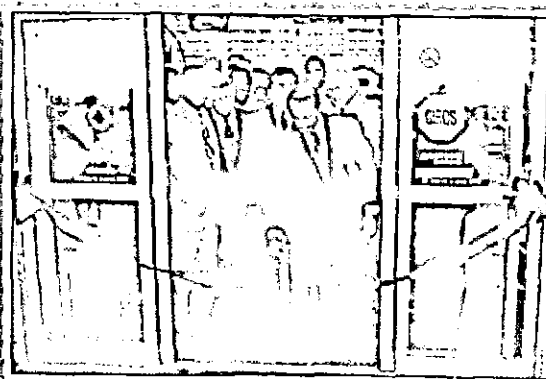


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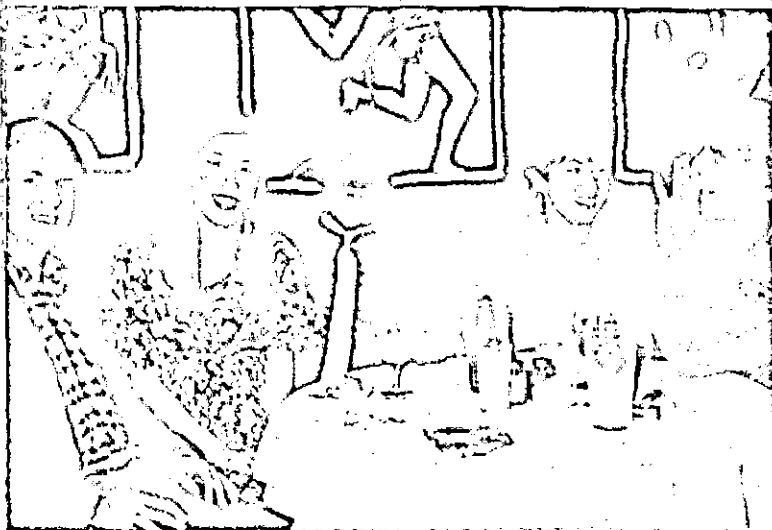
Fiesta celebrates opening in Oak Cliff

Fiesta Mart, Inc., the supermarket chain that caters to multi-cultural tastes, opened its Lancaster-Kiest Store last month, bringing 175 jobs to the Oak Cliff area.

The store is located in the Lancaster-Kiest Shopping Center in South Oak Cliff. It is the first supermarket to build a new store in the neighbor-

hood and it is the largest single new job provider in more than 15 years.

For more information, call Joe Walker at (214) 522-3637.



L-R: David Hunter, Hollywood Reporter; Susan Sponsler, Movie Poster Designer; John Carstarphen, Writer/Director; Rebecca Rice, Producer; L.M. Kil Carson, Screenwriter/USAFF Founding Father. Photo by S.N. Bruce.

World Premiere of "Stealin' Home" at USAFF

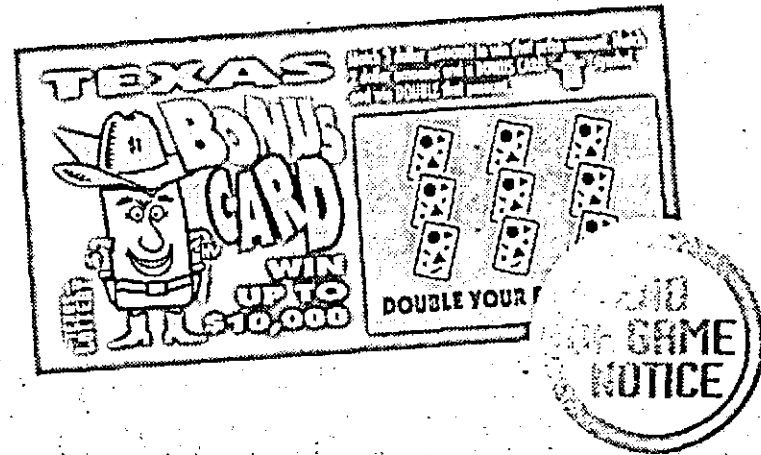
The Board of Directors of the USA Film Festival held a reception at 8.0 Restaurant & Bar in Dallas honoring filmmakers and guests of the 25th Annual USA Film Festival.

Writer/Director John Carstarphen and Producer Rebecca Rice of New Vista One Motion Pictures received rave reviews for their work on the film "Stealin' Home" during the USA Film Festival presentation on Sunday, April 23, at the AMC Glen Lakes Theatres.

The film stars: Phyllis Cicero, Lloyd Barnes, Marc Taylor, Laurel Hoitsma, Sherry Boyd and numerous other talented actors and actresses.

MON featured the motion picture company in the FEBRUARY 1995 Edition.

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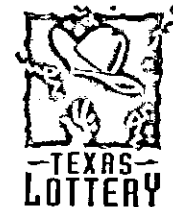


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Ester Davis

Commentary on Charlotte Mayes:

I read with dismay and disappointment your recent article of attack on the Honorable Charlotte Mayes.

Not only was your information inaccurate but totally inappropriate. I fail to realize how any columnist of African American heritage can be so uninformed.

First of all, your message is very clear that Mrs. Mayes is not your candidate of choice. I find your article extremely damaging because you don't even practice responsible journalism.

Your article depicts one neighborhood and your friends. For your information, Mrs. Mayes represents several neighborhoods with tax-paying citizens and I happen to live in one of them.

For a first-term politician, Mrs. Mayes has done a very good job. Our neighborhood finds her very responsive and informed about the issues. Our neighborhood and the others that you failed to acknowledge have a different opinion of this elected official.

Mr. Muhammad, one of the things I fully support Mrs. Mayes on is her position on taking responsibility for our own neighborhoods. So many politicians will lead you to believe that ALL of our issues are going to be solved downtown which is absolutely not true.

Voters in several neighborhoods elected Mrs. Mayes as their representative (our council leader) for District 7. Obviously your candidate lost, so get over it. It is incredible that after two years, you are still harboring "sore loser" symptoms that have defaulted to disrespectfulness.

This brings me to one of my important comments. I do have a serious problem with the way we treat each other. In politics or no politics, sensational journalism or no journalism, we do more damage to each other than any other group of people. Case in point: As profitable as the O.J. trial is for everyone, you have yet to read or hear of a white male journalist or columnist attacking the "Nicole's" of America, dead or alive.

You do understand my point.

Because the odds are always stacked against us, I am of the opinion that any elected official, especially African American and female, is highly intelligent and fully capable for the

task. They not only need our support, they deserve it.

Recently, I served on the Dallas Acts Kind Committee, a task force for race-relations in our city. We also need to consider, a task force for black-on-black professionalism and respect.

Mrs. Mayes is an elected official, doing an excellent job for the people of District 7. (The voters of District 7 will speak again this month).

Mrs. Mayes is an African American female, mother and citizen of Dallas - and above all else demands your respect.

Mrs. Esther Davis
Co-Chair Steering Committee
Dallas Acts Kind

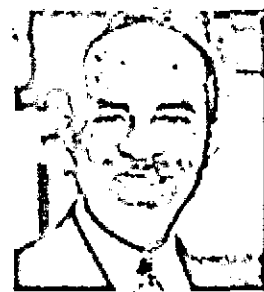
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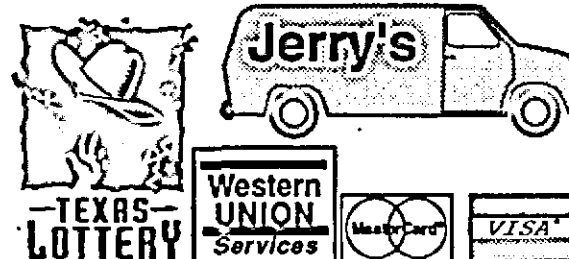


Willis Johnson - KKDA "Impact"

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BY RENEE R. JONES

Bachelors, it's time! As you know we presented 10 of the most eligible bachelorettes in our March issue. Now it is your turn.

In July, Minority Opportunity News (MON) will present our bachelor issue, which will feature the most eligible bachelors in the Metroplex.

Don't be left out.

Do not be concerned if you have "never done anything like this before." It is easy and painless. And you will have the opportunity to meet many new people in the process.

Ronald Cordova says if he had not been a featured bachelor last July, he probably would not be engaged now. He received overwhelming response by letter from many impressive women. His present fiancée also responded.

"Being a MON bachelor has changed my life. Before it was all work, work, work," Cordova said. "This experience helped me to realize there are many special women out there."

"It helped give me some insight into exactly what I was looking for in a woman," said Cordova.

Single males age 21 and up complete the registration form and send it to MON along with a recent photo and a

non-refundable \$5 registration fee. Deadline for registration is June 20.

Twenty bachelors will be selected and featured in the July issue.

In August, MON will sponsor a reception in honor of the bachelors and bachelorettes. The bachelorette coronation originally scheduled to be held in April will now take place in August in the form of a reception/party. Watch for details in upcoming issues of MON. We look forward to seeing you there.

Charlotte Montgomery was a featured bachelorette last year. It was her first time, however, she says she would definitely do it all again. "It was fun, exciting, and at the same time, seemed natural," Montgomery said.

She received numerous responses from interested single males and remains very good friends with one.

So what are you waiting for? Go get that pen. Meeting new people has never been easier. I will also be combining the Metroplex with camera in hand, in search of eligible bachelors. So if you see me, smile and "say cheese."

For more information, please contact Renee R. Jones of VisionQuest Marketing Solutions at (214) 933-4888. -[MON]-

The Wedding Gown Rental Option

by Bill Freda,
Lasting Impressions

When preparing for your perfect wedding, consider the wedding gown rental option. With tough budget constraints, selecting the rental option frees up financial resources that can be used for the caterer, florist and even the honeymoon. The trick is to be seen in a wedding dress that will take your guests'

breath away. It can be done so that no one will ever know it's a rental.

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If a petticoat is required, ask whether it is included in the gown rental price. Most stores charge an extra nominal amount for the petticoat.

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rate fee for cleaning; others include the cleaning fee in the rental price.

Some rental stores provide a package that includes dress rental, petticoat, and a discount on invitations and veil.

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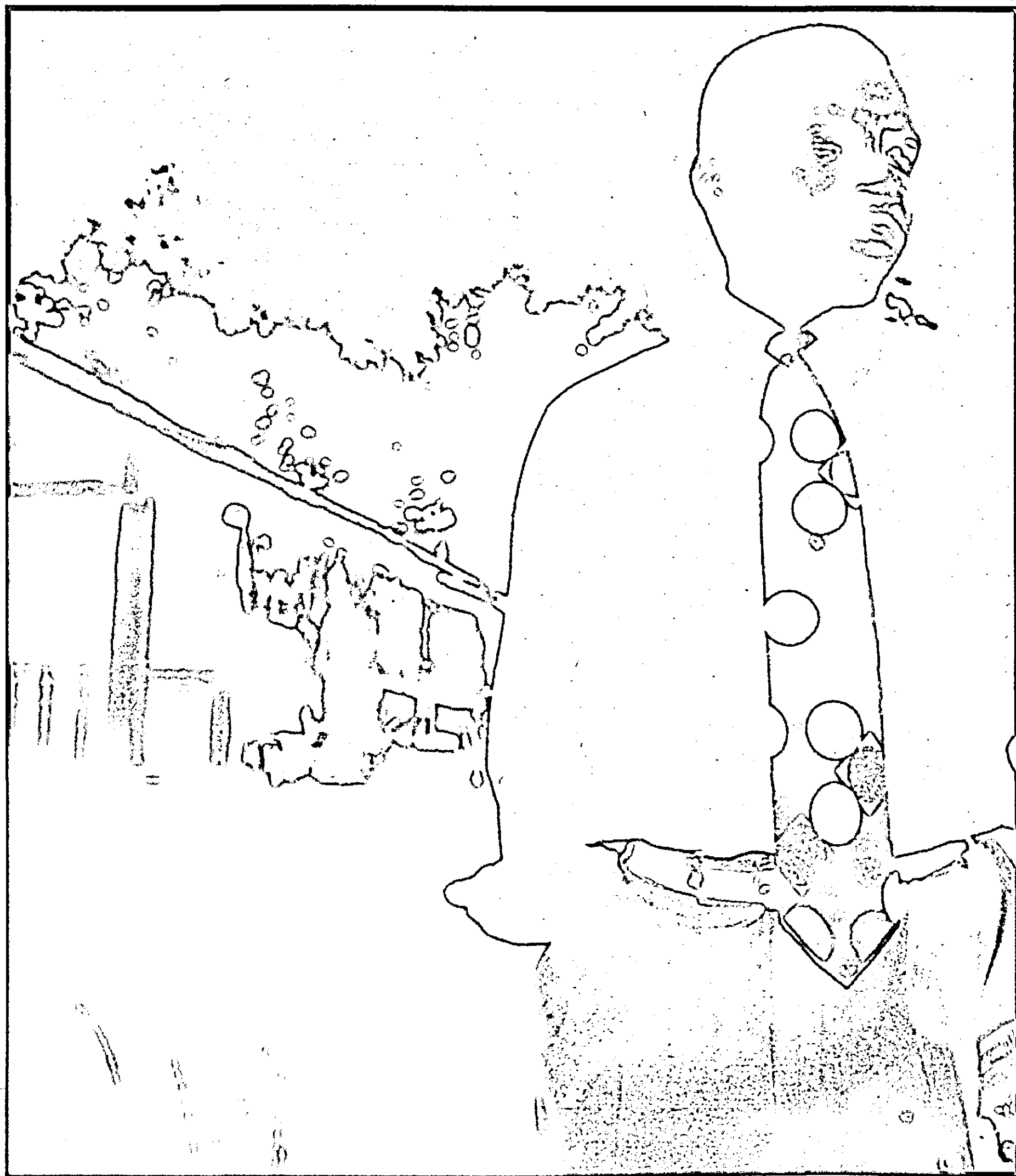


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MOSIER VALLEY

By Valerie Fields

Mosier Valley. The way retired aircraft worker Oran Shelton sees it, his community has been gypped. Just outright gypped.

