

*The Paper of Choice*

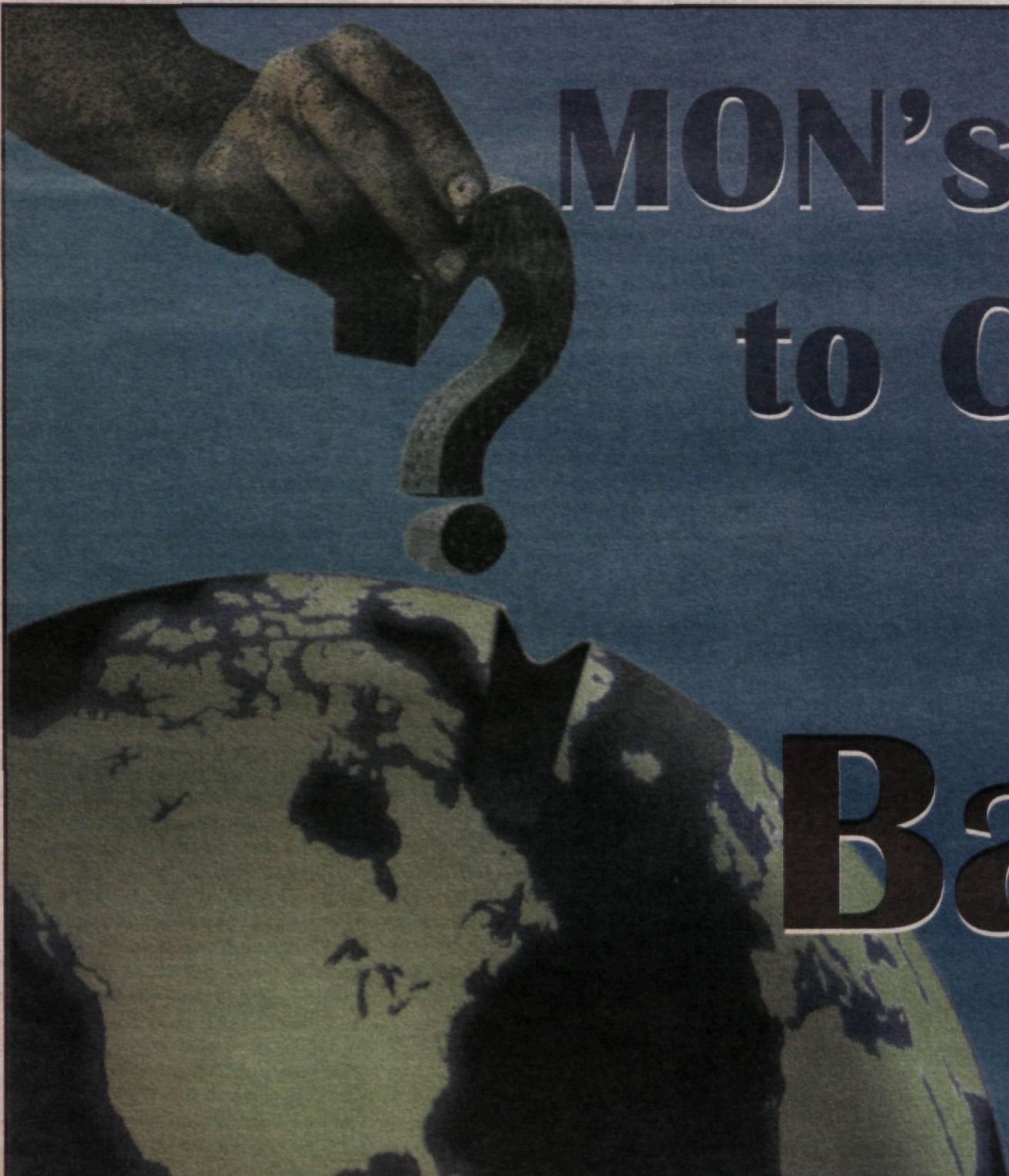
Complimentary to churches  
and community groups

# Minority Opportunity News



2730 STEMMONS FRWY. STE. 1202 TOWER WEST, DALLAS, TEXAS 75207

VOLUME 5, NO. 3 March, 1996



## MON's Guide to Casting Your Ballot

**Here they are:  
Bachelorettes  
1996  
p.22**

**Lady Killer:  
AIDS and the  
Black woman  
p.8**

**New Dept:  
Money  
Management  
p.32**





**From The  
Publisher**

**Thurman Jones**

photo by Derrick Waters

## This is no time for apathy

Most African Americans, males in particular, can share with me the tradition of the neighborhood barbershop, past and present (not much has changed). Besides serving as a bastion of male bonding—not to mention its contribution to masculine grooming—it serves as the crossroads to various points-of-view about sports, women, pop culture, social issues and religion.

Judging by the posturing and pontificating, the philosophizing and analogizing, the analyzing and apologizing by the participants in these "barbershop-town meetings," you would assume an equal amount of knowledge and opinion to spring forth on the subject of politics, certainly a subject that has great consequence for all of us.

However, ask your typical group of Saturday morning professors "Who do you think will win the senatorial race in our area?" and see what kind of response you get. Asking about Einstein's Theory of Relativity would elicit a better one. Eventually, you may get a lame answer like, "What difference does it make? Things won't get any better for black folks no matter whose elected."

Is this a worthy excuse for not voting, for not participating in the political process that for so long we were legally lock out of? Let's think about this. While it may appear that voting will not change anything, not voting will ensure it. Maybe greater participation in the 1980 election would have prevented Ronald Reagan from become President—for two terms. And in so doing, African Americans' left themselves open to eight years of a conservative political backlash from which we are still suffering.

Throw in the gradual gain of power in Congress by the Republican Party and the following issues are exposed to the republican agenda: affirmative action, welfare, scholarships for the underprivileged, tax reform, job training programs and, well, you get my drift.

How these issues are addressed by our government is critical to the African American community. Only through the ballot box can we affect how government policy is shaped. Informed, intelligent voting can make a difference—if enough of us do it.

What are your thoughts?

MON

# Editorial

## Let Your Voice Be Heard!

*The ballot box is your opportunity to make a difference in government*

The Democratic Party primary elections are approaching and voters will once again be called on to decide who are the party's best choices to run against the Republican Party candidates in the Fall elections.

For many, this can be a very daunting and confusing time, almost intimidating. There are so many offices, candidates and issues to keep track of.

Primaries are especially difficult because the candidates all belong to the same party, which should mean they have essentially the same philosophy about governing. Voting responsibly challenges citizens to educate themselves about each candidate. Taking the time and making the effort to do so is something many voters (and potential voters) are not often willing to do.

Here lies the power of the incumbent candidate. It's easier,

more convenient to vote for the same person—again and again. We can always rationalize that "it doesn't make any difference anyway, none of them really do anything, right?"

Wrong! Accountability is the number one incentive for any person voted into public office. Particularly in the case of legislators, voters can demand accountability on three fronts: availability to constituents, voting record on legislation and effectiveness in protecting and promoting the welfare of the people they represent. Be in consistent violation in any of these areas and guess what? See ya!

House District 100 has the opportunity to change its representation in this primary election. Rep. Sam Hudson, III has had a lock on this district for over 20 years, and gives credence to the premise that "continued incumbency leads to increasing complacency." Mr. Hud-

son has shown disdain and insensitivity to the voters who have continually reelected him. To say that he has taken them for granted is a gross understatement. During his tenure as a legislator, Mr. Hudson has demonstrated questionable integrity regarding personal finances and use of public funds, a penchant for authoring and submitting numerous and petty legislation and gained a reputation as an absentee representative.

This primary election will hopefully see the citizens of District 100 shake the shackles of apathy and cynicism and exercise their option of voting for one of the alternative candidates, Ken Green or Terri Hodge.

We are not endorsing either one of these candidates—what we are endorsing is change.

MON

## View Point

Freedom of speech is definitely in effect at MON. I read Thomas

Muhammad's [column] and immediately knew why this paper was free. I would not buy it if it was a penny with nickel candy. Thomas Muhammad is so quick to quote EL-HAJJ MAILK EL-SHABAZZ (MALCOLM X), the pre-1964 black muslim, out of context.

The Malcolm [of] 1964 embraced ISLAM and did not see men as colors but as men of deeds and actions. What we see today is opposite of what ISLAM taught Malcom to see and it is reflected by Thomas. It seems Mr. Muhammad is living in yester-year and does not realize the gains of the community as a whole. Attacking the "white jew" is not going to stop the black on black crime in our communities, the envy, the jealousy, the hate that is prevalent in our communities, the storm of violence that we [perpetrate] on each other daily. It is no longer the European man we fear—it is our own black brothers and sisters.

Let us talk about the Jewish involvement in the slave trade, and while we do that let us address the involvement of the Portuguese,

## About "Waiting to Exhale"

Dutch, French, British, Arabs, and, oh yeah! The AFRICAN (our ancestors). Name calling and [non] intelligence prove that you have a very limited vocabulary and a very small mind as well as vision. But, of course, you are no Malcolm. Let me add that you can change AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH anytime; is it [that] much difference in 2 or 3 more days? Because, as you so well put it, we are too busy having miller time, party time, sports times and, might I add, NO TIME.

It also seems that you want to burn down the barn for a few mice. Instead of looking so much at numbers, you should be looking for ways to make [the whole] DISD into a TAG; that way there is no worry of what percentage is what color.

Lastly, you are no Malcolm or Martin, so go and reevaluate your wrong position that you get from the NEW NOI (fake muslims). Like making Townview a Jewish thing (how many of those kids are Jews). It seems they are all [just] teens trying to learn and prosper.

I leave you with a new and bet-

ter definition of RACISM: POWER PLUS PREJUDICE or

HATRED FOR ANOTHER PERSON JUST BECAUSE OF SKIN COLOR (courtesy of an intelligent man). How else could you define HITLER or FARRAKHAN. Stop letting the past be longer than the future (courtesy of a world respected Imam).

Please make sure that Mr. Muhammad gets this, [even] if it is not printed (I have doubt that it will be). No need for him to respond because I will not be reading MON anymore. I did read the (Community) Pulse but that constitutes blanket journalism. I also make a request that you publish an article on true ISLAM so that intelligent readers can know the difference. So get Minister Jeffrey Wayne Jackson (Muhammad) of the NEW NOI and get Imam Yahya Abdullah (a true AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSLIM) to clear this up. By the way, MUHAMMAD means praiseworthy, so lose the name that our HOLY PROPHET wore so well. As Salaam Alaikum.

KOSG

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

### Cover Story

16-19.....Election 96

### Editorials

02.....Let Your Voice Be Heard  
02.....About Waiting to Exhale

### Features

08,09.....Lady Killer  
15.....Soko Time  
22-24.....1996 Bachelorettes  
29.....Sports Capsule  
34-35.....Making Strides to Finish

### Special

04.....Charlotte D. Berry  
12.....Ethnic Notes  
25.....Dates to Remember  
27.....Entertainment  
28.....Ask Girlfriend  
28.....Fairy Street Mama  
30.....Legal Advisor  
32.....Tradewinds  
32.....College Funding  
39.....Spinning Wheel

### Columns

02.....Publisher  
05.....Community Pulse  
07.....Pen on Fire  
31.....Spiritual: Ron Shaw  
33.....Real Estate: Curtis Yates

### Recurring

03.....Letters  
10-11.....In The News  
13.....Proprietary Information  
20-21.....S.W.B. Community Calendar  
36-38.....Career Opportunities



Minority Opportunity News  
(214) 606-3890

Chairman Emeritus  
Jim Bochum  
Publisher  
Thurman R. Jones  
Managing Editor  
Jason Webster

Editorial Department  
(214) 606-3890

Sales/Marketing Department  
(214) 606-7351

Editor.....Chris Fryer  
Asst. Marketing Dir.....Sheila D. Tarpley  
Cultural Editor.....Sarah N. Bruce  
Bus./Event Editor.....Tal Jones  
Reporter.....Veronica W. Morgan  
Contributing Writer.....Angela D. Jones  
Contributing Writer.....Dorothy Gentry  
Contributing Writer.....Yvette Blair  
Columnist.....Thomas Muhammad  
Columnist.....Cheryl Smith  
Account Rep.....Stephanie Scott  
Account Rep.....Jerri Rowe  
Account Rep.....Sheila D. Tarpley  
Photographer.....Wallace Faggott  
Vol. Community Publicist.....Charlotte Berry  
Vol. Community Publicist.....Rita White

Minority Opportunity News assumes no responsibility for solicited material and reserves the right to edit and make appropriate modifications.

Minority Opportunity News was Founded July 1991, by Jim Bochum and Thurman R. Jones.

## LETTERS...

### Moments to Ponder

Yesterday at the Dallas City Hall, I made a brief statement to the city council. I was in attendance for over two hours. During the time I was particularly impressed with what was said by Black members of the council. They had given study and consideration to what was said.

"February Moments to Ponder" would appear to be done well. Those individuals listed were of national or international reputation. May I suggest that noted Black Texans also be included. Though I do not know his birthday, I think the late William McDonald of Ft. Worth—founder of the Fraternal Bank & Trust Co., founder of the Negro Masonic Lodge, co-chairman of the Republican Party of Texas—would be nice to be included. One who knew of him is the Rev. O.S. Spears.

Marshall E. Stuart  
Dallas

### Where is Al Lipscomb?

Where is Al Lipscomb on the Town-view issue? Remember when he came down to DISD to ask for Board President Sandy Kress' resignation? We have not heard a peep from him since.

Could it be that shortly after that meeting Al Lipscomb received a \$237,000 contract for janitorial supplies at the aborted school board meeting in January when DISD had previously rejected his substandard products. We don't have problems with black businessmen making money. Just don't lead, or should I say mislead, the community to think you are fighting our causes and leave us out there when the so-called leader sells out.

Thank God for leaders like Lee Alcorn and Thomas Muhammad, who are still ever vigilant and cannot be bought.

Edward King  
Dallas

### We Want Your Letters!

MON values the thoughts and opinions of its readers. When submitting a letter, please include your name, address (with zip code) and a daytime phone number where we can contact you in case we need clarification. (No letter will be published without the writer identifying him/herself.) We reserve the right to edit letters—however, the shorter the letter, the lesser the need for editing. Write us at:

Minority Opportunity News  
c/o Editor  
2730 Stemmons Frwy  
Tower West Suite 1202  
Dallas, TX 75207



Former  
Assistant DA  
Dallas County

## Michael John

Attorney & Counselor at Law

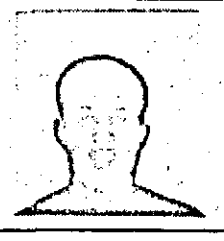


**Criminal Law • Personal Injury**


**(214) 688-1571 or Fax (214) 688-1575**

2730 Stemmons Frwy • Tower West, Suite 1104 • Dallas, Texas 75207

Not affiliated by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization



**"DOING BUSINESS IN THE METROPLEX  
FOR 20 YEARS"**



Mr. Buford L. Kemp Jr.

