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Texas' Forgotten Race War



Few people know about the bloody race war that broke out in the small Texas town of Slocum in 1910. When it was over scores of African Americans had been brutally killed.

African American Pastors Coalition's MLK Day celebration

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From The Publisher
Thurman Jones
photo by Derrick Walters

Editorial

Clergy Coalition Marks Progress

As I am sure many of our readers have heard, Dallas is often viewed as not being the most progressive city on the face on the planet. In fact, there are those who believe that we are at least 10-15 years behind other major American cities as it related to the overall lot for African Americans. Within the last two weeks, I have again received irrefutable proof that Dallas is not as far behind the rest of the known universe as we might have suspected.

Last fall, many of us witnessed one of the major events of our modern times, the Million Man March. By all visible indicators (except those used by the U.S. Park Service, which calculated a figure of about 400,000) at least one million men did attend this historic event.

Now what does this have to do with Dallas? On January 15 of this year Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church, the African-American Pastors' Coalition convened the second annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. By all accounts, the program was outstanding, and featured a number of noteworthy points for our community. First was the series of initiatives announced by this organization of local clergy under the leadership the Rev. Zan W. Holmes, Jr. Major steps have and will continue to be taken by this group to advance a number of needed changes in Dallas. But this new hallmark for leadership in Dallas was not the most telling analogy to either the March or the state of Black Dallas. Now was the fact that there was a large and very committed group of African Americans who attended the function with no yelling or screaming arguing. Rather it was a day of reflection, of looking towards the future needs and desires for our community. Unfortunately, the similarity to Dallas was not shown by the numbers of rousing messages nor the inspirational songs from the Martin Luther King, Jr. choir. While clearly on a par with those of the March, our pastors and musicians did not bring the comparisons between the two events.

What then do I refer To? Numbers! Particularly those reported for the attendees at the celebration. Just over a month prior to the King program, the nation had

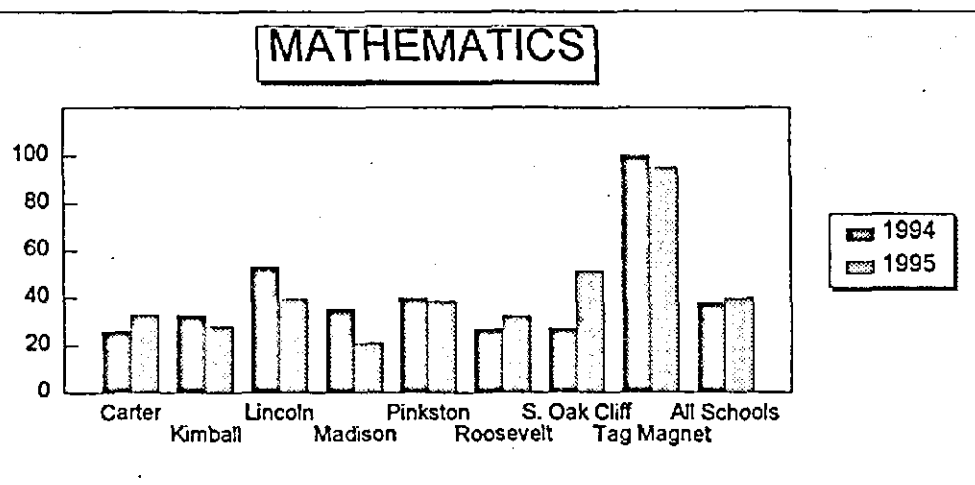
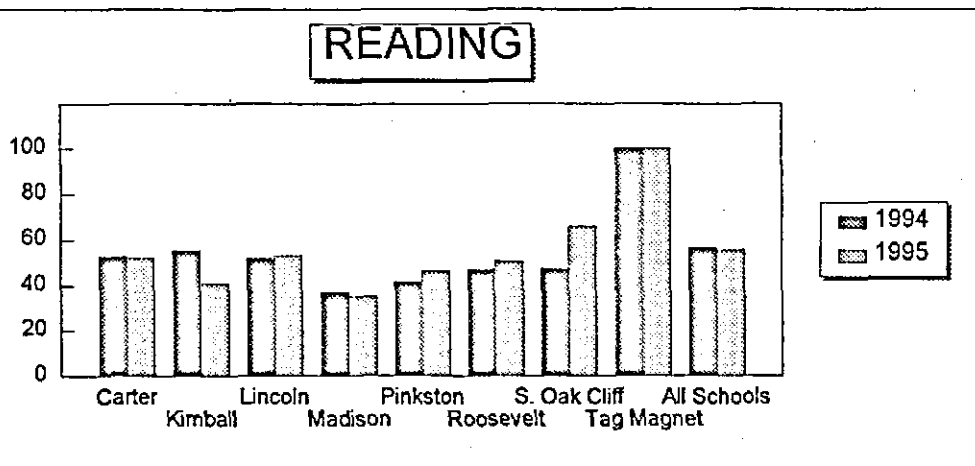
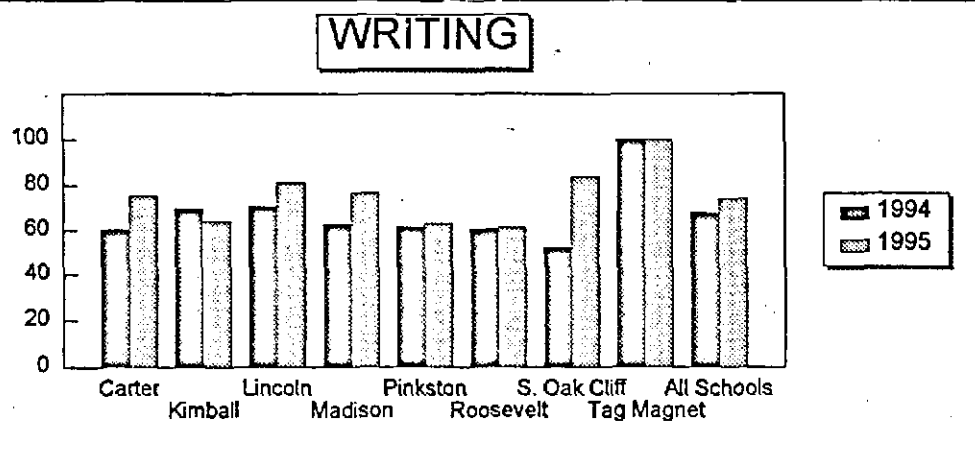
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TAAS tells the story, not TAG

The continuing controversy over the Talented and Gifted Magnet at Townview seems to be an issue that refuses to yield to a far more critical one in DISD. As *Minority Opportunity News* reviewed in last month's edition, the focus on the TAG matter has diminished the level of attention that should be given to the more important concern of the low pass rate on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test (TAAS) for African American students. In the long term the TAAS failure rate will have much more severe implications than the furor that currently surrounds TAG.

Presently, the U.S. Department of Education is about to investigate complaints that the TAAS test discriminates against minority students, who disproportionately represent those who fail. The complaint, lodged by the Texas NAACP, alleges that the high failure rate and subsequent inability of these students minority students to receive high school diplomas is discriminatory and biased. While the Texas authorities who administer the test suggest that the test is free of such bias, no real data is provided that explains why there is such an obvious discrepancy in the failure statistics. The NAACP action highlights the absurdity of the TAG issue on several accounts. First, the TAG matter should have never become a "community" issue. The matter could have and should have been resolved internally. In fact, it may have been best addressed within the executive principal's office as soon as she had any indications that the TAG principal was executing an "end run" by sharing her concerns directly with board members without being solicited for this information. The worst case scenario should have seen it concluded by the area superintendent. Only in Dallas could an issue like this grow to such ridiculous proportions so as to involve the number of civic, governmental and business leaders it has.

A second concern is that, as usual,



Source of test data: DISD; graphs by Tommy Morgan

the leadership of the African American community has responded with too little, too late. While these leaders, Pastor Zan Holmes and the African American Pastors Coalition and John Wiley Price and the Warriors, were meeting to discuss their plan of action, the superintendent was announcing the district's official policy in response to the TAG matter by the reassignment of the two principals. However vigorous the objection, the fact is the decision was made that Dr. Watson was not going back to Townview. In this sense, the TAG matter became an employee issue and therefore out of the realm of public discussion and intervention.

The truth is, the TAG matter, for all intents and purposes, is over. Now is the time for the leadership of our community

to move on to the far more relevant concerns of why our kids are doing so poorly on the TAAS test and show how we intend to either change the test or eliminate it all together. As the accompanying chart reveals, our energies would be better expended on the dismal pass rates for minority students, who are heavily concentrated at schools such as Carter, Lincoln and Kimball. Responsibility and accountability for this rest with school board trustees Yvonne Ewell, Kathryn Gilliam and Hollis Brashear. The TAG students, if they stay focused on academics instead of politics, have an excellent chance to succeed in life. Clearly the majority of students who fail the TAAS test do not have the same chance for success. It is all of our responsibility to change that. MON

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Last issue *Minority Opportunity News* published what it thinks is an important, real-life example of true self-help and grass-roots economics.

- *Reaching for the Sky* was a story written by Rodney Crump, a contributing writer (as stated under his byline), about REACH, Inc., based in Meridan, Miss. MON neglected to mention that Mr. Crump is a regular contributor to the *Jackson Advocate*, a fine weekly newspaper publishing out of Jackson, Miss.

Our sincere thanks to Mr. Benjamin Jealous, editor of the *Jackson Advocate*, who assisted us in finding an able local journalist to write the story. And of course, our thanks to Mr. Crump for his efforts.

We at MON hope to continue, indeed encourage, this type of collaboration among African American publications.

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LETTERS...

Emmett Till

Having had the opportunity to read one of your issues (November 1995), I found the article regarding Emmett Till very interesting. There were some things that I read in the article that I was not aware of.

I understand that the *Minority Opportunity News* is complimentary to churches and community groups.

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church is a small (congregation 35) black church located in the city of Northern Shores, Michigan. Many of the members are from the south and are familiar with some of the issues in your publication, while the few young adult members are not aware.

We would be very pleased to receive complimentary issues of your publication to share with our congregation.

Should you have any questions, please call me, the church clerk.

Karen I. Johnson-Cole
Northern Shores, MI


N-Word Revisited

RIGHT ON, MR. JONES !!! At last, an African American that will publicly denounce the use of the "N-Word!" The "N-Word" is NOT okay...regardless of the color of the mouth it is uttered from.

The belief that it is okay for Blacks to say it but not Whites gives credence to the saying "if you call someone a dog long enough, they will start to act like one." Slave owners called our forefathers "Nigger" and they answered. Now, generations later, African Americans have internalized the word to the point that it no longer bothers us. Please do not attempt to sanction the word by saying it's okay for us to use but not them.

Shame on (Dallas) Mayor (Ron) Kirk and (Dallas County) Commissioner (John


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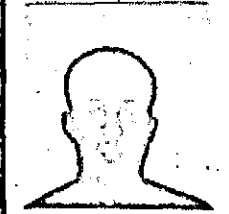


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More questions and answers to come in future issues as this series continues.



Thomas
Muhammad

"Exhale! What the Hell For?"

It seems that the whole African American community (particularly the female portion) is going wild about

author Terry McMillan's book turned film, *Waiting To Exhale*. And according to interviews conducted by some talk show host, no African American

males will be safe on the planet in 1996 after it's showing. Now although I haven't seen the movie (and I probably won't) as yet. I predict that just as we African-American males have survived slavery, Jim Crowism, Lynch Laws, "The Color Purple", Poll Taxes, Prisons, Racist Cops, Newt, Gramm, Dole, Kress, Keever, Mark Furhman, Willie Lynch, Washington Post Columnist Richard Cohen, Hitler, Steve Bartlett etc., we will survive this one too.

And hey sister, I know by now you're probably sitting there reading this and working your neck saying, "We have faced those same attacks that African American males have faced so, why are you leaving us out?" The answer is simple. You have been "Waiting to Exhale." So, for the brothers I say this one's for you. Oh, and by the way, I did meet Ms. McMillan here in Dallas a few years ago and found her to be an intelligent strong female worthy of big-time respect. But I gotta do what I gotta do, OK?

Now back to my story. The most astonishing thing about all this hoopla to me is how can we get so excited about entertainment at a time when the whole race is under the most vigorous attacks since the times of Malcolm and Martin? How can we justify getting all worked up about romance, sexual relationships, girl meets boy, boy meets girl, she's too fat, she's too skinny, he's got a lot of umph, she's too dull! I mean, who the hell cares?

When you look at the conditions of our communities, particularly places

like South Dallas/Fair Park, Mosier Valley, West Dallas, Joppa (or Joppie), the Oak Cliff bottoms near Roosevelt High school or any other places in the Dallas Ft. Worth metroplex., we should be in tears and angry as hell. As Malcolm X told us, "We should be swinging instead of singing!" But, as usual we are too busy having Miller time, party time, sports half-time, break dance time and very little serious reading, studying, working, creating, protesting and down right butt-kicking time!

For instance Charlotte Mayes insults the whole Dallas African American com-

munity with her attacks on our liberating institutions to our media. And Negro elected officials were so quiet you would have thought they were also on that tape. Or

were THEY? The "White Godfathers of North Dallas" then paid Negro "ghetto pimps" to escort Mayes to everything from KwanzaaFest to BonTon to try and make her appear to be an African with a whole lot of soul.

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Meanwhile, at the DISD, the dirty duo of Sandy Kress and Bill Keever make mockery of the long awaited dreams of African Americans by attempting to kill the Townview Super Magnet school and cover their stink behind the anti-Semitic label. Wasn't it Minister Louis Farrakhan who once told us how "some White Jews will use the Jewish religion to try and hide their dirty deeds?" As you watch the TAG mess chew on that.

However, I have a feeling you won't be thinking about it long. Especially after White Jews put you to sleep with their "Dallas Acts Kind Month." Oh, I'm sorry, that should be Dallas Acts Kind "Week"

in the middle of "African American History Month," already the shortest month of the year. This month should be used to discuss the White Jewish participation in financing the African slave trade.

As for the DISD, we should be asking them how in the hell can Whites, who only make up 10 percent of the district, be 55 percent of the TAG program? Are they that smart? I don't think so! People should call it like it is. RACIST. Oh, by the way racism, is power plus prejudice. So, Commissioner John Wiley Price can not be a racist for insisting that TAG remain at Townview, as some White Jews have tried to make him out to be. He does not control the power at DISD. Oh wow! It just dawned on me that you sisters put your egos away and supported us brothers with our Million Man March and for

that you deserve to be supported too. So, for being so respectful of us brothers you now have my permission to exhale. In fact, we brothers will join in with you.

OK, all together now African brothers and sisters. Breath in, breath out, breath in, breath out, breath in, breath out, breath in,...

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been drawn into the arguments regarding how many folds were in attendance at the March. After months of wrangling, the Park Department finally recognized their error. Enter the Dallas Morning News' coverage of the King Celebration. Lo and behold, Dallas met DC by grossly undercounting the attendance at the event. While the sanctuary (which by the way seats over 1,200) was essentially packed, the DMN reported an attendance of approximately 400. (See pages 14 and 15-draw your own conclusions.) How in the world could this be?

To make matters even worse, another reporter with the DMN, who also happened to be in attendance at the program said that she personally counted 900 attendees before she chose to stop counting. Nonetheless, the erstwhile reporter responsible for the coverage of the event and the editor somehow shrank this partial count to less than half of that number. Ultimately, we ended up with an article that suggested an attendance of about 400.

Of all the ways for us to reach the big time, I am sorely upset that it would have to be in this fashion. Perhaps, math should be made a required course at journalism school.

What are your thoughts?

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Department of Agriculture honors Texas Family

On Friday, January 26, descendants of the Baker family were honored in Austin by Governor George Bush and the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Over 25 descendants of Wiley Baker were present to see grandsons L.J. and Charlie Baker and great granddaughter Shirley Demus Tarpley receive a proclamation from the State of Texas for continuous land ownership for over 100 years. The Texas Family Land Heritage ceremony was held at the LBJ Library on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin, and presented by Texas Land Commissioner Rick Perry.

"I feel very proud to accept this award in honor of my great grandfather, Wiley Baker," said Shirley Demus Tarpley, unofficial historian for the Baker family. "My only regret is that our ancestors could not be here to enjoy the fruits of their labor. However, I know that they are looking down on this event today and are very proud and happy that the state of Texas, and their descendants, are honoring them in this way," she added.

The state began recognizing farmers and ranchers whose families have owned and worked the same land for a hundred

years or more in 1974. The event is held the last Friday in January every year.

If you would like more information on the Texas Family Land Heritage Ceremony, please contact the Texas Department of Agriculture, P. O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711.

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Wiley Baker, the patriarch of the Baker family, was featured in the January 1996 issue of MON.

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Wiley) Price for not denouncing the use of the word. In an era when Blacks are answering to such titles as "City Manager," etc...it is sad to hear some of us are proudly answering to "Nigger."

If you don't respect yourself, no one will respect you.

BLACK PEOPLE, RESPECT YOURSELVES !!!

Iris Thomas

Dear Girlfriend,

I am writing regarding your response to "Blind Date" dated Jan. 1996.

First of all, there is nothing wrong with having to date anyone who is on

medication to handle depression.

Seeing that this is a new decade, you may want to update yourself and readers on mental illness and find out a more informative approach for your readers.

Second, if you would take the time to look around, you will find some of our less fortunate suffer from the same and could be better off if they took the modern-day approach to their illness. Receiving counseling and treatment is the best thing that could ever happen to anyone who is suffering from "depression." If left untreated, it could result in death (suicide or homicide).

Seeing that this is a black newspaper trying to inform our black community, I, for one, would have thought you would at least try to be more sensitive to your readers.

Check yourself before you wreck yourself!

B.L.

Arlington, TX

P.S. I know you may not print this...By all means please take the time out to inform yourself, in not your readers.

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Community Leaders Urge Your Participation...



Below:
Al Lipscomb, Dallas City Councilmember and
Karen Walz, Executive Director of The Dallas
Plan discuss initiatives planned for the southern
sector of Dallas at a recent community briefing.

Above, from left to right:
Sam Brown, Chairman - Dallas Black Chamber
Reginald Gates, President - Dallas Black Chamber
Al Lipscomb, Dallas City Councilmember
Karen S. Walz, Executive Director - The Dallas Plan
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Wanted: One, maybe two, Black Men— PLEASE!

Dallas has one. New York has a few. Miami boasts one. Chicago has a few. But we still don't have enough across this country.

Oh, the elusive African American male evening news anchor! Where, oh where can he be? He's worked in the trenches and gotten his degree. Oh where, oh where can he be?

All I know is they are out there. Black men. They've gone to college. They've had the internships. They've worked for years as reporters, but very few ever make it to the anchor desk permanently.

What is the plight of the African American male news anchor? Why are there so few African American male anchors across this country? Is there a problem with hiring African American men in high profile positions? These and other questions are of concern to journalists across this country and around the world.

While African American journalists have made significant strides, still in 1996 the newsrooms are a sad representation of the masses of black people living in this country.

While more and more African Americans are moving into positions of authority, they often find their titles are nothing more than mere tokens of an unequal system that believes the most reliable news sources are white men or blonde-haired, blue-eyed women.

It would be insulting to hear someone say there aren't enough qualified applicants roaming the streets of America.

When I think of the men who have worked in, are still working in, or have eventually exited the Dallas market, there are questions that need to be answered by those in positions of "power."

What was wrong with Michael Hill,

Larry Mullins, Clennon King, Jose Grinan, Gary Reaves, Clif Caldwell, Calvin Hughes, Doug Wilson, or Barry Simms? Why couldn't Shaun Rabb stay at the anchor desk?

Oddly enough, it seems as though WFAA, KXAS, KTVT and KDFW have made a decision to let John McCaa be the lone evening anchor for life over at WFAA. Oftentimes when someone mentions the lack of African American male anchors, the reply is the same, regardless of what station they are affiliated with: "There's John McCaa!"

Yes, there is John McCaa and he's great, but there are so many other talented young men who deserve an opportunity.

And the opportunities do not only benefit the individual journalists. Young men, looking for someone to pattern their lives after, will take notice of those on the screens. It helps for those on the screens to be committed to community involvement.