"I've been here seventy-seven years," said Shelton. "Raised up here. We got all the gypping a community can get," he said.

Shelton's community is Mosier Valley, a quiet, Fort Worth neighborhood that links downtown Fort Worth with D/FW Airport. Founded by former slaves, residents believe Mosier Valley is one of the oldest black communities in Texas. It is comprised largely of African-American retirees and working-class families.

Many who live in Mosier Valley, including Shelton, believe their neighborhood has been sorely neglected: They point to unpaved streets. Homes without city water and sewer service. And illegal dumping throughout the community.

"Look at other communities," said Benny Tucker, a neighborhood resident and president of the Mosier Valley Community Area Council. "What other communities have streets as bad as ours?" he asked. "You can't name one."

Residents are "fed up" with such conditions. "No more" they say. "It's time for us to stop keeping our peace and start complaining about being passed over," said Tucker, who is often considered a spokesman for the 140-year-old community. Mosier Valley residents have begun making noise: They have launched a media campaign to focus attention on neighborhood conditions.

Consider this: A photo of Tucker appeared in a Fort Worth newspaper last fall. In the snapshot, Tucker pointed out illegally-dumped trash alongside Mosier Valley Road, one of the community's main streets.

Last month, Shelton, speaking in a Dallas newspaper article, expressed disappointment in what he alluded to as the city of Fort Worth's unwillingness to keep up Mosier Valley streets and to provide city utilities.

Next month, residents are to appear on a radio talk show that

will be hosted by a popular Tarrant County activist and former judge. Tucker said the media assault on his own city is methodically-planned. "The community is going to become highly-publicized with the issues all over the newspapers and stuff," he said.

Mosier Valley Challenges

It's clear to see why residents are fed up. In fact, instead of speaking with newspaper reporters and photographers over the telephone about the community's woes, Tucker often invites the media to "tour" Mosier Valley.

"Meet me at my office," said Tucker over his mobile phone. "Is the photographer coming?"

At his Euless office, Tucker gives his guests a brief overview of Mosier Valley: Historic community. Mostly retirees. Largely agricultural land passed on through generations of the same families.

Then Tucker hops into a car and heads for his neighborhood. Barely into the community, Tucker begins his tour slowly by passing a number of boarded up houses. "A white guy owns all these houses here," said Tucker, pointing to a string of small, dilapidated, frame homes near the corner of Garret and South Pipeline Road. "He owns about eight houses up through here."

"You want his name?" he offers to a reporter. "C.W. Whitten." He moves on.

The community's biggest problem, Tucker said with a sigh "comes from absent landowners. They have a number of lots in the community that they fail to improve or to do anything about it."

At one teal-blue frame house on South Pipeline Road, Tucker stops the car, exits, and walks toward the house. The house is boarded up. Three-feet tall weeds surround it. A faded yellow flier with the word "Warning" written across the top is plastered to one of the boards.

Residents
of this small suburb say
Fort Worth just isn't doing
the right thing

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Tucker notes the flier. "You know how long it's been there?" he asks as he walks through the thick grass and up the front steps. "Probably two years." He grabs the flier. "I was wrong. You know how long it's been there? Since January of '91."

"After so many days, like 120 days, they're supposed to tear it down and put a lien on the property."

The photographer snaps a few shots of the house. "Don't use all your film on this house," Tucker advised. "There's some more."

Tucker hops back into the car and drives south on Garret. "A residential area surrounded by light industry," he said, glancing over the community and shaking his head. "Almost completely surrounded by it."

Further down Garret, Tucker points out more dilapidated houses, all in varying degrees of collapse. One has broken out windows. All are boarded up.

"That guy owns all these houses," said Tucker. "This one, This one, And this property, too."

As the car passes slowly down the street, a few older women step out onto their porches. Tucker waves at them. "We're just taking a tour of the community with the newspaper," he shouts out to one woman.

A small boy riding a too-big bicy-

cle darts out in front of the car. "Hey Benny!" the child shouts. Tucker smiles.

That's Anthony Murgison," he says of the child.

On street after street, Tucker points out old houses. At the corner of one street, he points out a pile of dirt mixed with wooden building materials.

"This trash has been piling up here for six months or so," said Tucker.

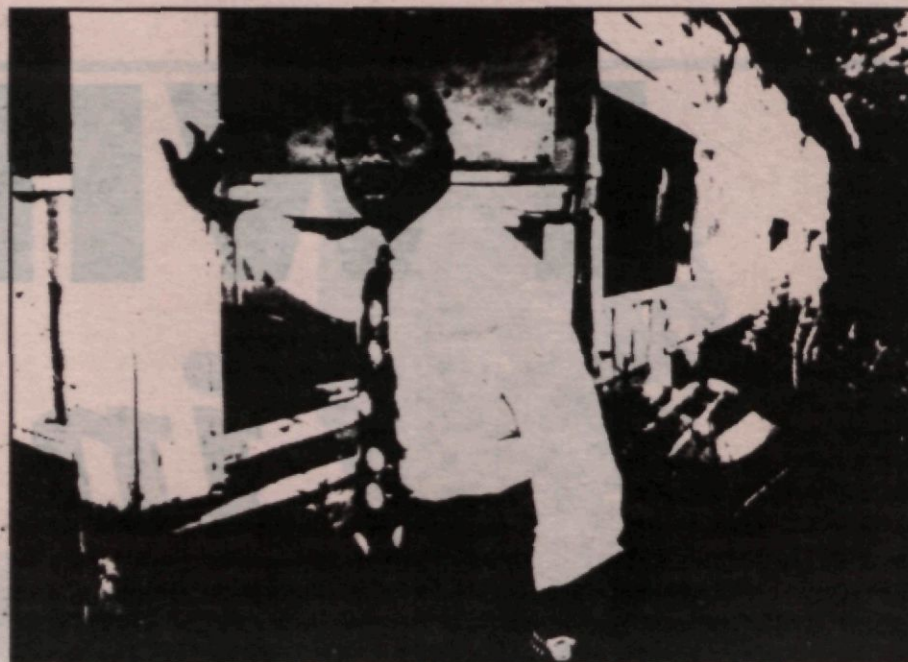
"He rolls on, interspersing his conversation with bits of community history. He waves to the occasional retiree who steps out on his or her porch to see who's riding down their street.

Tucker is among a handful of younger residents that many retirees in Mosier Valley are proud of. He pushed their agenda - and with fervor.

Grand History

Conditions in Mosier Valley haven't always been like this. In fact, according to historical documents at Tarrant County Junior College-Northeast, Mosier Valley was once a bustling community with its own central business district. Now only several square miles in size, Mosier Valley spanned thousands of acres.

The neighborhood was founded around 1865 by slaves who were freed from the nearby Mosier Plantation, which was located near what is now



the Northeast Tarrant County suburb of Hurst.

Vada Johnson, a retired teacher and community historian said her great-grandmother, Dilcy, was among the freed slaves who founded the community.

"My great-grandmother Dilcy lived on the Mosier Plantation," she said. "Lucy Lee, a white lady that my great-grandmother worked for, ... owned a lot of land," said Johnson. "And she gave (Dilcy) ... 80 acres as a

wedding gift.

"That was the beginning of the community," said Johnson. "They (Dilcy and her husband, Robert Johnson) moved down here and, as others got enough money, they came down in the area and bought land."

By 1870, the community had enough residents to form a church, the St. John Baptist Church which still stands and is listed on Texas's historical registry. The church will celebrate its 135th anniversary in coming weeks,

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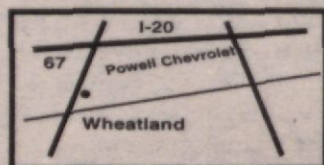
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its pastor, Lloyd Austin, said.

Over the next several decades, Mosier Valley residents established a school and built a thriving agricultural trade with nearby Fort Worth: The community's farmers sold hogs, garden vegetables and other grain crops to grocers in the city, according to the TCJC documents.

By the 1930s and 1940s, Mosier Valley was a huge, economically independent community with a central business district that included a barbecue stand, grocery stores, a filling station and dance halls. Hundreds of people lived in Mosier Valley and the community threw the largest Juneteenth celebration in Texas, attracting people from across North Central Texas, Johnson and other residents said.

It was not until the '60s - amid heated racial tensions - that the neighborhood's population began a decline. Young people graduated from high school and left their homes for cities such as Los Angeles and Las Vegas, said Johnson.

Meanwhile, older people died out and their children sold their land.

By 1970, decay began to set in to Mosier Valley. Rock miners dug out huge gravel pits in the heart of the community, industrial manufacturers set up shop next door to family farms and nice country homes, and litterers began dumping huge piles of trash

along the neighborhoods' heavily wooded roads.

Meanwhile, the City of Fort Worth became interested in Mosier Valley as a way to link that city with the Amon Carter Airport which eventually became D/FW Airport. Residents say the city promised to provide water and sewer to homes in Mosier Valley if the residents would agree to being annexed by Fort Worth. The residents agreed. The city, they say, reneged.

Over the last 20 years, residents have spotted varying rays of hope in attempting to reach their dream of municipal services.

But each flicker has fizzled, they say.

In the early 1970s, for example, "Fort Worth ran a three-fourths inch water line right down through Trinity Boulevard. Well, that's right through the heart of Mosier Valley," said Shelton. "It (the water line) gets to the airport."

"Now that comes right by my house," he continued. "It would cost me \$5,000 to tie into the water. Why charge so much?" he asked. "Po' folks can't pay that."

More recently, another flicker of

hope came. Last month, the city of Euless agreed to purchase land in Mosier Valley to build an athletic complex and golf course.

Some Mosier Valley residents got excited hoping that Euless would extend water and sewer lines to some homes when it did so for the athletic complex. But Euless officials have said that they likely will not do that.

For Shelton, despair set in again.

"The golf course, it's not gonna help," he said. "I can't afford to play and I'm too old to be a

caddie," said Shelton, a father of four and a grandfather. "So I missed everything again."

NOTE: Mosier Valley lies like a perfect square, bordered on the north by State Highway 10 and the suburban cities of Hurst and Bedford, and on the south by the Arlington city limits. It is bordered on the west by Raider Drive and on the east by Farm Road 157.

So now, Mosier Valley residents have resolved to take matters into their own hands. In coming weeks, Mosier Valley residents plan to march on Fort Worth's City Hall.

"We plan to go down there and

start telling City Hall and the City Council that Mosier Valley is fed up," said Tucker. "We're tired of being treated like second-class citizens."

"We're tired of paying taxes for our property and not receiving some of our taxes back," he said. "We're sick and tired of being sick and tired."

On June 6, community representatives will formally approach the City Council, "asking members to consider putting in some funds to put sewer and water throughout our community," said Tucker.

"We would like to save what's left of our community," said Johnson, who added that the neighborhood is home to several historical markers.

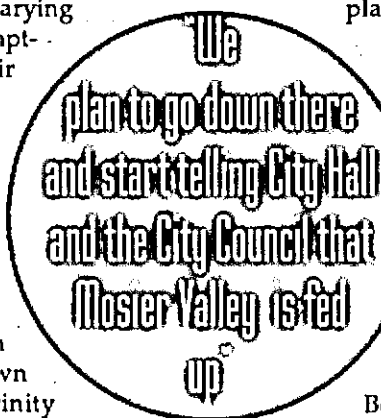
Shelton said residents don't want to fight their own city, but if need be, they will.

"You don't want to fight," he said. "But people today, they'll make you fight. That's the way the world is today."

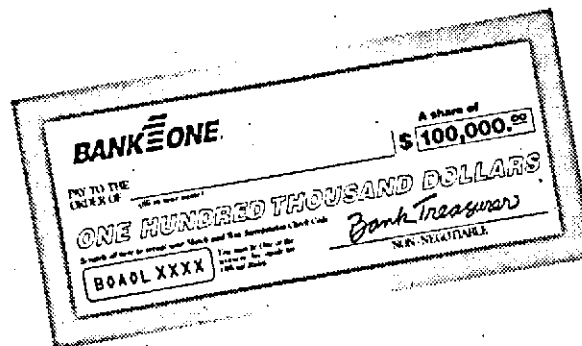
If all else fails, Tucker said residents may sue Fort Worth or seek to be de-annexed.

"That's just an idea," he said. "I've even consulted lawyers about de-annexing out of Fort Worth and possibly even annexing with Arlington or Euless."

"I think it will be more of a federal lawsuit than a local," he said. "This is something that has been building for over 30 years."



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Around Town

May 1

Chef Cassandra Armstrong, owner of The Dining Table, announced that her Oak Cliff restaurant will be closed on Mondays, and Sundays except for special holidays, and open Tuesdays through Fridays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Regular dinner hours are scheduled on Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 6-9 p.m. Call for reservations.

For more information, call (214) 224-8378.

Dallas Children's Theater presents "If You Give A Mouse A Cookie," the irresistible escapades of a young boy and a mischievous mouse. The captivating comedy runs from Monday, May 1 through Sunday, May 28.