**FREE ESTIMATES**

*"No Job Too Small"*

BUILDING • REMODELING • CONVERSION • ROOFING • ADDITION  
POOLING • GARAGE ORGANIZATION • OFFICE • COMMERCIAL

**214-223-2241**

**BK'S CONSTRUCTION**

INTERIORS • EXTERIORS • REMODELING • ROOFING • ADDITION

**Need some quick cash?**

**Get up to \$200 today!**

**We will buy your appliance,  
then lease it back to you!**

**What could be easier?**

**CBA Leasing**  
**(214) 637-CASH (2274)**

*Credit/Account Required*

TV'S • VCR'S • STEREO'S • CD PLAYERS • MUSIC EQUIPMENT •  
GENERATORS • MICROWAVES • WASHERS • DRYERS • MUCH MORE

# Sorority elects new president



Charlotte D. Berry

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. Psi Chapter Dallas announces the election of its

new President for 1995-96 Charlotte D. Berry. Mrs. Berry has been a member of the sorority for 10 years and has served as 1st vice president and chair of membership and chaired many of its fundraising activities over the years.

The organization is a sixty year old National Business and Professional Sorority. The local chapter is celebrating its sixtieth anniversary this year. The organization promotes education of youth through scholarships, supporting entrepreneurship, mentoring/tutoring programs, The North Texas Food Bank, Terrell State Hospital, Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation, The American Red Cross, The African American Museum, and The United Negro Fund to name a few of the programs and projects the group is currently involved with.

Mrs. Berry was honored with a president's reception recently with greetings from sorors; Juanda Wallace immediate past chapter president, and Dwala Brown, Southwest Region Director; Mr. Thurman Jones, publisher of MON who presented her with a "cover page" memento from the December issue. Also on hand to toast the event was Mr. Cliff Miller, community volunteer and current General chairperson of the UNCF campaign.

The event was hosted by the 1996

pledge group of: Jennifer Adams, Angela Carter, Nona Fisher, Portia Green, and JoAnn Goudeau under the leadership of membership chair, Soror Vahnita Loud. There were some 80 guests on hand for the sparkling and surprised fill reception on behalf of Mrs. Berry's coming in to presidency of Psi chapter's 50 local members.

MON

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

CONSIDER  
THE CITY OF FORT WORTH  
Human Resources Department  
1000 Throckmorton Street  
EEO Employer

24 Hour Job Listing

817-871-7760

The BOLD LOOK of  
African American men and women.



Look for savings on Dark & Lovely and Dark & Natural hair care products at your local beauty supply store.

A freedom fighter. An editor.  
A lecturer. An educator.  
A preacher. A leader.

All sisters in the struggle  
to keep our children's  
dreams alive.

For centuries, strong African-American women like these have endured untold hardships — even risked their lives — in their quest for justice.

They did not plead — they insisted.

They did not simply talk — they acted.

Their determination fired our imaginations with the knowledge that *we have the power* to fill the future with economic opportunity for ourselves and our community.

Their steps were just the first in an eloquent march... a march that, if it is to continue, must take place in today's technological arena, where the ability to navigate the Information Superhighway promises enormous benefits for the generations to come.

Today offers new opportunities to lead.

And with the tools of advanced technology at hand, the march ahead can shake the very foundations of the world, making the dream a reality.

Southwestern Bell Telephone  
"It's that simple."





Thomas Muhammad

I mean it this time. From this day forward, I intend to be very positive and upbeat when speaking about America. My birth place, my home, the wonderful, beautiful, great and proud; the magnificent, good, forever-moving-upward nation. That also includes Dallas, my birth home. Home of a FIVE-TIME SUPER BOWL CHAMPIONS football team, with a "there's no place like home" kinda groove and a "that's my kinda place" feeling all rolled up into one great "can do spirit."

*False*

(Editor's Note: The opinions expressed by Mr. Muhammad's commentary are not necessarily those of the Minority Opportunity News.)

Yes folks, I'm serious. And to prove my point just keep reading. We'll start off with a list of some very positive developments that recently happened in our great city, and the nation (a place that's probably second only to the great land of "OZ," where the Wizard resides).

Here are some wonderful events that happened: In Dallas, school board president Sandy Kress announced he will not seek re-election in May '96, a great break for everyone in DISD. Dallas city councilwoman Charlotte Mayes (who was caught saying that she was willing to sell her council seat to a white man) was booed by Martin Luther King parade participants during the King celebrations.

On the national front, O.J. Simpson was finally given an opportunity to tell television viewers how racist the Goldman and Brown families, NOW (National Organization of Women) and the white media have been towards him since his murder acquittal. He was also given an opportunity to market his newly made video "O.J. Tells" to raise money that will help pay off some of the huge legal fees that he has incurred. A number of people have tried to paint O.J. as an opportunist, accusing him of using his former wife's murder to make money.

I say, why not! Hell! Nicole's sister, former D.A.'s Marsha Clark and Chris Darden, and the Brown and Goldman families all are making a bundle on the case. Why shouldn't O.J.? And then there are those who question why O.J. has come back to the same African Americans that he spent most of his career trying to get

## "No Kidding! This is a Nice Column"

away from? And why have African Americans (for the most part) taken him back? Some say the answer lies in the old biblical quote "let he without sin cast the first stone!" Or, to cut to the chase, African Americans might be saying what they said during the Million Man March and that is "white folks, this is family business and you can't tell grown folks who to give their support to!"

Which brings us to this bull of white folks questioning "if blacks can fairly interview blacks?" As was clearly shown during the BET (Black Entertainment Television) exclusive interview with O.J. Simpson and African American journalist Ed Gordon, we are more than qualified! But more importantly, why is it that white folks never question whether white folks can objectively interview white folks? Yea, I know the answer and it's called exhibiting a RACIST BEHAVIOR.

"...white folks, this is family business and you can't tell grown folks who to give their support to!"

And for the record, it's this writer's opinion that O.J. is innocent. Here's two obvious reasons why that should make you think: 1) Why did the D.A.'s office close the investigation and halt the search for other suspects after O.J.'s arrest? 2) Anytime a whooollll bunch of white folks are after one black man, I'm suspicious, aren't you?

Even on an international level, one story brought home to us again how racism is real when your color is black. Did you see the story on the Ethiopian Jews? (These Jews were airlifted from Ethiopia to the illegal state of Israel in 1984-85 and 1991.) It is said that they are the true Jews, because they have been practicing the religion of Judaism since the time of Christ.

Ethiopia is also home of the first and oldest original Christian church, known as the Coptic church, and it was the place where Prophet Muhammad, the prophet of Islam, first sent his earlier followers when they were being persecuted in Mecca for their belief. At that time Ethiopia was know as Abyssinia. King Negus, the African Christian king of Abyssinia, gladly took the Muslims under his protection, proclaiming that there was a thin line between Christianity and Islam. (In fact, one of the Muslims in the group converted to Christianity.)

During the month of January, it was

reported that Ethiopian Jews who donated blood in Israel found out their blood was being dumped in garbage cans because of their skin color. The donated blood was marked: Do not use, came from Ethiopian [Jews]. In fact, the Israeli government classifies them as black Jews, not Ethiopian Jews, so therefore they can not be considered "real" Jews. By the way, do you know of any "white" Jews?

The Ethiopians didn't take too kindly to the racist (that's what they called them, not me) Israeli Health Department trashing their blood, so about 15 to 20,000 thousand of them took to the streets in protest.

At last report there were 41 Israeli police and 21 others injured during the demonstration. I don't think we've heard

the last of this one. I've been telling people for years that "white Jews were racist; now do you believe me? One American newspaper reported that "Many Ethiopian Jews, frustrated by their slow integration into Israeli society and inspired by the civil-rights campaigns of American blacks, have come to view their plight as a result of their skin color."

And while we're on the subject, is actress Whoopi Goldberg a white or black Jew? See, I told you I could do a positive story.

Until then, the struggle continues.....

MON

The Israeli health authorities have maintained that they dumped the blood due to the greater occurrence of HIV in Africa.—Ed.

YOUR NEWBORN  
BABY'S FIRST  
SCREAM, ROUGHLY  
TRANSLATED:  
"I WANT MY OWN  
ROOM."

Luckily you can grant this first request. With our home improvement loan, there's never been a better time to build a new addition. Call us for more details. **First Interstate Bank**

Oak Cliff Office, 5801 Marvin D. Love Frwy.  
(214) 339-9311



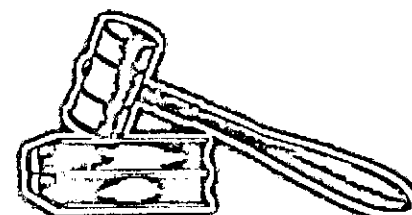
©1995 First Interstate Bankcorp. Loans subject to credit approval. Other restrictions may apply. Consult your lender about your situation.

YOU

E

I

Experience you can count on  
**The Law Office of Kenneth G. Wincorn, P.C.**  
Criminal Law - Misdemeanors - Felonies  
Personal Injury - Family Law



**FREE CONSULTATION**

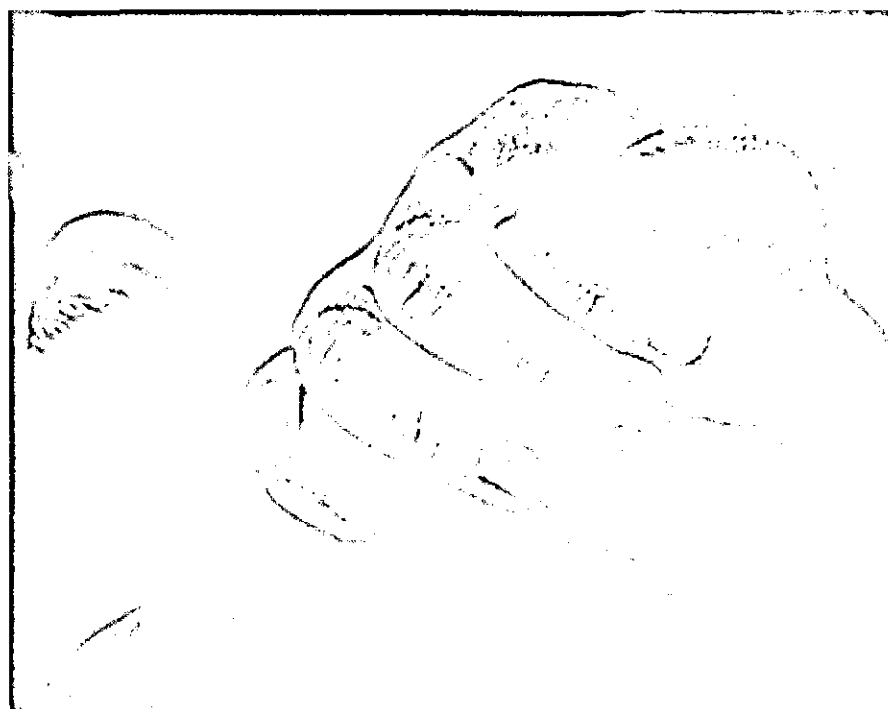
Over 25 years of experience

3710 Rawlins #1070 • Dallas, TX 7529

**(214) 520-7232**

Not certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization

# Thanks to Mom & Dad, these hands will soon belong to a great scientist...



We all have such high hopes for our children. But with the cost of maintaining a family, providing a college education can seem like only a dream. Now, thanks to the Texas Tomorrow Fund, there's a unique way to lock in today's tuition costs for your child's future college education. For a newborn child it could mean the difference between paying \$8,320 now, or over \$32,000 later.\* And the best part is that the State of Texas allows you to pay it out over eighteen years. Everybody needs a helping hand. Now mom and dad have one...and so does their little scientist.

**TEXAS**  **TOMORROW**  
FUND

*Tomorrow's Education at Today's Prices*

**1-800-445-GRAD**

Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) call 1-800-248-4099

Call for a free brochure and additional information. You must enroll by March 31, 1996. \*Prices for a four year public university education in Texas.





Cheryl Smith

## Ed Gordon is All Right With Me!!!

In January, when the reports first surfaced of Ed Gordon's impending interview with O.J. Simpson, I cheered and waited in anticipation.

I wasn't waiting to hear what Mr. Simpson had to say but, more importantly, to watch Ed in action for what would probably be one of the most significant interviews of his career.

Significant, not because of the level of importance of the interviewee, but because of the hype surrounding Mr. Simpson, and also his refusal to grant others an interview since the so-called trial of the century.

This was indeed a coup for Black Entertainment Television (BET). Thousands of journalists around the country, and around the world, were vying for the opportunity to interview O.J. Simpson. But Ed Gordon scored the victory.

I was proud of Ed for landing the interview. After all, he has worked for years in the trenches and he helped to legitimize Black Entertainment Television's news department. He worked hard to get the interview, and that shows the true marks of a good journalist.

Was I still proud of him after the interview? Of course!

What I was not proud of, however, was the criticism from other "journalists" who felt that either Ed was "too soft" or not the "right" person for the job.

Many of the critics were jealous because they were not in Ed's place. Then too, some of the critics only have one thing to account for their claims to fame: their white skin! So naturally they took pleasure in criticizing one of their own.

Too often, the Black journalist is held to a standard that remains non-existent for the Anglo journalist. It is not uncommon for Black journalists' integrity to be questioned, especially when the subject is even remotely related to Black people.

The questions are asinine and insulting, particularly when you consider that the thought never crosses an editor's

mind regarding whether or not an Anglo reporter can cover Anglo issues without incorporating their biases into the story.

Still, in my short 15 years as a journalist, I've never seen other journalists speak out so negatively about one of their own, especially when the brother didn't do a darned thing wrong.

Oh, the plight of the African American journalist, trying to make it in a system that is just beginning to open its doors wide enough for more than one Black person to get through at a time.

And so, Ed was held to a higher scrutiny than ever before, ever in his lifetime. And he rose to the occasion and emerged victorious, once again.