KDFW-TV has made enormous strides in an effort to diversify the newsroom. To FOX management's credit, chief rocker Steve Crocker can be seen anchoring the newscast at 5:30 a.m. After CBS moved across town to KTVT and FOX took over KDFW, adding more news, roughly 7 hours daily, you would expect that there would be more opportunities for African American men to anchor. Calling Shaun Rabb!!

KXAS had optimists fooled. It was thought that if there was one station that would rise to the occasion and make a change, KXAS would be that giant. But still great talent seems to slip away, never to return because there just doesn't seem to be any potential for growth for the African American male anchor.

What is the plight of the African American male news anchor? Why are there so few African American male anchors across this country?

But just as I sit and write this column, you can sit down and write your letters to the various stations. Ask them the same questions I'm asking you. If you have any doubt about how much power you have, pick up a pen and start letting people know your feelings. Then and

only then will you see results!

Until then, we love you John McCaa, and God forbid someone makes you an offer you can't refuse!!!!

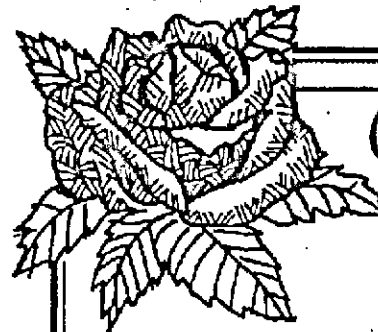
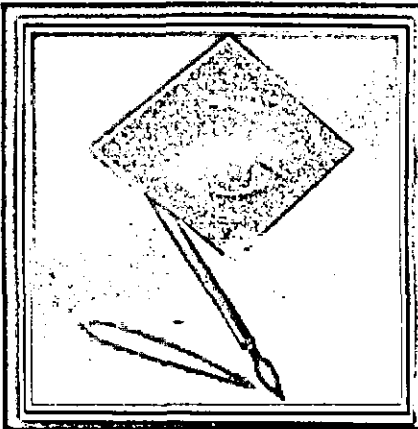
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Cheryl Smith is the host of Reporters' Roundtable on Superstation Soul 73. Tune in on Sunday mornings at 8:00, immediately following Minister Louis Farrakhan's address.

PEN NOTES

You'd better write in now for your pledge forms for the 2nd annual Don't Believe the Hype Celebrity Bowl-a-thon and Auction. This year's event will be held on Saturday, June 29th at Don Carriers West, 10920 Composite Drive. You remember last year's event with Chuck D., Dick Gregory, Malik Farrakhan, BabyFace, Bob Ray Sanders, John McCaa, James Washington, Mayor Ron Kirk, Senator Royce West, Nanette Lee, Skip Murphy, Kim Warren, Tonya English, Rene Sylar, Buff Parham, Special K, Thomas Muhammad,

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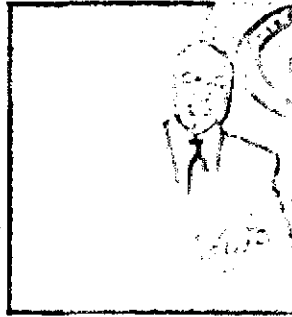
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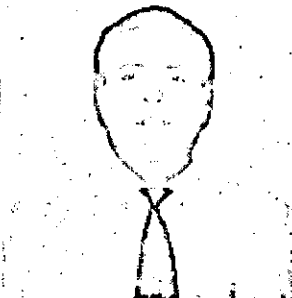
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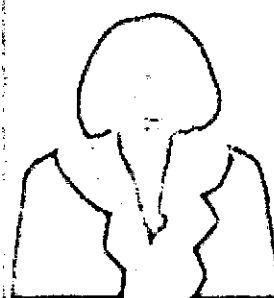
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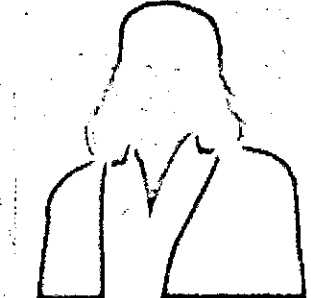
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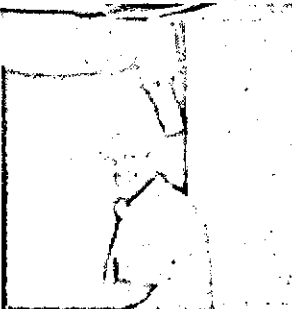
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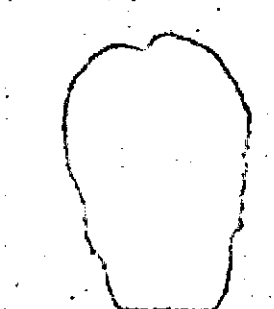
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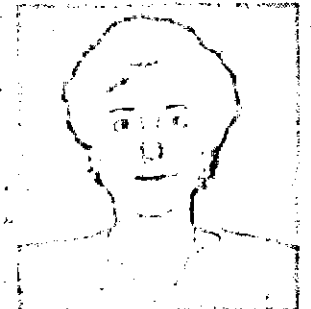
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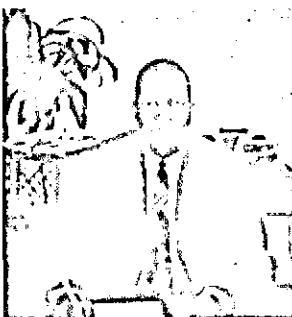
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Corsicana Says No to Rendering Plant

By Yvette R. Blair

The citizens in Corsicana share a common sentiment: They don't want Griffin Industries in their town. For a town with a population of nearly 23,000 and an economy that could stand a little boost, why have the citizens voted against this business moving to their south central Texas town. It's simple. The smell is fierce. So fierce that one resident describes the smell as "stinky as 1,000 skunks."

Griffins Industries is a business that produces animal by-products from the debris from slaughterhouses. It is a rendering plant where carcasses and other animal parts are turned into stock feed material and fertilizers. In order to carry out this process, they have to boil the animal remains, treating them with chemicals and utilize nearly 100,000 gallons of water per day. And what's even worse, the trucks that carry these carcasses travel the same highways as do school busses.

The proposed site is 2.5 miles south of the city on Interstate 45. It also includes a portion of the city of Angus. But as soon as the citizens of Corsicana learned a couple of months ago that Griffin Industries had set its sights on locating there, they became outraged.

"Petitions started flowing in opposition of the plant," said Lloyd Ross, president of the city's National Association for the Advancement of Colored People branch. He said that the plant is not favored, especially in the African American community. Approximately 25 percent of Corsicana's population is African American and most of them live in the southeastern sector of the city, the sector where the rendering plant would be built.

"We are already in an industrial area surrounded by pollutants. This is not a welcome addition," he stated.

One of the major concerns that residents have with the rendering plant is the smell and the pollutants. However, according to an official with the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission, the regulatory agency that issues air and water permits, these types of businesses usually don't emit pollutants. "They don't have a health effect," said Linda Fernandez. "They are basically odor nuisances."

Griffin Industries, which has repeat-

edly refused comment when contacted by MON, has applied for an air and water permit through the TNRCC. Currently, the permits are under technical review and there is no timeline as to how long it will take before approval.

Griffin Industries, known also as Texas By-Products, has several violations stacked against their plant located in the city of Wiley (just north of Dallas) such as not using the proper chemicals and, Fernandez said, the TNRCC does take this into consideration when issuing permits. She said the requirements include making sure that scrubbers are installed and that chlorine is used to avoid odor violations.

"I felt like if it was in a remote area and not a densely populated one it might be considered. But this is near the Black community."

-Olan Nickelberry, Navarro County Commissioner

But for Kathy McKissack, whose property is some 2,000 feet from the proposed site of the plant, she doesn't see how the plant could avoid emitting odorous pollutants. "How can it avoid being a nuisance," said McKissack who came to Corsicana from Dallas to enjoy her retirement. She said these types of plants are usually on the side of town where people who don't have money live. She said that her group, People United for the Environment of Navarro County (which consists of about 20 people), has expressed their opposition.

"The big objection is that they want to keep these trucks out on the streets for 24 hours. Trucks that have dead animals, blood and other odorous products. I just don't think its healthy," she said

McKissack also said that Griffin Industries offered to buy her property, including her rental house, which is currently occupied by an African American family that is financially not able to move. She declined the offer.

There was so much public discontent with the plant moving to Corsicana that the city commissioners passed a resolution to keep the plant from moving to its city limits. The city also passed an ordinance that prohibits certain kinds of businesses from locating in the city limits, among them a rendering plant. Specifically, it states that no slaughtering establishment, hide house, rendering establishment or any other business whose operations are deemed to produce nauseous or offensive side-effects can locate within the city limits.

Navarro County Commissioner Olan Nickelberry said this type of business would not enhance the city. "I felt like if it was in a remote area and not a densely populated one it might be considered. But this is near the Black community," he said.

Nickelberry said another concern was the water system. To process the by-products, there would have to be a lagoon system (a shallow water area for the processing of sewage or storing of liquids) in place. Corsicana does not have such a system.

Nickelberry said that he heard many negative remarks about the company, which also has a plant in Bastrop, Texas. He said the information given him about the plant was not very reliable. "Only one commissioner made a visit to the Bastrop facility. Maybe if we all could have gone, we could have gotten a better understanding about the plant," he said.

"We looked at the public sentiment and voted for them (Griffin Industries) not to come to Corsicana," said Mayor Wilson Griffin. He said there was a lot of concern about the smell. "There are a lot of different industries that could locate here, but we felt that we just didn't want this type of business in our city."

City Commissioner Anthony Lee agreed. Lee said that after hearing from the public and viewing films about the

business, he felt it wasn't a good idea. Economically, he said, the business would have only employed about 25 people. He said he would much rather have a business that would employ more people and that would be satisfactory to the citizens.

Russell Stover Candy Company is planning to open a plant three miles from the proposed site of the rendering plant. Representatives with the candy company said they initially were not aware that a rendering plant was looking to locate in Corsicana. The candy plant would employ more than 250 people.

As one citizen put it, "We would much rather smell the sweet scent of candy than the detestable odor of animal by-products."

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Writer's note: MON contacted five Griffin Industries representatives. Bill Vickers, the general manager, would not comment until a news release was prepared. So far, no release has been made available to MON.

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Eddie Bernice Johnson Launches Youth Conference

Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson,

along with the City of Dallas, DISD, and the Dallas Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the first in a series of day-long conferences on preparing youth for future careers.

The conference, "Preparing Today's Youth for Tomorrow's Careers, A Summit on School to Work Opportunities," will explore the necessary tools that students need beyond college and provide students with exposure to real career opportunities.

The conference will cover what types of education and skills students will need to succeed in 21st Century careers, explore what employers look for when hiring applicants. Other topics include addressing employment and education trends and discussion on if a college degree is enough to make it into the 21st Century.

The conference will take place on Friday, February 16, 1996 at the Le Meridien located at North Pearl Street from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and parents, educators and business leaders are encouraged to attend. Call OpalRobertson at 214-922-8885 for additional information.

DART Introduces VIP Program

As part of its new Vanpool Incentive Program (VIP), DART will provide vans, incentives, ride-matching and trip-planning services to new vanpools. The transportation agency's goal is to entice commuters out of their cars and place them into economical, environmentally friendly vans by providing new Ford 15-passenger and additional 9- and 12-passenger vans based on availability.

Rider rates will be calculated by commuting distance, and DART will match employer subsidies up to \$20 a month. Vanpool captains ride free and can use their vans during non-working hours. Emergency rides home are also available under the program. Call 747-RIDE for details.

Greater Dallas Injury Prevention Center Focuses on African Americans

During the week of Feb. 4-10, the Greater Dallas Injury Prevention Center will call attention to the factors that lead to car crashes, particularly among African Americans, and show how to prevent injuries.

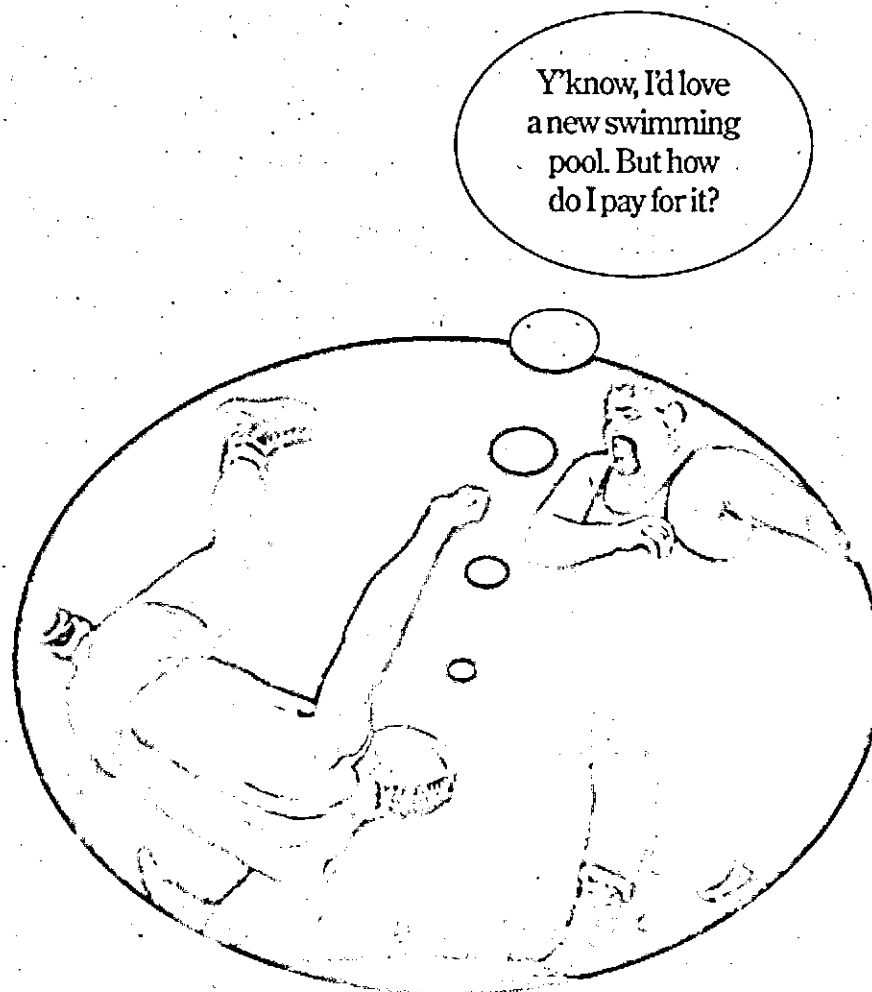
Their campaign "Don't Wreck Your Week," will include a display booth at Red Bird Mall from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. There will also be a wrecked car donated by MADD on display Feb. 11.

According to data from the Texas

Department of Health, during 1990-94, of the 1,441 motor vehicle-related deaths, 349 were African Americans.

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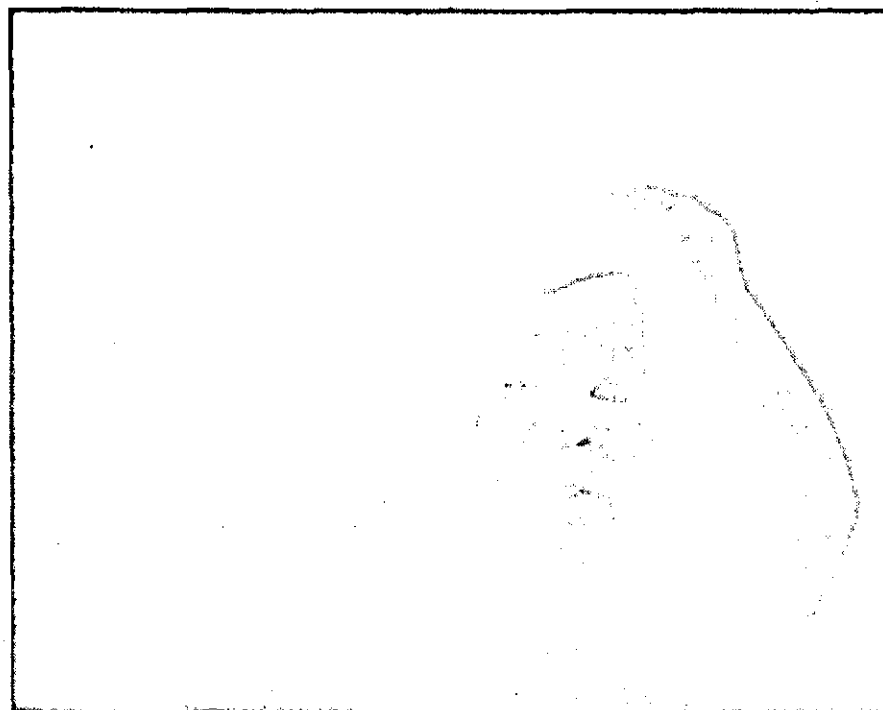
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Scoring Financial Touchdowns

Former footballer turns banker

By Veronica W. Morgan

During the early 70s, Ron Patterson held hopes of becoming a big-name wide receiver in professional football, but he lacked the speed to do it.

The former draftee of the Chicago Fire said he even tried out for the Cowboys but only clocked a 4.6 second time in the 40 (yards). "If you don't do a 4.2 or 4.3, they don't even look at you," he said.

But what Patterson lacked on the field, he has certainly made up for in other areas. Today, the business graduate from Stephen F. Austin State University has carved out a promising career for himself in the field of banking. And from the looks of his impressive track record, he's scored quite a few touchdowns.

Patterson is the branch vice president and manager of Texas Commerce Bank's southeast location. He is responsible for developing a retail and com-

mercial business base for the bank and managing a staff of eight employees.

Currently the bank has implemented a Small Business Lending Program that will be targeted at small business customers. Under the program, individuals are eligible to apply for several different loans to assist them with purchases of business equipment or other necessities. On-call investment counseling is available at the southeast branch location.

The counselor can assist customers who are interested in learning about opportunities in mutual funds and government securities such as treasury bills and annuities. The counselor will use a specially designed computer program that can help individuals plan investment strategies.

"We also have a full-line of mortgage products," he added.

Prior to joining Texas Commerce Bank, Patterson's trail in banking spanned nearly 20 years. He served as bank president at a minority-owned bank in Mobile, Alabama. He was executive vice president and chief loan officer with

Sunbelt National Bank—also minority owned—and he spent 10 years at the

Republic Bank and several years at Pioneer Bank & Trust in Shreveport, LA.

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Ron Patterson can be reached at (214) 302-1206.

Name:	Ron Patterson
Birthplace:	Texarkana, Texas
Last Book Read:	"Even Eagles Need A Push" by David McNeely
Favorite Food:	Charcoal Rib-eyed steak, and Red Snapper
My friends don't know that:	That I was a pre-season small college All-American receiver
Advice to would-be entrepreneurs:	"Carefully consider the risk and sacrifice to be made by you and your family"



TOP SECRET!

Name:	Susan Lee
Birthplace:	Bryan, College Station
Last Book Read:	"Along Came the Spider" by James Patterson
Favorite Food:	Salad
CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:	North Dallas Community Bible Fellowship
Advice to would-be entrepreneurs:	"Have an investor(s), and financial backing to help you implement your business plan."

Name:	Ronald Hay
Birthplace:	Monroe, La.
Last Book Read:	"The Chamber" by John Grisham
Favorite Food:	Seafood, grilled chicken
CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:	North Dallas Community Bible Fellowship
Advice to would-be entrepreneurs:	"When you lay out your financial plan, increase what you think you need financially by 5 times for those unexpected costs."



TOP SECRET!

An ALL-out at-TEMP

By Dorothy Gentry

Susan Lee and Ronald Hay are in the business of assisting individuals in finding temporary, contract and permanent employment.

And judging from the success of their company, All Temps Personnel Service, Inc., they conduct business very well.

All Temps began with a North Dallas facility in April, 1990 and expanded to Houston a year later.

Soon after, All Temps moved its corporate office to the present location at 2606 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. A third location in San Antonio followed. On January 2 of this year, All Temps opened its newest branch office in North Dallas at 12770 Coit Rd., increasing their total staff to 14.

All Temps has approximately 500 temps and contract workers on assignments with corporate, public and government entities in the D/FW Metroplex, Houston and San Antonio and with corporations such as Texas Instruments, EDS, Resolution Trust Corporation, The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, etc.

Lee remembers dreaming of opening a temporary agency after spending time doing part-time temp work and modeling in the 70's. "They paid me well...and the agency itself, I'm sure,

was receiving double, if not triple, payment for my hours worked.