Performances are Fridays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for children and \$11 for adults.

For reservations or more information, call (214) 978-0110. Special group rates available.

May 2

The Dallas Theater Center presents Santos & Santos, a true Texas crime story of the Chagra family who ordered the murder of a federal judge, on Tuesday, May 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Arts District Theater, 2401 Flora Street.

A cast party will follow the performance at Yegua Creek Brewing Company, 2920 N. Henderson.

For more information, contact Richard Franco at (214) 526-8210 ext. 464.

Pinnacle Trading Cards presents a special All-Star FanFest VIP Preview to celebrate Major League Baseball, on Tuesday, May 2, 11 a.m. at the Dallas Convention Center.

The official date for the event is set for July 7 through 11. FanFest features the heritage and tradition of baseball through more than 25 attractions covering more than 500,000 square feet.

For more information, call 443-9901 ext. 5423.

Computize and representatives from Apple, Adobe, Radius/SuperMac and UMAX will present a free seminar on Multimedia Made Easy, Tuesday, May 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

at the Apple Market Center Infomart, 1950 Stemmons Frwy.

The seminars will cover the basics of scanning, color publishing, multimedia communication, video and more.

For more information, call (214) 573-2700. RSVP at (214) 573-2717.

A small minority/women entrepreneurs Business Breakfast is set for May 2, from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. at the Holiday Inn North, 2540 Meacham in Fort Worth.

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

May 3

The Dallas Police Dept.'s Gang Unit and the City of Dallas Gang Prevention Program presents a series of Gang Workshops for parents and teachers beginning Wednesday, May 3, through Tuesday, May 16, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Schools and dates are as follows: North Dallas H/S (May 3), Lake Highlands Junior High (May 4), Skyline (May 8), W.T. White (May 9), Greiner Middle School (10), Kimball (11), Hillcrest (15) and Juanita Craft Rec. Center (16).

For more information, contact Vicki Hawkins at 670-4403.

A free one day Care Fair sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association in Dallas, takes place on Wednesday, May 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Center for Community Cooperation, 2900 Live Oak.

For more information, call 827-0062.

New Image Business Associates (NIBA) hosts a weekly business luncheon every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to one p.m. at the Bill J. Priest Institute, 1402 Corinth St. Rm. 202 in Dallas.

The charge is \$5. For more information, call (214) 350-9590.

May 4

Jane Goodall, noted author and chimpanzee expert, will be the keynote speaker at the CARE International Humanitarian Awards Dinner, on Thursday, May 4, at the Westin Galleria Hotel.

CARE is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping people achieve social and

economic wellness by liking them with programs and public policies that support their needs.

For more information, call (214) 891-5034.

Performances for the XSR:DIE! a comedy, murder mystery by Kurt Kleinmann opened at Pegasus Theatre last month, replacing a previously scheduled play.

Performance times begin at 8:15 p.m., Matinee showings at 5 p.m. on Sundays and 7 p.m. early Sunday evenings. Show dates throughout May are on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Contact Karen Lee Pickett at 821-6005, for more information.

Deputy Chief Shirley Gray will speak at a noon luncheon being held at the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce, 2838 Martin Luther King Blvd., on Thursday, May 4.

To RSVP for this event, sponsored by the Northern Trust Bank of Texas, contact Pat Gaynor at 740-5834 by May 2.

A "Get Out the Vote" campaign rally is set for Thursday, May 4, from noon until 1:30 p.m. at City Hall Plaza.

For more information, call 352-1881.

May 5

A Marriage Encounter Weekend for happily married couples is set for 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 5 through 7, at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Plano. Advanced registration fee of \$30 is required. All religious backgrounds welcome.

For more information, contact Roger and Chris at (214) 530-1218 or Herb and Betty Doller at 780-0920.

The Distinguished Writers Series runs through May 5 at the DMA Horchow Auditorium, 1717 N. Harwood.

For more information, call Lisa Taylor at 922-1220.

A Youth Summit is scheduled for Friday, May 5, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. through Saturday, May 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park's Fellowship Hall in Richardson, 300 Phillips St.

Friday night is for adults only. A surprise celebrity guest is scheduled to appear

on Saturday. All youth ages 4 to 18 years are welcome.

For more information, call 235-4235.

May 6

"Stealin' Home," the African American romantic comedy of the '90s, will open at the Dallas Museum of Art's Horchow Auditorium on May 6 at 3 p.m. and May 7 at 4 p.m. Tickets \$4 general, \$3 DMA members.

Reception 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 6 at Stephanie's Collection of Fine African American Art on Greenville Avenue.

Director John Carstarphen and Producer Rebecca Rice of New Vista One Motion Pictures can be reached at 214/739-3858.

Harambee Oak Cliff's 25th Fund-Raiser Anniversary is scheduled for Saturday, May 6 at Cummings Recreation Center, 2900 Cummings St. in Dallas.

Reggae music, drumming, singing, poetry readings, dancing and a men's basketball tournament are just some of the festivities planned for the event. Vendors welcome. The celebration begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 6 p.m.

Contact Afiah at (214) 374-1192, for more information.

A free four-part lecture series on the unification of Africa and Africans globally will be held on Saturday, May 6, 7 p.m. at the Pan-African Connection Bookstore and Resource Center.

For more information, call (214) 943-8262.

The third annual Youth Bizarre and Car Wash is set for Saturday, May 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 1718 Fargo St., in Dallas.

For booth information call Mary Talton at 375-2955.

May 8

Deloitte & Touche In Perspective Series takes place on Monday, May 8 at 7 p.m. in the Kalita Humphreys Theater, 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd.

The free event will feature Earl Shorris, a noted author and contributing editor of Harper's magazine and Octavio Solis, play-

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wright of Santos & Santos. Their talk entitled: Writing on the Border: Mythic Form & Contemporary Storytelling, centers on a lively discussion on myth, history and classical literature influences in a contemporary society.

For more information, call (214) 526-8210, ext. 464.

May 9

Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce Convention & Visitors Dept. invites you to a seminar scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 9, at 2838 Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd.

Networking reception to follow the event. For more information, call (214) 421-5200.

May 10

Night Shift's 24-hour child care center celebrates its first anniversary on May 10 with a public reception on Wednesday, May 10.

For more information, contact Yolanda Edwards at 565-1309.

May 11

Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce's Business Development and networking meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 11, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Double Tree Hotel at Campbell Centre.

For more information call 421-5200.

Dallas Black Dance Theatre presents an evening of intrigue by resident choreographer, Darryl Sneed, on Thursday, May 11 through 13 at the Bob Hope Theatre on the campus of SMU.

Performances begin at 8:15 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and \$25. For more information, call 871-2390.

The International Theatrical Arts Society (TITAS) announces its 95-96 Titas Touch season of dance and music presentations.

Quarletto Gelato, called the hottest classical band in Canada, will perform on May 11. The performance will be held at SMU's McFarlin Auditorium at 8 p.m.

For more information on upcoming attractions and the return of STOMP, contact Ann Clark (214) 528-6112.

May 12

Teatro Dallas presents "Limited Capacity" on Friday, May 12 at 8:15 p.m. Performance will be in English and some Spanish.

Tickets are \$10. Discounts available. For more information, call 741-1135.

May 13

FanFest Kids auditions will be held at the Stouffer Hotel on Saturday, May 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Sunday, May 14 from noon to 8 p.m.

Major League Baseball Properties will audition kids ages 6 to 14 for a 24-member entertainment group of local children who will perform at various venues throughout the metroplex including All-Star FanFest and other All-Star Week events.

Talented children in the areas of singing and dancing or those who have experience in musical theater performance, gymnastics, athletic dancing, acting, modeling and rap performing are being sought for auditions.

For more information, call the FanFest Kids Hotline at (214) 373-2296 or 800-996-2296. Tickets purchased before the July 7 event are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under, seniors and the military.

Tickets available at The Ballpark in Arlington, all TicketMaster outlets, Sears, Foley's and Blockbuster music stores. Discounts available. Call (817) 273-5222.

Sokoyah Ifasola Theatre Group presents "The Early Bus" on Friday, May 12 and Saturday, May 13 at the Dedra Lynn Woods Theatre, 1628 MLK Blvd., beginning at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door.

For more information, call (214) 565-1301.

May 15

Poetry Contest deadline scheduled for Monday, May 15. Send poems of 21 lines or less to: Free Poetry Contest, 2219 W. Olive Ave., Suite 250, Burbank, CA 91506.

Brookhaven College offers a mini-mester from Monday, May 15 through June 2. For more information call 620-4700.

Poetry submissions accepted by Monday, May 15 for the first annual Sokoyah Ifasola Poets Award.

Mail entries to P.O. Box 2685, Dallas 75221-2685.

The University of Texas at Arlington will present more than 20 Engineering Short Courses on Monday, May 15 through the 25.

Registration should be made through the UTA Division of Continuing Education. For more information, call (metro) 817-273-2581.

May 18

Dr. Thomas Reardon, American Medical Association member, will lead a panel discussion examining purchaser and patient demands in the health-care system, on Thursday, May 18, from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom A and B of the Loews Anatole.

For more information, call Ken Orolon at (512) 370-1392.

The Dallas Convention & Visitors Bureau will host a networking event for members and prospective members at The Granada Movie Grill, Thursday, May 18 from 5-7 p.m., 3524 Greenville Avenue.

Cost is \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door for members and \$12 for non-members. RSVP to Becky at (214) 746-6653.

May 19

Southwestern Bell sponsors the 5th Annual Southern Dallas Entrepreneurial Institute on Friday, May 19, from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, May 20, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The two-day intensive workshop will be held at the Southwestern Bell Plaza, downtown at Jackson and South Akard St. A \$50 charge for pre-registration will cover workshops, three meals and all program materials. The fee rises to \$75 after May 15.

Forty experts and business owners will share their experience with aspiring minority business owners.

For more information, 428-7332.

May 20

A 1995 Natural Health Fair takes place on Saturday and Sunday, May 20 through 21 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Beckley Saner Recreation Center, 2727 Beckley Ave. in Dallas.

Lectures, meditative workshops, exercise sessions, vegetarian food samples, herbal remedies, blood pressure and urinalysis testing and much more. The event is sponsored by Love Thyself, Inc. and co-sponsored by the DFW MAAT, Beckley/Saner Rec. Center.

Admission: \$2 in advance, \$3 at the door. Vendor information available, call 240-4449.

Pegasus Theatre is auditioning men and women ages 20 to 60 for an upcoming production by Kurt Kleinmann entitled, Louda, Fasta, Funny, on Saturday, May 20 from 1-5 p.m. and Sunday, May 21, from 1-3 p.m.

Rehearsals begin June 13. Production previews begin on July 14.

For audition appointment, call 821-6005.

First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park features performances by their Male Chorus on Saturday, May 20 at 8 p.m.

The event will be held at the Fair Park Music Hall. Special guests will include Allen and Allen and members of the Dallas Cowboys.

For more information, call (214) 235-4235. To purchase tickets call (214) 520-ARTS.

May 25

Mump & Smoot, Clowns of Horror will return for the third annual Big D Festival of the Unexpected on Thursday, May 25 through June 18, at Dallas Theater Center's Kalita Humphreys Theater, 3636 Turtle Creek Boulevard.

Single tickets are \$9 to \$36 and can be purchased by calling (214) 522-TDXX.

May 26

The Fifth Women Unlimited Conference & Talk Show, featuring dynamic teachings for development of the total woman, opens 8 a.m. Friday, May 26 and runs through Saturday, May 27. The event takes place at the Holiday Inn Northeast, 11350 LBJ Frwy in Dallas, call 320-5744 for directions.

Sylvia Turner is the scheduled speaker for the Friday night conference. And Pastor Dorothy Washington is the guest panelist for the Talk Show. The topic of discussion is entitled: Forgiving when it still hurts.

Hotel packages are available. To register for the events and for scheduled times, contact the Light Unlimited Christian Center at 320-5744.


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Diverse Leisure Opportunities Await Dallasites

BY ANDREA L. HAWKINS,

Guest Writer

Whether it's a picnic at Bachman Lake, Cinco de Mayo celebrations in the parks or a computer enrichment class at a recreation center, the Dallas Park and Recreation Department has something for everyone.

Children, teens and adults enjoy year-round athletics, fitness programs, enrichment classes and special holiday events at 41 recreation centers, 22 community swimming pools and athletic fields that include numerous softball, baseball and soccer areas.

Outdoor enthusiasts can choose to tee off or serve at any one of the department's six 18-hole golf courses

and five tennis centers.

Scenic multi-use trails at the parks and lakes offer nature lovers, bicyclists, skaters, hikers and joggers a breath of fresh air and visions of natural beauty.

With leadership from a 15-member Park Board, the Dallas Park and Recreation Department is a nationally recognized leader in leisure services. And when it comes to providing diverse leisure opportunities, nearly 1,000 park employees, who provide recreational programs, grounds maintenance, facilities management and construction services, are paving the way for leisure excellence in Dallas.

The department commits its services and resources to enhance the quality of life for its customers by providing leisure, cultural and educational services while preserving, conserving and promoting Dallas's natural and physical resources.

With excellence in customer service as its hallmark, the Dallas Park and Recreation Department offers recreational, cultural and educational programs that reflect the ever-changing leisure needs of the young - and the young at heart.

For more information: call 670-4100.

Recreation Centers. Heartbeats of the Community

The heartbeat of a community, recreation centers in Dallas serve a diverse population through creative and innovative programs that address everything from child care to gang prevention to retirement planning.