After all, isn't this the same brother who interviewed Presidents Clinton and Bush. Oprah Winfrey and Janet Johnson? Isn't this the same brother who has moderated numerous televised panels, before live audiences, with the likes of Minister Louis Farrakhan, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Congresswoman Maxine Waters, and Malik Yorba?

Isn't this the same brother who is family oriented, community-minded and grounded in the knowledge of who he is and what he is?

Yes, Ed Gordon has credentials. He is respected for his works and he has proven time and time again that he is a professional, able to hold

his own among the "big boys." So, why the criticism?

What I was not proud of, however, was the criticism from other "journalists" who felt that either Ed was "too soft" or not the "right" person for the job.

I believe Ed realizes the attacks are not personal. He realizes what really exists in the wonderful world of journalism and he knows that it's just the nature of the beast.

Now, how can those of sound mind and noble spirit respond to the onslaught against Brother Gordon? Well, the best way you can acknowledge a person's contribution is by letting that person know how you feel. Tell the critics what you think about their behavior and let Ed know as well. Write to Ed Gordon at One BET Plaza, Washington, DC 20019.

While many may feel it's too late and not worth the effort, that assessment couldn't be further from the truth. As long as you're alive, it's not too late to let somebody, anybody, everybody, know how you feel!


MON

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:

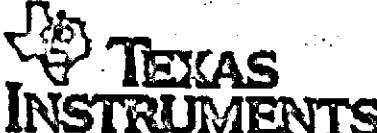
Well, KTVT is finally getting the message. It seems management is now hiring more African Americans. Among the new hires is former KKDA and KRLD's Gyna Bivens, who recently left KDFW-FOX 4 Texas. But we can't exhale yet because they have a long way to go on-air and off... I know FOX is reeling from the loss of Gyna because that was a big blow. KTVT has started a noon newscast. Still no African American anchors. But thank God for Brenda Teele!!! DFW/ABC will be organizing the Town Hall meeting for the National Council of Negro Women's Black Family Reunion Celebration, June 14-16, at Fair Park. The event is co-sponsored by Bank One, Texas... There's been talk for quite some time about meeting with the powers that be at the Fort Worth Star Telegram regarding the recruitment, hiring, promotion and retention of African Americans. The Star Telegram just doesn't have a clue what to do. And just when the move was about to be made over to Fort Worth, the Dallas Morning News loses it. A memo is released and out of 11 people promoted, not one is African American. Are the African Americans at the Morning News

upset? YES. But guess what? Others of good conscience and sense are also upset because the message was quite blatant. Congratulations to Gilbert Bailon, who is now the Deputy Managing Editor of the paper. The current president of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists, Gilbert is deserving of the promotion. Not only are his credentials impeccable, he is a source of inspiration to so many young people, and that's important because there are those journalists who, once they get theirs, don't care about anyone else!!! Well after that initial memo regarding promotions, someone realized something was wrong and more information was released with the name of African American Neil Foote added to the list. Congratulations to Neil. But still, the Dallas Morning News has to get better or it will end up just like the Fort Worth Star Telegram!!! Mark your calendars: June 8, 1996 for the 15th annual DFW/ABC Scholarship Banquet at the Hyatt Regency Hotel... Also, on June 29, 1996 at Don Carter's West, the 2nd annual Don't Believe the Hype Celebrity Bowl-a-thon and Auction will be held. Call 214/376-9525 today for your sign-up form. Already confirmed Celebrity Captains include: Mayor Ron Kirk; State Representative Helen Giddings; comedian Dick Gregory; KKDA's Paul Turner and BabyFase Gary; WFAA-TV's John McCaa; KDFW-TV's Buff Parham and wife, Rene' Syler; Dallas Morning News' Helen Bryant and Norma Adams Wade, KXAS-TV's Calvin Hughes, Dallas Weekly Publisher James A. Washington and a host of others. Look for the Eller Billboards scheduled to appear in late April. So far, sponsors include: AT&T, KKDA/K104, Eller Media, and The Dallas Weekly. Sign up early so you can have your pick of celebrities. Eller Media Group already has Mayor Kirk!!!-CS



## "THE RHYTHM OF LIFE"

### SPONSORED BY



## TEXAS INSTRUMENTS

An evening of Gospel Music

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 9, 1996  
**WHERE:** Paul Quinn College Chapel and Library  
**TIME:** 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm  
**ATTENDEES:** Community, Family, and Friends  
**SPONSORS:** Initiatives of Texas Instruments

**INFO: Call 575-2233 or 917-3117**



# Lady Killer

## AIDS virus is claiming increasing number of African American women

By Dorothy Gentry  
Contributing Writer

As the saying goes, "When white America gets a cold, black America gets the flu."

And so it is with HIV/AIDS - a disease that has killed thousands and is spreading at an alarming rate through the black community.

### AIDS and the Black Community

African Americans make up 12 percent of the total population in the United States, but represent as high as 30 percent of all AIDS cases.

"That shows a disproportionate rate of progression," says Dr. Pam Blackwell, a Dallas licensed professional counselor who has counseled HIV/AIDS patients for more than four years.

"The speed at which the disease is growing is a lot faster, not just in the black community, but among black women in particular. It is serious."

Serious may be too light a word.

One in 32 black men, age 27 to 39, are infected with HIV, and blacks now constitute more than half of all AIDS cases among women and children.

There are many reasons why HIV and AIDS is growing among the African American community in general and black women in particular, Dr. Blackwell says.

In the white community, 85 percent of AIDS cases were gay white men, a population easy to identify and contain, she says.

But in the African American community, 44 percent of AIDS cases are gay black men, 38 percent are IV drug users and another 6 percent are heterosexual.

"The black gay community is so fearful of rejection and won't speak out, so we don't know who they are," she says. "The drug users are so stoned on drugs, they don't care. And many black women don't want to believe that their man could be sleeping with other black men."

"The problem is we need to get all of these different communities within the black community identified. It is harder to target those populations if you can't reach them."

"So the disease spreads and continues to manifest itself."

The issue of homophobia is also contributing to the spread of the disease in the black community.

"The white gay community is a lot more open; the black gay community is

not. We have many black men who are either not willing to admit they are gay or bisexual, or are unwilling to live a gay lifestyle."

One out of every 4 black men is gay or bisexual, Dr. Blackwell says.

"Bisexuality is alive and well in the African American community - don't think it's not," she says. "We have to remember, our men are confused about their sexuality - that is the reality."

"So be careful. This is nothing to play with."

### Denial

To understand why denial about the HIV virus and AIDS is so prevalent in the black community, one has to understand the past, Dr. Blackwell says.

Historically, 10 to 15 years ago when the white, gay community was hit by AIDS, they too were in denial and did not want to believe it was real.

"But they began to after many white men begin to die," she says. "A few years later, our black, gay men went into denial. Unfortunately, when they too started dying, that community began to believe it."

"It doesn't surprise me at all that African American women today are in denial because it hasn't impacted enough of them to where they are dying."

If we, as a community, don't talk about AIDS openly and honestly," says Rae Lewis Thornton, a black woman in Chicago who has been diagnosed with full-blown AIDS, "its going to be genocide in our community and I really don't think we can save lives with half truths and misinformation."

"We really have to wake up as it relates to AIDS. It is amazing to me that there are any new cases," she says. "Everyone knows how you become infected but the problem is no one sees themselves at risk and when you don't see yourself at risk, you don't change your behavior."

Unfortunately, black women contribute to their high risk numbers in many ways.

One way is expressed through their fear of asking a man to use a condom.

"Many women feel uncomfortable asking a man to wear a condom, but you have to protect yourself. Do what is best for you. Assume the worst and get tested - often - just to be sure."

"I tell black women, 'When you are out having a good time and you decide to have sex, ask yourself if the discomfort of asking him to wear a condom is worth [your] life.' If so, you are putting your life in danger."

Rae Lewis Thornton, Earvin "Magic" Johnson and Tommy Morrison are three people whose names and lives have been in the spotlight recently for the same reason; they are all HIV-infected people attempting to get on with their

lives. But what makes them so different is that two are professional athletes and one is a magna cum laude college graduate.

None thought it would ever happen to them. Here are their stories.

**"It doesn't surprise me at all that African American women today are in denial because it hasn't impacted enough of them to where they are dying."**

-Dr. Pam Blackwell, licensed counselor

### Magic, Tommy and Rae

Magic retired from the Los Angeles Lakers on Nov. 7, 1991 after announcing that he had the HIV virus. Two years ago, Johnson made a comeback, but was forced back into retirement when players around the NBA grumbled about the possibility of being infected by him.

He would try once again to return to the sport that made him a household name - and this time he would succeed. In late January 1996, Magic made his return to the NBA with the Lakers - at the age of 36 and four and a half years after his retirement.

Magic loved the game so much that gave up his partial ownership of the Lakers in order to play in the league.

Johnson's comeback has been heralded as an inspiration to those infected with HIV who are trying to live a normal life.

When he first announced he was HIV positive, Johnson also talked extensively about his promiscuity as an NBA player on the road in his book, *My Life*.

In the prologue to the book, Magic, who was in Dallas last month to play the Dallas Mavericks, talks about finding out he had HIV and how it has changed his life.

"For as long as I can remember, my life has been about basketball. About being part of a team. About winning, and about championships. About never being satisfied with my play. About working constantly to make myself better. As soon as I realized that I had the God-given talent to play this game, I was determined to take it as far as I could."

And I did. Until late on a Friday afternoon in the fall of 1991 when I found myself sitting across the desk from the team doctor in Los Angeles. Wham! When he told me the news, I knew that everything I had accomplished in my life was nothing compared to the battle I was about to begin.

"From the moment of that announcement, I was no longer Magic Johnson, basketball star. Suddenly, I had a new identity. Now I was Earvin Magic Johnson, a living

symbol of AIDS - a disease that can strike anybody unlucky enough to get in its way.

"Almost overnight I had to start dealing with things that had never been an issue for me before - at least not in public. Like promiscuous sex. Or how I felt about gays. Or the rumors that I was either gay or bisexual. And my relationships with women and how that part of my life fit into basketball and being a celebrity."

Now I had an important message to deliver. That anyone can get HIV. That our government must pay far more attention to it. That we need to allocate more money for research and education if we are going to avoid an epidemic like you wouldn't believe."

After 4 1/2 years, Magic has not been diagnosed with full-blown AIDS—yet.

Tommy Morrison, the 27-year-old former heavyweight boxer, was so shocked to learn he was HIV positive that he had to have two tests taken. They were both positive.

Morrison, who stands 6'2" and weighs 225 pounds, held a news conference on Feb. 15 and told the world for the second time in 5 days that he had tested positive for the virus that causes AIDS.

He first learned the news on Feb. 10 in a Las Vegas hotel room - only hours before he was to step into the boxing ring for his 50th professional fight. He was told he had tested positive as part of the routine pre-flight medical tests given by the Nevada Athletic Commission.

According to reports, Morrison entered into denial. He insisted to anyone who would listen that a mistake had to be made. He would take a new test, one that would prove the first test wrong.

He was tested again and this time reality set in.

During a news conference last month, Morrison discussed his life before and after HIV.

"There was a certain point of time in my life that I lived a very permissive, fast and reckless lifestyle. I thought the HIV virus was something that anyone could get. But I also believed that the chances were very, very, slim. I thought that the real danger of contracting it rested in the arms of those who subjected themselves to a certain type of lifestyle - addicts who share needles, people who practice a homosexual lifestyle."

"I honestly believed I had a better chance of winning the lottery than contracting this disease. I have never been so wrong in my life."

When Morrison was asked how he contracted the virus, he said he was unsure. "I've had thousands of sparring partners, 49 fights, a promiscuous lifestyle. Go fish."

After learning of his HIV status, Morrison spent an hour on the phone with Magic.

Morrison said he and Johnson discussed "what we can do as a team and what we can do as individuals and truly promote awareness to every single per-



son out there, particularly those of my generation."

Morrison ended his news conference, held in his hometown of Tulsa, Okla., by asking his fans to "see me as an individuals who had an opportunity to be a role model and blew it. Blew it with irresponsible, irrational and immature decisions. Decisions that one day can cost me my life. Think about that."

Morrison is engaged to be married later this year. He never thought it would happen to him.

Neither did Rae Lewis Thornton, a successful woman living in Chicago. She was a college graduate, smart, attractive and she dated successful men. But still, she caught the virus and now is suffering from full-blown AIDS.

Rae, 33, was diagnosed with HIV 10 years ago when she was 23. She found out only when she went to donate blood and was rejected.

During a recent appearance on KKDA's Cheryl Smith's radio show, Rae discussed her situation and the seriousness of the disease that has cut her beautiful life tragically short.

"The statistics are showing that women are constantly rising up the ladder in terms of HIV infection. I am clearly an infected woman and I meet infected women every day. All day.

"Part of the problem is that there are no



**Magic Johnson's wife, Cookie, was fortunate - she did not contract HIV from him.**

*HIV symptoms so you can be infected 8, 10, 12 years and not know it if you have never had an AIDS test. Unfortunately, most people are diagnosed with AIDS only 2 months before they die.*

*"There are probably quite a few sisters out there who are infected who do not know they are infected, don't see themselves as at risk and probably won't find out until they end up with shortness of breath, difficulty breathing and then they will be diagnosed with AIDS and die from it.*

*"We have to begin to address and look at*

*this issue and we have to do it now."*

Rae, best known as the cover model for the December 1994 issue of Essence, says people approach her "all day long in disbelief and say, you don't look like it.

"Well, I say I never look like it but my T-cell count is 60, I have 21 day menstrual cycles, 14-day yeast infections. I have taken up to 14 pills a day and I know what it's like to not be hungry, loose your appetite. I used to wear a size 12, now I wear a size 4.

"People don't see it but it is there and it is very, very real. It's a very sad thing that we are stuck in the mud like we are. We are not going to believe it until women are being rushed to the hospital and dying at massive rates like white and black gay men did and do."

She has been married over a year to a man who knew of her situation, but chose to love and marry her just the same. They will probably never have children.

### **Protecting Yourself**

There are many ways to protect yourself from HIV and AIDS. They range from abstinence and celibacy, to limiting your sex partners and always using a latex condom.

All have their advantages and disadvantages, but the key is to choose one.

"Abstinence is ideal, but not practical," Dr. Blackwell says. "Most people are not willing to do that. The only other thing is condom protection and, if your

are an IV drug user, getting off of drugs."

Condoms are not 100 percent, Dr. Blackwell stresses, "but they are all we have."

The main key to protecting yourself is to get tested, Dr. Blackwell says. "Then you will know what you are up against. If a person tests positive, then that early diagnosis can help them do what they need to do to live a long and productive life.