"Now, however, there are a number of temp agencies opening up almost every day. It is becoming more competitive in this industry."

Says Hay: "We recognized that corporate America was down-sizing as well as out-sourcing and temp agencies would play a major role in employment for many people. We wanted to be there to grasp that opportunity."

All Temps is unique in that major emphasis is placed on helping temporary workers upgrade their skills and prepare for permanent employment in the public and/or private sector.

"One little perk we give our temps every month is information about the work force...keeping them informed so they know and can adjust to what they are about to face," says Lee. "We try to educate, train and assist them in their adjustment [to] corporate America."

Contract labor, Lee says, is the wave of the future: "Our world is moving to a service industry and service is a vital part of our business."

For more information on All Temps, call (214) 426-0091; fax (214) 426-2861. Or visit the corporate office at 2606 MLK Jr. Blvd., Suite 222, Dallas 75215 or the new branch office at 12770 Coit Rd., Suite 510, Dallas 75251.

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The Black Cowboy

Part 1

Russell D. Shockley, B.S.Ed.

The previous month's Ethnic Notes offering, entitled *The Crater*, outlined the Battle of Petersburg (Virginia) that took place in 1864 during the Civil War. It also served as an appropriate introduction to the role of the Black Cowboy/Bufalo Soldier in the American West.

The Black Cowboy/Bufalo Soldier was as much a part of the West, and the American Western Campaign, as the Native-American Indian. As the expansionists moved toward the Pacific Ocean blacks, as well as whites, were a part of that movement.

This is the first of a 3-part series featuring the Black Cowboy/Bufalo Soldier of the West. -RDS

Once they rode all the trails, driving millions of cattle before them. Some died in the stampedes, some froze to death and some drowned. Some were too slow with a gun and others much too fast. They hunted wild horses and wolves, and a few even hunted men.

Numbering in the thousands, they were some of the best riders, ropers and wranglers. Even when praised as being the "whitest men ever to be known", they were not white. They were the black Cowboys of the West.

The Cowboys of the actual West were like the west itself, multi-colored. They were black, brown, red and even white. They shared the same jobs and many of the same dangers, ate the same food and slept on the same ground.

Over the years, as the real west was slowly replaced by a more fictional one (as represented in early western dime novels and our present-day depiction's in movies and television), one thing became apparent. Although Black Cowboys had played a major role in making the west secure, they held no presence within the pages of western fiction or history.

The tall, lean and tanned White man, the occasional "good" Indian, the proud Spanish-American, even the Oriental, though often times grotesquely stereotyped, all made their way into the fiction of Western America. The black Cowboy was non-existent.

Only now is he beginning to be recognized for the exceptionally accomplished individual that he was.

Some had worn the uniform of the Confederacy. Others had fought for the Union. With them were Mexican vaqueros as well as an occasional German, Irishman, Englishman, or Swede. But, more numerous than either the Northerner or foreigner, and frequently among the most capable, was the black Cowboy.

There have always been blacks in the West (and scattered throughout the Western Hemisphere) since their arrival around the beginning of the 16th century.

ry. Estevanico, a Moroccan, was among the Spanish explorers (some 400) who landed near present day Tampa Bay, Florida, in 1528.

The stories related by Estevanico and the three other survivors of the expedition were responsible for Coronado's attempt to locate the Seven Cities of Cibola. Estevanico continued his explorations until he was killed by the Zuni's in 1539.

Some two-hundred years later, Black, Indian, and Mexican families helped to found what is now the largest city in the West (originally established to grow food for the Military), El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora La Reina de Los Angeles.

Blacks and the descendants of blacks were literally among the first families of Los Angeles, just as they were among the first settlers in the Spanish Colony of New Mexico.

"Although Black Cowboys had played a major role in making the west secure, they held no presence within the pages of western fiction or history."

When Lewis and Clark commanded the first official attempt to expand the geographical knowledge about the American continent, a black man by the name of York accompanied the expedition from the first hoist of the sail, near the mouth of the Missouri River in 1804, till their return in 1806 (after having crossed the Rocky Mountains, and traveling as far as the Columbia River).

Another black man, Jacob Dodson, accompanied John C. Fremont on his 1843 expedition to find a pass through the high Sierra. Saunders Jackson, also black, joined Fremont's fourth expedition in 1848.

Some blacks became Mountainmen. James Beckwourth, (called "Medicine Calf" Beckwourth by the Indians) became one of the most famous. Beckwourth's exploits rival those of such famous early western cowboys as Kit Carson and Jim Bridger, both with whom Beckwourth had associated with.

After 1848, numerous travelers of the Oregon Trail turned south to California, where gold had been discovered. Among them were blacks, both free and slave, who staked claims and formed mining companies. Black prospectors and miners also joined in later mining developments in Nevada, Idaho and Montana and were among those who headed to Colorado to become part of the Pikes Peak Gold Rush of 1858.

Other blacks appeared throughout the West as muleskinners, hotelkeepers,



Nat Love, "Deadwood Dick."
First and greatest of the cowboys.

unskilled laborers, etc. A few even worked for Russell, Majors and Waddell on their Pony Express.

Black women cooked for hungry trappers, many in isolated mountain forts, as well as for travelers on the Butterfield Stages that rolled through Texas and Arizona.

In Texas, as white settlers occupied more and more Native-American lands,

they and their property (which in some cases included slaves) suffered Native-American reprisals (blacks were killed and/or kidnapped). From 1839 until long after the Civil War, Texas's (white and black) fought Native-Americans.

References to black and Indian associations were not uncommon in many confrontations in the West and Southwest. Often these blacks were already mixed with Seminole, Creek, Comanche, or even Sioux.

Needless to mention, no account of the settling of the West could be complete without including the accounts of the Black Cowboy.

Next month: The Buffalo Soldier.

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African American Pastors Coalition lead King Celebration

Photos by Wallace Faggott

Reverend Zan W. Holmes, Jr., Senior Pastor of St. Luke "Community" United Methodist Church, is well known in the Dallas Community as a builder of coalitions and for bringing individuals and organizations with differing opinions together. Perhaps one of the most significant of his achievements in this regard has been the work he has done with The African American Pastors' Coalition. On January 15, 1996, the group of some 50 local pastors convened its second annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. This event both commemorates the legacy of Dr. King and celebrates a new era of collaboration among the area's clergy.

The services, held at Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church, had well over 1,100 people in attendance to hear a variety of speakers and choirs celebrate the birthday and work of Dr. King. The program also showcased the work of the Coalition since the first program last January. "The major purpose of the coalition is to encourage our area churches to work closely together to do those things that we can not do individually," stated Rev. Holmes, President of the Coalition. "There are many issues and opportunities in Dallas that require a unified and focused effort. The Coalition provided an alternative forum for the ministers and pastors to move on these matters. We spent the first year carefully organizing and making the necessary and fundamental preparations for the organization. In this regard, we developed a mission statement and by-laws that were well-grounded in the basic purpose of the Coalition. As well, we did much work to recruit more members who join us in support of the mission we have determined. It was very important for us to insure that this organization became more than just an entity of paper. We were committed to do the thorough work necessary to sustain the organization and its' work."

The formation and work of the Coalitions has not been without challenges though. "Negotiating matters such as term limits, the mission statement and how decisions and the positions taken by the Coalition would be reached has taken much time and effort over the past year, suggested Rev. Holmes. "We had to reach a point of agreement that, despite the var-

ious denominational philosophies and opinions that we reflect, there are com-

Coalition would assume for the Common Ground Credit Union. This financial

the financial resources within the community but also serves as a model for how churches, of varying backgrounds and philosophies can join to address issues and opportunities of mutual concern. "It is our hope that not only will the new Common Ground be a success in Dallas but that it will serve as a role model for similar efforts across the country" said Dr. Holmes. "Part of our relationship with the credit union also calls for us to acquire the building where they are currently located as well as to subsidize the salaries of the institution's staff."

On the day of the service, the Coalition collected almost \$14,000 in a offering from the attendees. These moneys, which were deposited in the Common Ground Credit Union, moved the financial resources of organization very near the level required to complete acquisition and salary support obligations. John Fullenwinder, president of the credit union and its' chair of the loan committee

were to accept the new support and be recognized for their work in growing the credit union to its' current level. The Coalition intends to regain an aggressive program to encourage the members of the many African American congregations in Dallas to join.

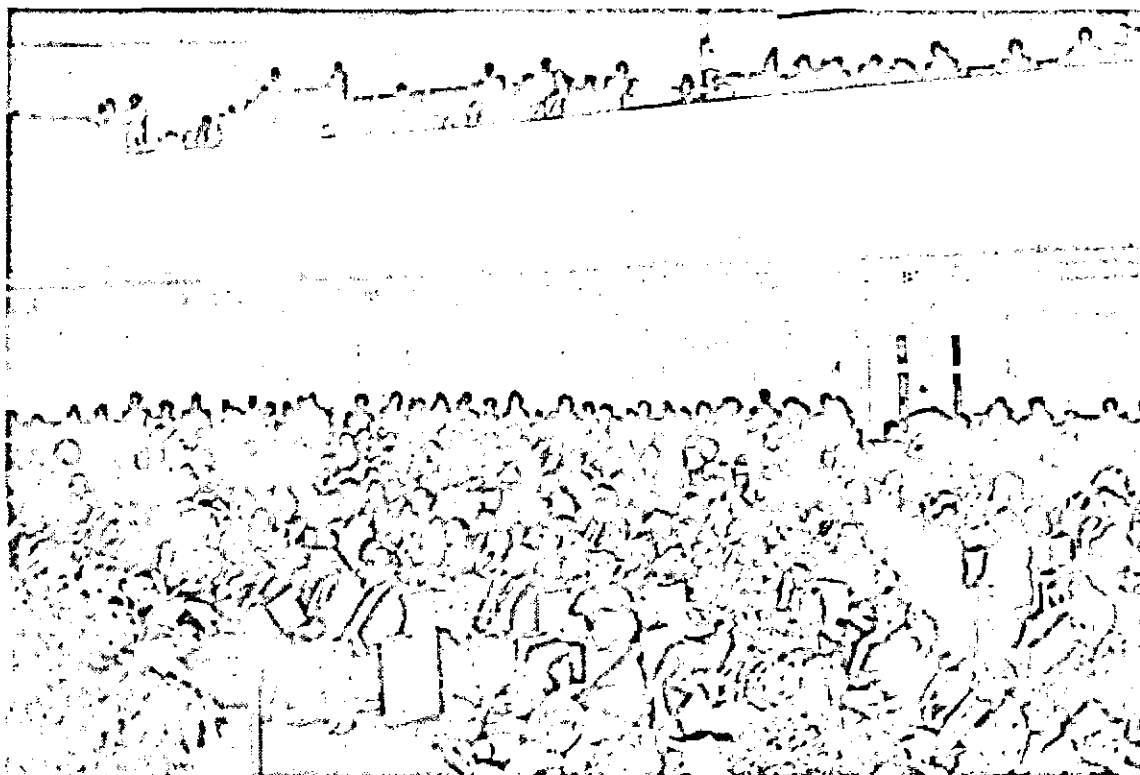
Among the other initiatives and/or plans that were announced were the following:

*Collaboration with Paul Quinn College to establish an annual lecture series that would focus on "The Church and Economic Development in the African American Community". Paul Quinn will also receive an increased level of on-going support from the members of the Coalition.

*Initiatives to under gird the support for the Southern Christian Leadership Committee and the NAACP. The groups plans to host the Reverend Joseph Lowery of the SCLC in March for a fund-raiser.

*Sponsorship of five sites for "Freedom Schools" this summer in conjunction with Greater Dallas Coalition of Churches. These sites will provide an enrichment program for are youth as well as nutritious meals.

*Each member of the Coalition will be encouraged to adopt a local school as a part of the educational outreach of the organization.

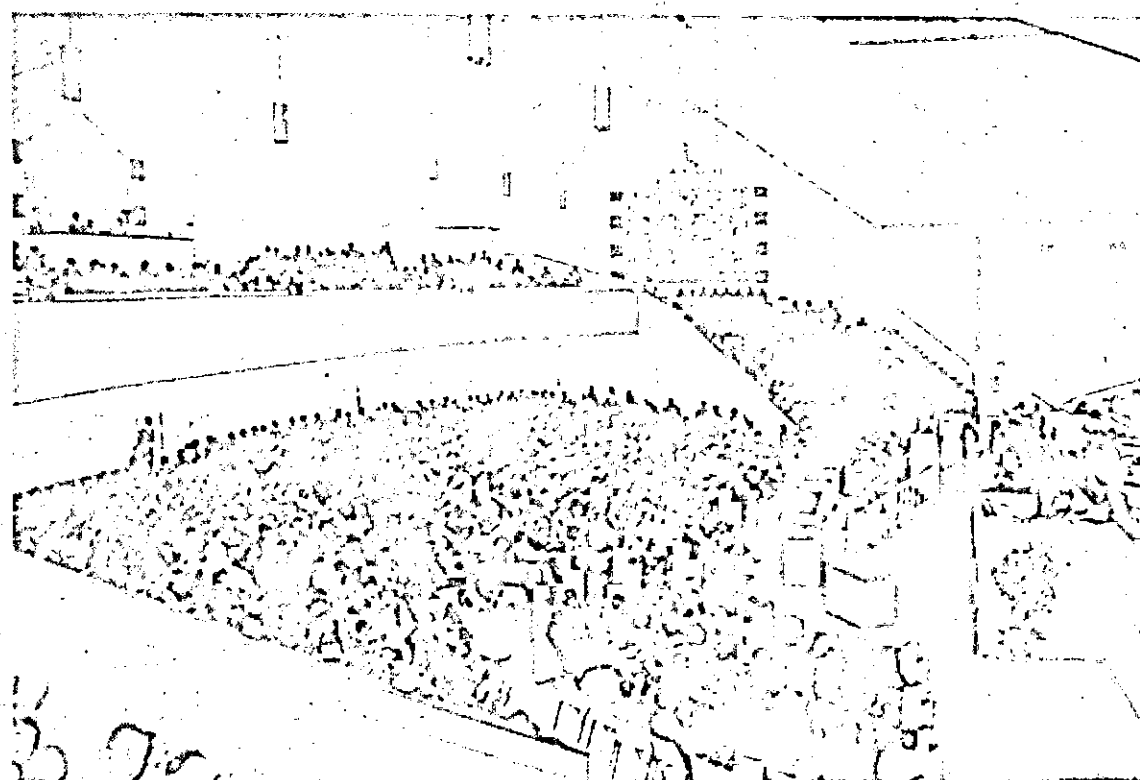


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mon issues and opportunities that demand our unified attention. To this end, there have been, and will continue to be those areas where we will respectfully agree to disagree and continue to work for the consensus opinion of the group."

The Coalition made a number of

institution, located in South Dallas, would allow members of the Coalition to assume the majority of voting slots on its' Board of Directors. In turn, the members of the coalition would encourage their churches and the members of their congregations to go in the credit union. It has



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announcements at the meeting regarding the new and on-going initiatives planned for the near future. Most notable in the regard was the chief sponsorship the

been projected that, with this major level of support, Common Ground could become the largest credit union nationally. By doing so, it not only keeps many of



Dr. E.K. Bailey, Sr. Pastor, Concord Missionary Baptist Church, Vice-President at Large of A.A. Pastor's Coalition

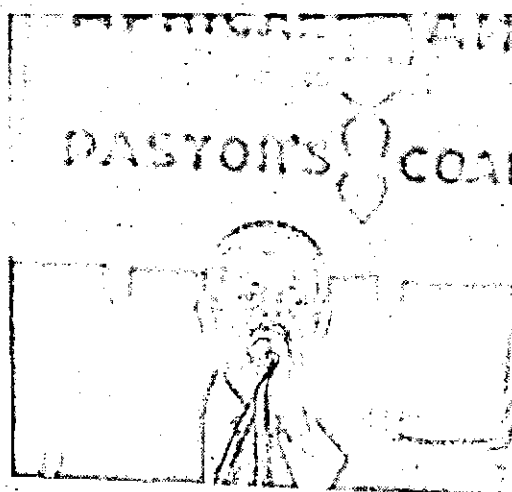
*Voter registration and coordination of efforts to get people out to vote will be a primary and on-going focus of the Coalition.

*Support for the "Harmony Foundation" of Concord Missionary Baptist Church, an outreach initiative of this major Oak Cliff congregation.

*Support for "Our Brother's Keeper", the South Dallas non-profit dedicated to drug and substance abuse treatment for youth.

*Form relationships with other coalitions and organizations such as the J.L. Turner Legal Society and the Black Accountants organization who are in discussions regarding their support of the Credit Union.

*Agreement to consistently speak out on the major issue facing the African American community. An



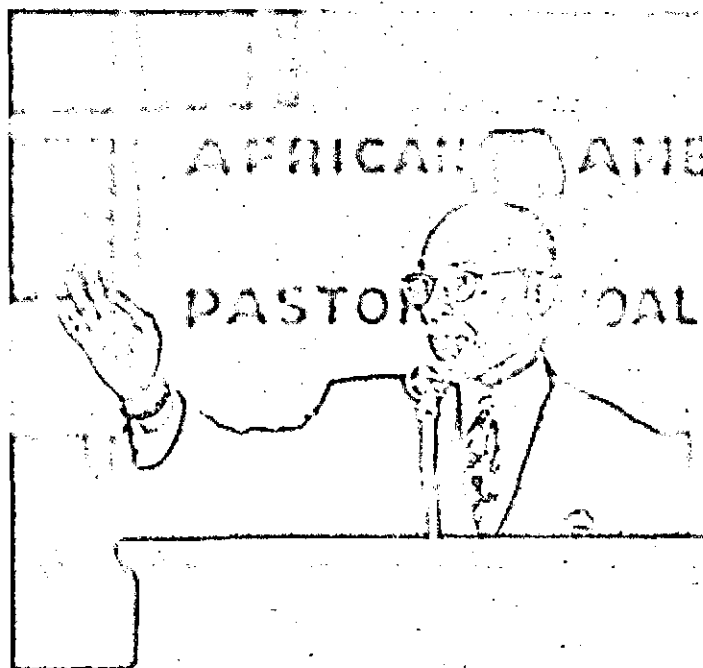
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Manual Scott, Sr., "Are you a Bleeding Saint?"

example of this support was apparent at the recent discussions about the Town-view/TAG matter at DISD.

In order to address this very aggressive list of programs and initiatives, the Coalition has also hired Mr. Don Robin-

son to serve as Director of Communications. In part, his responsibilities will include keeping the community informed of the work of the Coalition and outcome of its' efforts. The Coalition will also look forward to increasing its' membership during the course of this year as an aspect of these communications efforts. Any pastor or minister should contact Rev. Holmes at St. Luke for further information.

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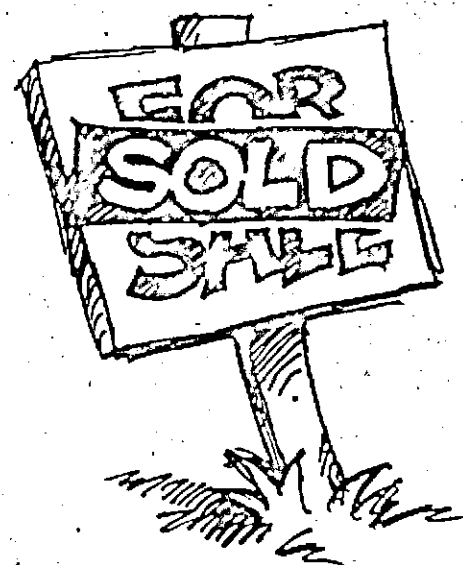
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Banc One Corporation to Sponsor "The Scott Report"

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The program airs on TCI Cablevision

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For more information, call (214) 954-0286.