Most centers offer a variety of enrichment classes for all ages. In addition to traditional activities such as sports events, summer camps and concerts, cultural awareness is fostered through special events at a neighborhood center to celebrate such milestones as Fourth of July, Cinco de Mayo, African-American History Month, and Holiday on the Lake.

Parks and Lakes

Picnics or leisurely strolls at one of the city's 406 parks are popular pastimes. City parks feature playgrounds, picnic areas, pavilions and a variety of athletic fields that are perfect for special family gatherings, company meetings or a quick getaway from the bustle of city life.

Some of the city's most scenic and popular parks include White Rock Lake, Bachman Lake, Kiest and Lake Highlands North and Samuell-Grand, all longtime Dallas favorites.

Kidd Springs in Oak Cliff is the home to one of the area's most captivating Oriental gardens in Dallas. Elegantly landscaped with enchanting gazebos and alluring greenery, Kidd Springs provides visitors with a picturesque getaway.

The 17 lakes cared for by the park department offer picnic areas, sailing, hiking and biking opportunities.

Amateur and professional runners, cyclists and fishermen look to White Rock and Bachman lakes for a variety of outdoor adventures. Others looking for a great place to take a walk opt for Lake Cliff in Oak Cliff.

Hike And Bike Trails

More than 50 miles of jogging and bike trails throughout Dallas offer nature lovers of all ages a relaxing way to keep in shape and enjoy the more scenic sights of Dallas.

Anyone with a sense of adventure can take to the off-road natural surface trails at the L.B. Houston and Boulder Park hike and bike trails.

The L.B. Houston trails, located in northwest Dallas, feature miles of trees, rolling hills, flowing creeks and colorful wild flowers, ideal for nature walks, too. Its four-mile trails, with natural and distinct terrains, are used by novice and skilled bikers.

Oak Cliff's Boulder Park also features natural service trails, rolling hills and trees.

Senior Adults

Field trips, picnics and more are a few of

the activities specially Activities for adults 50 and older are offered through the Dallas Park and Recreation Department's Senior Services Division.

A special event called Senior Games is an annual fitness and leisure competition that lets seniors compete in such events as track and field, dominoes dancing and much more.

Adults 50 and older can keep fit and active in exercise and social programs at the recreation centers. Activities include out-of-town trips, picnics, health fairs, arts and crafts, athletics and more.

Each year Dallas Senior Games, an Olympic-

styled athletic and leisure event for the 50-plus generation, brings more than 1,500 amateur athletes and recreational enthusiasts together to compete for top honors in events such as tennis, bicycling, swimming, table tennis, dominoes, track and field and dance. Winners in the Dallas Games go on to compete in the Texas Senior Games.

For seniors who prefer to spell their way to the top, Senior Services sponsors a citywide Spelling Bee each year.

Call 670-4100 for more information.

Therapeutic Recreation: Bachman Lake & Fantasy Landing

Recreational enthusiasts with disabilities can participate in athletics, camping, nature, and creative arts programs at Bachman Recreation Center, Dallas' only recreation center that offers year-round indoor and outdoor programs for children, youth and adults with disabilities.

Situated on scenic Bachman Lake, this totally accessible center features an indoor swimming pool, modern and well-equipped weight and exercise rooms, a gym and spacious auditorium, meeting rooms a kitchen and a theater area.

Trained therapeutic recreation professionals provide tailor-made leisure and recreational programs to meet the needs and interest of individuals.

Fantasy Landing is Dallas' first public playground that successfully allows able-bodied and children with disabilities to play together.

Located at Kiest Park in Oak Cliff, Fantasy Landing features customized ramps that enhance accessibility, tennis courts and a pull tunnel with bars that lets youngsters in wheelchairs develop upper body strength. Bright colors and brick paths help visually impaired children find their way through the play areas.

Golf and Tennis

Whether you like to serve or tee, the Dallas Park and Recreation Department has five golf courses and five tennis centers throughout the city.

On-site golf and tennis professionals and their staff offer private or semi-private lessons and coordinate special events for players of all ages.

Tenison Golf Course features two 18-hole courses meandering through rolling hills and large trees, offering the novice or the pro an experience of a lifetime.

Dallas Park And Recreation Department Presents:

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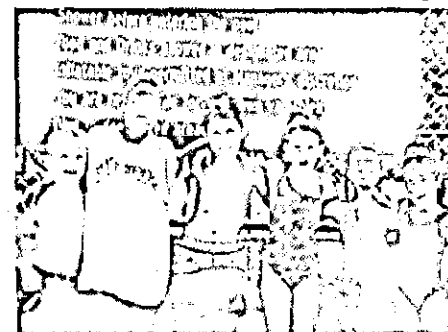
Summer Youth Fun

Summers are fun for children and teens when they participate in playground programs and summer camps sponsored by the park department.

Dallas youngsters have a variety of recreational opportunities. Children and youth can learn about the fine arts or fine tune their athletic talents at one of the city's 40 recreation centers.

Free or low-cost programs and day camps for children and teens include arts and crafts, drama, athletics, field trips, life skills classes and more. Conducted by trained recreation professionals, the Dallas Park And Recreation Department offers youngsters safe and supervised fun.

Other Summer Youth Fun includes Send-A-Kid-To-Camp and free golf and tennis lessons for youths ages 7 to 17.



Get Ready. Get Set... GET WET!

Dive into one of the city's 22 pools for a leisurely lap or for Learn to Swim classes. Staff supervised swimming lessons and aquatic exercise classes are available for youth and adults.

The department's summer pool programs gives young swimmers a chance to compete in community and citywide swim meets. Several pools can be rented for private swimming lessons, exercise classes, special events, swim meets and team practices.

Pool admission is 50 cents for children, \$1 for ages 12 and older and \$3 for families.

Daily swimming, swim lessons and aquatic exercise classes are available at City of Dallas pools. Call 670-6250 for details.

Swim free on Splash Day - June 4! For The Young - and Young at Heart

For more information on all the diverse summer leisure opportunities, call The Dallas Park And Recreation Department at 670-4100.

Cut here and save for future

Holistic Health Fair Held at Beckley/Saner Rec Center

BY DOROTHY GENTRY

Would you like to have more energy, fewer headaches, and a smaller grocery bill? You can by adopting a healthier, holistic lifestyle.

Information on how to achieve this type of lifestyle will be available at the 1995 Natural Health Fair, held Saturday and Sunday, May 20 - 21, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., at the Beckley/Saner Recreation Center, 2727 Beckley Avenue, in Dallas. Admission is \$2 in advance and \$3 at the door.

The two-day fair is sponsored by Love Thyself, Inc., a holistic organization that educates the African American community on the topic of holistic health. Co-sponsors are the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex African American Think Tank and the Beckley/Saner Recreation Center.

With an angle of getting the African-American community well in body, mind and spirit, the fair will feature lectures and consultations by health care specialists, free natural food samples, meditative workshops, exercise sessions, entertainment/cultural music, blood pressure testing, urinalysis, and more.

Vendors and business professionals in the health-care and holistic health industries will be on hand to offer advice, counseling, books, etc., on adopting a healthier, more nutritious lifestyle.

"It is an alternative to what is normally available in the community," says Steven Meeks, a composer and self-described health enthusiast. "The basis of the fair is different from most health fairs."

Says Lisa Weeks, a coordinator of the fair, "Given the present condition of our people, health is being put on the back burner. It is not just enough to get information, we also have a duty to share that information and teach the community."

"I feel that our people are suffering so much and diet is at the very core of the problem," says Weeks, a registered massage therapist and vegetarian.

Cedric Brooks, a nursing student at Presbyterian Hospital, says being a vegetarian, eating healthy and leading a holistic lifestyle is, "part of the natural order of things," for African-Americans.

"Some people think being a vege-

tarian is difficult. It is just different because you are used to eating meat," he says. "That is a form of conditioning. When you become a vegetarian, you will realize that it helps you in every area of your life. Your tolerance level increases and you are not addicted to anything."

"Most vegetarians excel in their job, in school, and in their community because they are more energetic and have peace of mind," says Brooks, a vegetarian for one year.

While living a healthier lifestyle can make you look and feel better, adopting this type of lifestyle also has many economic benefits, including saving you money.

"Once you start changing your diet, you won't have to buy things like aspirin for a headache because you won't have a headache," Brooks says, adding that eating healthier also will result in fewer hospital visits.

Meeks says there are also many long-range economic benefits of adopting a different lifestyle.

"In the long-run, we are talking about not going to the doctor as often because what a lot of black people go to the doctor for include cancer, high blood pressure and strokes."

"If we can do things to possibly eliminate these ailments or alleviate them to a certain extent, then long-range down the line, we are talking about spending less money ourselves, certainly those of us with insurance."

The economic benefits of being a vegetarian and eating healthy can also be seen in your monthly grocery bill, Weeks says.

"It depends on whether you grow your own foods, if you buy organic foods versus non-organic foods, where you shop, and what type of vegetarian you are," she says.

"But in general it is cheaper. You are spending money on fruits and vegetables and that is money you are taking off of buying meat and other junk processed foods which the average person buys," she says.

Planting the seed of living a healthier lifestyle in people's minds is the goal of the fair, Weeks says. "We know that we can't do it all in a weekend."

"We just want to enlighten people a little so maybe they can be self-motivated and that motivation will lead them to doing simple things like reading labels on the cans, asking questions of their doctors and just being more involved in their own personal health."

For vendor information or information on volunteering at the fair, call (214) 240-4449. For more information on holistic health and eating right, we suggest reading: Diet for a New America by John Robbins, and Afrikan Holistic Health by Laila Afrika.

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Stealin' Home Should Yield Winning Run

Film Vehicle Could Illuminate Dallas Stars

BY SARAH N. BRUCE,

Arts & Culture & Entertainment Editor

The USA Film Festival guide listed *Stealin' Home* as a "nifty little romantic comedy about love, trust, larceny, sex... furniture," absolutely true, but not necessarily in that order.

Writer/Director John Carstarphen and Producer Rebecca Rice of New Vista One Motion Pictures were present for the World Premiere of "Stealin' Home" at the USA Film Festival debut Sunday, April 23, at the AMC Glen Lakes Theatres in Dallas.

The movie maintains an engaging narrative. Man and Woman meet. Woman and Man get together. Man dwells with Woman. Woman and Man get closer together. Man leaves Woman ... taking all of Woman's possessions. Woman finds her former belongings ... scattered among friends and others.

This movie has a fresh storyline that does not include the drugs, violence, and gangs sometimes associated with films

targeted to African American audiences. It does include some adult language and adult situations, but (to its credit) does not become myopic.

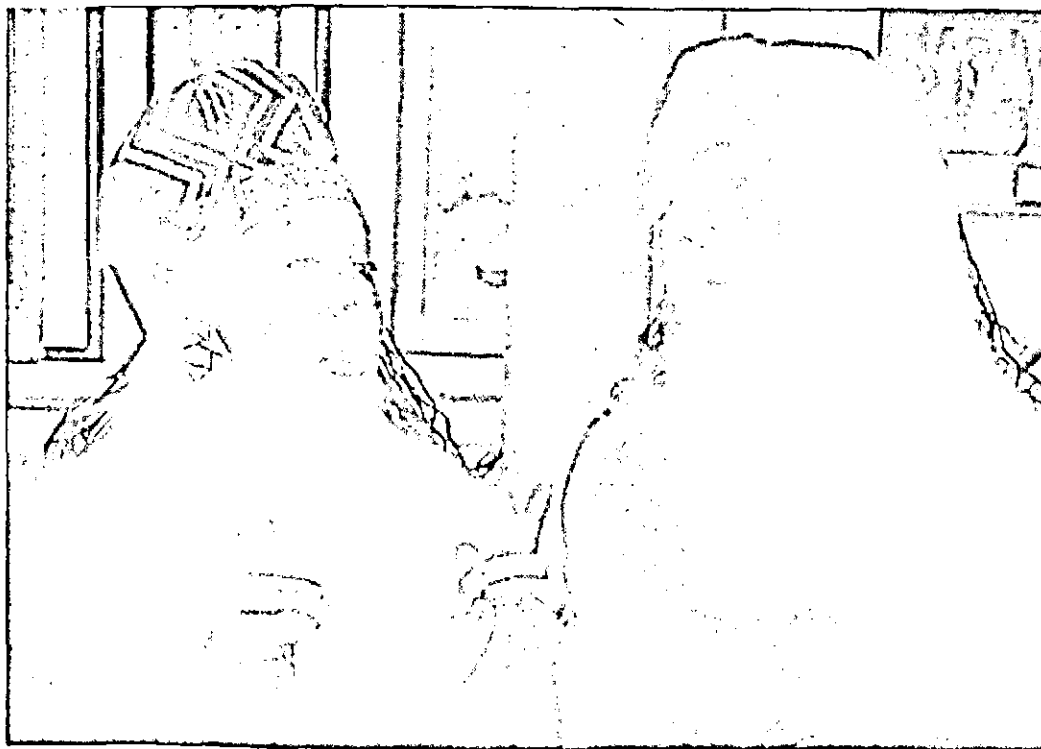
The writer/director's composition presents an odyssey that leads the view-

er through, around and into the lives of some Dallasites. The crisply shot film captures the essence and dichotomy of a woman and man in two distinct worlds - North & South Dallas.