"But not wanting to know is not helping anyone. It is better to know and seek early medical help than not know and die quickly."

People can get tested at any Parkland Hospital Community-Oriented Primary Care centers, Dallas County Health Department, or through their private physicians.

If you do test positive, Dr. Blackwell also suggests seeking psychological help as well as medical help as a way of working through the stress, fears and concerns about having the disease.

"Just because you have HIV or AIDS, it is not the end of the world," Dr. Blackwell says. "It's a disease, that all. The stigma is because it started with gay men.

"We (African Americans) are survivors. We will figure out a way to deal with this. When I am working with my clients, I teach them living with HIV. I help them to be their best."

MON

## **If You Can Improve It, We Have A Loan For It.**

No matter what home improvement you have planned, we have a loan for it. Come to NationsBank. We'll help you with a financing plan that's right for you.

Clarence Nash  
Fair Park Banking Center  
(214) 565-5010

**NationsBank®**  
The Power To Make A Difference.™

©1993 NationsBank Corporation. NationsBank subsidiary banks are members FDIC and Equal Housing Lenders. ☐

### **Home Improvement**

by: Clarence Nash, manager of NationsBank, Fair Park banking center

Whether it's converting the garage, adding a new bedroom or just fixing up the house, making home improvements can be one of the best investments a home owner can make. Enhancing your property not only improves its appearance and allows you to meet your family's space needs, it protects your most valuable asset and contributes to the long-term value of your home.

The process of securing a loan for your home improvements needs is simple. It begins with the loan application process. Our loan specialists will assist you in reviewing the value of your property, assessing your contractor and bids, and determining the loan amount and schedule of the repayment.

There are a variety of home improvement loan options designed to help you realize your home improvement dream. We offer home improvement loans beginning at \$2000 and offer repayment terms from 60 to 180 months. And many loans less than \$50,000 do not require title insurance or a costly appraisal and NationsBank will add 100% of the planned improvements to the value of your home to determine how much you can borrow!

Come and see all that we have to offer. Stop by the NationsBank in your neighborhood or call Clarence Nash at (214) 565-5010 for all your loan needs.

**A Paid Advertisement**

# In The News . . .

## Bringing Communities Together Through the Arts



in the cultural affairs of Dallas, the Office of Cultural Affairs is showcasing nearly 75 artists in its Neighborhood Touring Program. The program is designed for neighborhoods to host various free cultural programs such as artists from the Natalie M. King Theatre and Percussion Things Afro/Latin. The program is all about building relationships. It is the coming together of a marketplace. Community representatives from churches, recreation centers and various neighborhoods will assemble at 8:30 am on March 4 to enjoy musicians, dancers, folk artists and theatries. All events will take place in the African American Museum at Fair Park. For more information, call (214) 670-4081.

Dallas. A city rich with diversity and cultural programs that showcase the distinctive backgrounds of its people. In a unique effort to encourage communities to become more involved

## Family Honored for 100 Years Land Ownership



Photo: L-R: Baker family members L.J. Baker, Charlie Barker, Leonard Baker, Sheila Tarpley Shirley Demus Tarpley, Jarrell Terpley, Vanessa Eggins and Gov. George W. Bush

In celebrating the rich tapestry of Texas' history, the family of Wiley Baker ventured to Austin where they were honored in the Family Land Heritage Program. Shirley Demus Tarpley, third generation family member, gathered photos and other memorabilia for the event. The program recognizes families who have had continuous ownership of land at the hands of one family for 100 years. Tarpley's great grandfather began the legacy more than 100 years ago in Mexia, Texas. Not only did the land serve as a agricultural base, it also housed the first Black school in the city.

## Helm's Play Depicts the Black Man in America

Just who is the Black man today in America? Is he isolated in his hardships? Does anyone else share his dreams and strong convictions? The Dedra Lynn Woods Theatre will present the Robert Helm play, *Black Man in America*, through March 16. The play deals with the very essence of who the Black man is in America, how he is perceived and how he handles the responsibilities of maintaining strength, character and stamina in a society that has socialized him as an

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

### Multi-Purpose Facility at Cedar Springs Place, 9-12

The Housing Authority of the City of Dallas, Texas (DHA) will receive proposals from qualified architectural firms to provide Architectural Services associated with the Design of a Multi-Purpose Facility at Cedar Springs Place, Tex 9-12. Proposals will be received until 10:00 A.M., on March 21, 1996, at DHA's Central Office, Development and Planning Department, 3939 N. Hampton Road, Suite 350, Dallas, Texas 75212.

Proposal submission documents are on file and may be acquired at DHA's Central Office, Development and Planning Department, 3939 N. Hampton Road, Suite 350, Dallas, Texas 75212.

The DHA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or to waive any informalities in the solicitation.

## INVITATION FOR BIDS

### Landscape Improvements at Cedar Springs Addn.

The Housing Authority of the City of Dallas, Texas (DHA) will receive bids for Landscape Improvements at Cedar Springs Addn. Tex 9-3, until 2:00 P.M., on Tuesday, March 19, 1996, at DHA's Central Office, Development and Planning Department, 3939 N. Hampton Rd., Suite 350, Dallas, Texas 75212, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid documents, including Plans and Specifications, may be acquired at DHA's Central Office, Development and Planning Department, 3939 N. Hampton Rd., Suite 350, Dallas, Texas 75212.

### Miscellaneous Renovations at Town Park

The Housing Authority of the City of Dallas, Texas (DHA) will receive bids for Miscellaneous Renovation at Town Park Apartments Tex 9-47, until 2:30 P.M., on Tuesday, March 19, 1996, at DHA's Central Office, Development and Planning Department, 3939 N. Hampton Rd., Suite 350, Dallas, Texas 75212, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. A pre-bid Conference shall be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 11, 1996 at the maintenance office at Town Park Apartments 829 Shadyside Dallas, Texas 75223. Bid documents, including Plans and Specifications, may be acquired at DHA's Central Office, Development and Planning Department, 3939 N. Hampton Rd., Suite 350, Dallas, Texas 75212.

### Resurfacing of Streets at Town Park

The Housing Authority of the City of Dallas, Texas (DHA) will receive bids for Resurfacing of streets at Town Park Apartments Tex 9-47, until 3:00 P.M., on Tuesday, March 19, 1996, at DHA's Central Office, Development and Planning Department, 3939 N. Hampton rd., Suite 350, Dallas, Texas 75212, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid documents, including Plans and Specifications, may be acquired at DHA's Central Office, Development and Planning Department, 3939 N. Hampton Rd., Suite 350, Dallas, Texas 75212.

### 504 Conversions at Cedar Glen

The Housing Authority of the City of Dallas, Texas (DHA) will receive bids for the 504 Conversions at Cedar Glen South Apartments, Tex 9-45, until 1:30 P.M., on Tuesday, March 26, 1996 at 3939 N. Hampton Road, Suite 350, Dallas, Texas 75212, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. A Pre-Bid Conference has been scheduled for Monday, March 18, 1996 at 1:30 P.M., at the Cedar Glen South Managers Office, 2906 E. Kiest Blvd., Dallas, Texas. Bid Documents, including Plans and Specifications, may be acquired at DHA's Central Office, 3939 N. Hampton Road, Suite 350, Dallas, Texas 75212. A \$25.00 non-refundable fee is required for each set of plans and specifications.

The DHA reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

The Housing Authority of the City of Dallas, Texas will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religious, sex, handicap, familial status or age.

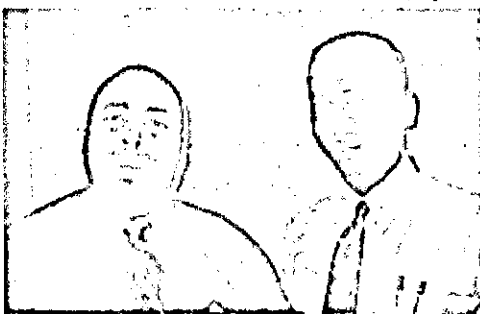


EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

## REPO'S • BANKRUPTCY



Bank Financing That Helps Restore Your Credit!  
New or Used Cars • Minimum Income \$1,200 Gross



Berry Hattley, III - James Brown  
Special Financing Specialist

ALL TRADES ACCEPTED - RUNNING OR NOT

**372-7850**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (Work): \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX over for Instant Approval: 372-7879 - All Applications Accepted • \*Bankruptcy must be dismissed

Mention  
this ad  
for  
additional  
SAVINGS!



# More In The News . . .

outcast. The theatre is located at 1628 M. L. King Blvd. For showtimes, call (214) 565-1710 or (214) 371-4644.



## Young Violinists Featured at Library

Photo: Alexander & Christian

Musically inclined is one way to describe the talented brother and sister duo, Alexander and Christian Beebe. At age 10 and seven, respectively, the two have honed their skills of playing the violin by studying under the Suzuki Method.

At their young ages, the duo has already garnered musical talent by mastering the notes of Gavotte, Andantino and Etude. They will perform on Saturday, March 16 at 1 p.m. at the Walnut Hill Library. The library is located at 9495 Marsh Lane. The performance is free and open to the public. For more information, call (214) 357-7053.

## Spring Break Nature Camp for Kids

Spring Break is just around the corner and kids are looking for something to do. If you haven't already made plans, consider sending your kids on a "back to nature camp." This weeklong camp is sponsored by the I Am That I Am Training Center and will provide kids with some great skills.

The camp will help kids develop self-esteem, interpersonal skills and discover who they are. For more information on how your child can participate in this fun and educational camp, call (214) 372-6838.

## Theatre Performed Like a 50 yard Dash

*Director's Choice* is not your ordinary play. Instead of the continuous dialogue of 30 minutes without an intermission, this play has a fast-paced length of 10 minutes per segment.

Jon Jory, the producing director of the Actors Theatre of Louisville, says he designed the playwriting festival to



run like a 50-yard dash. "These plays tell a story that 40 minutes or 2 hours would have ruined. Presented by Windmill Productions, the play runs through March 24 at the Theatre Too at Theatre Three in the Quadrangle. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call (214) 941-7330.

## Success Training Program Provides Opportunities

The New Image Business Associates (NIBA) is having their annual "MOST" program at the African American Museum of Art in Fair Park. The Minority Opportunity Success Training program will begin with a breakfast meeting on March 5 at 7:30 a.m.

This kick-off event, held in Dallas, Ft. Worth and Houston, will serve as a springboard for the upcoming programs designed to help minorities gain invaluable skills that will lead to their business success. The breakfast, which is free, will have as its guest speaker Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk. To find out more about the event,

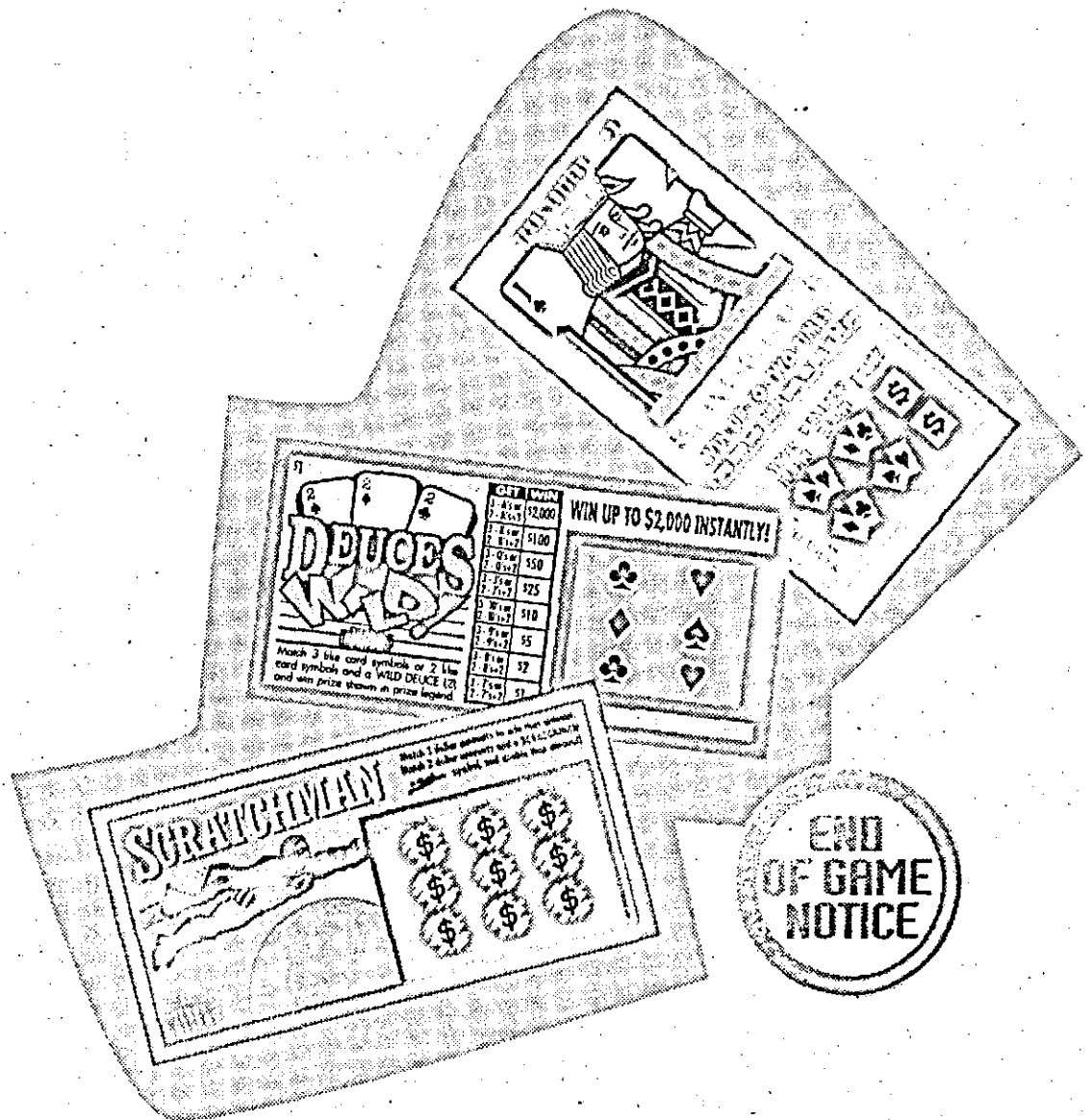
call (214) 350-9590 or (214) 258-0340.