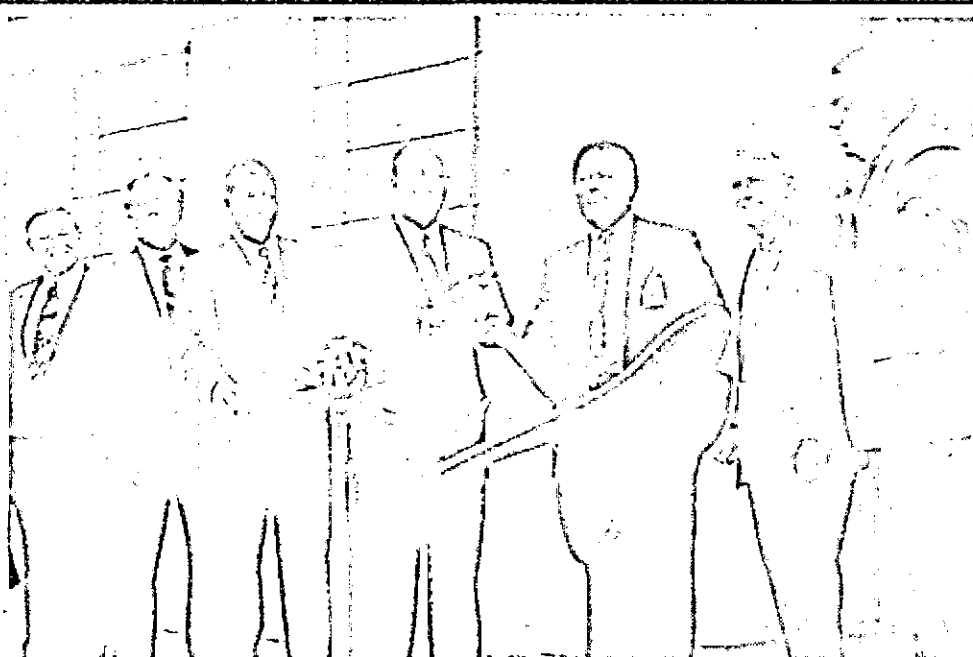
Dallas Healthy Start awards Grants to local agencies

Dallas Healthy Start recently awarded more than \$64,000 in grants to Dallas social service providers that have created programming to impact high rates of infant mortality in a targeted area of Dallas. The grants will be used during the next 12 months.

The winning agencies are: Dallas Challenge, the Exchange Club Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse, Family Outreach of Southern Dallas, Frazier Berean Group, Multicultural Counseling and Training Institute, Open Arms, Inc./Bryan's House, Planned Parenthood of Dallas and Northeast Texas, Positive Beginnings, Promise House, Stork's Nest Education Program and Wesley Rankin Community Center.

For more information, call Tricia Coghlan at (214) 891-2896.

Advanced Technological Solutions brings jobs to



Mayor Ron Kirk applauds ribbon-cutting by Wesley D. Ratcliff, president/CEO, Advanced Technological Solutions, Inc. At the company's recent opening ceremonies in South Dallas. Also pictured are from left to right: Jim Reid, president of SDDC; Bill Harris, VP & area manager, Bank One, TX; Sam Brown, chairman, Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce; David D. Martin, executive VP, Texas Instruments, ATS South's initial customer and State Senator Royce West.

South Dallas

A contract agreement with Texas Instruments in conjunction with technical assistance from the Southern Dallas Development Corporation has encouraged Advanced Technological Solutions, Inc., the largest minority-controlled, employee-owned business in the country, to expand its operation to Dallas. The move will bring up to 55 initial jobs and a much needed economic boost to South Dallas.

For more information, (214) 522-3637.

MLK Justice Award to Demetris Sampson

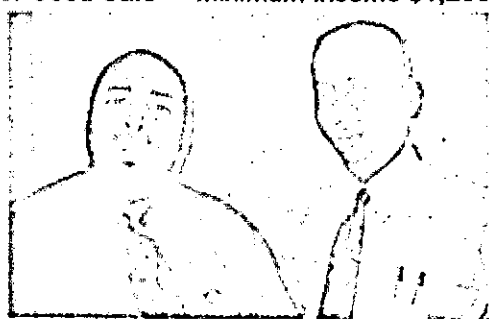
The Dallas Bar Association, in conjunction with five other local bar associations, celebrated the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at a luncheon and presentation of the fourth Martin Luther King, Jr. Justice Award to Demetris A. Sampson, a partner in the Dallas law office of Blair, Goggan, Sampson & Meeks.

Ms. Sampson is a former San Antonio assistant city attorney; chief counsel to the Texas House of Representatives Committee on Judicial Affairs; and assistant

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district attorney in the Dallas County District Attorney's Office. She obtained her juris doctorate and bachelors of business administration degree from the University of Texas at Austin, and a masters of laws in taxation from Southern Methodist University.

For more information, call (214) 220-7477.



UTA Urban Affairs Professor named to National Child Advocacy Board

The University of Texas at Arlington School of Urban and Public Affairs Assistant Professor Edwin Gordon has been named to a three-year term on the National Black Child Development Institute's (NBCDI) coordinating board.

The NBCDI is a national children's advocacy group concerned with issues facing children and families. Its members include academics, corporate executives from top U.S. companies and personalities such as First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

For more information, contact Gordon at (metro) 817-272-3071.

Office of Cultural Affairs Develops Directory of Latino Artists and Cultural Groups

The City of Dallas Event Facilities/Cultural Affairs Department is developing a directory of Hispanic artists and cultural organizations. The directory will include the names, addresses, and phone numbers of local Latino musicians, dancers, actors, writers, visual artists, story tellers and artisans and their related cultural organizations.

It will be used to increase visibility of the Hispanic arts community and promote local Latino talent. Artists desiring

to be included in the directory should contact Luis Gonzalez at 670-4006.

The Science Place opens "BusyTown"

Young visitors age three through 11 will work, create, play and explore the wonders of the everyday working world within Busy-Town, a new, highly interactive science exhibit at The Science Place.

Busy Town is based on the work of world renowned author/illustrator Richard Scarry. The exhibit was designed by the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry in Portland, Ore., in coordination with Paramount Pictures and Viacom Consumer Products.

For more information, call (214) 522-7001.

UTA Accounting Program receives scholarship funds

The Accounting program at the University of Texas at Arlington received \$33,428 in scholarship funds to benefit fifth-year accounting students.

The grants were funded through license fees paid by Texas Certified Public Accountants. UTA received the state's largest amount, following the University of Texas at Austin and Texas A & M University.

For more information, call (metro) 817-272-3481.

Hartnett Bill Exempting Low-Value Property now effective

Representative Will Hartnett (R-Dallas) has

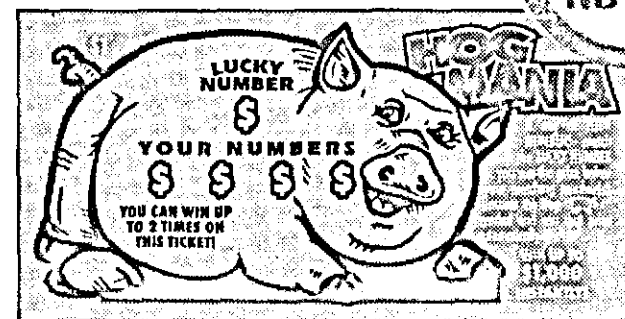
called attention to a new law, which became effective January 1, that exempts from ad valorem taxes all Texas income producing personal property and mineral interests valued below \$500.

The legislation, HB 366, was sponsored during the 1995 session of the Leg-

islature by Rep. Hartnett and Senator Buster Brown (R-Lake Jackson). It implements the state constitutional amendment which was approved by nearly 70 percent of the voters last November.

For more information, call (214) 259-1776.

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End Of Games Notice.

Three of the Texas Lottery's most popular instant games will end on February 1, 1996. You have until July 30, 1996 to buy any remaining tickets or redeem any winners.

Longhorn Loot has a top prize of \$5,000. Boot Scootin' Bucks has a top prize of \$500. And Hog Mania has a top prize of \$1,000. All three games have plenty of remaining "winners."

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Questions? Call the Texas Lottery Customer Service Line at 1-800-37-LOTTO.



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Waiting On Justice

TEXAS MASSACRE OF 1910

Town of Slocum still awaits justice after "race war"

By Allen R. Gray

How far have we come in our battle to end racism? How hard must we fight? In order to judge adequately we must study the past.

Remember Slocum.

The beauty of a forest can be deceptive—entrapping one to see only the beauty. It seduces the spirits of man like the songs of a siren. With the turn of Fall, withered leaves bury past actions just that much deeper.

But memories cling to forests. Enchanted songs are sung on dark nights when the wind whirls through the trees and the leaves are stirred.

The east Texas town of Slocum was a prosperous community in 1910. Due to the lush pine forest, the logging business had boomed. There were stores, shops...all the elements necessary to make a town. There was even talk of a railroad coming through the town. It also had separation of wealthy and poor, black and white. That distinct characteristic has not been lost over the years.

Anderson County, home to Slocum, and neighboring Houston County are primary locations for the malignant Texas prison system and home of a disproportionate number of African-American prisoners. The dominate number of prison guards and administrators are white, and herald mainly from the immediate areas. They are osmosized with a domineering mentality of control when it comes to dealing with African-Americans.

Slocum was a typical Texas town of the times, not unlike any other in Anderson County. Populated with survivors of Texas' malevolent slave industry—both slaves and former slave owners—sentiments and practices ran true to that era. Racism and segregation was recognized, accepted and life moved on. Blacks had learned to coexist with whites, many of whom were less prosperous than many of Slocum's blacks.

The African-American population in Anderson County had fallen to 38 percent, down from 41 percent in 1900. Some of the richest farmland in Slocum was owned by African-Americans who had either received it

from their former masters or purchased it through hard work. Eventually, more than 50 percent of the lush area was owned by blacks. The resentment in poorer whites festered and grew. Then, like logs being heaped on to a fire, isolated incidents set the hatred inside whites ablaze.

How the trouble began

On Sunday, July 24, 1910, Marsh Holley, of African American descent, returned to his community of Slocum. Before Marsh Holley left town, it was alleged he had a promissory note endorsed by Reddin Alford, a white resident who was disabled. During the time of Holley's absence, the note came due and Alford said he "went" the note on Holley's behalf and when he demanded that he be paid [by Holley], a verbal exchange ensued. Alford maintained that Holley became disrespectful and cursed him. This altercation caused division between the races in the town.

...the most damaging rumor...was that blacks...had been holding nightly meetings "for the purpose of rising and killing the whites."

A few days later racial tension mounted. A road near Slocum, which ran through the Houston County line, needed work. A Houston County foreman put a black man in charge of the repairs and sent him to Slocum to enlist the aid of local farmers. The idea of a black overseer offended several Slocum residents, including Jim Spurger, who flat out refused to work for an African-American overseer. More angry words were tossed in the wind.

White Slocum residents felt that several African-Americans had gotten out of their place and deserved to be punished.

Meanwhile, black Palestine residents tell of a black store owner living and operating in Slocum who had let it be known to another black resident that he had been involved in an affair with a white woman. The second black man took the secret to the white side of town. Black folk are sure that he was the first to die when the trouble started.

However, possibly the most damaging rumor, having absolutely no foundation, was that blacks in Cherokee County and in the southern portion of Anderson County had for the past two weeks been holding nightly meetings "for the purpose of rising and killing the whites." Like a snowball rolling down hill, the rumor spread by word of mouth, embellished with each telling.

Thursday, July 28, saw a fatal incident occur involving Jim Spurger, who had heard that the black man selected to supervise the road project had made "slurring" remarks about him behind his back. Spurger said the black man held a grudge against him because during an earlier altercation he had gotten "disrespectful" and Spurger had whipped him. According to Spurger and his friends, the supervisor, who knew where Spurger lived, attempted to sneak up on him with a loaded gun. Spurger, who was also armed, was warned by his friends and shot the black man dead on the spot.

The series of events that followed have come to be known by both blacks and whites as the "Route."

The Route

Thursday, July 28, is still recalled as a night of terror. Spurger rode to Slocum desperately seeking the aid of white townspeople. Spurger, who many whites regarded as "loathsome," nonetheless aroused the greatest fear



in the whites. He told the town that at least 200 or more blacks had armed themselves and amassed at Denson Springs, about five miles away, with plans of killing every white in sight. A posse was formed and they rode towards Denson Springs. Witnesses estimated the posse was at least 200 or more men armed to the teeth.

Mrs. George Scarborough of Slocum saw a party of about 50 white men traveling through her property on foot and horseback to a house where the unarmed dead bodies of four blacks were later found, "one of them being old and white-haired."

The blood-thirsty posse rode to Denson Springs, ready to do battle. Sheriff W. H. Black of Anderson County reported, "When [the posse] got there [they] found just one black man, and he was not armed but certainly scared." Spurger changed his story and said the black men were at Augusta instead. The posse headed in that direction.

Again there were no black men to be found.

Struck with fear and panic, white women and children were gathered and placed inside local schools and churches for protection. Armed guards were stationed around the buildings and at points along the road. An alarm went out for arms, ammunition and reinforcements, claiming that whites were unarmed and defenseless. Slocum received response from as far away as Huntsville.

A current Slocum resident says that he remembers his grandfather telling of how whites "were just riding around in cars shooting blacks as they sat relaxing on their porches. A range of killing which spanned on half mile wide and six miles long continued throughout the night.

Sheriff Black stated: "These Negroes have never

done anything that I could discover. There was just a hot-headed gang hunting [blacks] down and killing them. We found eight dead bodies...[Two] were killed late yesterday evening near the town of Percilla. I think most of that crowd of [white] men came from Houston county... according to what I was told, the shooting was still going on late yesterday evening. They were just hunting the Negroes down like sheep. We found two in the road that had been shot about 10:00 [the] night before last. It was evident that at the time they were killed they were trying to get out of the county, for they had their bundle of clothes with them."

...[whites] were just riding around in cars shooting blacks as they sat relaxing on their porches.

grandfather of current Slocum resident

Early Friday morning on July 29, three young black men, Cleave Larkin, 19, his uncle, Charlie Wilson, 15, and Lusk Holley, 18, were walking a quarter mile from their grandmother's house to the Wilson home to feed the livestock. They crossed paths with a band of about 12 to 15 white men. Five blasts from shotguns exploded through the cool morning air. Larkin was the first to do down, fatally wounded. Wilson suffered broken thighs and flesh wounds in the chest and ankles. Miraculously, Lusk Holley escaped with only minor injuries.

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That evening, in a house located along the Grapeland and Percilla roads, four men, aged 18 to 70, died, gunned down as they sat on the front porch of their home.

Countless other blacks died that night. A few, hidden by "good white folk," were spared.

Sheriff Black claimed first he heard of the trouble was at 11:00 Friday night. Sheriff J.C. Lacy telephoned him that a white man had killed two black men in his county near the county line. Sheriff Lacy wanted Sheriff Black to meet him at Grapeland so they could make the arrests together. Sheriff Black told Sheriff Lacy that he was busy and couldn't make it.

At 12 midnight Sheriff Lacy telephoned Sheriff Black and told him that the murders had happened in his county. Sheriff Black, reacting nonchalantly, sent two deputies to collect guns from area blacks. They could only find nine single barreled shotguns and shells, suitable for hunting nothing more than squirrels.

When Sheriff Black finally arrived on the scene Saturday morning, he found all the whites heavily armed with shotguns, so afraid and excited that they could hardly give their own names. Witnesses reported that they had seen 18 to 40 blacks murdered by vigilante militias from neighboring towns.

That same Friday night, lucky Lusk Holley, who had narrowly escaped a

brush with death that morning, decided with two other young men trying to reach the harbor of safety that Palestine would provide. They decided to use the cloak of darkness and the marshy forest to make their escape.

Between 10 and 11:00 Lusk Holley, along with Alex Holley and William Forman, crossed Ioni Creek towards Palestine. Suddenly, the trio was confronted by a roving militia, approximately 20 white men marching single file behind their leader, who was on horseback. Lusk Holley and the others tried hiding in the underbrush, but to no avail. When the trio of unarmed men was discovered, the militia took aim. The shrill of a whistle by the commander sounded out; a volley of buckshot exploded.

Alex Holley was killed. Forman somehow disappeared, never to be heard from again. God maintained a hedge 'round Lusk Holley. He escaped wounded.

Race War

Finally, the random murders agitated the nerves of the black community. In order to protect themselves, they gathered 300 strong at Denson Springs. They sent out a demand to the whites that they be left alone and treated like "peaceful citizens".

Their answer was what whites called a "War of Extermination."

The race war was on.

A rural telephone call—an SOS—

startled Palestine early that Saturday morning of July 30. The message said send men, guns and ammunition straightway. A race war was on in the southern part of the county.

The odds were now five to one: 300 black men, who were dangerously low on ammunition, against 1500 whites, who were well-armed and at liberty to gain more men, guns and ammunition. The black men were completely surrounded.

The telephone company reported that similar calls originated from Slocum and Denson Springs. An SOS went out to every adjoining city and those beyond.

At 10:00 a.m. Sheriff Black began putting together a posse to go to Slocum "to take charge of the situation". More than a hundred men in all took off towards Denson Springs heavily armed. Whites all around responded likewise.

District Judge B.H. Gardner ordered the saloons closed at 11:45 a.m. and prohibited the sale of guns or ammunition

for the present time. It was too late; all the gun dealers were practically sold out.

Judge Gardner called Austin and requested the Texas Rangers. Adjutant General Newton, a veteran of war who had been called in by Judge Gardner, ordered out the Marshall (Texas) Musketeers, an infantry company of 30 men who were due in by special train at 7:45 p.m. Furthermore, Newton put on alert the Amarillo Troop of Cavalry, which was in Fort Worth, as well as a cavalry troop based in Dallas. Large posses of white men responded from Elkhart, Denson Springs, Crocket, Grapeland, and other places. In an even more drastic measure, a call went out for the state militia.

The black field hands were much more to deal with than had been expected by whites, who found it not so easy to murder armed men set on defending themselves. The war of extermination began to reversed itself against the whites as a far greater number of them fell dead or were wounded. However, the constant influx of white reinforcements drained the black men's ammunition. Then they came, the state militia.

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The fighting carried on well into Saturday night. The black men's ammunition supply was near depletion, with only a few men here and there possessing ammunition. Thirty African Americans lost their lives during that battle. Over 200 whites lay dead or wounded.

The blacks then ordered all married men to retreat as 120 single men held ground till their comrades made good their escape. Guns empty, the single men had no choice but to surrender. After handing over their weapons, the 120 black prisoners were brutally beaten and maimed. The blacks that perished were dumped six feet deep in the same trenches in which they had fought and covered over with dirt.

Few of the married men were able to escape.

Of the all but forgotten battle, a weekly newspaper, *The Chicago Defender*, wrote:

"Those taken prisoners were 120 single men, the others are free, thanks to the willing sacrifice of the comrades. We are all awaiting the fate of those captured in this land of barbarians of ancient day."

The Aftermath

Dead bodies of black men, women, boys and girls were scattered all about southern Anderson County, the majority of

them being deep in the thick, marshy woodlands. Examinations of 20 or so dead black bodies revealed that in every case shotguns loaded with buckshot were used except one. All but three were shot from behind.

In the end, it was impossible to tell exactly how many blacks had died. Many of the blacks of Slocum wore battle scars. Homes in the black community were riddled with bullet holes; many had been completely deserted. There was a report an angry white mob had killed a black woman and her infant. An old man was shotgunned while sitting in a chair on his porch. His wife died standing next to him. At least one entire family was lost. It is presumed some bodies were dragged into the woods and secretly buried during the night.

Several blacks had turned themselves in at the Palestine jail, seeking refuge from the impending danger.

In addition to the two bodies he had viewed earlier, Sheriff Black later admitted he saw eleven others, but stated that there was only one sure way he knew of that would uncover every single corpse.

"We won't find some of the bodies until the location is revealed to us by the buzzards," he said.

August in Texas has always been the same dusty, humid and extremely hot. By Monday, August 1, the unaccounted for

dead bodies had become ripe. The stench of death carried to near by towns, overpowering the fresh scents of the forest.

The buzzards fulfilled Sheriff Black's prophecy.

Older blacks from that neck of the woods claim anywhere from 175 to 200 blacks lost their lives from Thursday, July 28 to Sunday, July 31.

The Cover Up

The unwillingness, or complete refusal, to convict whites of racially motivated crimes against blacks did not emerge with modern day cases like Christopher Bordsky's (sentenced to probation for a conviction of murder) or Rodney King's (a black man whose brutal assailants—police officers—were found innocent). At least not in Texas, where it is a well-established practice.

On Sunday, July 31, 1910, a total of eight white men—Jim Spurger and seven others—were arrested and charged with murder in the first degree.

But nothing would every be done. A cover-up of the battle had begun even before the last shot was fired.

After having operated properly the first part of the day on Saturday, all phone contact with Slocum and Denson Springs mysteriously ceased. The phone company couldn't explain the malfunction, for the phone lines stood intact, uncut at any point.