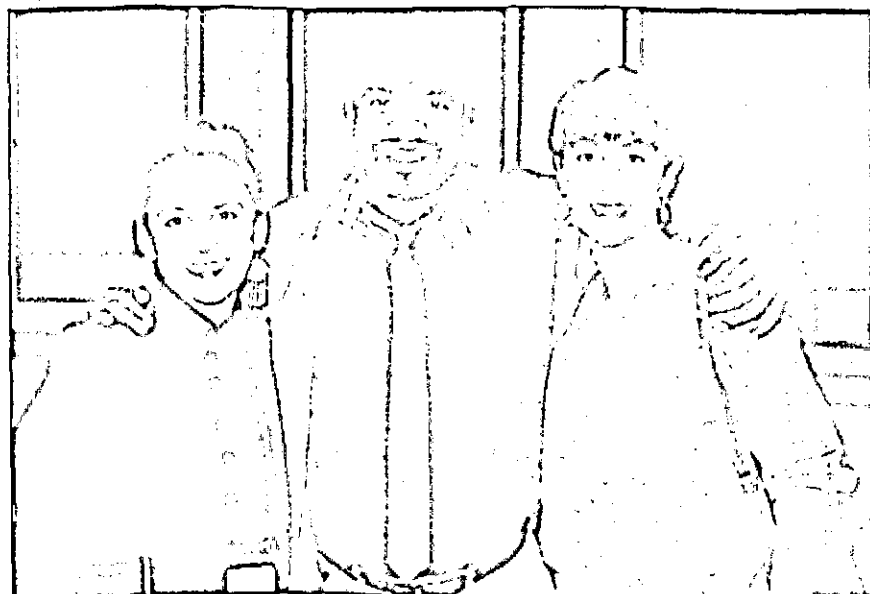
Shot entirely in black and white, it combines '40s style music, film techniques and camera angles with '90s culture, art, music, locations and subject matter.

Low budget doesn't necessarily signify low quality, so proven by Carstarphen and Rice.

The gifted cast includes Phyllis Cicero, Lloyd Barnes, Marc Taylor, Laurel Hoitsma, Sherry Boyd, and a strong supporting ensemble of talented actors and actresses. -[MON]-



A scene from the movie "Stealin' Home" featuring Phyllis Cicero as "Ala" and Sherry Boyd as "Ruby." Interior scenes shot at Stephanie's Collection of Fine African American Art. Photo by Brooke Kaiser.



"Stealin' Home" at 25th Annual USA Film Festival in Dallas, April 1995. L-R: Sarah N. Bruce, Arts & Culture & Entertainment Editor, MON; John Carstarphen, Writer/Director; Rebecca Rice, Producer. Photo by Martin D. Craft.

May History - Arts, Culture, Entertainment Highlights

BY SARAH N. BRUCE,

A & C & E Editor

Celebration & Remembrance

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May 2

First Negro National League Baseball Game. The Indianapolis ABC's defeated the Chicago Giants - 1920.

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May 3

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gives his "I Have A Dream" speech - 1963.

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May 5

Gwendolyn Brooks is the First Black to win a Pulitzer Prize for the novel "Annie Allen" - 1950.

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May 10

Chuck Cooper is drafted by the Boston Celtics, the first black NBA player drafted - 1950.

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May 13

Steve Wonder, Songwriter/Singer, 45th Birthday.

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May 14

Quincy Jones, Musical Composer, 62nd Birthday.

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May 15

J.B. "Dizzy" Gillespie, Jazz Trumpeter, Born 1932.

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May 17

Sugar Ray Leonard, Boxer, 39th Birthday.

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May 18

Reggie Jackson, Baseball Great, 49th Birthday.

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May 19

Malcolm X, Civil Rights Leader, Born 1925.

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May 20

Cher, Singer/Actress, 49th Birthday.

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May 25

Bill "Bojangles" Robinson, Vaudeville Dancer, Born 1878.

Miles Davis, Singer/Songwriter, Born 1926.

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May 29

Memorial Day

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BITES & CLIPS:

> Carstarphen is a film professor at Southern Methodist University. His other films include: *Weekend of Our Discontent* (1991) and *Mea Culpa* (1993).

> *STEALIN' HOME* is the first African American Independent feature-length film shot and produced in the Dallas area in nearly a half century. It received an award in the Features Category of The Black Filmmaker's Hall of Fame Film Festival in Oakland, California

> MON featured these two local filmmakers, Carstarphen and Rice, in the FEBRUARY 1995 Edition.

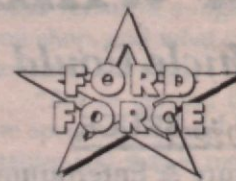
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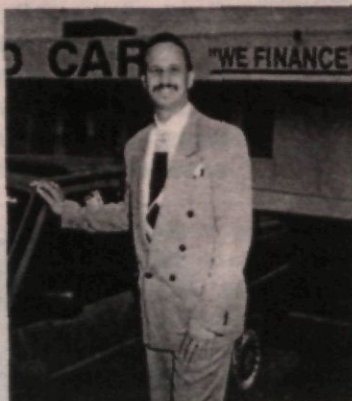
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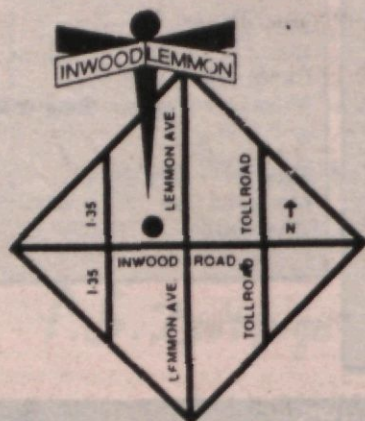
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A Call for Unity

Book Review

With racial strife and misunderstanding abounding throughout our country, some ideas for reconciliation and peace-making are definitely needed. The pervasive nature of racism makes us aware of prejudice and hostility in all aspects of our lives: jobs, schools, retail establishments, even churches and church-sponsored schools.

For instance, my son attends a private, Christian school in the city. Yet, I find that people that purport to be Christians often do not practice what they preach, or are living life as carnal Christians. Case in point: my five-year old son, in distress, informed us that some children at his school said they did not play with little black boys. We

spoke to the principal of the school and let him speak to the offending children and their parents. Then we had to reassure my son, going through the routine handed down to us for generations, explaining why other races say and do

the things that they do, followed by teaching about forgiveness.

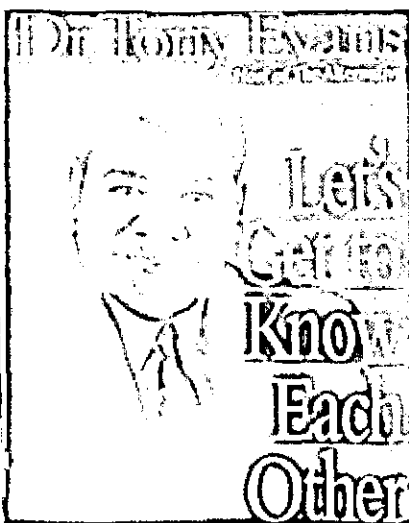
How can we build self-esteem and self-worth in our children when they are constantly battered? It is unfortunate that due to the insidious nature of racism we never know where it will strike next. We just try to keep our eyes and ears open and teach our children that God is not a respecter of persons. If we have received the gift of salvation, our worth and esteem are attained through His Son, Jesus Christ, and we are His creations and are beautiful in His eyes.

That's all that should really matter, but we still have to go about the task of living on this planet. And our skins will likely remain the beautiful browns and blacks. So, as long we still get "judged by the color of our skin and not the content of our character,"

we will need to try creative ways to "get along" while still confronting racism. If bridges are to be built, some of us must even confront our own racism toward whites.

Fortunately, some of the work has already been done to encourage the process of racial reconciliation. The wheel need not be reinvented. One of our own — a

local, yet highly prominent pastor — has written a book that, while not providing all of the solutions, does a wonderful job of educating both blacks and whites on matters of race from a biblical and cultural perspective. The book is entitled *Let's Get to Know Each Other*.



What White Christians Should Know About Black Christians. It is written by Dr. Tony Evans, senior pastor of the 3,000-member strong Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship and host of the radio program "The Urban Alternative."

The first chapter of the book finds Dr. Evans first debunking "the myth that holds America hostage" — that is, that blacks are spiritually inferior to whites. The remaining seven chapters cover other pertinent issues: "God's Perspective of Blacks," "The Black Church's Link to Africa," "A Real Picture of the Black Church," "The Black Preacher," "Black Evangelism," "The Biblical Mandate for Unity," and "What You Can Do."

This book is packed with wonderful truths that makes it difficult to put down, such as the description of influential blacks in the Bible. Near the end

of the book there are two self-assessments — one for blacks and one for whites — that are designed to detect racism.

Dr. Evans states in his book that "there is no more time for us to sit by passively and wait for people to change. People must be led into change, and that cannot be done without the knowledge that we will be held accountable for how we treat the other members of God's family."

This book may make many who read it feel uncomfortable, while some will feel pure enlightenment. It can be a springboard to do further research on blacks and racial matters in the Bible and is something to share with your children. I highly recommended it for all who thirst for truth and reconciliation—especially Christians.

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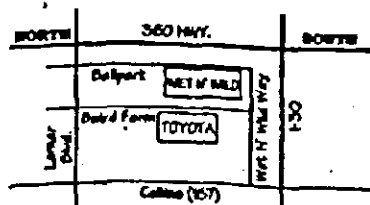
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Ideal Neighborhood Wants Respect

Community Organization calls for the resignation of a member of the Urban Rehabilitation Standard Board

BY VERONICA W. MORGAN

Members of the Ideal Neighborhood Association gathered last month to discuss their plan of action in calling for the resignation of Urban Rehabilitation Standard Board Representative Theresa Lang.

The group accused Lang of making a number of "insensitive and racially-motivated, elitist" statements that appeared in the April 16 issue of the Dallas Morning News.

Lang was quoted as saying she could not understand people "who sit in a house all day long and watch soap operas and expect us (the city) to take care of them financially."

The article went on to say that Lang believed the problems people are complaining about are of their own doing and not the city's.

While Lang, who was appointed by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Charlotte Mayes, doesn't deny making the statements, she states that her comments were misrepresented.

"I cried for three hours after reading the article because the information was twisted. Now I know why politicians don't like to talk with reporters," she said.

She believes the NEWS reporter failed to make mention of her kind gesture in informing one of the neighborhood residents that he could create a non-profit organization and get Home Depot and other places to donate paint, tiles, commodes, and other fixtures to help improve residents home.

Lang added that she drove through the area and saw over 15 churches. "If there are so many people who are in need in the area, then where are the pastors and people who are willing to help?"

"And why aren't the people complaining about all the liquor stores in the area?" Lang asked. "And I want to know if there's anybody applying for loans."

Jacqueline Mixon, president of the Ideal Neighborhood Association, says she was outraged. "That is why we are not moving forward, because this lady does not know the history of this organization, and she doesn't know what we're all about. My life has been threat-

ened because I have worked to get the liquor stores closed."

As far as pastors and the congregations getting involved, Mixon said Rev. Britt from New Mount Moriah Baptist Church, and the pastor of New Galilee Baptist Church were among many of the neighborhood residents who are working to bring about change.

"We love this neighborhood and we want the city to put more emphasis on the solutions to restoring and preserving houses and not tearing them down," said Mixon.

Former City Council member Diane Ragsdale said the city has never been aggressive in approving alternatives to demolitions and that is the key problem. Ragsdale said the city has to actively work on solutions to this problem by pursuing the Infill and Community Receivership Programs.

The Infill Program, implemented by non-profit organizations, calls for a one-on-one replacement. This means that for every house torn down in the area, another one would be built in its place.

And the Community Receivership Program, which was created under the auspices of Inner City Development Corporation (ICDC), would allow the court to appoint non-profit housing providers as caretakers of abandoned housing units.

Art Weddington, program manager of ICDC, said the process is slow and takes from six to nine months to complete, but the city is working on streamlining the process.

"We survey property red-tagged by the city, submit it to the Urban Rehabilitation Standard Board; it goes to the city attorney and then the court," he said. Currently, paperwork for more than 30 housing sites have been submitted to the rehabilitation board.

In a letter addressed to Charlotte Mayes, Mixon expressed a desire to meet and discuss the situation concerning Lang, and to discuss future plans the city has for the neighborhood.

Members of the community organization would like to work with Mayes and develop a housing strategy that

would serve as a model for other neglected neighborhoods in South Dallas.

"We want to see the city spend money to put up affordable homes because not all of us sit around watching TV. Some of us are watching Lang and people like her," says Ron Price of the Pearl Guards.

No word has been given as to when Mayes will meet with the group and discuss any necessary actions. -[MON]-

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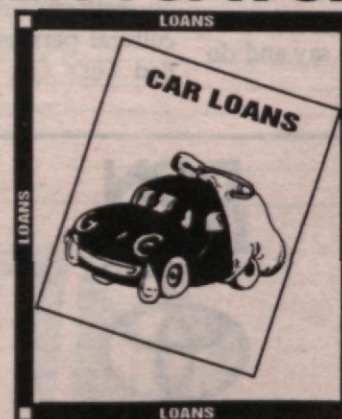
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Pondering for Positioning

Okay. You've heard it everywhere. Positioning. Positioning. If you've read anything anywhere on marketing, you've read about positioning. Positioning relates to what market niche your company's product or service hopes to fill. Your positioning strategy separates you from the competition. Their tag lines position many Fortune 500 companies: Western Union - the fastest way to send money. They so divinely position some products that they can position other products, i.e., "The Cadillac of software programs!" Your company name may help position you - Twenty-four Hour Child care; Bunny-Quick Oil and Lube or No one Refused Auto Insurance. Jay Conrad Levinson in Guerrilla Marketing offers four criteria in measuring your proposed position: 1) Does it offer a benefit your target audience wants? 2) Is it a real, honest-to-goodness benefit? 3) Does it separate you from the competition? 4) Is it unique and/or difficult to copy?