## Photo Exhibit, Discussion on Breast Cancer

For African American women, 40 to 50-years-old, breast cancer is the leading cause of death. To educate women on this alarming epidemic,

Pan-African Connections Bookstore sponsoring a photo exhibit and group discussion about the disease.

Local author/photographer Sylvia Dunnavant will discuss her book, *Celebrating Life: African American Women speak out about Breast Cancer*. Call (214) 943-8262.



## Time Flies. Games End.

Especially when you're having this much fun playing Blackjack, Deuces Wild or Scratchman. You only have until March 1, 1996 to buy any remaining tickets. You can redeem any winners until August 28, 1996.

Deuces Wild has a top prize of \$2,000. Blackjack has a top prize of \$2,100. Scratchman features a top prize of \$3,000.

You can claim prizes up to \$599 at any Texas Lottery retailer. Winning tickets of \$600 or more are redeemable at one of the 24 regional Texas Lottery claim centers or by mail. Claim forms are available at any Lottery retailer.

If you have any questions, just call the Texas Lottery Customer Service Line at 1-800-37-LOTTO.



Blackjack overall odds of winning, 1 in 4.62. Deuces Wild overall odds of winning, 1 in 4.74. Scratchman overall odds of winning, 1 in 4.79. Must be 18 years or older to play. ©1996 Texas Lottery



### PARTY CREATION

Party Supplies for  
Birthdays, Anniversaries, Baby Showers, Weddings!

Helium rental available - we deliver anywhere!

Free Balloons with \$15 purchase of party goods.

## (214) 321-1426

# The Black Cowboy

## Part 2: Buffalo Soldier

Russell D. Shockley, B.S.Ed.

"I have always found the colored race represented in the army, obedient, intelligent, easily disciplined and most efficient in the care of their horses, arms and equipment."—General Merritt, U.S. Army, 1866.

During the American Civil War nearly 200,000 black soldiers wore the blue uniform of the Union Armies. In 161 regiments (141 Infantry, 7 Cavalry, 12 Heavy Artillery, 1 Light Artillery), black soldiers took part in some 449 engagements, with more than 38,000 listed as killed, wounded, or missing in action. With such an outstanding record, black soldiers proved their effectiveness as soldiers and the federal government was more than eager to utilize them during the western campaign.

The Congressional Act of July 28, 1866 (later modified by supplementary legislation in 1868), established two black infantry regiments, the 24th and 25th, along with two black cavalry regiments, the 9th and 10th. All four saw continuous service in the West during the three decades following the Civil War. Black infantry served in both the Texas and Dakota Territories and black cavalry fought in almost every part of the West, from Mexico to Montana. The stories of any of these four regiments would make for some fascinating reading.

Their general physical fitness was better, and their desertion and court-martial records occurrences were oftentimes lower than their white counterparts.

Carefully selected and held to very high standards of physical fitness and mental alertness, they were commanded by some the Army's better white officers. The men (black soldiers) took quickly to the routine of both fort and camp life and maintained excellent morale. Their general physical fitness was better, and their desertion and court-martial records occurrences were oftentimes lower than their white counterparts.

Black troops of the 9th Cavalry served in Texas, New Mexico, Kansas, Oklahoma, Utah, and Montana. The 10th Cavalry served in Kansas, Oklahoma,

New Mexico, and Arizona. Black troops fought against Comanches, Apaches, and the Sioux. They fought against Crazy Horse and his warriors and they captured the great Geronimo.

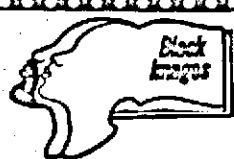
When Billy, The Kid was trapped in a burning building in Lincoln, New Mexico, black troops surrounded him. When Sooners attempted to enter into lands belonging to the Native-American nations in Oklahoma (before they were opened to settlers), black soldiers stopped them.

When Wyoming cattlemen started the Johnson County War, only to find themselves outnumbered by angry settlers, black cavalry rescued them.

Black soldiers helped to make the expansion of the cattle empire possible by rendering the needed assistance to cattlemen as they drove through Kansas, Nebraska, and Dakota Territories and through New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, and Montana.

MON

Russell D. Shockley is the director of Ethnic Notes. For lecture or presentation information, call or write to Ethnic Notes, c/o MON.



Thursday, March 7 • 6-8 P.M.  
**CLARENCE PAGE**  
Showing My Color:  
Impolite Essays on Race in America  
(Harper Collins \$23)

Friday, March 8 • 1-3 P.M.  
**Southeast Dallas Business & Professional Women's Club**  
2nd Annual Women's History Month

Saturday, March 9 • 3-5 P.M.  
**Kente Cloth: African American Voices in Texas**  
(Center for Texas Studies - University of North Texas \$10.95)

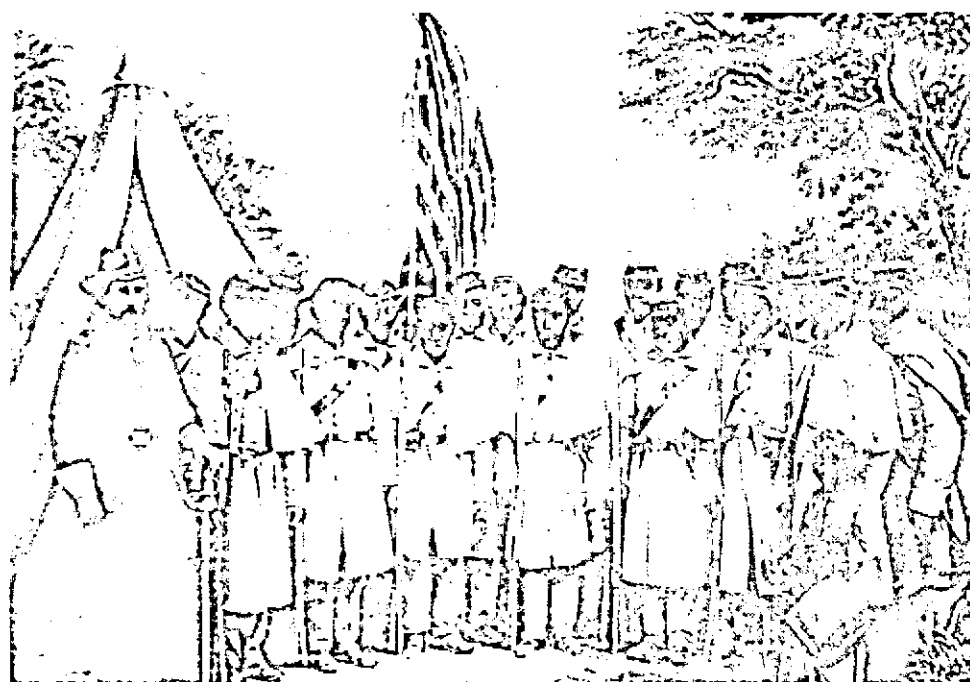
Tuesday, March 12  
**STEPHEN CARTER • Integrity**  
(Basic Books \$24)

Friday, March 15 • 6-8 P.M.  
**Relationship expert, RONN ELMORE**  
Discusses and autographs  
How to Love a Black Man  
(Warner Books \$17.95)

Saturday, March 16 • 3-5 P.M.  
**W. MARVIN DULANEY**  
Black Police in America  
(Indiana University Press \$14.95)

Wednesday, March 20 • 6-8 P.M.  
**Berlice Berry • The World According To Me**  
(Scholmer \$21)

Thursday, March 28 • 6-8 P.M.  
**Dr. Jewel Pookrum**  
Vitamins & Minerals From A to Z  
(A & B Publishers \$9.95)



Recruiting Poster

## Buffalo Soldiers Honored

On July 25, 1992, at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the long-awaited tribute to the soldiers of the all-black 9th and 10th Cavalry (formed in 1866), The National Buffalo Soldiers Monument, was dedicated.

Present among the more than 20,000 people attending was then U.S. Army General and Chairman of the Joints Chiefs of Staff Colin Powell, who officially dedicated the monument.

Four more infantry units (the 38th, 39th, 40th and 41st) were added but were short-lived and later combined with the 24th and 25th Infantry Units.

In the early 1900s, General John Pershing commanded the 24th and 25th Infantry Units into Mexico against Pancho Villa. Pershing's nickname, "Black Jack," was the result of his having commanded them. (General George Armstrong Custer had refused to command them.)

The cavalry and infantry regiments both garrisoned at eight Texas forts: Ft. Concho in San Angelo; Ft. Davis in the On July 25, 1992, at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the long-awaited tribute to the soldiers of the all-black 9th and 10th Cavalry (formed in 1866), The National Buffalo Soldiers Monument, was dedicated.

Present among the more than 20,000 people attending was then U.S. Army General and Chairman of the Joints Chiefs of Staff Colin Powell, who officially dedicated the monument.

Four more infantry units (the 38th, 39th, 40th and 41st) were added but were short-lived and later combined with the 24th and 25th Infantry Units.

In the early 1900s, General John Pershing commanded the 24th and 25th Infantry Units into Mexico against Pancho Villa. Pershing's nickname, "Black Jack," was the result of his having commanded them. (General George Armstrong Custer had refused to command them.)

The cavalry and infantry regiments both garrisoned at eight Texas forts: Ft. Concho in San Angelo; Ft. Davis in the Breckenridge Mountains; Ft. Griffin, Ft. McKavett; Ft. Elliot; Ft. Stock(ton); Ft. Quitman; and Ft. Richardson (north of Dallas). Today, many have been turned into cities.

These Buffalo Soldiers were the recipients of some 24 Congressional Medals of Honor between 1867 and 1898, as a well as other medals through the Korean Conflict.

Under the command of the French during WW1, they received the Croix de Guerres, France's Medal of Honor, at the Arc de Triumph in Paris. Unfortunately, these black soldiers were not permitted to march in their own American Victory Parade.-RDS

**DALWORTH**  
AUTO ELECTRONICS

**AUTO TINT**

ANY  
CAR or TRUCK

**\$49**

**AUTO ALARM**

- DOOR PROTECTION
- GLASS BREAKAGE & IMPACT SENSOR
- LOUD SIREN
- ARMS AUTOMATICALLY

**\$59**

North Dallas  
5620 LBJ Frwy  
@ Montfort  
620-0000

South Dallas  
6230 Hwy. 67  
@ Red Bird  
333-4131



# When Clothes Make the Kids

By Yvette R. Blair

Looking for just the right fashions at just the right price for your little one? Kiddie Duds has it all. A family business, Kiddie Duds specializes in fashions that accent the trendy yens of children, newborn to pre-teen ages.

"We like to consider this as a specialty shop," said owner Michael Jones. And a specialty shop it is.

One of the specialty items that Kiddie Duds offers is school uniforms in a variety of fabrics, styles and colors. Located in Oak Cliff (near Red Bird Mall), Jones said having the store in this area makes it more convenient for children to get their uniforms.

"Parents were accustomed to going across town and paying a lot," he said. "We carry more uniforms and have a bigger variety. Parents are really pleased about it so we feel we are an asset to the

community."

Prior to the Oak Cliff location, Kiddie Duds was operating in the Community Mart, but Jones wanted the store to become more marketable.

We wanted to be able to get a variety of clients from all walks of life...to be in a location where we could reach the suburbs and still be centrally located," said Jones, who started the business three-and-a-half years ago after being a victim of corporate downsizing.

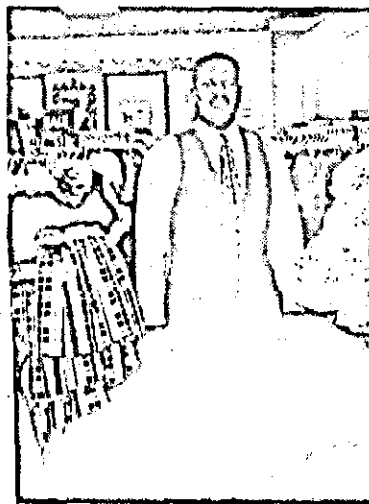
Kiddie Duds formerly had another location at Westcliff Mall where they sold only school uniforms. After nearly one year at the mall and another year at Community Mart, Jones determined it made better business sense to offer daily fashions and uniforms under one roof.

"We strive [for] service at our store. This is the community's store. We are here for them," said the Dallas native.

This genuine sentiment has seen a lot of repeat business for Kiddie Duds. Jones

also believes strongly in supporting the people who patronize his store. Kiddie Duds supports many school activities and other community-related functions. The store offers styles that range

Name: Michael Jones  
Birthplace: Dallas  
Favorite Food: Variety  
Last Book Read: Success Runs in Our Race  
Advice to would-be entrepreneurs: Believe in yourself and never let anyone deter you from your goals.



Kiddie Duds  
4041 W. Wheatland Rd., Ste. 204  
Dallas  
(214) 709-8222

from casual to dressy. They even have prom dresses. The store also offers shoes, hats and other accessories and even design hair bows for little girls to perfectly match their outfits. Another plus at Kiddie Duds is that dresses come with petticoats, which usually have to be pur-

chased separately.

Since moving to its present location one and a half years ago, Jones said Kiddie Duds has proven to be very beneficial for the community.

"We offer great service and our customers come back. This is the best way to do business." MON

# A Matter of "Knowing What They Want"

By Yvette R. Blair

Before Ralph Kinchen began a career in car sales, he was busy tailoring his business acumen in retail. He owned Teen-Man, a clothing store in Southfield, Michigan that catered to the fashion yen of men ages 16-30 years old.

His retail career,

which spanned 16 years, also included working for Levi-Strauss as a salesman, a position he left when he was asked to change territory. At the time Kinchen had a young son and couldn't make the move.

"A friend said I'd be great at car sales, so I gave it a try."

Now, 15 years later, Kinchen is upward bound in his position as New Car Sales Manager for Bankston Nissan in Irving. For the nine years that Kinchen has been in this position, he has been concentrating on making Bankston Nissan more than just your typical car dealer-

ship.

"My main goal is to widen our customer base," he said. And he has done just that, taking it far beyond the state boundaries. Kinchen has even sold a car to a person living in Saudi Arabia.

"A man came all the way from Saudi Arabia to buy a 300 ZX Turbo," said the Ohio native.

As sales manager, Kinchen oversees a staff of nearly 45 people. He said, on the average, the dealership sells anywhere from 300 to 500 new and used cars a month, with the Nissan Maxima and Altima being two of the most sold models.

Kinchen's business and savvy has afforded him a successful record in sales. He advanced to fleet manager after spending eleven months as a salesperson and his career continues to rise. The father of four said he would like to continue climbing the ladder of success, making his next stop at the level of general sales manager.