Conflicting news reports filled with half-truths flooded the streets. Some accounts alleged involvement by troops; others said only local residents; still others said all whites except the ones who lived in Slocum took part in the mayhem.

"We won't find some of the bodies until the location is revealed to us by the buzzards."

—Anderson County Sheriff W.H. Black

Fearing word of the incident might harm the local economy, the Palestine Board of Trade held a special meeting in which they selected a committee of three men to prepare a statement explaining the matter. In that statement the committee assured the entire country that no race riot occurred:

"We repeat again, there was no race war, nothing that bordered on a race war, and the only interference outside of the community fight was the very prompt and vigorous

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action of the officers of the county and state in restoring the peace and making arrests, guaranteeing to the people here and elsewhere that this is a law abiding city and county."

They also added that the matter had been handed over to the grand jury and said "this jury is now investigating the case, that the responsibility may be placed where it belongs and the guilty punished." Almost as an afterthought they added, "without regard to color."

No indictments were immediately handed down, even though nearly everyone from Slocum was called to testify. Some white male witnesses said that the blacks did organize and they (whites) had a right to be uneasy. The committee wrote that after their investigation "rumors neither confirmed or disproved" a plot to kill every white in Slocum.

Even the most prominent citizens of the community vowed they would perjure themselves before turning evidence. To convict Spurger and the others would mean the conviction of every white who foolishly believed him.

Venues were changed, and changed again. The Harris County District Attorney eventually conceded he would not be able to convict whites for killing blacks in Anderson County, regardless of the number killed. He soon lost interest in the case, all but ignoring it. Two of the defendants were even released on bail. Judicial foolery carried on for three years.

Finally, in January, 1913, the courthouse caught fire. The fire department was called, but when they called central to ask "where is the fire?" their reply was "There is no fire!" When the fire department finally found the fire, the water works company had not been notified so there was no water pressure. Lost were all the criminal court records (including the Slocum case); hardly any other records were burned.

In later years, Judge Gardner was attacked in two separate incidents by two of the accused, Kirkwood and Spurger, the ring leader.

Next Fall, leaves will bury the past that much deeper.

We hear of a bombing in Bosnia and we become bewildered. We hear of a market square slaughter in Serejeve and we become sullen. There is word of a late night lynching or a brutal beating of a single black man and we are enraged to riot. These acts of barbarity are etched into our minds forever.

Now what of matters avenged?
Quid pro quo?

That one single incident, above all else, changed Slocum forever. Few blacks, if any, currently reside in

Slocum, which is in close proximity to Vidor, Texas, an all white town that has recently come under pressure because of the refusal to admit African-American residents. There is no store in the community of Slocum, only a school house and a volunteer fire department. Whites purchased the choice land that blacks once owned at an extremely discounted price; other land holdings were simply abandoned.

But spring cometh the following year. It was then that Mother Nature, whose beauty had been desecrated with blood of the innocent victims, chose to raise her head in forceful vengeance.

Tyre, 10 years old at the time of the massacre, still carries vivid memories of the horrible episode. As she tells it, a tremendous tornado hit Anderson county, concentrating the whole of its force squarely—and deliberately, she believes—at the center of Slocum. A white man who lived in Slocum in July, 1910, pulled up stakes and moved to Palestine promptly after the tornado had completed its punishment. The white man, who owned a prized white stallion, said the powerful winds lifted the horse from the ground and carried it away as he watched. Slocum was left in complete ruin. A few decades later, vengeance was repeated on Slocum, but this time with a series of tornadoes.

"God fixed 'em," Tyre smiled in resolution. "He fixed 'em good."

Reparations

In January, 1923, an event similar to the Slocum massacre claimed multiple black lives. The brutal deed unraveled in Rosewood, Florida, a black settlement near Cedar Key. It was initiated when a white woman accused a black man of assaulting her.

The melee that ensued claimed the lives of at least eight innocent black people.

The matter was taken to the Florida legislature recently. A bill was presented which sought \$7 million, asking that the state compensate survivors of the tragedy and those who lost property, and to create scholarships for descendants of the Rosewood residents.

Florida Senator Daryl Jones, one of the bill's sponsors, said, "Rosewood has become a symbol of the countless secret deaths and atrocities that took place throughout the era. It is time for us to make Florida fair to all of its citizens."

The Senate concurred. A \$2.1 million claims bill was passed, 26-14. People who can prove that they are survivors and lived in Rosewood and were forced out by the violence will be eligible for up to \$150,000. So far, only four survivors have been identified.

To date no survivors of the Slocum massacre have been identified, nor any of the surviving families compensated for the atrocities they endured.

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Remembering Barbara Jordan

Former Congresswoman leaves legacy of achievement

By Veronica W. Morgan

A co-worker told me she was heartbroken upon learning about Barbara Jordan's death on January 17.

"She was my hero," she said. "When I was a little girl I wanted to be just like her."

Eagerly searching for the appropriate words to describe Ms. Jordan, the co-worker added: Barbara Jordan was aggressive, she was assertive, she was independent, intelligent, and a together black woman. That she was and more.

She was a pioneer, an educator, an attorney, a phenomenal force to be reckoned with, and a political figure whose work demonstrated her drive for excellence.

In 1967, Ms. Jordan was sworn in as the first black female state senator in Texas since 1883. She was elected president pro tempore of the senate in 1972, which meant, if both the governor and the lieutenant governor were out of the state on the same day, she would be governor. On June 10, 1972 she became Governor for the Day.

While there are many significant "firsts" to describe Ms. Jordan's accomplishments, very few will come close to capturing the essence of her success.

The 59-year-old Houston, Texas native was born February 21, 1936 to Benjamin Mercedeth and Arlyne Patten Jordan. She graduated with honors from Phyllis Wheatley High School in 1952, and earned a bachelors from Texas Southern University.

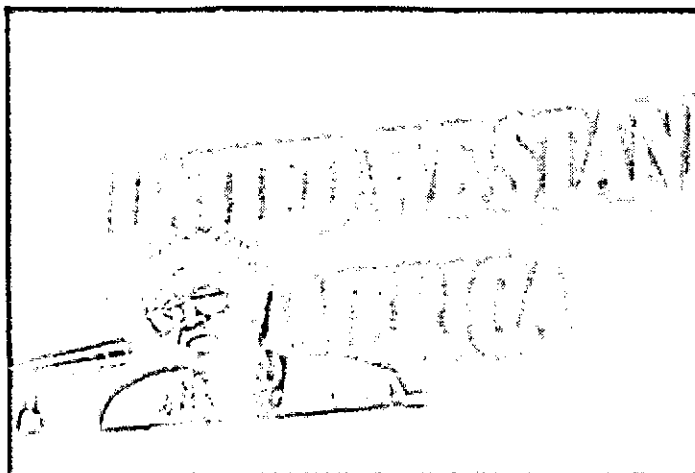
While at TSU, the Delta Sigma Theta member served on the debate team under the coaching of Dr. Tom Freeman. She graduated from Boston University Law School in 1959. Harvard University later awarded her with an honorary doctorate and invited her to speak during commencement exercises.

Ms. Jordan garnered numerous awards and honorary doctorates over the years, having been voted "Best Living Orator" in 1984 by the International Platform Association. She was selected repeatedly as "One of the 25 Most Influential Women in America" by *World Almanac* in 1986, and as one of the "Ten Women of the Year" in 1976 by *Time* magazine.

Upon retiring from politics, Ms. Jordan joined the faculty at the University of Texas in Austin in 1979. In 1982 she was appointed to the Lyndon B. Johnson Centennial Chair in National Policy and

served as a faculty advisor, minority recruiter and professor at the university.

Ms. Jordan was buried at the State Cemetery in Austin.



Chronology of Jordan's accomplishments

1952

Became "Girl of the Year," placed first in state Ushers Oratorical Contest, won a trip to Chicago and won the national contest, graduated from high school.

1962 & 1964

Ran for Texas House of Representatives

1965

Served as administrative assistant to Harris County Judge William Elliot

1967

Sworn in as first female black state senator in Texas since 1883

1971

Barbara Jordan Day proclaimed by Houston Mayor Louie Welch, Oct. 1

1972

Governor for the Day, June 10

Elected to the United States House of Representatives

1973

Appointed to Judiciary Committee

1974

Among the distinguished Congressmen on diplomatic mission to China

1976

Delivered Keynote address at Democratic National Convention
Re-elected to 3rd term in U.S. House of Representatives

1978

Retired from Congress

1979

Accepted Lyndon B. Johnson Public Service Professorship. The Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs. The University of Texas at Austin

1982

Accepted Lyndon B. Johnson Centennial Chair in National Policy

1985

Main Post Office in Houston dedicated to Barbara C. Jordan
Served on an 11-member panel appointed by Secretary General of United Nations to conduct hearings on the role of multinational corporations in South

Africa and Namibia

1986

Named by *The World Almanac* as "One of the 25 Most Influential Women in America" for 12 consecutive years

1991

Appointed Special Counsel for Ethics by former Texas Gov. Ann Richards

1992

Keynote Address, Democratic National Convention

1994

U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform Chair of nine-member panel

Awarded Presidential Medal of Freedom

Some of the information concerning Barbara Jordan's life and accomplishments was taken from a book entitled *Notable Black American Women*.

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February 2

The comedy troupe, Capitol Steps, will perform at Brookhaven College on Friday, February 2, at 8 p.m. in the Performance Hall, 3939 Valley View Lane in Farmers Branch.

Tickets are on sale at the campus box office. For more information, call (214) 620-4118.

First Friday Business Network, sponsored by Omni American Federal Credit Union, Miller Brewing Company, The La Vida News, Williams Fried Chicken and Blair, Goggan, Sampson & Meeks on Friday, Feb. 2, at the Renaissance Center, 2100 Evans Ave. In Fort Worth.

Donation is \$3 per person, the meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. through 8 p.m. Bob Ray Sanders will be the special guest speaker.

For more information, call (817) 922-9999 or (817) 923-9305.

February 3

Park One Realtors will sponsor a free seminar in both Spanish and English every Saturday in February from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The seminars entitled "How to Buy and Sell Houses" are sponsored by Merit Mortgage Co. And South Central Pacific Corporation. Locations will be given once reservations have been made. Spanish seminars will be held on Feb. 3 and 17; and English seminars will be held on Feb. 10 and 24.

For reservations and more information, call John Marks (214) 713-7825 or page him at 798-4747.

St. Luke "Community" United Methodist Church will host a "Waiting to Exhale Relationship seminar on Saturday, February 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The event is being sponsored by the Singles of Life Everlasting Ministry. For more information, call Michelle Cole at (214) 780-2891.

The First Gospel Choreography Workshop is scheduled to take place on Saturday, February 3 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$5 per person.

For more information, call (214) 225-6565.

Audrey Chapman, author of *Getting Good Loving: How Black Men and Women Can Make*

Love Work, will host a book signing on Saturday, Feb. 3, at Black Images Book Bazaar, 230 Wynnwood Village, from 3 to 5 p.m.

For more information, call (214) 943-0142.

Leroy White, Jr., president of Plant The Seed, an organization that establishes neighborhood gardens, tended, nurtured and harvested by local residents, will sponsor a tilling and plot prep ceremony at 2639 Mojave in Dallas.

The ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, February 3, at 9 a.m.

For more information, call (214) 662-0174 or (214) 466-3221.

Artist/Poet Jon Randolph Adams will showcase new works in an exhibition entitled his **high HOLY hip houseness** at Onasile Gallery in Deep Elum, Feb. 3 through Feb. 29. The opening reception and preview will occur on Sat. Feb. 3 from - to 5 p.m.

For more information, please contact Emmanuel Gellespie at Onasile Gallery (214) 760.8205.

February 4

Peaches Smith will delight children of all ages with original works previously published and new works at Black Images, 2nd Annual Lovefest, on Sunday, Feb. 4, from 3 to 5 p.m.

For more information, call (214) 943-0142.

Tickets go on sale for the Broadway musical "Ain't Misbehavin'" on Sunday Feb. 4, at all Ticketmaster outlets.

The Pointer Sisters will star in this Fats Waller musical hit which is scheduled to run for one week only beginning Tuesday, Mar. 12 through March 17.

For more information call (214) 373-8000.

February 6

Texas Department of Transportation will offer a free certification workshops for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises/Historically Underutilized Businesses on Tuesday, February 6, from 10 a.m. to noon and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at TxDot's Construction Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr. Room 102, in Austin.

For more information, call Pat Merrill, at (512) 463-6631.

The monthly Business Breakfast meeting for small/minority/women entrepreneurs will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 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.

The City of Dallas will conduct an Economic Development meeting from 4-6 p.m. in the Weiss Auditorium at the Methodist Medical Center located at 1441 N. Beckley.

February 8

David J. Berry, president and chief operation officer of Bank of America, Texas invites the public to "Share in our Pride" at the Anita N. Martinex Ballet Folkloric's 1996 Membership Campaign party on Thursday, February 8, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Olympic Pizza Restaurant, 2907 W. Northwest Highway.

Business attire is requested. To R.S.V.P. call 828-0181.

Several Y.O.U.T.H., Town Hall Meetings will be held at various Dallas schools throughout the month of February. On Thurs., Feb. 8, the meeting will take place at Hillcrest High School, 9924 Hillcrest Road; on Friday, Feb. 9, the meeting will be held at W.E. Greiner Jr. High School, 501 S. Edgefield; on Thurs., Feb. 22, the meeting will be held at Skyline High School and on Saturday, Feb. 23, the meeting will be held at E.B. Comstock Jr. High School.

All scheduled meetings will begin at p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for student with identification. Children under 1 are free.

Persons interested in attending any of the meeting should contact the schools for more information.

Monique Jellerette deJongh and Cassandra Catolouis will give great suggestions on how to meet and *How To Marry A Black Man*, on Thurs., Feb. 8 at Black Images Book Bazaar, 230 Wynnwood, from 6 to 8 p.m.

For more information, call (214) 943-0142.

A Core Assets meeting Workshop will be held on the 7th floor of the J. Erick Jonsson Central Library, on Thurs. Feb. 8 from 4 to 6 p.m.

For more information, call 670-5339.

February 9

Deidra Lynn Woods Theatre presents "Black Man In America," a play dealing with the problems of homosexuality, drugs, female relationships, violence, drugs etc.

The play is scheduled for Friday, February 9, at the theatre located west of I-45 on Martin Luther King drive. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students.

For more information, call 565-1710.

A Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held for couples living in Dallas and the surrounding areas beginning Friday, February 9 through 11, at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Plano. The weekend is sponsored by Dales/Ft. Worth Lutheran Marriage Encounter couples. For more information, contact Roger and Chris Williams at (214) 530-1218 or Herb and Betty Doller at (214) 780-0920. For information about weekends in other parts, call 1-800-235-1010.

February 10

A Free Health Fair is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Fort Worth's Town Center Mall.

The fair is sponsored by Osteopathic Health System of Texas. For more information, call (817) 923-1605.

John de Lancie stars as a robot inventor who goes too far in Sci-Fi Channel's Feb. Planetary Premiere, "Evolver," on Saturday, Feb. 10 7-9 p.m.

February 11

St. John Missionary Baptist Church invites you to attend a free unique worship service on Sunday, February 11, at 3:45 p.m. The service with its theatrical elements is entitled "Let Everything Praise the Lord.

For more information, call (214) 375-4876. The exact location is 2600 S. Marsalis Ave., Dallas, TX.

Mayor Ron Kirk invites you and a guest to the premier of "America's Dream" with special guest Jasmine Guy and Vanessa Bell Calaway on Sunday, February 11, at the Dallas Museum of Art, 1717 N. Harwood

The reception begins at 6:30 p.m. and the screening starts at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call Sandy Cotton

Around Town Cont'd

at 450-1018.

Uniquely "U" Brides of Color will present the Third Annual Black Bridal Extravaganza on Sunday, Feb. 11 at the Harvey Hotel in downtown Dallas.

For more information, call, (214) 330-5683. General Admission to the event is \$5.

February 12

Elroy Roberts Foundation will hold auditions for the Talent Search Showcase and A Superstar Evening on Monday, February 12, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Fort Worth. The exact location is 5001 Brentwood Stair #109.

For more information, call (817) 551-9279.

A Neighborhoods meeting will be held at Ridgecrest Baptist Church located at 5470 Ellsworth in Dallas, on Thurs. Feb. 8 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

For more information, call 670-5339.

February 13

A Valentine's Eve Sweetheart Jazz Concert featuring Dr. Billy Taylor and Jon Hendricks is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, at The Majestic Theatre.

To purchase tickets, call UNT at (817) 565-3743 or Ticketmaster at (214) 373-8000. Seats are priced from \$18 to \$32.

February 14

Michael Baisden, author of *Never Satisfied: How and Why Men Cheat*, will appear at Black Images, 230 Wynnwood on Wednesday, February 14, from 6 to 8 p.m.

For more information, call 943-0142.

The fifth annual Valentines Day Marrow Donor Drive is scheduled for Wednesday, February 14 at Children's Medical Center in Dallas. The drive will benefit six-year-old Grace Shumac and other African-American patients awaiting a donor transplant.

For more information, call Shannon Murray at (214) 351-8646.

February 15

Loida Lewis shares insight into the story behind *Why Should White Guys Have All The Fun? How Reginald Lewis Created a Billion-Dollar Business Empire*.

Lewis will appear at Black Images, 230 Wynnwood, on Thursday, February 15 from

6 to 8 p.m.

For more information, call 943-0142.

Church Youth Choir Competition is set for Thursday, February 15, at the Renaissance Center, 2100 Evans Avenue in Fort Worth. The competition starts at 6:30 p.m. A donation of \$3 is required.

For more information, call (817) 923-1605.

February 16

Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson will sponsor a summit on "Preparing Today's Youth for Tomorrow's Careers," on Friday, Feb. 16, at Le Meridien, 650 N. Pearl Street. From 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, call (202) 225-8885.

Dallas Visual Art Center will exhibit the works of Saba Rasheed through Friday, February 16. The public is invited. For more details, contact Katherine Wagner, executive director, at (214) 821-2522.

An Amateur Gospel Talent Competition is scheduled for Friday, February 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the Renaissance Center, 2100 Evans Avenue, Fort Worth.

For more information, call (817) 923-1605.

The 12th Annual Quest For Success Awards Luncheon will be held at the Dallas Convention Center on Friday, February 16. The event is being sponsored by The Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce, Miller Brewing Co., Bank-One, TX, WFAA and *The Dallas Morning News*.

For more information, call (214) 934-3012.

Volunteer Center Of Dallas County is featuring a bowl-a-thon on Friday, February 16 through 17 in Plano. For more information, call (214) 826-6767 ext. 242.

February 17

Success Summit '96 will be held at the Arlington Hilton Hotel, 2401 E. Lamar Blvd., on Saturday, Feb. 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Registration begins at 8 p.m. For more information, call (214) 988-3345.

Clarodes Dance Institute celebrates the Grand Opening of their new location on Saturday, Feb. 17, from noon until 3 p.m. at 9661 Audelia Rd. # 116.

For more information, call (214) 340-1146.

Texas Historical Commission and Black Dallas Remembered, Inc. Will hold a Community and Heritage Preservation Workshop at the South Dallas Cultural Center, 1919 Sec-

ond Ave. On Saturday, February 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more information, call (214) 746-2340. The workshop is free. Lunch is \$7.

The 2nd Annual Dr. Francine Morrison Gospel Jubilee takes place on Saturday, February 17, at 7 p.m. At the Renaissance Center, 2100 Evans Avenue, in Fort Worth.

For more information, call (817) 923-1605.

February 18

Dallas Bethlehem Center Community Children's Choir, South Dales Gospel Singer Judy Tucker and the popular Dixieland and Jazz Bands of Lovers Lane UMC will entertain after a "down home" Southern meal on Sunday, February 18.

For more information, call (214) 363-1468.

February 21

Rev. Samuel Proctor, author of "The Substance of Things Hoped For: A Memoir of African-American Faith," on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at Black Images, 230 Wynnwood.

For more information, call 943-0142.

February 22

Mayor Ron Kirk will host a Citywide Open House Workshop at Dallas City Hall on Thursday, Feb. 22 from 4 to 7 p.m.

For more information, call 670-5339.