So much for review. A question I get very often deals with companies that are offering services or products that are not unique. You may sell life insurance or own the local dry cleaners or be a real estate agent. These services in and of themselves are not unique. Or perhaps your product is pencils or plastic combs or gravel. Many beginning entrepreneurs unmistakably feel that their only market position rests on price - a lower one than their competition. The following are some ideas to get your mind jogged in selecting a position for your product or service that can help you answer the question: How can I position my company to outdistance the competition?

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- Layaway/special financing
- Money-back guarantee
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- Charge by phone/major credit cards accepted
- Work done on premises/on-site
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- No appointment necessary/walk-ins welcome
- Environmentally friendly

The above are only suggestions, not necessarily the exact words to be used in your advertising copy. My caution, of course, is to make sure that you and your product or service can support whatever position you choose. Don't claim to be caring and rush your clients through your office. Don't say "leading-edge" equipment and not have it. Do use positioning as a building block for your marketing success. See you at the bank!

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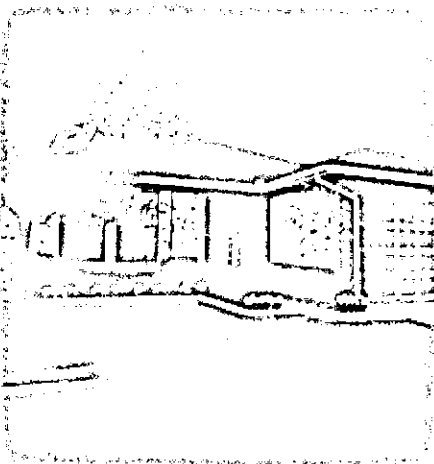


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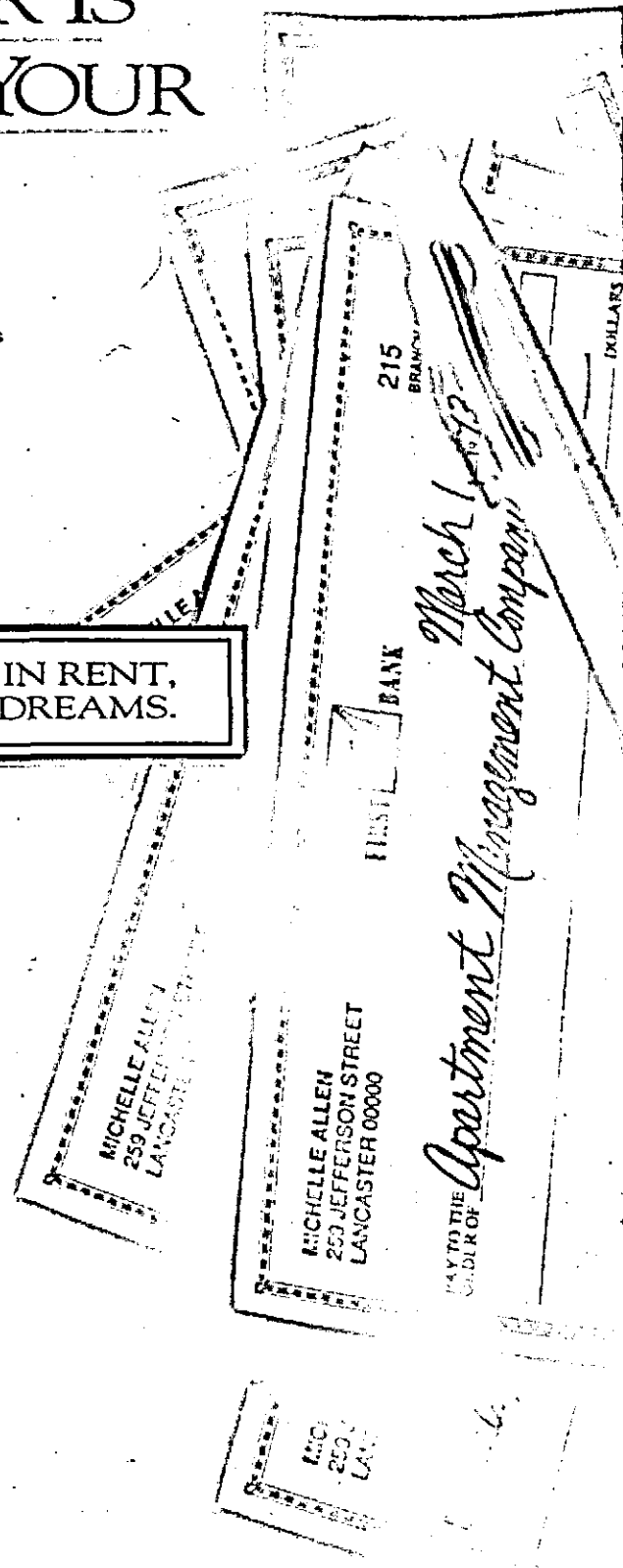
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BY ANGELA D. JONES

It seems that the healing process is underway now that the "tax bug" has come and gone.



For some, this year's bite was bigger than ever, but for people like Bobby E. Scott, Director of the Internal Revenue Service/Dallas District, it's back to business as usual.

Appointed to the Dallas Director position in February of last year, Scott began his IRS career in 1972 as a student-trainee in Houston. An alumnus of Texas Southern University, Scott has served with the IRS in such capacities as Examination Group Manager, Chief Examiner, Assistant to the Director (Dallas and Chicago districts), and Assistant Regional Commissioner of Examinations.

Currently, Scott is out of the country (Denmark), attending an in-depth training seminar sponsored by

the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). In an article featured by Taxes Ranger, an IRS employee publication, shortly after his appointment to the District Director position last year, Scott outlined some of the major issues facing the Dallas District. Among them were the "diminishing voluntary compliance, the increasing tax gap, and the development of new strategies and philosophies in addressing compliance issues." He said, "All of those issues and efforts involve intricate and delicate processes. But as I enter this job, I'm confident

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because...though I have an awesome responsibility, they're (District employees) behind me and they're very supportive of me. I want all the employees to know on the front end of my tenure that I am very, very appreciative of those sentiments that they have expressed to me."

Married and a father of five, Scott was also quoted as saying that his vision for the Dallas District includes generating growth in the customer base and bringing nonfilers back into the system. He said, "This can be done by actualizing customer focus and embracing the concept of proactive rather than reactive change." He added, "We have to be supportive and do the right thing by all of the constituents of this environment and by the American taxpayer."

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TOP SECRET!

Access to Success!

BY ANDREA ALLSTON

How does a woman who is among the second group of black students to inte-

The Resume Clinic. I've closed the Clinic," smiles Barr, "...I'm now

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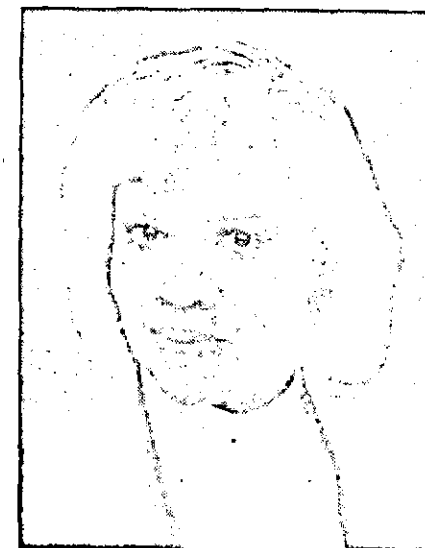
grate the University of Tennessee's School of Engineering end up becoming an entrepreneurial success in Dallas? For Loretta Barr, founder and president of Access! Seminars & Consulting Services, the answer is one of evolution. Barr augmented her B.S. in engineering with an MBA in business management from the University of Dallas.

Access! Seminars offers training and development programs and management consultant services and economic development training. Major customers include corporations, non-profit associations, educational institutions, municipalities and other well-established businesses. When she first decided to go into business for herself, Barr opened The Resume Clinic. "I felt this was an inflation-proof business, and I enjoyed the one-on-one coaching involved with working with people in developing their resumes," cites Barr. When Barr "went the extra mile" in giving career advice and suggestions to resume clients, she began to respond to requests for her to teach what she knew.

For years, Barr taught her approach to resume writing at Dallas' Fun Ed, an adult-education center, and a range of business seminars targeted for entrepreneurs for the Dallas Black Chamber. Barr found she enjoyed seminar training - the travel, the creativity and the interaction. "The programs offered by Access! are a natural outgrowth from

addressing personal empowerment and taking charge of careers or businesses." When asked what makes Access! Seminars different from the multitude of other training companies, Barr responds, "...Access! takes a back-to-basics approach. Participants receive a tangible, real-life, learning experience."

A turning point in her life came when she realized her management skills, and her experience in overcoming



ing adversity in corporate environments, could be parlayed into information of value to others. Barr cites her mother as having the greatest influence on her life - inspiring her personal com-

Minority businesses forum scheduled

State agencies come to Dallas/Ft. Worth looking for minority vendors

BY DOROTHY GENTRY

Many minority and women-owned businesses, also known as "historically underutilized businesses (HUB)," often fail to financially thrive and prosper because of heavy competition with larger, majority-owned businesses.

The reason is many HUB's don't have the knowledge or skills necessary to compete with other businesses when it comes to such things as bidding on contracts and selling their services.

Information on how to make your business more successful will be presented at the HUB Economic Opportunity Forum held Tuesday, May 16, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Eugene McDermott Plaza Lecture Hall on the south campus of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, 5323 Harry Hines Blvd.

Admission to the forum is free.

Business owners and representatives attending the forum will learn, among other things, how to compete for state contracts, how to obtain information on becoming certified as a HUB business, and how to sell products and services to state agencies.

Business owners also will learn how to network and meet purchasers of different companies that they may want to do business with.

Ann Howell, administrative coordinator for the Equal Opportunity and Minority Affairs Office at UT-Southwestern says the forum, "is always well-attended and people seem pleased."

This is the third-year for the "traveling show," which features representatives from several state agencies such as the Texas Employment Commission, Texas Highway Commission and the Texas Water Commission, all of which do a large amount of buying and purchasing of supplies within the state.

The agency representatives and specialists visit several cities throughout the year and put on similar forums for the local HUB's.

At the forum, agencies set up tables and display a wide variety of information on everything from how to purchase goods and services from the state, to how to bid on contracts.

"We think this it is an outstanding opportunity for us and the state to learn about the availability of minority vendors in our area," said Abby Freeman, Vice President for Human Resources Administration and Minority Affairs.

"This is an even greater opportunity for these vendors to come on site, meet us, and learn about possible business ventures within our system."

Freeman said some vendors also will be awarded bids on site at the forum.

"There is an opportunity for all of us to share with one another and learn what the other does, and an opportunity to be awarded a contract on-site, so there is a money-making venture right there that night," Freeman said.

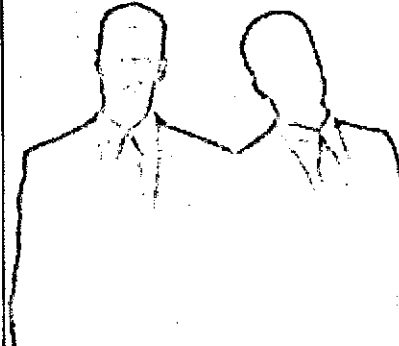
"It is an evening well-spent. They don't have to go to Austin, they can come right here and meet these people face to face."

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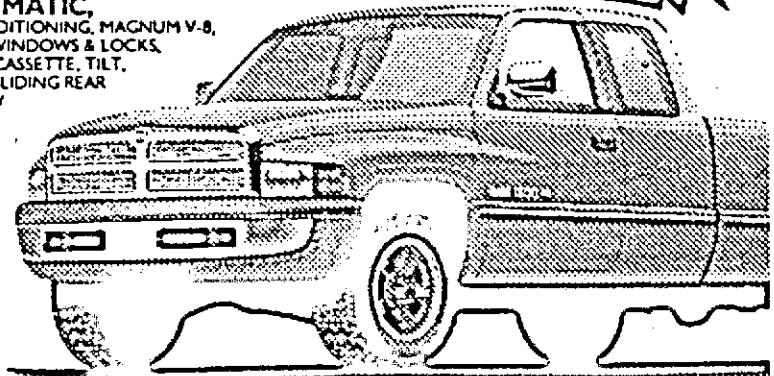
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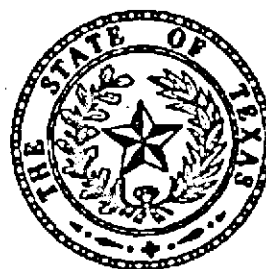
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Mary Weaver has been promoted to director of international business development. Weaver is the former manager of the department. She has been with the Chamber for five years, and has been instrumental in starting and maintaining the Chamber's international endeavors. Her duties include promoting international business awareness among members, hosting foreign delegations, arranging business exchanges between local and foreign businesses, and monitoring international business trends and issues. She received her BA degree from Carroll College in Waukesha, Wisconsin.
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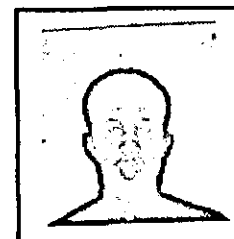
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Paul Quinn offers speed, flexibility in undergraduate degree program

BY ANGELA D. JONES

In a day and age where the almighty dollar rules, many of the nation's workforce have found it increasingly necessary to upgrade their academic achievements in order to increase their earning power and worth in the job market. For many, this has meant expanding their boundaries to include more networking in their day-to-day endeavors. For others, however, it has meant seeking to enhance their workplace value, and overall knowledge, by way of higher education. With this premise in mind, Paul Quinn College has opened its doors to a "new cadre of students" through an innovative new program entitled ACHIEVE.