Kinchen attributes his success to

knowing what you want to do. "I taught on quick. You have to be involved with customers and know what they want," says Kinchen, who in his spare time sponsors a hockey team that his 13-year-old son is involved with.

And apparently Kinchen knows what his customers want. He has seen

repeat sales to many families, families that now have adult children that purchase cars from him.

"I even have one person who has bought 11 cars from us," he said. "It's just knowing your customer and knowing what they want." MON

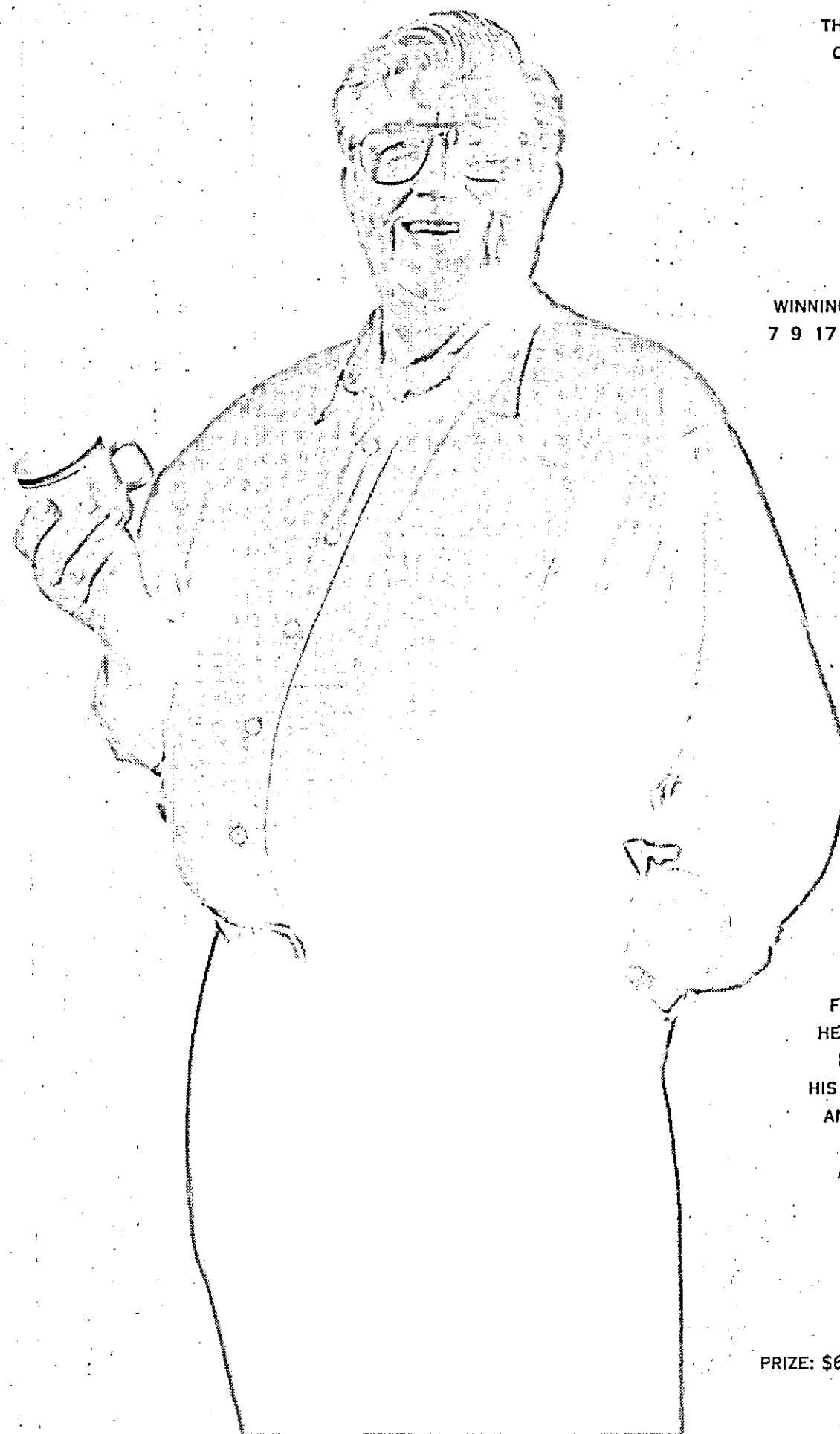
Name: Ralph Kinchen  
Birthplace: Cleveland, OH  
Last Book Read: Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus  
Favorite Food: Thanksgiving Dinner  
Advice to would-be entrepreneurs: Stick to your plan



Bankston Nissan in Irving  
1500 E. Airport Frwy  
(214) 438-4300  
metro 445-1515

**OLIVER DOOLEY FOUND  
\$6.4 MILLION IN HIS COFFEE CUP.  
(AND YOU GET EXCITED  
OVER LOOSE CHANGE IN YOUR SOFA.)**

OLIVER DOOLEY CUT UP HIS OLD LOTTO TEXAS TICKETS, PUT 'EM  
IN HIS COFFEE CUP AND PICKED OUT NEW NUMBERS. AND IF  
YOU'RE WONDERING HOW HAPPY IT MADE HIM, JUST TAKE A  
LOOK AT HIS MUG. IT'S PRETTY OBVIOUS THAT OLIVER'S ONE OF  
OVER 150 MILLIONAIRES AND STILL COUNTING.



HIS SYSTEM:  
THE "DOOLEY  
COFFEE CUP"  
METHOD

WINNING NUMBERS:  
7 9 17 27 28 32

FIRST THING  
HE DID: GAVE  
HIS CAR TO  
HIS DAUGHTER  
AND BOUGHT  
HIMSELF  
A NEW ONE

PRIZE: \$6.4 MILLION





# MON's Guide to the 1996 Elections

## Super Tuesday

On Tuesday, March 12 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., primary elections will be held for candidates from the Democratic and Republican parties. The winners of these primaries will compete in the November 1996 general election along with the candidates from other political parties which did not hold primary elections.

Early voting for the Texas primary began Wednesday, Feb. 21 and runs through March 8.

Along with the Democratic and Republican nominees for president, Texas voters also will be selecting candidates for several other offices, including the U.S. Senate, Congress, all 150 state House members and half the state Senate.

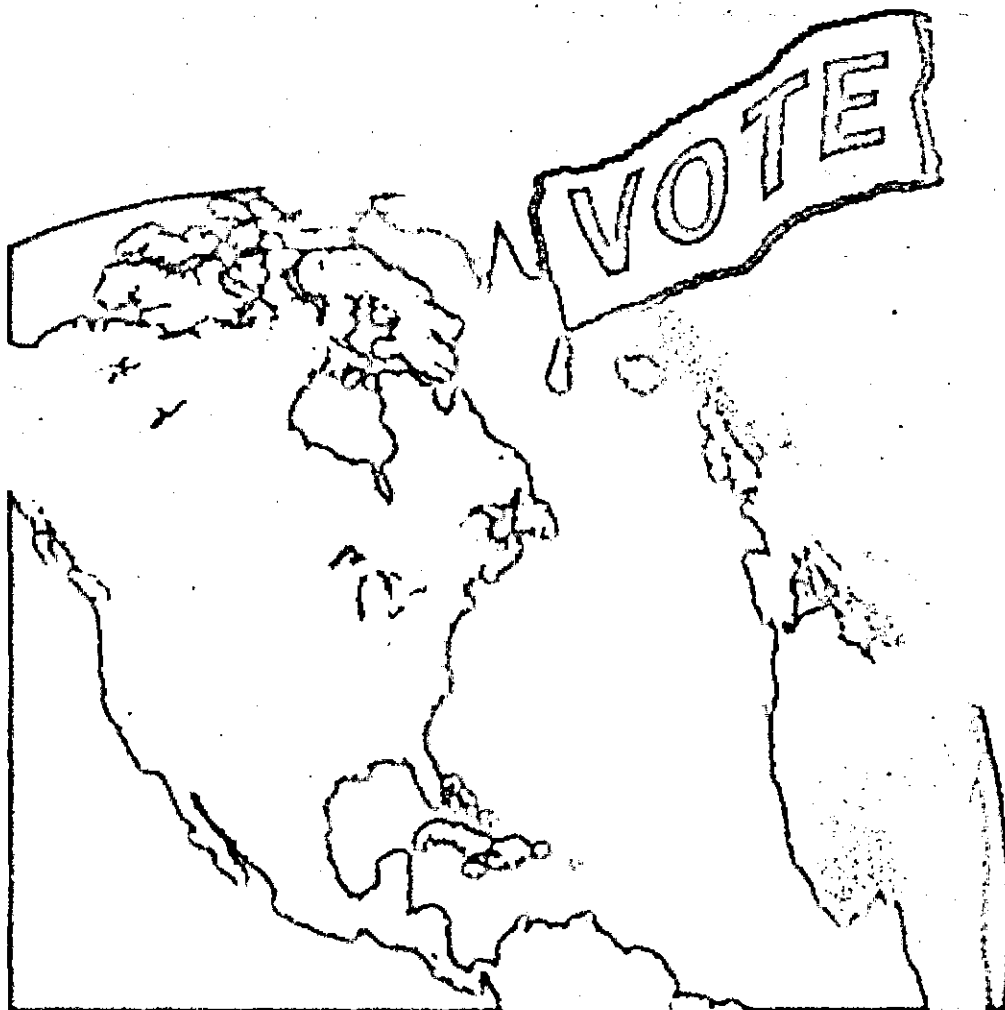
To vote in the election, register with the county in which you live 30 days prior to the election. A record 9.4 million Texas are currently registered voters. Voters can vote in only one party primary and voting certificates will be stamped with the name of the party.

## The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Election Day

To vote on election day, you must vote in the polling place assigned to your precinct. You can find your precinct number on your Voter Registration Card.

It's too late to register to vote in this primary election, but in the spirit of the Million Man March and the voter registration/education drives sponsored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the National Council of Negro Women (NCCW) or your church, you can still register to become an active participant in the electoral process.

By registering now, you will be eligible to vote in the first election held 30 days following your registration date.



Vote in the March 12 Texas primary and the Nov. 5 general election. Your future depends on it.

Primary Election Day	Tuesday March 12
Primary Runoff	Tuesday, April 9
General Election Day	Tuesday, November 12

Need more information, contact local election officials for the following Counties at:

Collin	(214) 424-1460
Dallas	(214) 653-7871
Denton	(817) 565-8514
Ellis	(214) 923-5070
Kaufman	(214) 932-4331
Rockwall	(214) 771-5141
Tarrant	(817) 884-1115

The Minority Opportunity News encourages early voting. You can vote early through March 8. In order to participate in early voting by mail, you must obtain an application from your local Elections Department.

# Redistricting decisions could be career-ending

By Dorothy Gentry

Another election year is here and, with it, a chance for African Americans to empower themselves and use the vote to make their future better, brighter and more prosperous.

But a significant decision on the issues of race and redistricting in Georgia last summer by the U.S. Supreme Court, and several similar pending cases in Texas, Louisiana and North Carolina may negatively affect Blacks politically in 1996 and on into the next century.

The court decision on the Georgia district has had a major effect on future election districts for Congress, as well as state and local governments. It has also caused many to predict that the decision to invalidate majority-minority districts could mean a return to an almost all-white Congress.

Because of the current debate over race and redistricting, several Blacks in Congress stand to lose their seats, including Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson, D-Dallas, and Cynthia McKinney, D-Georgia. The debate could also have adverse results for the Congressional Black Caucus.

It's 1996, 31 years after the Voting Rights Act, and the clock is slowly but surely being rolled back.

Redistricting, the Courts, and the Voting Rights Act

Are election districts drawn to benefit minorities in violation of the rights of other voters? What role, if any, can and should race play in drawing election districts? The courts have been grappling with these questions for years, but the answers have been slow in coming.

In June 1995 the court struck down, in a 5-4 decision, the district of Rep. McKinney, and later a Georgia redistricting plan, as racial gerrymandering but made no clear distinction as to whether all majority-minority districts in the nation are unconstitutional, including the one represented by Rep. Johnson.

After its June ruling, the court ordered McKinney's district re-drawn, saying that race could not be the predominant consideration in setting congressional boundaries. This ruling has called into question the fate of minority districts nationwide.

Similar congressional redistricting disputes in Texas (Dallas and Houston), North Carolina and Louisiana are pending before the court. In the Louisiana case, a dozen residents last year chal-

lenged the states' plan, saying that race was a major factor in the way districts were drawn, including the predominantly white 5th district represented by white congressman Jim McCrery and the majority Black district, represented by Cleo Fields.

Fields, whose district is 55 percent Black, was first elected to Congress in 1992. In 1995, he ran for governor of Louisiana, but lost in the runoff. But he did keep his seat in Congress while pur-



Eddie Bernice Johnson



Cleo Fields



Cynthia McKinney

suing the governorship.

In a concurring opinion to the Georgia decision, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor hinted that the court would probably uphold majority-minority districts if it can be proven that other factors contributed to their design.

Congressional district constituents and their Black representatives are not the only ones hurt by this important political issue.

Much of the debate over redistricting last year by the high court has resulted in the court cutting back on the reach of the Voting Rights Act.

In a brief ruling last fall, the court said states with a large population of Blacks and Hispanics need not always create a "majority-minority" electoral district to satisfy the Law. Instead, they can set up several districts where minority voters make up at least 25 percent of the total and thereby can influence who gets elected.

The status of these "influence districts" (districts with large but non-majority Black populations) has taken over a hazy and unclear corner of the larger debate over redistricting and the requirements of the Voting Rights Act.

In addition, the Supreme Court has suggested that "influence districts" can be a redistricting option, but it has yet to rule directly on the question, prompting some to view it as a signal to lower courts to expand the use of "influence districts" as they approach redistricting cases.

Reps. Johnson and McKinney

Although the case was heard on Dec. 5 of last year, the court has yet to decide on whether race was the main factor in drawing the Texas congressional district 30, represented by Eddie Bernice Johnson.

"We are slated for a ruling as early as this month or in June," says Ms. Johnson. "If the ruling does not come down by the March primary, then I don't believe it will affect the election."

Johnson, the first Black woman elected from Dallas to the Texas House, Texas Senate and U.S. House, contends that many factors other than race, including incumbent protection, played significant roles in the drawing of the

districts for Texas' congressional map.

"The rulings in the other states were based on the fact that the districts run miles around the state just to pick up Blacks. In Texas, the lines have always run around the state but more so for the purpose of eliminating Blacks," she says.