Perspectives in African American Art 1996 celebrates 10 years of African American Artistic Expressions on Thursday, Feb. 22, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at The African American Museum, 3536 Grand Avenue.

To R.S.V.P. call (212) 697-4515. For more information, call (214) 565-9026.

Dallas Theatre presents Eartha Kitt in an elusive 3-night only engagement beginning Thursday, Feb. 22 through the 24 at DTC's Kalita Humphreys Theater, 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd.

All tickets are \$40 each. All seats are reserved. For tickets, call the Dallas Theater Center at (214) 522-TIXX.

February 24

A Greek Step Show & Dance is set for 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Renaissance Center in Fort Worth on Saturday, February 24. A donation of \$7 is required.

For more information, call (817) 923-1605.

February 25

The Texas Education Agency and Texans' War on Drugs will join forces on Sunday, Feb. 25 through the 27 to provide information about tobacco, alcohol and other drug abuse. Sixteen strands will be offered on each topic and guest speakers will be available throughout the workshop.

For more information, call (512) 343-2626.

February 28

Dallas Urban League will host their annual meeting at 11:45 a.m. on Wednesday, February 28.

The keynote speaker for the event is Ayinde Jean Baptiste, the 12-year-old speaker during The Million Man March.

This year's meeting is geared toward active youth volunteers.

For more information, call (214) 528-8038.

The deadline for entering *Our Texas* magazine fiction/non-fiction writer's contest is Wednesday, February 28. The maximum length for submissions is 2,000 words. Stories will be judged on style, plot and creativity. It should reflect the feel and flavor of our existence. An entry fee of \$15 is due.

The setting must be contemporary, historical or futuristic and unpublished. Our Texas magazine retains the right to publish submissions in a 1997 Anthology of Texas Writers.

For more information, call 1-800-766-7710.

February 29

Daniel Wolff will appear at Black Images, 230 Wynnwood, on Thursday, February 29 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Wolff is the author of *You Send Me: The Life and Times of Sam Cooke*.

For more information, call 943-0142.

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February Moments to Ponder

Days of February - Discover and Celebrate African American Arts, Culture, and Entertainment History all year

By Sarah N. Bruce / Arts, Culture, Entertainment Editor

February 1

****Langston Hughes**, playwright, poet, born 1902.
-Garrett Morris, television comedian, born 1937.
-Clifford Alexander Jr. becomes the first Black Secretary of the United States Army in 1977.

February 2

-Congress bans U.S. Slave trade in 1807.
****Autherine Lucy** becomes the first Black student at the University of Alabama in 1956.

February 3

****Antonio Ruiz**, Buenos Aires national hero, dies 1810.

February 4

-Rosa Parks, civil rights activist, born 1913.

February 5

****L.R. Lautier** becomes the first African American to join the National Press Club in 1956.

February 6

****Robert "Bob" Marley**, reggae star, born 1945.
-Natalie Cole, famous songstress and daughter of Nat "King" Cole, born 1950.

February 7

****Hubie Blake**, ragtime composer and pianist, born 1883.

February 8

-Henry Lewis becomes first African American director of a United States symphony orchestra by heading the New Jersey Symphony in 1968.

February 9

****Arthur Ashe** becomes the first Black to join the U.S. Davis Cup Team in 1964.

February 10

****Mary Leontyne Price**, famous actress and singer, born 1927.
-Roberta Flack, famous singer, born 1939.

February 11

****Nelson Mandela** released from prison in 1990. He was imprisoned for 27 years because he demanded "human rights" for Black South Africans

February 12

****NAACP** founded in 1909.
-William "Bill" Russell, former pro basketball player and first Black head coach for the Seattle Supersonics, born 1934.
-Arsenio Hall, comedian-talk show host-actor, born 1955.

February 13

****Absalom Jones**, leader of America's first Black church, born 1746.

February 14

****Frederick Augustus Douglass**, statesman and journalist, born 1817.
-Augusta Institute (renamed Morehouse College) in Atlanta Georgia, opened 1867,

February 15

****Nat "King" Cole**, singer and jazz pianist, dies 1965.

February 16

****Frederick A. Douglass** elected president of Freedman's Bank and Trust in 1874.

February 17

****Jim Brown**, Hall of Fame football player, born 1936.
-Michael Jordan, famous basketball player, born 1963.

February 18

****First formal protest against slavery** filed by Quakers in 1688.

February 19

****First Pan-African Congress** held in Paris in 1919.
-Smokey Robinson, singer/songwriter, born 1940.

February 20

****Frederick A Douglass** dies 1895.
-Charles Barkley, famous basketball player, born 1963.

February 21

****El Haji Malik El Shabazz - Malcolm X**, assassinated 1965.

February 22

-Dr. Ralph J. Bunche becomes the first Black to receive the Nobel Peace Prize for United Nations' accomplishments in 1950.
-Julius Erving, basketball star, born 1950.
Col. Frederick Gregory becomes first African American to command space mission in 1989.

February 23

-William Edward Burghardt (W.E.B.) Dubois, poet, scholar, historian, scientist, teacher, born 1868.

February 24

****Frederick Douglass' home**, Washington, D.C., is made a national shrine in 1922.

February 25

****Hiram Revels** becomes the first African American elected to the U.S.

Senate in 1870.

February 26

-Antoine "Fats" Domino, singer, performer, born 1928.
****Muhammad Ali** captures heavy-weight title from Sonny Liston in 1964.

February 27

-Theodore Flowers, boxer, becomes first Black Middleweight Champion of the World in 1926.
****Debbie Thomas** is first African American to win a medal for figure skating in the Olympics in 1988.

February 28

****Poet Phyllis Wheatley** dies in 1784. -
Bubba Smith, famous football player and film star, born 1945.
-Michael Jackson, performer, singer, composer, wins eight Grammy Awards in 1984.

February 29

-Leap Day!!

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Note: "Bridges", Held in Conjunction with Dul's Annual Membership Meeting.

A Dynamic Duo

Local 8-year-old recites Dad's poetry

By Veronica W. Morgan

Kamilyah Everett is not an unusual little girl.

She fidgets with pencils and pens when grown ups are talking. She slumps in her seat, spins gently in swivel chairs and stares impatiently out windows wondering when her dad will finish talking so the two of them can go home, or better, to the "Sonic," for a thick vanilla, chocolate or strawberry shake.

But at any given moment, if Ken tells his eight-year-old to "do" any one of the lengthy poems he has written over the years, she willingly stands, checks out her audience to make certain that "no one will be offended," looks once more to dad for reassurance, and then lifts her head and thunderously recites verse after verse, poem after poem, without hesitation, as she paces back and forth.

"She can go for an hour and a half," says Ken Everett smiling proudly at his oldest daughter. He and his wife, Keena, also have a two-year-old named Kandyce.

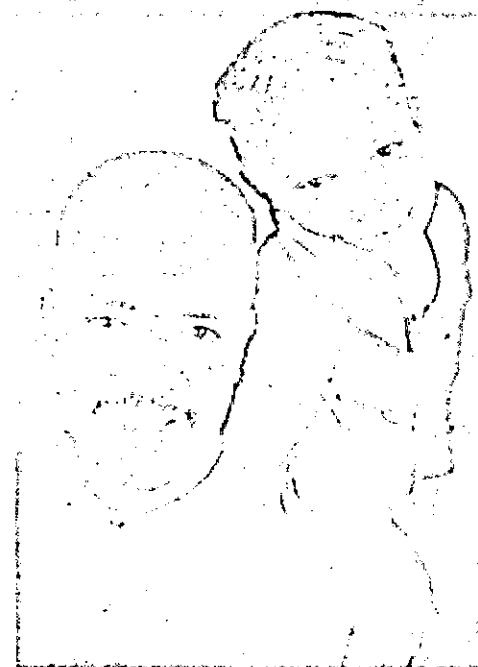
Everett, a high school math teacher turned part-time poet, says he decided to try his hand at writing inspirational, religious verse close to five years ago. His intention was to find a way of imparting hope and encouragement to the many troubled youth he came in contact with daily.

Combined with faith in God and love for jazz music, Everett began crank-

ing out serious poetry—some set to music—that dealt with issues of suicide, blacks fighting and killing each other, men respecting women and staying in school.

As quickly as he could scribble the poetic verses, Everett would dole it out to anyone he came in contact with. Occasionally, he would recite his poems or sing the lyrics as young Kamilyah looked on.

But something remarkable happened. Something that changed the way he did things. He discovered that the then five-year-old Kamilyah could recite his poems.



Kamilyah Everett and Dad Ken

"In fact," says Everett, obviously pleased, "she could do it better than me."

The rapping teacher, a nickname given to him by his students, decided to step back, keep his poetry and show it to his daughter, who echoed the messages he wanted to convey. In doing so, the dynamic duo has garnered considerable attention

and their popularity continues to rise.

An album, entitled *Princess Kamilyah*, featuring 15 of Everett's poems, will be released in February.

Everett is also publishing a collection of his most inspiring works in a book entitled *God Is the Answer: Poems that Can Save A Life*.

Kamilyah's name will appear on several programs dealing with Black History throughout the month of February. Her latest work, and one that is sure to provoke deep thought, is *28 Days To Be Black*. The poem challenges the conventional way of thinking about Black History month. Everett said the poems states, you are black for 28 days but I've been black all my life.

Individual copies of the poem are expected to be released in bookstores by February. Other poems will also be available in 12 x 18 versions in the near future.

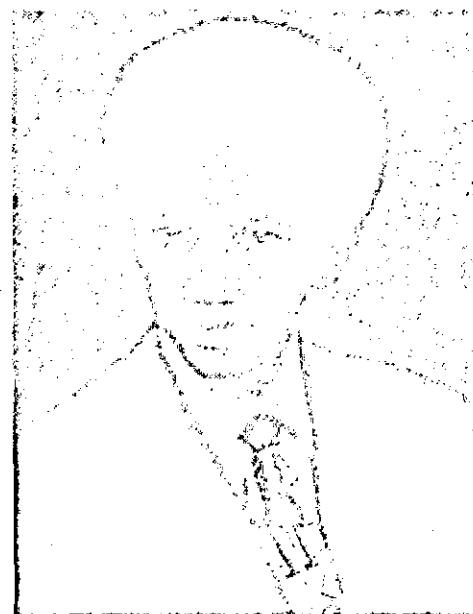
Said Everett: "I'd like to see the poems become as popular as Black Art."

Everett credits his inspiration to write and his daughter's unique ability to express herself and his poetry as a God-given talent. Together the two have shared their gifts with hundreds of people through performances held city-wide, at malls, black history programs, church functions, school functions and other outlets. And they hope to spread the message even further.

Outside of her busy life of reading, rapping and expressing poetry, Kamilyah attends Stults Road Elementary School. She enjoys tennis, karate, piano and yes, golf. Her favorite subject is math.

On Wednesday, February 28, Kamilyah will perform at the Dallas Urban League's Annual Membership Meeting. The theme of this year's event is "Bridges: A Salute to Our Youth."

The program will begin at 11:45 a.m. and will be held at the Harvey Hotel, 400 North Olive Street.



Ayinde Jean Baptiste

Sharing the stage with Kamilyah will be Ayinde Jean Baptiste, the dynamic 12-year-old speaker at the Million Man March, and featured guest on the *Today* show with Bryant Gumbel and Catie Couric. Baptiste will be the keynote speaker at the annual meeting. Tickets are on sale for \$25.

Twenty-five outstanding young people who have displayed positive characteristics throughout their community will be honored.

Individuals desiring to nominate a deserving youth should contact the Dallas Urban League at (214) 528-8038. Requirements include a one-page essay stating why the person should be chosen, two references from people other than family members and a non-returnable photo. Deadline for submissions is February 5.

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For organizations, churches and individuals wishing to contact Kamilyah and her father, call (214) 681-2207 or 681-0682.

NOMINATION FORM

The Dallas Urban League is accepting nominations for young people who have remained positive role models against the odds, and continue to influence the lives of others. We will honor twenty-five (25) youth from traditional and non-traditional families in the community. Nominations are to be submitted in a one-page essay stating why this individual should be honored. **Deadline for submitting nominations is February 5, 1996.**

On an attached sheet of paper, tell us why this person should be nominated. Send information to the **Dallas Urban League, Attn: Bridges: "A Salute to our Youth" Nomination Committee, 3625 N. Hall St., Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75219.** For more information, please call (214) 528-8038.

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•**Photograph:** Please send a photograph of the nominee. Sorry, photographs cannot be returned.

•**Verification:** In order to be considered, a nominee must have two references who may be contacted to verify the scope and content of the nominee. References should be persons familiar with the person being nominated. References may not include any person related to the nominee. Please send the name, address and daytime telephone of each reference.

V-Day for V100

Station scores big in radio ratings

By Dorothy Gentry
Contributing Writer

Less than six months after changing its format, the station formerly known as 100.3 JAMZ has landed in the #4 spot in the fall Arbitron radio ratings.

The ratings, which were released Jan. 12, list the top 20 Dallas/Fort Worth radio stations with listeners age 12 and older. KRBV-FM (100.3), also known as V100, ranked #4 overall. The station, which changed its format on Sept. 1, 1995 from rap heavy urban contemporary to a mixture of R&B hits and classics, jumped from 12th place overall last summer.

V100 also went from 8th last year to 3rd this year in the ratings with the 18-34 year-old audience and jumped from #17 to #2 in the 25-54 year-old audience, the station's main focus.

"We were very pleased with the ratings and with the fact that we were able to significantly reach our target audience," says Thomas Bacote, V100 program director.

The success of the station "is a team effort," Bacote says. "Everyone, from the general manager to the music director on

down, has responsibilities. After we made sure this (switching formats) was the right direction in which to go, we did everything possible to make it work."

Bacote also heaped praises upon the Metroplex V100 listeners.

ARBITRON RATINGS

Here are the Top 20 Dallas-Fort Worth radio stations with listeners age 12 and older, according to the latest Arbitron survey. The fall ratings period is Sept. 21 through Dec. 13. Arbitron counts anyone at least 12 years of age who listens to a station for at least 15 minutes between 6 a.m. and midnight. Each share point reflects 1 percent of the audience.

Rank	Station	Fall share	Summer share
1.	KVIL-FM (103.7)	5.6	5.2
tie	KHKS-FM (106.1)	5.6	5.1
3.	KSCS-FM (96.3)	5.5	5.6
4.	KRBV-FM (100.3)	5.0	3.7
5.	KYNG-FM (105.3)	4.8	5.1
6.	WBAP-AM (820)	4.7	4.9
7.	KKDA-FM (104.5)	4.6	5.7

"I credit Dallas/Fort Worth for responding. That is who I give thanks to."

V100's 5.0 share in the fall ratings put it ahead, for the moment, of KKDA-FM (104.5), which placed 7th overall with a 4.6 share.

Ken Dowe, KKDA director of broadcast services, says the ratings, which are released three times a year, were not a total surprise to the station.

"We weren't really all that surprised. We knew it would be that way," he says.

"Not taking anything away from V100. That (their #4 ranking) is great. But K104 is incredibly successful," he says. "Ratings-wise, K104 had its most successful year last year."

K104 ranked #1 in the D/FW Metroplex at one point last year and has consistently placed in the Top 10 spots overall.

Dowe says KKDA's new station, which has been in the works for more

than a year, should join the FM dial in early spring or late summer. The station will play the old school R&B hits, "and will be committed to the black community, the 25-54 age group and will serve those in both Dallas and Fort Worth."

K104, ever popular among the 12-24 age audience, will not change its format: a mixture of R&B hits, some oldies and light rap.

Dowe emphasizes that although the station "doesn't play dirty rap," it will continue playing some rap. "We are much aware that youngsters up to age 30 like some of it (the rap music) and we are not going to deny those artists their opportunity.

"However, we will not demean

women, call them bitches, we don't use the word nigger, or play rap songs that promote drugs," he says.

As for V100, Bacote says, the station will continue to listen to its audience and grow. "We will change with them, but we will stay focused on our demographics and on what people tell us they want.

"Ratings come and go," he continued. "But the key is to stay focused. African Americans in this market deserve a good product, something they can be proud of. They showed their approval in the ratings."

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There will also be an opportunity for "Miss Bachelorette 1996" hopefuls to fill out forms at a booth during the "Third Annual VIP Black and White Valentine Ball Extravaganza" on Friday, February

9. This exciting event begins at 6 p.m. at the Bristol Suites Hotel, located at 7800 Alpha Road (1-635 & Coit exit).

All eligible nominations forms will be judged, and up to 20 finalists will be selected. The finalist who receives the highest amount of response by readers from the March edition of *MON*, will be selected as "Miss Bachelorette 1996."

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The "Miss Bachelorette 1996" winner will be presented in the September issue of *MON* and will receive a cash prize of \$500. Up to 20 finalists will receive consolation prizes.

For the names of the "Miss Bachelorette 1996" finalists, look in the March issue of *MON* or send a self-addressed stamped (#10) envelope to: Miss Bachelorette 1996, 2730 Stemmons Frwy, Tower West Suite 1202, Dallas, TX 75207 after March 31.

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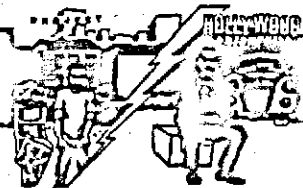


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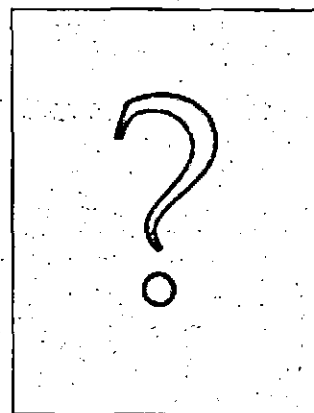
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All Dressed up and no Where to Go.

By DeLeon McKee

All dressed up and no where to go is a thing of the pass. Dallas, Fort Worth and the mid cities have many places to go for live entertainment, dancing and fun. The three hot spots for this month will have you singing the blues at Maceo's, high stepping at Steppers and dancing with Michael at Michael's of Arlington.

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try music nights. Wednesday is special buffet night. Thursday's are party night. Saturday's are the super house party with AJ the DJ & six pack. Sunday's are live entertainment.

Michael's Of Arlington is last but not least. Valentines Day dinner for two is on wednesday fed 14. Thursday's come out for ladies night. Friday's they have the exhale happy hour from 5-8. Saturday's come out for the Saturday night live house parties. Sunday's, live entertainment with Paradiso.

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She's Out of His Life

By DeLeon McKee

How is it that a man so rich and famous, so full of love, so innocent, so admired and loved by generations of families can't keep a women.

They say three strikes and your out, looks like mikes still swinging and he's out again. I personally don't see why people are so surprised, think about his track record, He doesn't have one. Some of you might say he does but I will prove to you he never had it and never will.

Strike one Diana Ross, did you really think he had a chance, that's like saying Ken and Barbi are or could be serious about a relationship, too plastic. Strike two Liz Taylor, talking about a disaster waiting to happen considering how many times she's jumped the broom. Mike and Liz is about as conceivable as George Burns and Rapon Samon. Strike three Brook shields, what a joke, in a relationship some one has to be old enough to know what they are doing.

I guess Michael figured he had nothing to lose so he went for the strange and impossible, Elvis Presley's daughter. If Elvis was dead he 's not any more.

Michael hasn't lost it he's just likes chasing strange things. I don't like to rain on his parade because I like mike, I wouldn't marry him, but I like him. I also feel somewhere under all that make up there is a brother trying to get out. I just hope he has learned that money and fame can't buy you love.

I know Michael is probably hurting, a mans pain is nothing to laugh at, so I wish him the best. Hopefully he has come back to his senses and will make better choices than the rash one he made with Lisa Marie. I personally knew that breaking up with bubbles was the wrong move in the first place.

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Heart Trouble

Part 2

Last month we exposed the problem (as we saw it) with most Christians. The vast majority of them are suffering from this spiritual "dis-ease" called "heart trouble". When Jesus was preparing his staff for his departure, He observed this dilemma in them and addressed it. However, long before He ever brought it to their attention, God had emphasized the importance of guarding and tending to your heart. According to 1 Samuel 16, He looks at the heart while men are only concerned about the outward appearance.

I for one don't get it! Why are we so concerned about our exterior and less about our interior. This mind set is even displayed in our selection of material things. In purchasing a car for example. We will spend beau coup money for stuff that has nothing to do with the quality of ride or comfort or performance of the car. It just looks good. In other words, forget about what's under the hood, let's make sure it looks good on the outside.