Unlike the typical student who seeks the standard four-year college education fresh out of high school, ACHIEVE students may be characterized as an older breed of students who are full-time in the workforce, and have neither the time nor the finances to pursue a college career full-time.

The program's curriculum is divided into 15 modules consisting of courses ranging from Career and Life Assessment to Strategies for Achieving Organizational Goals. A features of ACHIEVE that has proven to be appealing to program participants is that students can earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Management

in as little as 18 months, and can chose their own campus site at which to complete their coursework. The main campus is located at Paul Quinn College in Dallas; the two other sites are at Dunbar High School in Fort Worth, and the Paul Quinn campus in Waco. Another program feature that has found favor is that students attend classes only one night per week.

There are three requirements students seeking admission must meet: (1) be at least 25 years of age, (2) have completed a minimum of 60 semester hours from an accredited college/post-secondary institution, and (3) have a GPA of 2.0 (on 4.0 scale) or better on all prior academic work.

Dr. Jennifer Giddings Brooks, assistant principal at Bill J. Elliott Elementary School in Ft. Worth, is coordinator for the ACHIEVE program on the Ft. Worth/Dunbar campus. She says the biggest challenge facing her in organizing the program has been in recruitment. "With the program being so new," she says, "my main goal will be to try to increase recruitment efforts and to emphasize the program through such mediums as churches and social organizations.

"I think a lot of people are afraid of black institutions because they fear that a degree from a black school will not be accepted by white corporations or busi-

nesses," she adds. "What they should know is that Paul Quinn is a fully-accredited institution, with solid credentials."

As with most colleges or universities, financial assistance is available for those who qualify. Unfortunately, because the satellite sites at Ft. Worth and Waco do not offer such assistance, students seeking financial help must attend the Dallas campus site. However, according to Brooks, a lot of ACHIEVE students who are employed full-time at corporations and businesses have found that their employers will, in many cases, provide financial assistance - in the form of educational reimbursements.

"I think most people who are currently working for corporations will find a degree in Organizational Management to be very useful," says Brooks. "People who are already in or going into management tend to have difficulty with people skills. The program modules are designed to help them in working within the corporate world."

With the adult in mind, Brooks describes the ACHIEVE course curriculum as one of independence and flexibility. Although a lot of the course work comes from textbooks which are included in tuition costs, many of the courses utilize interaction and group discussion in the learning process.

Says Brooks: "There are no pop quizzes; however, a lot of the course work includes writing papers. And because we do understand that the need may arise - whether job or family-related - which may cause a student to be absent, we do allow time to be made up.

"Classes are set up for success, not failure, and because the normal class usually consists of 15 to 18 students, they

kind of develop a family-type relationship when it's all over," she continues.

A resident of Fort Worth for over 15 years, Brooks says she's always wanted to pursue a career in higher education, despite her current experience at the elementary school level.

From time to time, she lectures at Texas Womans University; but sees her new position as ACHIEVE coordinator as an inroad, so to speak, to a field in which she already carried an interest.

"I'm excited because I see that a lot of people will benefit from this program. I think we should try to help our brothers and sisters get their degrees so that they can be more commercial," she says.

Registration for the next module of instruction at the Ft. Worth/Dunbar campus is scheduled for May 11, 1995. Those interested in registering, or obtaining more information call:

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Shaking Foundations

Acts 16:26

I was talking recently to a friend of mine and we were discussing how rapidly things seem to be changing. As we talked we got over into a discussion on why certain facets of this society will not and cannot stand. The Holy Spirit seemed to guide the conversation on into a discussion about foundations.

The foundation of something is the basis upon which it stands. Therefore, if the foundation is solid, the thing built upon it will stand. However, in order for us to realize God's desire concerning man, there are several foundations that must be shaken. "How does this apply to me personally?" you might ask. Well let's say your relationship is based upon a lie! Everything that is built upon that foundation is on

a lie. How can you expect that relationship to prosper and stand.

In our text, we find a very familiar story. Paul and Silas are in prison. I want to emphasize, however, not the fact that they prayed, though it is important. Nor the fact that they sang praises to God, though that too is important. Let's look at the fact that the foundations of the jail were affected. The power of God struck at the very foundations of the prison and not only did Paul and Silas' chains fall, but every prisoners' chains fell.

You see, when foundations are affected, then the whole of populations are affected. The Power of God is what is needed to shake foundations and cause universal changes. For too long we have dabbled and dabbled with

things built on foundations that were wrong, and allowed the foundations to remain unchanged. God wants to shake foundations. We need preachers and teachers and laymen who will exercise the power of God so that not only will our churches be affected but society will be affected.

Racism, abortion, gangs, drugs, etc., are all apartments built on a foundation that needs to be shaken. Once the foundation upon which they stand is shaken, then we will see the same results Paul and Silas saw. Everybody attached to the problem will get delivered. Now that's Power!

There is good news, however. God is about to turn up the shaking. Everything that can be shaken will be. The foundations upon which the world's systems are built will come tumbling down to bow at the mighty name of Jesus! Then we will see the chains that bind men and women, boys and girls, fall off of them to such an extent that they will literally do what the jailer did.

The Bible says [the jailer] called for a Light. When light comes you can see clearly; you can understand more; you get the picture; you know who's in charge. The bible says the Gospel is a

light. Then under an awesome sense of the powerful presence of God, [the jailer] fell down on his knees and said "what must I do to be saved?" He and his household believed in God. That means the husband, the wife, the kids, the dog, the cat, the canary, the mice and the roaches. What an awesome opportunity we have to shake the foundations of the world and affect billions of lives!

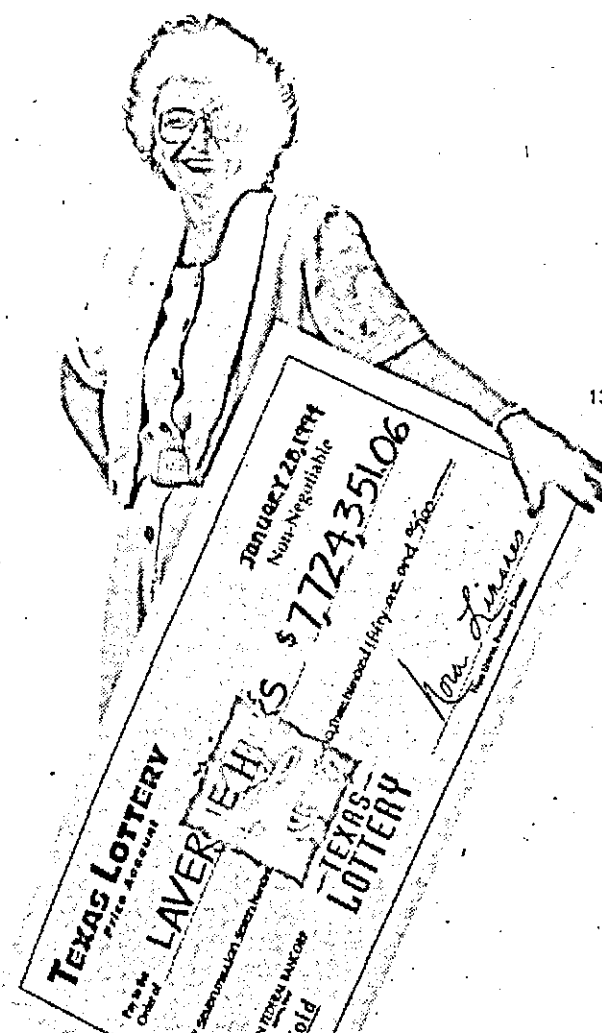
Let's start looking at the foundations that need to be shaken. Paul and Silas had no idea of the effect they would have on the whole jail population. They were just two preachers who believed in the power of prayer and praise. Humbled and submissive under the mighty hand of their God, they were imprisoned unjustly. Nevertheless, God used them to shake the foundation upon which a populace lived. After that encounter we find them demanding to be set free publicly so as to broadcast the effectiveness of the Power of their God and the ineffectiveness of the Roman Government.

Let us aspire and reach for such a level of God's power so that we may continue Shaking Foundations!..

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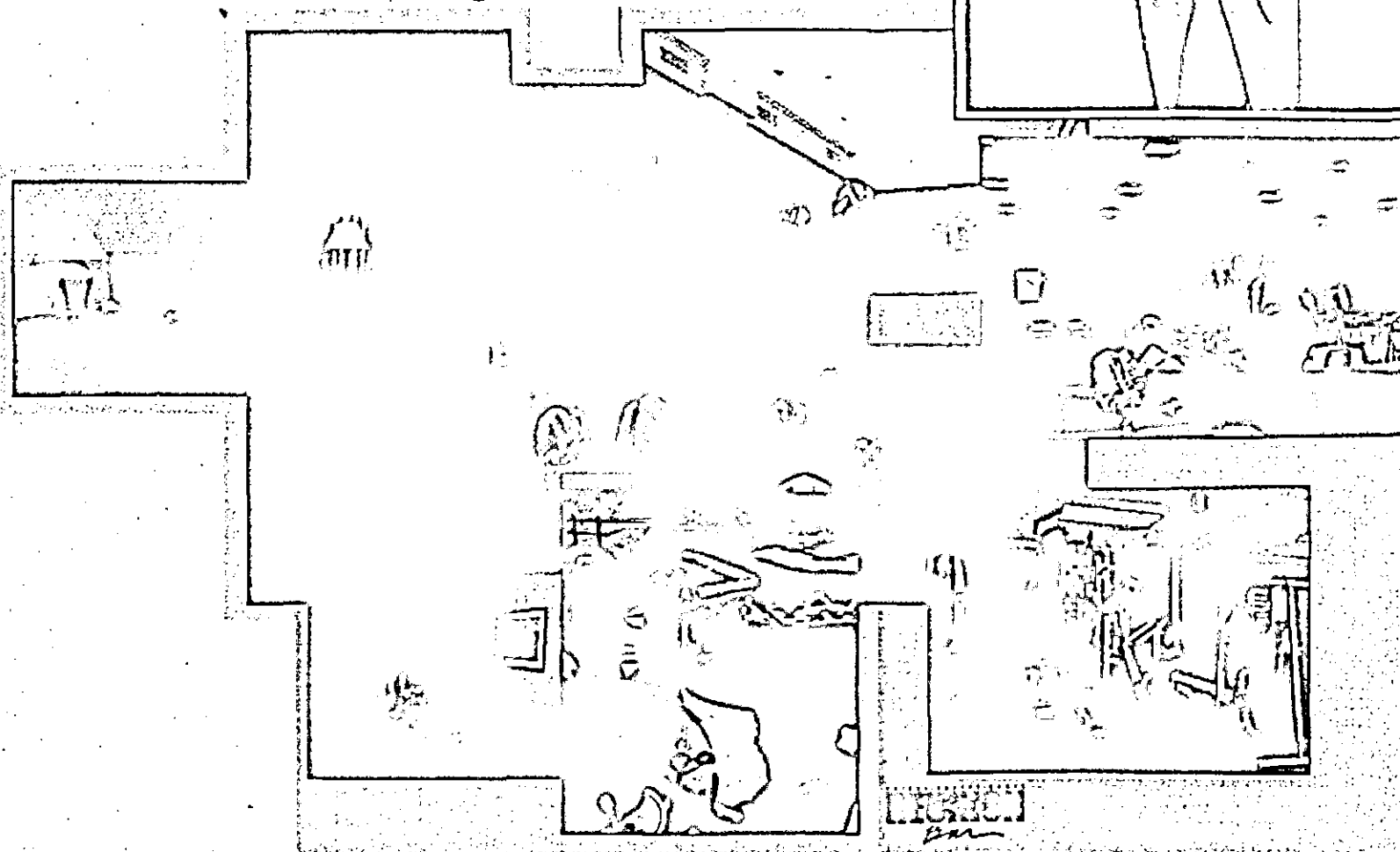
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A Lending Hand

Many families never realize their dream of purchasing their own home. It seems that the bridge to making their dreams reality crash at the very moment when the estimated cash amount to close is mentioned. While housing assistance programs are designed to make these dreams come true, some are effective and some are not. When it comes to housing assistance programs, there's one that tends to reign supreme in my mind in offering a lending hand - "The Enterprise Foundation".

The Enterprise program in Dallas dates back to 1983 when the Meadows Foundation commissioned Enterprise to do a study of poverty and housing in the city of Dallas. The study pointed to the need for increased support for neighborhood-based housing organizations and the creation of a city-wide neighborhood development center to provide financing and technical assistance to these emerging groups.

In conducting this study, Enterprise staff came in contact with John Fullinwider, the Executive Director Common Ground, a newly organized South Dallas community development corporation. Enterprise's first program action in Dallas was a \$9,000 operating loan to Common Ground, and subsequent development loans to this group helped facilitate the moving and rehabilitation of fifty-eight frame houses from the Southland Corporation's Cityplace site.