"They were drawn more for incumbent protection. If it were not for incumbent protection, they probably wouldn't have been drawn that way."

Johnson, the former head of the Texas Senate redistricting committee, says she believes race should play a role in drawing election districts. "It's the only way we will get representation."

"It has been found that people do tend to vote along racial lines, but more so whites (voting mainly for other whites) than Blacks (voting for both)," she says.

When asked why the districts represented by Blacks and other minorities have been under so much scrutiny for more than a year, Johnson had only one word for it: "Racism - I don't know what else to call it."

McKinney, who was elected in 1992, represents the 11th congressional district of Georgia, which stretches for about 260 miles from Atlanta to Savannah.

The present congressional configuration in Georgia came into existence in (1992 after the 1990 census), which gave the state an additional seat. It was aided by a decision by then-President George

Bush's Justice Department that the Voting Rights Act of 1965 required more "safe" districts for Black candidates.

As a result, McKinney, as well as John Lewis and Sanford Bishop, all went to Capitol Hill in 1992. McKinney, then a state representative, drew 73 percent of the votes in her newly drawn district in which Blacks made up 65 percent of the population.

Since her district has been declared unconstitutional, McKinney has been on a mission to keep the seat she has worked for years to obtain.

"It's not me who is being hurt by this," McKinney said last year when the decision was first handed down. "It's the people in the 11th district."

Ms. McKinney said she represents the best interests of Black and white constituents in the district.

"The first thing I try to do is serve everybody. I try to retain those that I have and win over those I don't," says the daughter of longtime Georgia state senator Billie McKinney.

McKinney's District 11 currently includes affluent Black neighborhoods in southeastern Atlanta, then stretches out through largely rural counties on its way to part of Savannah's inner city. It also includes pockets of Augusta and comes close to Macon.

The Atlanta native is the first Black woman to represent Georgia in Congress and the only female in Georgia's delegation. She was also secretary to the freshman class of representatives in the 103rd Congress.

The Congressional Black Caucus must also be considered in the debate surrounding race and redistricting. Much of the caucus, half of the 39 House members, came to Washington with McKinney, Johnson and Fields.

The rulings, say many, could end the careers of half of the elected leaders by the year 2000.

"If we have decreasing numbers (of Black representation in Congress) then it will strongly affect the Caucus," says Johnson.

Rep. Donald Payne, D-N.J., and chairman of the CBC, blames the current state of Black politics and Black politicians on the Republican-controlled Congress.

"I think that everything the GOP has been doing has had an underlying racial overtone. I think that race was a big factor in many of their campaigns (during the last election)," says Payne.

Last fall the CBC Foundation met with leaders in Washington to discuss ways of counteracting the Republican agenda. The participants signed a pledge that calls for increased voter registration, public education and coalition building campaigns to prevent the return of Jim Crow. [MON]



# Wacky Times? No, Just Another Election Year

By Roland S. Martin

When the Republicans seized control of both houses of Congress in November 1994, the prevailing opinion among political pundits was simple: Bill Clinton should begin packing his belongings and look for a new home in Arkansas.

But just almost a year-and-a-half later, it appears as if the Republican Party may be the ones on the outside looking in when it comes to making temporary living quarters out of 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue.

With Ross Perot hanging around the political periphery, Colin Powell willing to sit on his \$6 million book signing bonus instead of kissing babies and raising funds and Republican voters not all too enthused with frontrunner Sen. Bob Dole, this election year is promising to be interesting.

Toss in the instability of the Whitewater affair and its effect on First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and her husband, Bill, and no one seems for sure as to what the eventual outcome of the 1996 presidential election will be.

But lets size up the candidates:

Incumbent Bill Clinton. After a rocky first three years as Commander-in-Chief, it seems as if Clinton has finally decided to do what his advisors have been telling him since his inauguration—shut up and act like a president instead of a candidate.

Clinton no longer is the timid person who waffled when it came to making a decision and, even, when the decision was made, reversed course and compromised, much to the consternation of his advisors and the public.

His recent work in the budget battle is an example of how a person who wants to get re-elected should act. He stood his ground, took his cause to the American public and refused to sign a bill he felt wasn't best for the nation.

Subsequently, opinion polls tilted in his favor and his opponents, Sen. Bob Dole and Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, began to take the heat for the budget impasse.

But in order for Clinton to keep his public opinion numbers high and regain the White House, he must keep the pressure on his counterparts and articulate

precisely what he envisions for the future. He also must avoid any embarrassing last-minute mistakes.

But before Clinton can place any pressure on his Republican rival, the eventual winner of the Republican primary must be in a condition to fight.

After losing the White House to the Democrats in 1992 election, Republicans have been seething at the opportunity to attack the Baby Boomer president.

Unfortunately, the willingness to be president is taking its toll on the candidates. Already, California Gov. Pete Wilson and Texas Sen. Phil Gramm have been the victims of a down-and-dirty campaign, and it's barely gotten started.

Kansas Sen. Bob Dole. After carrying the Republicans water for so many years and losing previous presidential elections, Dole has vowed "this is my year." He has served as a public servant for more than 40 years and believes he is prepared to assume the highest office in the land. But it is his age -72- that may prove to be his undoing. That, along with his reputation as a compromiser and an unwilling participant in tackling the issues of the social conservatives. If he doesn't move more to the right, he may lose out on the nomination.

Pat Buchanan. The political commentator and fervent Nixon and Reagan backer is the loose cannon for the Republican Party. His fiery rhetoric goes over well with social conservatives who want to see abortion outlawed, school

prayer returned and the end of lifetime appointments to the federal judiciary. But many still remember the angry speech Buchanan gave at the 1992 Republican National Convention and are scared to death of him leading the GOP charge to the White House. Gramm has asked Republicans to circle the wagons around Dole to prevent Buchanan from leading their party. The perception of Buchanan as a racist wasn't helped when his national co-chairman, Larry Pratt, took a forced "leave of absence" because of his association with white supremacists. Buchanan's wins in Louisiana and strong second-place showing in Iowa may be bright spots for his campaign but his anti-black, anti-immigration, anti-women, anti-Semitic and anti-everything else rhetoric will eventually doom his fate.

Lamar Alexander. The former Tennessee governor is described by an active Republican friend of mine as the "stealth candidate." When all is said and done, it is likely Alexander will be standing at the finish line. He has maintained a low-key attitude while raising millions of dollars. If he can hold on until the March 12 primary, where he is expected to do well, he has a shot to upset Dole.

Steve Forbes. For all the criticism given candidates for taking special interest money, this publishing heir is facing the heat for using his own money! Worth around \$400 million, Forbes has garnered a lot of attention for his flat-tax proposal. But it has been the special interest money, Forbes has little chance of taking the nomination because of his silver spoon background.

The Also-rans. California Rep. Richard Dornan is so right wing he makes Pat Buchanan look like a card-

carrying member of the American Civil Liberties Union. He has no chance. Indian Sen. Richard Lugar has an impressive record, but no charisma. He needs to check with Sen Phil Gramm to see how far that gets a candidate. And radio commentator Alan Keyes is the darling of social conservatives. But they won't vote for him. I applaud the African-American Republican for tossing his name into the hat, but the best thing he will do is raise his profile to get others to listen to his radio show.

The question that generally crops up is what does this election mean to African Americans. EVERYTHING!

Just because Jesse Jackson is not running and no candidate is talking about "black issues" does not mean Africans Americans should consider this nap time and let the other American voters decide the President of the United States.

Each candidate, whether Democrat or Republican, will have an opinion on taxes, welfare reform, teen pregnancy, immigration, housing, affirmative action, Social Security and the many other issues we encounter in our daily lives.

We, as a people, need to get beyond defining ourselves based upon a limited number of issues and realize many of the decisions made in Washington, Austin and at City Hall affect every facet of our lives. The March 12 primary is rapidly approaching and it's not too late to register. Get your voter registration card in as soon as possible.

Each person should take the time to study the candidates and make an informed decision and vote. And if you don't? Shut up and don't complain. You blew your chance to be a part of the solution. [MON]



# African Americans noticeably absent from ballot

By Sula Felder

When the 103rd Congress convened four years ago, African Americans had captured a record 39 of the U.S. House of Representatives' 435 seats, exceeding, for the first time, the number of Blacks elected to Congress since the Civil War.

But now, as the March 12 primaries draw near, voters will have only a handful of African American candidates from which to choose. Of the nearly 200 candidates that have filed for key congressional and state races, only about a dozen are African American.

"I don't think the momentum has slowed with regard to African Americans wanting to run for office," said state Rep. Glenn Lewis. "It's just that most of us are aligned with the Democratic Party and frankly, democrats have been losing."

While Democrats haven't given up, Lewis said many are less willing to invest the money needed to run a credible campaign when the chances of win-

ning are so slim.

Ron Walters, chairman of the political science department at Howard University, agreed.

"African Americans are like everybody else," said Walters. "They calculate their chances of winning, and not many are willing to spend money and get beat."

But Walters conceded that a lack of African American candidates may have more to do with the fact that Blacks are still holding key seats and may not change until the first generation of politicians leave.

"People are not running for office but they are talking about voting in hopes of turning the Congress back over to the Democrats," said Walters.

"There is an unmistakable push to fire up the community, so there will be political participation. Candidates are what we lack."

Nationally, political observers said that the number of African Americans running for political office will mirror 1992, when voters, riding on an anti-incumbent tide, elected a record number of minorities and women to the House.

For instance, Illinois residents elect-

ed Carol Moseley Braun as the first African American woman to be elected to the U.S. Senate; and Texas gained three seats from the redistricting changes — bringing the delegation to 30 — as a result of the 1990 census. The census, combined with the 1982 changes to the Voting Rights Act, gave minorities a new voice.

State Sen. Eddie Bernice Johnson was handily elected in the predominantly Black Dallas district. Five Southern states sent their first Black representatives to Congress this century. Fifteen minority members were added to the current 25 Black and 10 Hispanic members of Congress.

Walters said that while the near-absence of minorities on local and state ballots is disturbing, it's also understandable given the recent Supreme Court rulings on redistricting.

For instance, he says, the Georgia legislature has reduced to one its three Black districts and there will likely be a reduction in North Carolina, too. And this development may have struck fear in many who might have been considering running for some of those seats.

"It's created an air of instability,"

said Walters. "Understandably, there probably aren't too many Blacks willing to run in these districts."

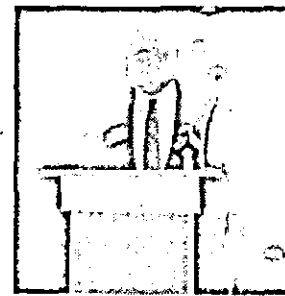
Still, David Bositis, senior political analyst for the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, said he would be surprised if this is not another record year for Blacks running for office.

"It's true, in terms of the court decision, that there are a lot of things still up in the air, but I'm not aware of and don't expect there to be any shortage of African American candidates this year."

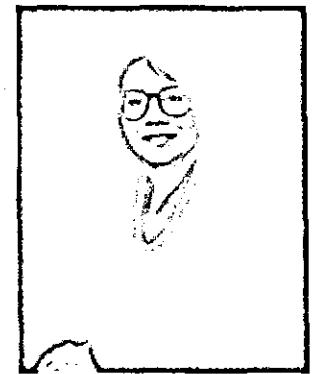
For instance, he said, the Republican Party has been recruiting African Americans all over the country to run in majority Black districts.

"It's still early in the process, so there's no way to tell how many will

BALLOT continued on page 32



Glenn Lewis



Maryellen Hicks

## Democrats asked to switch

By Cheryl Smith

Larry Baraka and John Creuzot have several things in common. They are both African American men, both Republican and both are sitting judges in the Dallas County Criminal Courts. Attorney Carl Hays would like to join the duo in "holding all citizens accountable" and bringing swift but fair justice to those who "choose not to support their families and commit crimes."

Baraka and Creuzot both face opponents in what could be one of the most challenging races of their careers.

Baraka, considered to be one of the hardest-working jurists in Dallas County by some of his colleagues, has come under fire from critics.

Former District Judge Maryellen Hicks contends that the criticism of Baraka is unfounded. "He works harder in one day than many of the others do in a week, or a month," said Hicks, who is currently a visiting judge throughout the state.

According to Judge Hicks, African American judges receive an unfair share

of criticism. So, she uses her talk show, "Speak Out" on radio station KKDA, to share information about issues effecting the African American community and plaguing the judicial system.

She admits the road is hard for the African American jurist and she encourages support of those judges who are doing the "right thing."

"Judge Baraka is fair and knowledgeable and that's what you want in the courtroom," added Hicks.

And being fair and knowledgeable are two attributes that Hays touts in his campaign to add another African American to the bench.

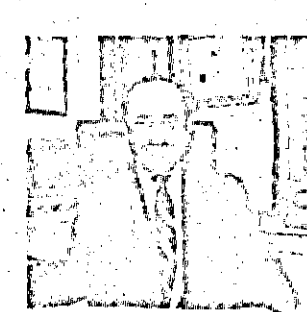
Looming ahead is a hurdle that all three must jump. They all have opponents that the Black vote could help them beat.

However, the majority of African Americans vote Democratic, and whether or not Democrats should vote in their primary election (and not who they should vote for) has become the topic of discussion among some Republicans seeking office.

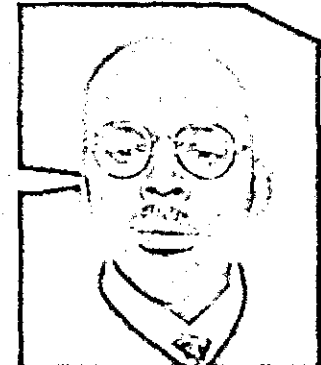
This is the first election for John Creuzot, of the Criminal District Court No.4, on the Republican ballot. While many Democrats bemoaned the loss of Creuzot, he was welcomed with open arms by Republicans, as evidenced in



John Creuzot



Carl Hays



Larry Baraka

widespread endorsements from high-ranking party members, including Texas Governor George Bush.

When voting in the Texas primaries, some voters are unaware that by voting in a political party's primary, you become a member of that party for the next two years. When you cast your vote, your voter registration card will bear the stamp of the party whose primary you voted in, thus making you a card-carrying member of that party.

According to Judge John Creuzot, African Americans should not cast their vote in the Democratic Primary.

"If you want a say-so in who the judges in Dallas County are, then you should vote in the Republican Primary," said Creuzot.