This seems to be the attitude of most Christians and is reflected in our churches. Forget about what is in our hearts, let's just make sure we look good. When we don't abide by Proverbs 4 (which says to keep your heart with all diligence for out of it flows the forces of life), heart trouble sets in.

The principle is simple to follow. God cares more about what happens in us than what happens to us. The "Joseph Principle" states it's not what happens to you, it's what happens in you".

According to Jesus (Mark 4), Satan recognizes the importance of what's in your heart. Therefore, he creates or influences situations and circumstances designed to extract the good word we have in our hearts. He comes to take the word that is sown in our hearts. The condition and content of a man's heart will determine the influence he has with God. He desires to first do a work in you before He does a work through you.

What is the key to satisfying Him? Guarding your heart. What will prevent chronic heart trouble? Guarding your heart. It is very easy to become susceptible to a troubled heart. Everyday someone is killing someone, divorcing someone. Someone's child is gang-banging; someone's husband is on drugs. And the

beat goes on. If you meditate and concentrate on all these things, your heart will be troubled. The remedy is to think on, meditate on, focus on, give your attention to the Word of God. What is God's perspective on the issues of today? How does He address the issues of your life? I can tell you this. He addresses them in your heart, not in your head. If your head is troubled but your heart is at peace, your head will come along. If your heart is troubled, no matter what goes on in your head, everything is out of sorts. Jesus says cleanse the inside first and then take care of the outside (Matthew 23). The closer we get to His appearing, the more scenarios we will be faced with that will be aimed at stealing what is in our hearts. Relationships will be affected by heart trouble. Business will be affected by it. Only the person who majors in what goes on inside will have a chance of making it successfully through the maze of conflicts in our world.

If you have a troubled heart, begin to meditate on the Good Word of God. Put it in your heart. Memorize His Promises. Say them out loud to yourself. Remind your brothers and sisters of them. Soon you too will be one of the victors who truly overcome. Remember, something good is happening to you. Right now!

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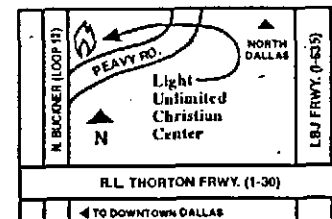
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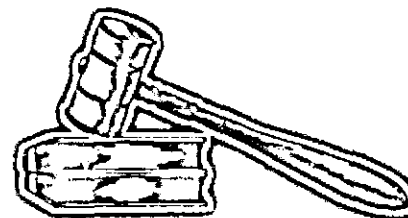
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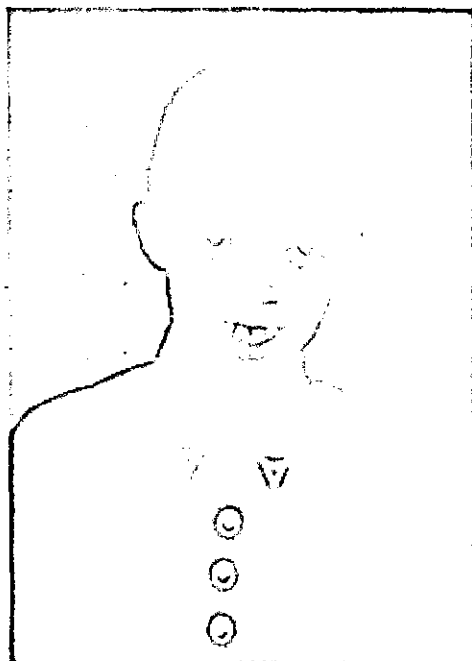
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I'm sure that some of you kids have given some thought to your future, or what you want to do when you are grown and move away from home. But some of you may not have. Either way, the day will soon come when you are not longer dependent upon your parents for support.

I spoke with a couple of kids that understand that they have to start now to plan for their future and here is what they had to say:

GREG: "...I think that kids should start studying more and stop playing around all the time....They should start paying more attention to their teachers in school....I know a few kids that always skip school and I don't think that it's right...I think that one way that a kid could prepare for college is to have



**Gregory Elam, 13 yrs. old
Richardson Jr. High-8th grade**

their parent take them to a local college close to where they live so that the kid could see what college is all about....It would probably help also if they could talk to a teacher or a counselor now about the subject that they need to take now or later."

ERICKA: "...I think that kids

should be a look into being a part of a center that has a computer so that they can learn and find out information about colleges, universities and other types of trade or career schools....Kids should try to always stay updated on what's happening....and we should try to listen to young adults that are in college or a career school because they can help us make the right decisions about our career choices. Another way of planning for your education is by saving for college....I have been working for almost 2 years but I only recently opened up a savings account....hopefully, I can get into the habit of saving so that by the time I finish high school, I'll have enough money to pay for at least some of my education."



**Ericka Barnett, 16 yrs. old
Forest Meadow Jr. High 9th grade**

go to school during the summer and take a few course. Regardless of your decision, remember: your future lies in your hands.

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Black Lies, White Lies: The Truth According to Tony Brown

I cannot say enough about Tony Brown's provocative new book, *Black Lies, White Lies* (ISBN 0688-13270-7. William Morrow, \$23). It is the most thought-provoking, albeit disturbing, book I have read in a long time. Every one needs to read this book. While you may not agree with all he has to say, it will surely change your complacent way of thinking.

Who is Tony Brown?

Tony Brown is the well known PBS television commentator who hosts *Tony Brown's Journal*. He is also the host of the syndicated radio talk show *Tony Brown*. He now is the proprietor of a BBS (Bulletin Board Service) known as *Tony Brown Online*. Many of you will be familiar with his oft-controversial, hard-hitting views.

From his television show I have culled quite a bit of information, such as little-known facts about our still under-publicized history. After I watch him, I want to think about what he's said, share those ideas, and in my own small way, I want to change things. I want to take action.

Why should we care what he says?

Well, it's not that we have to particularly care about what he says, but, no matter who the messenger, the message is patently clear. Simply put, we have too much at stake as African-Americans. We have too much at stake as Americans to ignore what Tony Brown says in his book.

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He reminds of dark times in America's history when blacks were spied on, when black towns were assaulted from the air.

Brown confronts The Talent-Tenth (the elite, educated, upper-class portion of the Black population). He deals with the failure of Black America's leaders, the conspiracies that blacks often perceive, the fear of genocide, the truth about AIDS and AZT, unscrupulous medical researchers, racism, sexism, a welfare state and affirmative action (why it doesn't work).

He confronts whites. He confronts blacks. With a style that is chilling and prophetic, Brown warns us, all of us

Americans, that we are headed toward a catastrophic "end" if we don't work to get rid of personal debt and the federal deficit; work to eliminate poverty and hopelessness among African Americans; work toward cultural diversity; work to make America a global leader in technology, economics, government and race relations. He offers unique, but not improbable solutions. He makes those

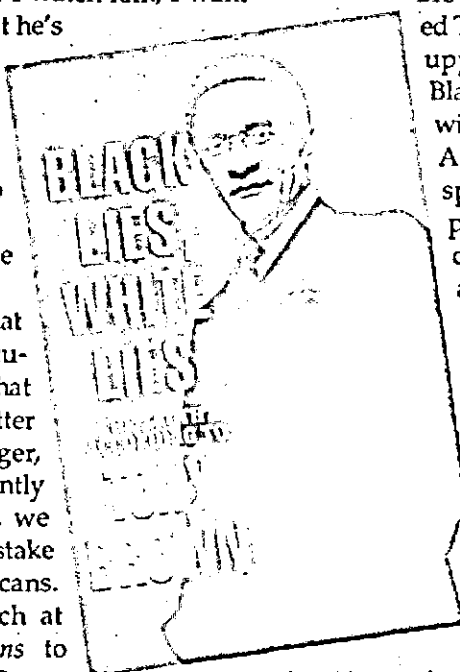
staunch allies of the not-too-beneficial Democratic Party take notice. He offers reasons for blacks to join the Republican Party, the historical party of our past. He tells us in campaign-like rhetoric why he would be a good United States President.

From the book, we learn who Tony Brown has as "heroes": Booker T. Washington and Marcus Garvey. Martin Luther King, Jr. We learn those who he is at philosophical odds with: Manning Marable, Cornel West, and W.E.B. DuBois. But he lets us know in no uncertain terms, *why* he believes what he believes..

Brown espouses self-help, entrepreneurship, pooling of resources, and supporting Black businesses. He cautions us about letting our dollars leave our community. He shows how black professionals spend millions of dollars on conventions, but fail to pool resources to purchase convention centers. He tells us to hire black architects and attorneys. To find value in our own. He lets us know that separate can indeed be equal.

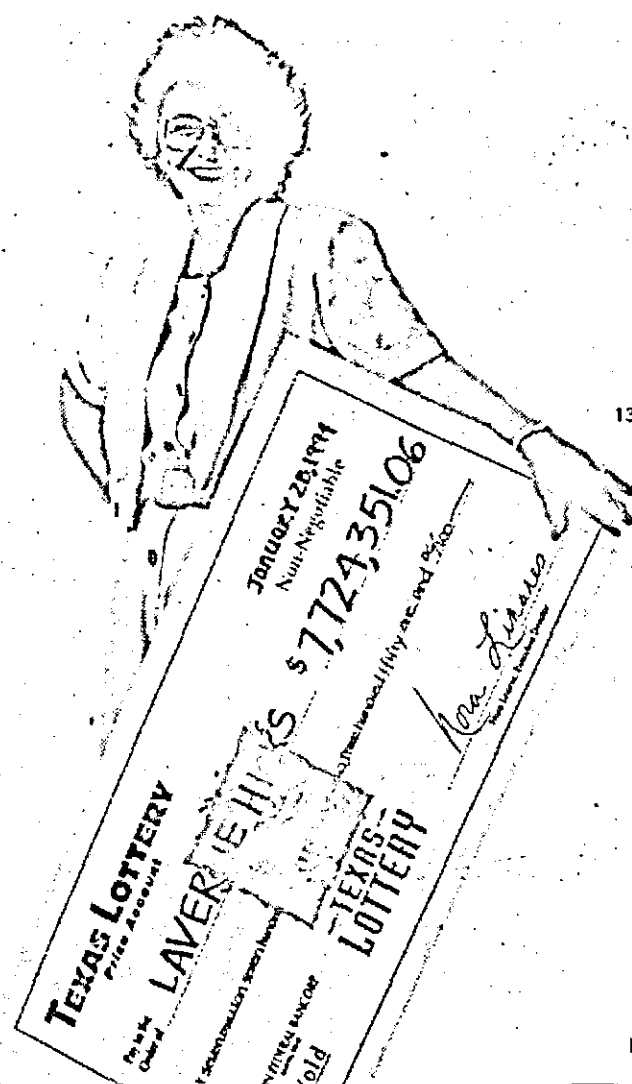
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Hey Girlfriend,

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Girlfriend,

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What am I going to do?

She Told Me To

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Foot Stop Enterprises, Ltd. Offers African Americans franchising opportunities

By Michael Ollie Clayton

It is no secret that young African Americans are the fashion and cultural trend setters in America and around the world! Be it music, dance, fashion or popular culture, whatever is considered in, hip or hot, black people are the first to do it or wear it.

However, we as African Americans rarely cash in on our creativity. For example African Americans are the main purchasers of athletic footwear and sporting apparel helping to make it a \$30 billion business. For all our trend setting, less than one percent of these sales can be traced to African-American owned manufacturers or retail establishments.

Enter Marvin Brown and Derrick Brockman, two young African American with vision, social consciousness and a novel business concept with tremendous growth potential - athletic appeal and sportswear retail franchises for African-Americans.

Foot Stop is not just another small time minority business, it has big time aspirations with a strategy and market package to match.

"Our first priority was to go out and find the different kinds of financing that can be used to help a potential entrepreneur who might not have the immediate financing [and] who would need some type of support to find the different organization that were out there," explained Brown, president of the company.

Currently, Foot Stop has six locations in Philadelphia and Coatsville, PA; Wilmington, DE; and Largo and Baltimore, MD. A new store opened in October in Baltimore and two stores are planned for the Atlanta area by early 1996. The company hopes to have at least 10 stores per state. Currently it is in negotiation with a well known professional athlete to open a store in Knoxville, Tenn. Other African-American athletes are also expressing interest in the concept.

Unlike other franchises operations, Foot Stop offers its franchisees a full line of support to ensure their success. Brockman, company vice president responsible for business development and marketing, has formulated ways to facilitate the application, financial statement and financing processes. Foot Stop's management team provides attentive, handsome support in legal assistance, accounting, merchandise buying assistance, inventory control (the whole system is connected to a central computer system which tracks inventory, individual

outlet sales, analyzes data and forecasts regional trends), management assistance training, marketing, advertisement and operational assistance.

"We go right with the franchisee in terms of helping him put together this overall loan proposal and bid package that goes out to the various banks. We've already spoken with most of the mayors in the major cities up and down the eastern seaboard, so we're structuring ourselves so we already have the (political and financial) powers that be in place, so that when we get ready to look for franchises in those areas we have everything in place," elaborated Brockman.

The most unique feature of Foot Stop Enterprises is that each franchisee is required to give back to the community in which he or she operates by creating jobs, sponsoring educational programs, youth athletic programs and forming scholarship funds. "We feel it is important to set a standard and precedent to our youth who are looking to get involved in an industry like this, or to become an entrepreneur. We can't be afraid to do business in our own communities. This is a great business opportunity and it is also an opportunity to be a part of the community, to be a resource to that community," stressed Brown.

For more information contact Foot Stop Enterprises Limited at P.O. Box 1096 Media, PA., 19063. The telephone and fax numbers are (610) 558-3370 and 566-5365. For franchise information or team sales call 1-800-991-FOOT.

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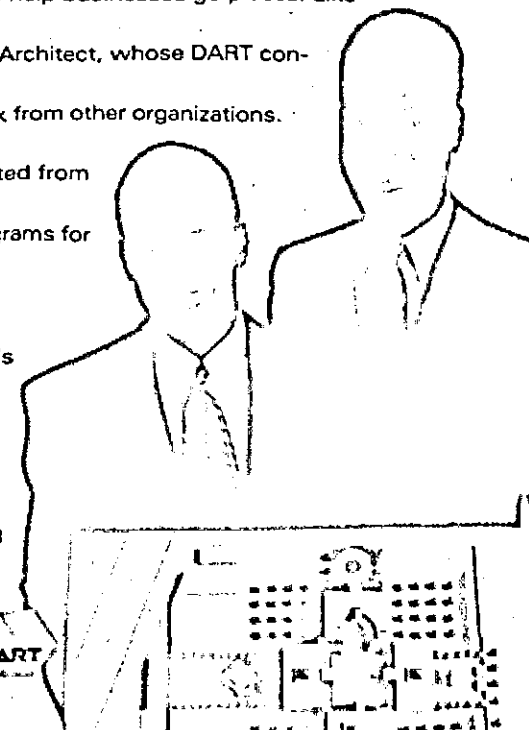
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Black Businesses Lead in Starts; Lag in Revenue & Profitability

By Dorothy Gentry

Owning your own business is hard enough. It gets about 100 percent tougher, however, when you are black and own your own business.

The obstacles are numerous - providing you have enough capital to even get your business off the ground. Once that hurdle is cleared, others await: little support from other blacks, negative perceptions associated with "black-owned businesses," lack of profits to stay open, little or no paid staff, no benefits, etc.

However, these problems are not deterring many black entrepreneurs. According to figures released at the end of 1995 from the federal government, the number of black-owned businesses has increased 46 percent since 1987 - and is still growing.

Increasing, but still behind

From 1987 to 1992, the number of black-owned businesses increased significantly, growing nearly twice as fast as the number of all U.S. firms.

Black businesses increased 46.4 percent nationally compared with 26.3 percent for all firms, growing to 620,912 during the five-year period; their revenue increased 63 percent to \$32.2 billion, according to the Census Bureau's 1992 survey.

Meanwhile, the total number of U.S. companies grew 26 percent to 17.3 million, and revenue rose about 65 percent to \$3.3 trillion.

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In the Census Bureau survey, Texas ranked third (behind California and New York) among U.S. states with the most black-owned businesses (50,008). The Texas companies ranked second in terms of revenue, with sales of \$2.3 billion.

However, many of those businesses are apparently not in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex.

The Dallas Business Journal last month published a list of the 22 largest metroplex minority-owned businesses.

Out of those firms listed, only six were black-owned and only 2 made the top 10 list in terms of revenue for 1994. Those two were Drew Pearson Marketing Inc., a sports and character licensing company which ranked #2, and First TexCorp Inc./First Texas Bank, partly owned by Charley (the country music star) and Rozone Pride, which ranked #9.

The remaining four black-owned businesses on the DBJ's list of the largest metroplex minority-owned businesses were: Jacob's Corp, a sales promotion/marketing consulting firm which ranked #11; Royal Choice Carriers Inc., a trucking firm which ranked #15; Argus Services Corp, a medical bill auditing and case management firm which ranked #16; Trans First Inc., which specializes in electronic benefit transfers, ranked #21.

Pro-Line Corp., which ranked third last year, had not responded by press time, the DBJ said.

With number like these, many black-owned businesses, in search of higher profits and a way to survive, turn to consumers who don't always look like them.

Looking for a Market

The majority of black-owned businesses, about 55 percent, are in the service industry. Fifteen percent of black-owned businesses are in some sort of trade industry and the transportation industry is represented by approximately 8 percent of black-owned firms.

About 7 percent of black-owned firms represent the finance, insurance and real estate industry and 16 percent of black owned business are in a variety of other industries.

Despite the reported 46 percent increase since 1987, the average black-owned firm still is much smaller than the average U.S. company, the survey revealed.

Black-owned businesses accounted for about 3.5 percent of all firms in 1992, but had only about 1 percent of all sales during that same year.

Also, during that year, 90 percent of black-owned businesses had no paid employees and 56 percent had \$10,000 in annual revenue or less. The average black-owned business had revenue of \$52,000 compared with sales of more than \$190,000 for the average U.S. firm in the survey.

Many black businesses go after non-minority consumers and customers to survive, marketing themselves as a business, not just a black-owned one.

"The manner in which you market

yourself does affect your profits," says Joyce Foreman, owner of Foreman Office Products at 1507 Main St. in downtown Dallas.

"In the last 15 years I have learned that you are a business person first and foremost, then you are African American and for me, I am a woman, third."

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Foreman, who was in the first class of "Quest for Success" winners in 1985 and was the only female in the group, says if a business does not have anything geared specifically for African Americans, then they will have to sell to whomever they can.

"It is sort of a double edged-sword. You have people who seek you out because you are black-owned. And you do have some who come in and are so excited to see a black business owner."

"They may come in and browse and look and don't buy anything, but then they go and tell other people about you," she says.

Veronica Sawyer, owner of Party Creations in the Casa View Shopping Center, 2240 Gus Thomasson, says being the sole proprietor has its advantages, but having a partner is always better.

Sawyer, who bought out her partner in Party Creations, has two-part time workers and, "has to go out and shout real loud," about her business.

She plans to open up more stores in the suburbs surrounding Dallas to reach another market.

Offer more, receive more

"A lot of the times, I don't shop at black businesses because they either act desperate for my business and turn me off, or they have an attitude that makes me not even want to give them my money," says Sonia Lawrence.

Lawrence lives in the Wynewood Mall area of Oak Cliff and says she does the majority of her shopping - from grocery to clothes to household items - in and around the mall.

The majority of merchants in the

Wynewood Mall area are African American or of another ethnic minority.

"I hear about how important it is for us to support our black businesses but a lot of the times it is hard. They sometimes don't have what I need and I have no choice but to go elsewhere," Lawrence says.

Many business owners, however, says they have to rely on "other" consumers because blacks tend to browse and window shop with the intention of "maybe" buying later. Customers of another race, they said, tend to come into the store with the sole intent to purchase something right then.

Keith Lindley, a 28-year-old truck driver says he looks for black-owned businesses whenever he is on the road. "Doesn't matter what city I am in, I try to find, something, anything, that is black-owned and give them my business. That's because I know it is right to do that."

No matter what stand you take, one single phrase could sum up the goal of black businesses in the 21st century: "Offer more and receive more."

"We need to put more challenges on black businesses to do more and offer more and treat the black customers, the ones who look like them, just like they treat the other customers," Lawrence says. "Then they wouldn't be able to get rid of us."