In 1986, The Meadows Foundation helped implement Enterprise's principal study recommendation by playing a lead role in the formation of the Center for Housing Resources (CHR). Later that year, Meadows solicited the help of Enterprise to provide technical assistance to CHR in launching its housing and community development program. Enterprise hired a full-time Dallas-based field officer to act as a consultant to the Center who has helped CHR package its twenty-unit low-income housing project in Oak Cliff, Jeffrey Square.

Let me briefly give you an example of the type of assistance (in this case, no money down) one could receive from the Enterprise Foundation. Supposing you wanted to buy a three-bedroom home costing \$65,000, and all qualifying guidelines were met.

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The \$6,500 amount is considered a "Soft Second", but if you're planning to live in the home for let's say, 15 years, then the \$6,500 soft second is forgivable.

This meaning that you never have to repay the \$6,500 amount back. If this isn't a lending hand then I don't know what is!

Now, let's talk more about Enterprise Foundation. Enterprise's Dallas program received its greatest boost in February 1988 when the City's Department of Housing and Neighborhood Services awarded Enterprise a \$5.3 million contract to manage the Dallas Revolving Loan Fund, a pool of HUD Community Development Block Grant Funds, for use by both for-profit and not-for-profit low to moderate housing developers. This contract led to an increase in the locally-based Enterprise staff from one to four and the opening of an Enterprise office. The current staff of ten includes a Texas state director, a housing development director, a Texas state development officer, a manager of single-family housing programs, a construction manager, a construction specialist, a loan administrator, an administrative assistant/office manager, a loan processor, and a loan clerk.

In January 1994, the City extended the original contract and added another \$2 million to the loan fund. Under this contract, Enterprise has assume the role of a pro-active lender - searching out prospective projects, organizing new not-for-profits to take them on, providing technical assistance to existing groups to increase their production, and nurturing the involvement of for-profit developers who typically do not understand the special requirements of government loans or low-income property management.

Financing offers directly from Enterprise are usually slightly higher than market rates, but the cash housing assistance can be used toward down payment, closing costs, or prepaid items.

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BY VERONICA W. MORGAN

For Myron Hudson and Gerry Clark owning a business has long been a dream.

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It came knocking in July of last year when the two long time friends decided to purchase Buddy's Sporting Goods store, located in "downtown" Oak Cliff on Jefferson St.

The store's previous owner, Robert Massey, had successfully operated the business for the past 17 years.

But he died in April of last year, leaving his two sisters as co-executors to his estate.

One of Massey's sister, Mildred Crowder, mentioned to Hudson, who had been a patron of the sporting goods store for the past four or five years, that they were interested in selling the store.

Hudson contacted Clark and the two discussed the possibilities with their wives, Cassandra Clark and Merla Hudson. They were a bit nervous about the idea but agreed to support their spouses.

And the rest is history.

Hudson and Clark put together an "exceptional" business plan that left several area bankers reeling in awe over their expertise.

"We heard things like 'this is an immaculate business plan,' and 'your financial records are impeccable,'" Hudson said.

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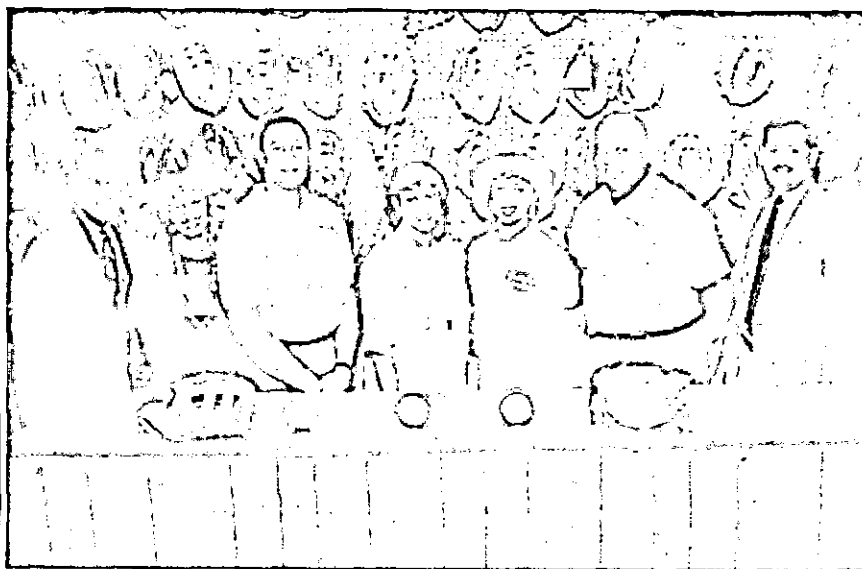
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by Lakeesha N. Joe

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A 1995-96 Morningside Business Directory will be published by MON for the members of Morningside United Methodist Church and the city of Ft. Worth.

The business directory is the brainchild of Dr. Chauncey S. Nealy, pastor of Morningside, who thought of the idea when he became pastor of the church in 1993.

"I initiated the idea of Morningside creating a business directory, and fellow church members accepted my idea," said Nealy.

The Morningside Ministry is now seeking advertisements from subscribers to be included in the 1995-96 business directory. The following is a

list of advertising rates for placement in the directory:

Regular Full Page	\$300
Regular Half Page	\$150
Quarter Page	\$65
Business Card	\$30
Distinctive Listing	\$20
Multiple Category Listing	\$10

"We're happy to be able to work with Morningside United Methodist Church for the second year in a row," said Thurman Jones, publisher of MON. "I'm sure this directory will go a long way in identifying business owners and fellow members that are of the Morningside congregation; since they worship together, it's only natural that they trade together."

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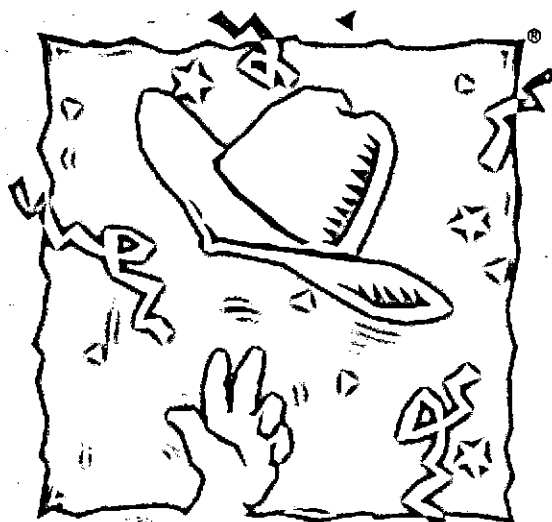
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DALLAS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

1. Sealed bids addressed to the Board of Education of the Dallas Independent School District, Dallas County, Texas, for construction of a NEW SCHOOL, the Cowart Relief Elementary School, Dallas, Texas, for the Dallas Independent School District, hereinafter called "District" in accordance with plans, specifications and contract documents adopted by the District, prepared by Vidau & Associates, Inc., will be received in the Purchasing Office, 3700 San Jacinto, Dallas, Texas until 2:00 PM, May 23, 1995. At that time, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud and tabulation will be made to present to the Board of Education at their next regular meeting for consideration in awarding the Contract. Any bids received after the closing time will be returned unopened.

2. There will be a Pre-Bid Conference on Tuesday, May 16, 1995 at 9:00 AM at the Lela P. Cowart Elementary School, Principal's Office, 1515 S. Ravinia, Dallas, Texas 75211, for the purpose of answering questions and walking the site. Bidders are invited and urged to be present.

3. The Contractors shall identify their bid on the outside of the envelope by writing the name of the project on which they are bidding. The name of the project is "Cowart Relief Elementary School."

4. Plans and specifications may be examined in the office of Vidau & Associates, Inc., 5220 Spring Valley Road, Suite 200, Dallas, Texas 75204, (214) 934-8890, and are on file after May 1st at:

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5. Plans and specifications may be examined and obtained from the office of Vidau & Associates, Inc., 5220 Spring Valley Road, Suite 200, Dallas, Texas 75204 upon deposit of a separate refundable check (payable to Vidau & Associates, Inc.) in the amount of \$150.00/set. Checks will be returned upon delivery of the plans in good condition to the Architect within five days after bid opening.

6. A cashier's check payable to the Dallas Independent School District in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the bid submitted must accompany the bid, or an acceptable bid bond in the same amount.

7. It is the goal of the District that at least 30% of the work performed under the contract will be done by minority or woman owned business enterprises.

8. The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive any formalities.

9. The District is committed to the ideals of equal opportunity in all its business endeavors.



DALLAS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

1. Sealed bids addressed to the Board of Education of the Dallas Independent School District, Dallas County, Texas, for construction of a NEW SCHOOL, the Houston/Maple Lawn Relief Elementary School, Dallas, Texas, for the Dallas Independent School District, hereinafter called "District" in accordance with plans, specifications and contract documents adopted by the District, prepared by F & S Partners, Inc., will be received in the Purchasing Office, 3700 San Jacinto, Dallas, Texas until 2:00 PM, May 30, 1995. At that time, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud and tabulation will be made to present to the Board of Education at their next regular meeting for consideration in awarding the Contract. Any bids received after the closing time will be returned unopened.

2. There will be a Pre-Bid Conference on Wednesday, May 24, 1995 at 9:00 AM at the Maple Lawn Elementary School, Principal's Office, 3120 Inwood Road, Dallas, Texas 75235, for the purpose of answering questions and walking the site. Bidders are invited and urged to be present.

3. The Contractors shall identify their bid on the outside of the envelope by writing the name of the project on which they are bidding. The name of the project is "Houston/Maple Lawn Relief Elementary School."

4. Plans and specifications may be examined in the office of F & S Partners, Inc., 3535 Travis Street, Suite 201, Dallas, Texas 75204, (214) 559-4851, and are on file after May 8th at:

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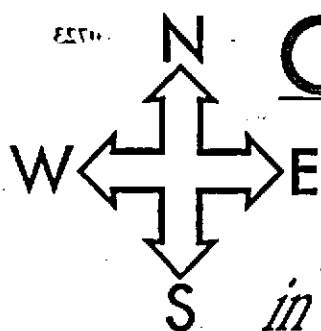


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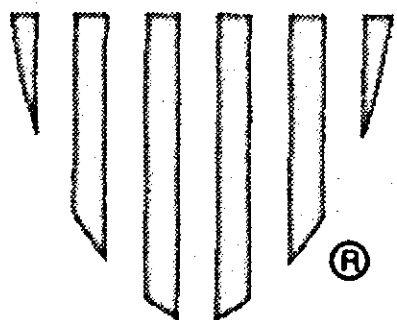
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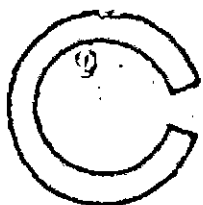
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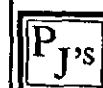
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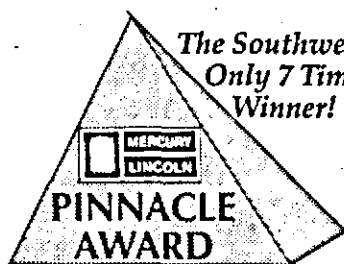


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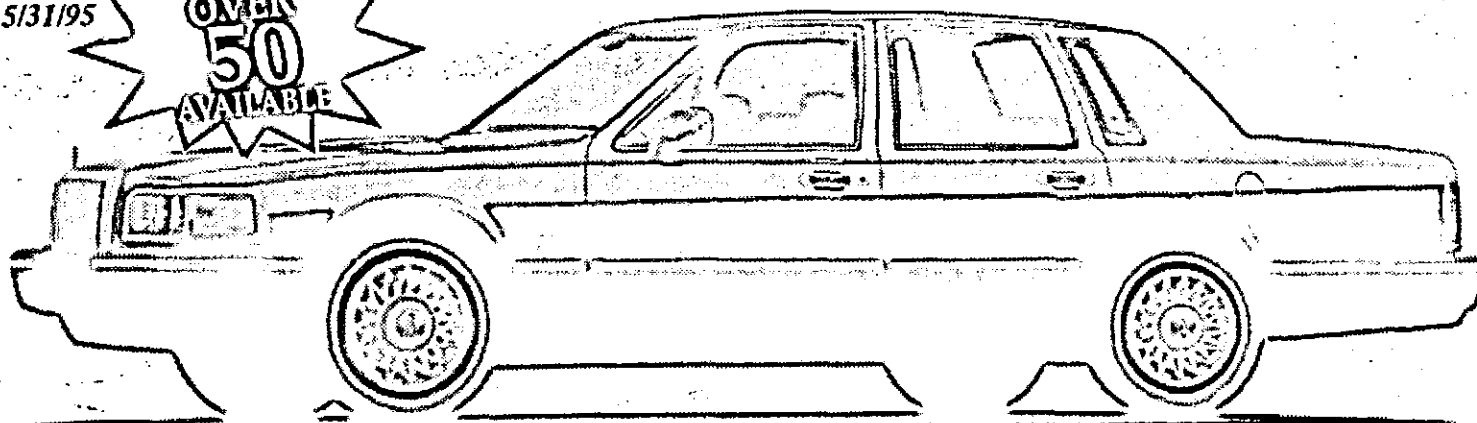


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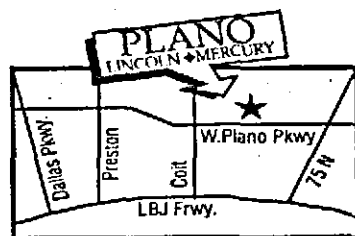
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