Formean adds, "We don't do enough business with each other (other black businesses). But the more we talk about each other and get the word out, the better it will get."

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Johnson's work as encompassed the lives of such greats as Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, Jesse Jackson and other legendary activist. His firsthand experience has included over 100 jailings as a participant and at least 17 physical beatings requiring hospitalization. However, he remains "eternally dedicated to non-violence."

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An award that recognizes the achievements of entrepreneurs for their business achievements and community service, the Quest for Success is sponsored by the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce, Miller Brewing Company,

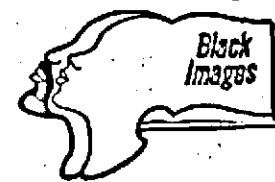
the Dallas Morning News, Bank One and WFAA-TV. For ticket information, please call the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce (214) 421-5200.

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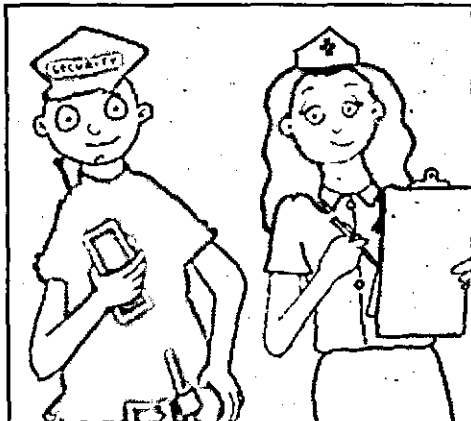
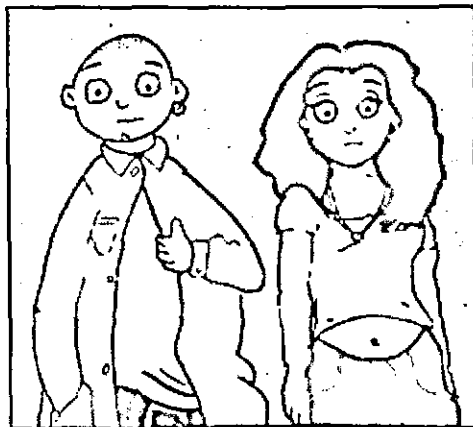
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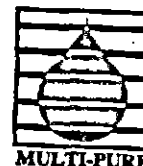
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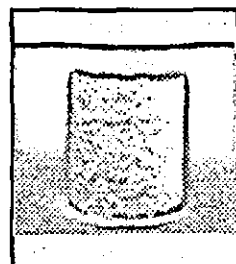


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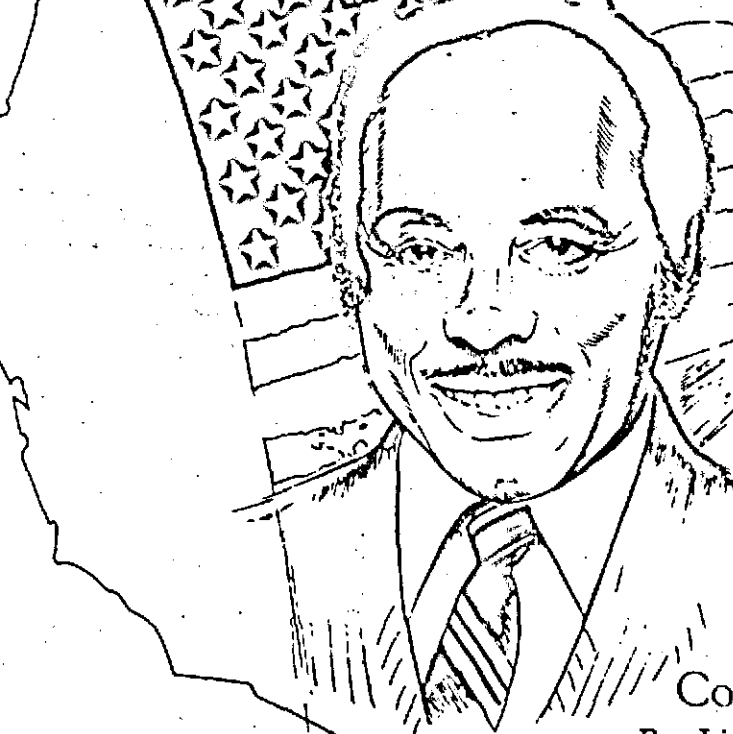
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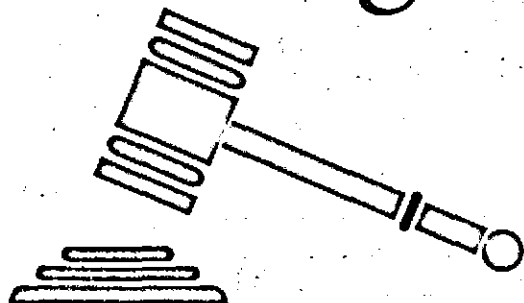
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FHA Financing Costs in 1996

Well, it's a new year, and many 1995 home buying goals have found their way into 1996. The new year also introduces new changes involving mortgage financing cost. In this column we hope to get prospective home buying goals adjusted and focused for year 1996. So, get on your mark, get ready, and let's go.

vidual or couple earning at least monthly gross income of \$3,500 dollars with no more than \$800 dollars in monthly long-term debt obligations (not including debts to be paid off within six months), would qualify for the loan.

What would be the buyer(s) out of pocket expense to purchase? Well, if you want the whole nine yards, it would look like this: (FIG 41-1)

I promised to give you the whole nine yards, as I must in order for you to develop a strong home-buying budget plan. Recall that when a prospective home buyer seek financing through a lender he would usually incur up front fees, such as an application fee of around \$60 dollars, and an appraisal fee at around \$325 on an FHA loan. So, when you add your up front costs to your estimated cash at closing above, you end up with a total out-of-pocket expense of \$3,626.19 purchasing our example home using FHA financing.

FIG 41-1

Sales Price:	\$65,000
Down Pymt:	\$1,450
Loan Amount:	\$63,550 (30 yrs, 7.125% Fixed)
Principal & Interest:	\$425.15
Taxes & Insurance:	\$183.14
Mortgage Payment:	\$611.29/month
Estimated Closing Cost:	\$1,426.00
Estimated Prepaids:	\$427.71
Estimated Reserves:	\$437.48
Down Payment:	\$1,450.00
Less Earnest Money:	\$500.00
Cash At Closing:	\$3,241.19

We start the new year off with mortgage interest rates lower, specifically FHA 30-year fixed rate mortgages, which will be the focus of this column. As of this writing, a prospective home buyer can take out an FHA 30-year fixed rate home mortgage at around 7.125% with no loan origination fee or loan discount points. Briefly defined, the loan origination fee is the fee a lender would charge to originate the loan, and loan discount point is one percentage point of the loan amount paid by the buyer to the lender to recoup any lost from a note or mortgage being sold to investors in the secondary market.

Now, let's go into the current market and buy a \$65,000 home in order to zero in on today's estimated cost to buy. Using an FHA 30-year fixed rate mortgage at 7.125%, our down payment on the example home would be \$1,450. Principal and interest on the loan would be \$428.15. Monthly property taxes and insurance would be approximately \$183.14 leaving a total monthly payment of \$611.29. How much gross monthly income would a prospective buyer have to earn in order to qualify for the loan? Well, a single indi-

Here's a good tip for 1996 to help protect and prepare you from losing the amount you paid for the appraisal if for some reason your mortgage loan is denied by a lender: When making the loan application request, the loan officer to hold off from ordering the appraisal until you get a pre-approval on the loan; many times prospective home buyers who's mortgage loan request is denied forfeit both the fee for loan application and the cost of the appraisal because the loan officer executed the loan application and appraisal simultaneously.

Best wishes for you and your family toward your home buying goals in 1996. Look for future issues of MON, where you'll learn the most informative topics surrounding real estate.

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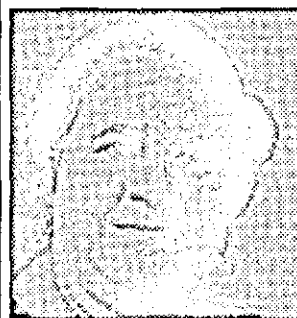
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Attorneys open neighborhood law office

By Yvette R. Blair

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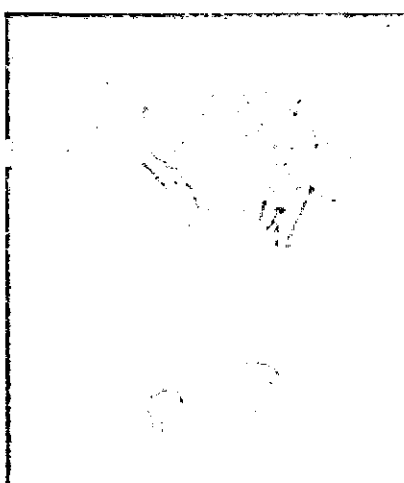
The firm, which recently opened a store front at 2602 Martin Luther King,

Jr., Blvd., seeks to become a viable permanent fixture in the community, and according to William Brewer III, the lecture series is an excellent opportunity for the firm to be more visible and for people to learn about the law. "It's a real advantage to be able to spend time with judges," he said.

The lecture series has two objectives: offering the public an opportunity to better understand the legal system and what rights they have and to offer attorneys who attend the lectures credit for continuing legal education.

"A consistent problem that prevents more people from seeking expert legal advice in disputes is a general lack of understanding of the legal system," Brewer said, adding that these judicial lectures will hopefully move that obstacle.

Additionally, said John Bickel II, these lectures will no doubt create a new base of clientele "which will benefit both



l-r William Brewer and John Bickel

the firm and the community."

Since opening the store front last year, attorney Brewer said the response has been great. The storefront specializes in civil matters in the area of commercial litigation, including contractual disputes, fraud, deceptive trade practices, eviction and foreclosure.

Most recently, the firm was successful in helping an 81-year-old African American man in an insurance dispute.

The attorneys said they are looking forward to a long-term relationship with South Dallas. Brewer said oftentimes large firms do not open offices south of the downtown area.

"By our presence here, the community knows that we are serious and here to affect change," said Bickel. Brewer agreed and said he hopes that this storefront will encourage other large firms to

move into the area.

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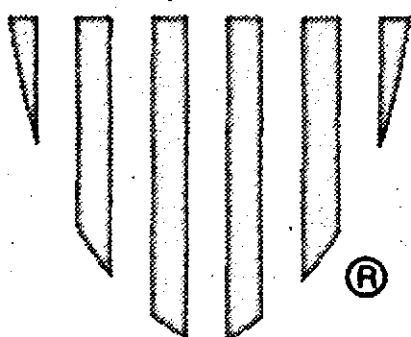
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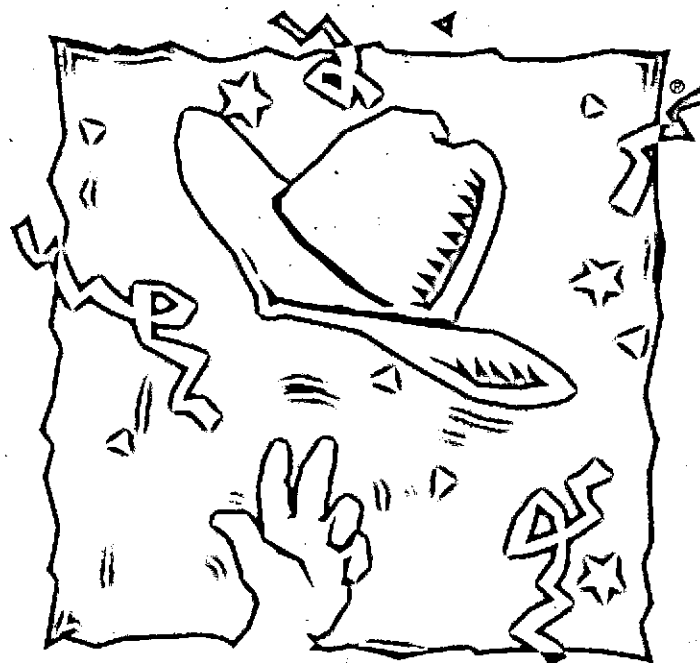
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DALLAS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

1. Sealed bids addressed to the Board of Education of the Dallas Independent School District, Dallas County, Texas, for construction of the NEW Anne Frank 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 Claycomb Associates Architects, Inc., will be received in the Purchasing Office, 3700 San Jacinto, Dallas, Texas until 2:00 PM, March 6, 1996. 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 the next regular meeting for consideration in awarding the Contract. Any bid received after the closing time will be returned unopened.
2. There will be a Pre-Bid Conference on Thursday, February 22, 1996 at 10:00 AM at the offices of the DISD Facilities Bond Program, 3510 South Beckley Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75224-4604, (214) 302-2900, for the purpose of answering questions. Bidders are invited and urged to be present.
3. The Contractor 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 "Construction of Anne Frank School".
4. Plans and specifications may be examined in the office of Claycomb Associates Architects, Inc., 12700 Preston Road, Suite 275, Dallas, Texas 75230, (214) 233-6100, and are on file at:

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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 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 the NEW Rauli Quintanilla Middle 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 WRA Architects, Inc., will be received in the Purchasing Office, 3700 San Jacinto, Dallas, Texas until 2:00 PM, March 19, 1996. 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 the next regular meeting for consideration in awarding the Contract. Any bid received after the closing time will be returned unopened.
2. There will be a Pre-Bid Conference on Wednesday, March 6, 1996 at 10:00 AM at the offices of the DISD Facilities Bond Program, 3510 South Beckley Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75224-4604, (214) 302-2900, for the purpose of answering questions. Bidders are invited and urged to be present.
3. The Contractor 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 "Construction to Rauli Quintanilla Middle School".
4. Plans and specifications may be examined in the office of WRA Architects, Inc., 7557 Rambler Road, Dallas, Texas 75231, (214) 750-0077, and are on file February 19, 1996, at:

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2. There will be a Pre-Bid Conference on Thursday, February 22, 1996 at 9:00 AM at the offices of the DISD Facilities Bond Program, 3510 South Beckley Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75224-4604, (214) 302-2900, for the purpose of answering questions. Bidders are invited and urged to be present.
3. The Contractor 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 "Renovations to Wilson/Jackson/Maple Lawn/Bonham/Fannin".
4. Plans and specifications may be examined in the office of RGM Architects, 2909 Cole Ave, Suite 230, Dallas, Texas 75204, (214) 871-9315 and are on file at:

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2. There will be a Pre-Bid Conference on Tuesday, February 20, 1996 at 10:00 AM at the offices of the DISD Facilities Bond Program, 3510 South Beckley Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75224-4604, (214) 302-2900, for the purpose of answering questions. Bidders are invited and urged to be present.
3. The Contractor 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 "Renovations to Davis/Twain/Weiss/Webster/Alexander".
4. Plans and specifications may be examined in the office of Selzer Associates, 4514 Travis Street, Suite 235, Dallas, Texas 75205, (214) 528-4499 and are on file at:

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Don Herring Mitsubishi takes extra step

The Don Herring Mitsubishi Dealership is making a difference for local car buyers. With sales up eight percent from last year, Don Herring is proving they care about the community.

Berry G. Hatley, III, in charge of special finance, said the dealership differs from others in the area in that they target minorities. He said they work to help minorities who have had financial

problems get re-established and, according to him Don Herring, is the only dealership that has this genuine interest.

The dealership, which has a 90% minority staff, has



\$50-\$100 to a religious affiliation whose members buy a car. Hatley added that the dealership gets a lot of business from their outreach efforts.

Hatley said sales are good at Don Herring. "We go further than the average car dealer," s a i d

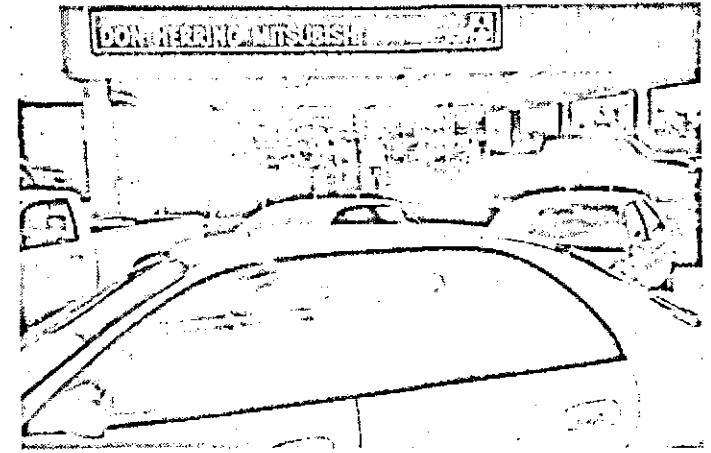


even implemented a special program to reach more minorities. Hatley, who has been with the dealership a little more than two years, said that he salesman James Brown visit church and civic organizations to let members know about the dealership.

In fact, he said, the dealership will donate

Hatley, adding that they put more people in 95's than some of the other dealerships.

Hatley said he gets a chance to see the benefits of his work. "I watch the cars go by on the freeway and I can count the ones that came from here," he said.



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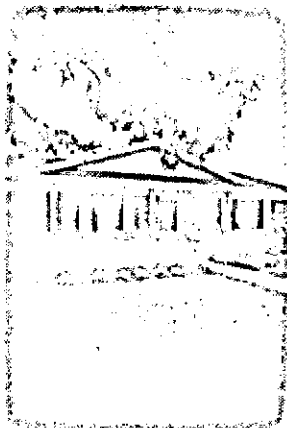
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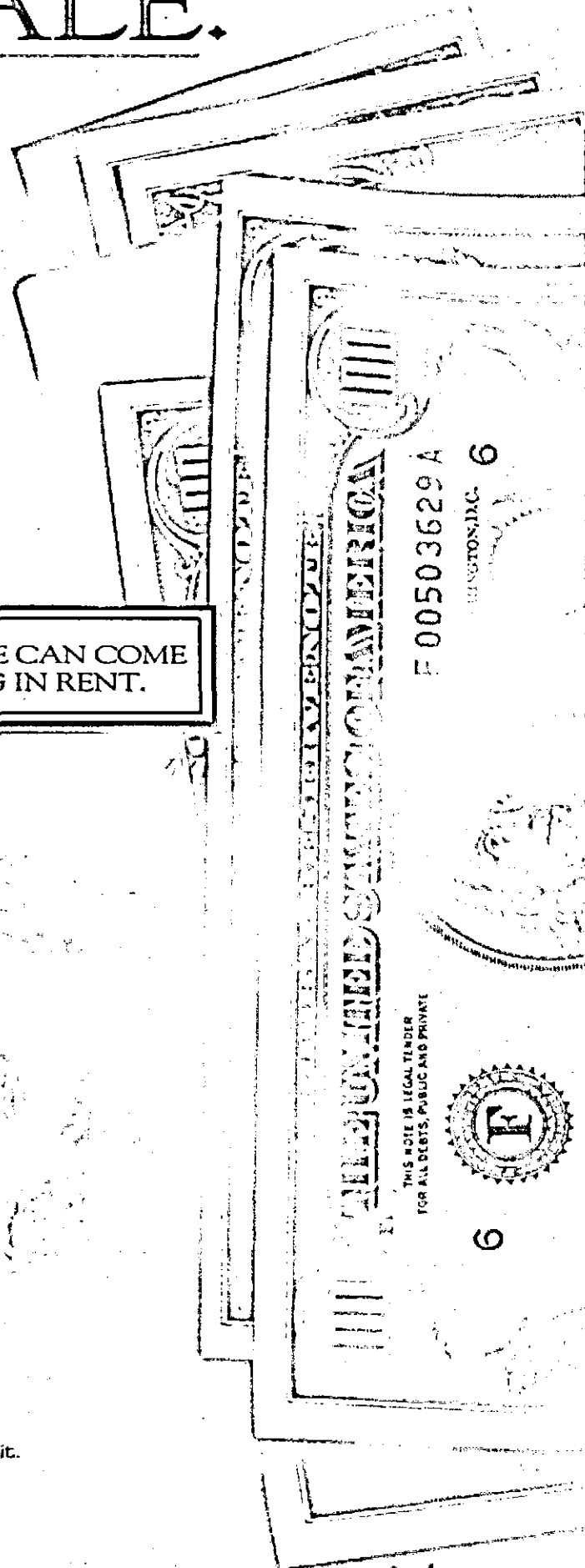
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