While there are other African

Americans in contested races in Dallas County, Creuzot contends that the number of contested races are few, and the die-hard Democratic voter could be just the push needed to lead Baraka, Creuzot and Hays to victory.

Hays, who is seeking the judgeship in Criminal District Court Number 2, is urging registered Democrats to look at the ballot and forego voting Democratic.

"It's imperative that people understand the significance of this election," noted Hays. "Our criminal justice system is in desperate need of reform."

While the pitch is being made for Republican votes, Dallas County Elections Supervisor Toni Pippins-Poole would like to see an overall increase in voter participation.

SWITCH continued on page 26



# Around Town

## March 1

Loudon Wainwright III will perform at the Caravan of Dreams tonight at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$17. Call metro (817) 429-4000 for more information.

\*\*\*\*\*

Now through March 16, artist/poet Jon Randolph Adams will showcase his new works in an exhibition entitled *His High Holy Hip Houseness* at Onasile Gallery in Deep Ellum. Call the gallery at (214) 760-8205.

\*\*\*\*\*

Now through March 16, the Dedra Lynn Woods Theatre presents *Black Man in America* by Robert Helm. The theatre is located at 1628 M.L.K. Blvd. Call (214) 565-1710 for show times.

\*\*\*\*\*

Tonight at 8 p.m. is the opening for the Windmill Productions' *Director's Choice*, 10-minute plays from the Actors of Louisville. The performances continue through March 24. Tickets are \$10. Call (214) 941-7330. Performances are held at the Theatre Too at Theatre Three in the Quadrangle.

## March 2

Marcia Ball, a blues performer, will be at the Caravan of Dreams tonight at 8 p.m. Call metro (817) 429-4000 for ticket information.

\*\*\*\*\*

Funky Times will hold a Home-Grown Talent Search at the Clarence Muse Cafe Theater in the Dallas Convention Center from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. Contact the JBAAAL at (214) 658-7144 for details.

\*\*\*\*\*

A free xeriscape seminar, sponsored by the Fort Worth Water Department, will be given at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden Center from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall. Topics include how to landscape with Xeriscape plants, attracting wildlife through yard designs, alternatives to chemical pesticides and water conservation. Call (817) 871-8220 for more information.

## March 3

Auditions are taking place tonight at 7 p.m. to cast one male for Robert Benchley's play, *My Life from A to B*, at Circle Theatre in Ft. Worth. Call (817) 877-3040 for more information. The play runs April 17 through May 11.

## March 5

The monthly meeting of the Dallas/Ft. Worth Association of Black Communicators will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Ft. Worth Star-Telegram in Ft. Worth. The Star-Telegram is located at 400 6th Street in downtown Ft. Worth. Call (214) 977-7023 for additional information.

\*\*\*\*\*

New Images Business Associates (NIBA) will have their breakfast meeting to kick off their annual MOST program at the African American Museum of Art in Fair Park today from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Mayor Ron Kirk is the guest speaker. Call (214) 350-9590 or 258-0340 for your free invitation by March 1.

## March 6

PAL (Partners At Lunch) is having a luncheon from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Osteopathic Medical Center of Texas-V.L. Jennings Out-Patient Pavilion at 1001 Haskel in Ft. Worth. PAL is an African-American Diabetes Awareness Program sponsored by the Texas Association of Black City Council Members. Call (817) 451-4725 or (214) 451-PAL to RSVP by March 1.

## March 7

Clarence Page, *Chicago Tribune* columnist, will be at Black Images Book Bazaar from 6-8 p.m.

\*\*\*\*\*

Bickel & Brewer Storefront presents their Lecture Series from 12-1 p.m. at 2602 M.L. King Blvd in Dallas. Justice Carolyn Wright will speak on "Ethical Consideration of Judges." Call (214) 421-4800. Lunch will be provided.

\*\*\*\*\*

Sisters on the Move is having their quarterly support group tonight at 7:30 p.m. Call (214) 283-2839 for information.

\*\*\*\*\*

New Images Business Association (NIBA) is

having an "Owl Night," tonight from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Soul Embassy Cafe, located at 3840 W. Northwest Highway. Donation \$5. Call (214) 350-9590 or 258-0340 for details.

\*\*\*\*\*

New Image Business Associates, Inc. is hosting its Owl Night, held quarterly, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Soul Embassy Cafe, 3840 West Northwest Hwy, #480. The top is Black Purchasing Power and Financial Empowerment. Principle speaker is Jimmy Boyd, president of Boyd & Associates. There will be a \$5 donation at the door. Call (214) 357-7685.

## March 8

Youth 2 Youth will sponsor a town hall meeting tonight at 7 p.m. at Skyline High School at 777 Forney Road. MC E Rock, D'Vision and Mike'L will perform. Robert Ashley of KHVN will host.

\*\*\*\*\*

The Caravan of Dreams presents "Guitars, Saxes and More," featuring Kirk Whalum, Peter White, and Rick Braun. Call metro (817) 429-4000.

\*\*\*\*\*

The Artists & Craftsmen Associated Annual Juried Exhibition is ongoing now through March 22. A free reception will be held today. Call Vi Froman at (214) 348-5834.

\*\*\*\*\*

*Writers' Showcase*, featuring students from Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts, will take place at 8:00 p.m. at the Clarence Muse Cafe Theater in the Dallas Convention Center. Music is by Jahmal Byron. Call (214) 658-7144 for more information.

## March 9

Contributors to Kente Cloth: African American Voices in Texas will read from 3-5 p.m. at Black Images Book Bazaar in Wynnewood Shopping Center in Dallas. Readers include Yvette Blair and Dr. Monica Frazier.

\*\*\*\*\*

Mark Antoine, a jazz artist, will perform tonight at 7 & 10:30 p.m. at the Caravan of Dreams. Tickets are \$27. Call metro (817) 429-4000.

\*\*\*\*\*

The Next Generation Gospel Choir will host an appreciation celebration for their founder/director Derrick Dewayne Spillman, tonight at 7 p.m. at the Greater Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, located at 1403 Morrell Avenue in Dallas. Local choirs will perform. Call Martha Ware at (214) 331-5846 for information.

## March 10

St Paul Baptist Church at 1600 Pear Street will celebrate its annual "200 Women in White," today at 3:30 p.m. Salem Institutional Baptist Church will be the guest church. Call Shirley Thompson at (214) 421-3741 for information.

\*\*\*\*\*

The 38th Annual EBONY FASHION FAIR will be held tonight at 5 p.m. at the Fair Park Music Hall. Sponsored by the Dallas Chapter of The Links, the fashion show's proceeds will provide scholarships and help fund community programs. For ticket information, call (214) 467-4255.

## March 11

Today is the deadline for artists to submit work for the 13th Annual Juried Art Exhibition to be held April 10-May 15 at the Warehouse Living Arts Center in Corsicana. Up to three 35mm slides/\$21 and 2D work not to exceed 96" including frame and 3D sculpture not to exceed 72" x 48" and no more than 200 lbs can be entered. Send slides, entry forms and SASE to Navarro Council of the Arts, P O Box 2224, Corsicana, TX 75151-2224.

## March 14

The University of Texas at Arlington will host the 31st annual Walter Prescott Webb Memorial Lectures from 9:30 to 9 p.m. Lectures will be held in the Red River Room, E.H. Hereford University Center, 301 W. Second St. The series will focus on Manifest Destiny and Empire: American Antebellum Expansionism. Call (817) 272-2867 for more information.

## March 15

Today is the deadline for submitting workshop grants. Workshops begin in June. Write

## Around Town cont'd

to Contemporary Artists Center, The Beaver Mill, 189 Beaver St., North Adams, MA 01247 or call (413) 663-9555.

\*\*\*\*\*

Plano Repertory Theatre's Auction Amore will be held tonight at 7 p.m. in the Ballroom at the Holiday Inn of Plano (Between 15th Street and Park Blvd). Tickets are \$20 advance and \$25 at the door. Call (214) 422-7460.

Hospice of North Texas, located at 1420 Pioneer Rd., Mesquite, will provide free training from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. to all persons interested in providing volunteer services in the following areas: flower program, maintenance, friendly visit/companion, homemaker, landscape and gardening, recreation, bilingual assistance, pet care, sitters, nursing, home health aide. For more information, call Jackie Wilson at (214) 285-8081.

## March 16

A seminar on the *Book of Romans: Session I* will be held at the Downtown Dallas Ramada Inn from 8 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. The cost is \$59.95 and includes a full breakfast and lunch buffet. Call Reginald Rufus at (214) 381-5261 or (214) 658-5973 for information.

\*\*\*\*\*

Today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. the 17th Annual Greenville Avenue St. Patrick's Day Parade will head down Greenville Ave. The parade benefits the YWCA, GAABA and Preservation Dallas.

\*\*\*\*\*

The Dallas Urban League Guild is having its "21st Century's Most Promising Leaders" gala ball at the Wyndham Anatole Hotel. Tickets are \$50. Motivational speaker and author Les Brown will serve as master of ceremonies. Call (214) 376-9000.

\*\*\*\*\*

Richard Smallwood and the Smallwood Singers, in collaboration with Rich Rush and the Skyline Unlimited, will perform the concert Center of My Joy at the Naomi Bruton Theater in the Dallas Convention Center at 8:00 p.m. For more information, call (214) 658-7144.

## March 19

Volunteers are needed through March 21 to assist disabled individuals at a day camp

near Lewisville. Call the Volunteer Center at (214) 826-6767 for details.

\*\*\*\*\*

Auditions are being held for PICNIC, a play by William Inge. There is an open call from 6-9 p.m. at the Black Box Theatre, located at Jupiter Road (1-75 N, exit Spring Creek Pkwy). The show dates are April 25-May 5. Call Brad Parker at (21) 881-5679 for information. The show is presented by the Quad C Theatre at Collin County Community College.

\*\*\*\*\*

The Dallas County Adult Literacy Council is having a luncheon hosted by Channel 8 anchor John McCaa at noon at the Anatole Hotel Wyndham in the Grand Ballroom. The guest speaker is Sidney Hacker, policy analyst for the Office of the Texas Comptroller.

## March 21

Dallas Theatre Center presents *Angels Has Arrived*, through April 28, at the Kalita Humphreys Theatre at 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd. Tickets range from \$15 to \$42. Call (214) 522-TDXX for show times.

\*\*\*\*\*

Sisters on the Move is having their quarterly support group tonight at 7:30 p.m. Call (214) 282-2839 for information.

## March 22

Youth 2 Youth will present a town hall meeting at E.B. Comstock Jr. High School tonight at 7 p.m. The school is located at 7044 Hodde Street. Local musical performers will be special guests.

## March 23

Kappa Zeta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority will meet from 1-3:30 p.m. at the Center for Cooperative Communications, located at 2900 Live Oak. Call 376-7904 for more information.

\*\*\*\*\*

CATS in Arlington will have a promo of *The Lion, Witch & Wardrobe* from 11-11:30 a.m. at the Barnes & Noble South. Call (817) 861-CATS. Another promo will be held from 1:30-2 p.m. at the Barnes & Noble North.

\*\*\*\*\*

Kweikwei Gospel Music Festival competition/concert will be tonight at 6 p.m. at Carver Heights Baptist Church. The church is located at 2510 E. Ledbetter Drive in Dallas.

Call (214) 376-6037 or 380-5775 or 376-0460 for more information.

\*\*\*\*\*

St. Luke "Community" United Methodist Church presents their fifth annual SOKO: African American Marketplace & Festival today from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The church is located at 5710 E. R.L. Thornton Freeway. There will be vendors, entertainment and health screenings. Call (214) 255-4878 for more information.

## March 25

The First Annual Willis Johnson Sickle Cell Anemia Golf Tournament will be held at the Cedar Crest Golf Course at 1800 Southerland Avenue in Dallas. For participation/event information, call (214) 965-2922 or (214) 942-1262.

## March 28

Walk A Mile in My Shoes will have a steering committee meeting from noon-1 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Dallas at 4816 Worth Street. Bring your own lunch. Call Jackie Ladapo at (214) 228-9150.

## March 30

Kappa Zeta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority will host a reception for the "Woman of the Year." Paul Quinn College's Dr. Mollie Williams-Johnson will be honored at 6 p.m. at the Dallas Grand Hotel. Call Soror Teague at (214) 235-7763 for more information.

\*\*\*\*\*

Blue Revue scholarship pageant, sponsored by Kappa Zeta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta will be tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Dallas Grand Hotel. Tickets are \$30. Call Soror Wallace at (214) 948-9438 for ticket information.

\*\*\*\*\*

A seminar on the *Book of Romans: Session II* will be held at the Downtown Dallas Ramada Inn from 8 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. The cost is \$59.95 and includes a full breakfast and lunch buffet. Call Reginald Rufus at (214) 381-5261 or (214) 658-5973 for information.

\*\*\*\*\*

Pop artist DAH-VEED will perform tonight at the Caravan of Dreams in Ft. Worth at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$7. Call metro (817) 429-4000.

## March 31

Deadline for high school seniors to apply for

college scholarships through the Black Data Processing Associates. Applicants can call Marilyn Neal at (214) 407-6895 for information.

\*\*\*\*\*

A reception will be held at 4 p.m. at the A.H. Belo Bldg., 400 S. Record St., in downtown Dallas for students who participated in the Dallas/Ft. Worth Urban Minority High School Journalism Workshop, sponsored by DFW/ABC and The Dallas Morning News. Call (214) 371-6671 for more information.

\*\*\*\*\*

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc., PSI Chapter, will hold its annual career exploration workshop on Saturday from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Science Place One in Fair Park. This year's special guest master of ceremonies will be Russ Parr from radio station V100. Program participants will include career professionals and entrepreneurs with engineering, architectural and medical backgrounds. For more information, call (214) 275-7565.

## April 1

Tickets go on sale for *The Parsons Dance Company*, a contemporary dance presented by TITAS. Call (214) 528-5576.

\*\*\*\*\*

The Florida Literary Guild is sponsoring a free poetry contest. The deadline to submit your original poem, 21 lines or less, is April 25. Send it to 32232 SW 35th Blvd., Suite 156, P O Box 147035, Gainesville, FL 32614-7035.

\*\*\*\*\*

The Artists Embassy is sponsoring its Althya Youngman Memorial Poetry Contest. Send one poem, 21 lines or less, to Free Poetry Contest, Artists Embassy International, 15948 Shrader St., San Francisco, CA 94117 by April 15. Include your name and address on the page with your poem.


### ATTENTION:

If you're interested in placing your event in our *April Calendar*, send it to us by mail or fax no later than **Thursday, March 21, 1996**

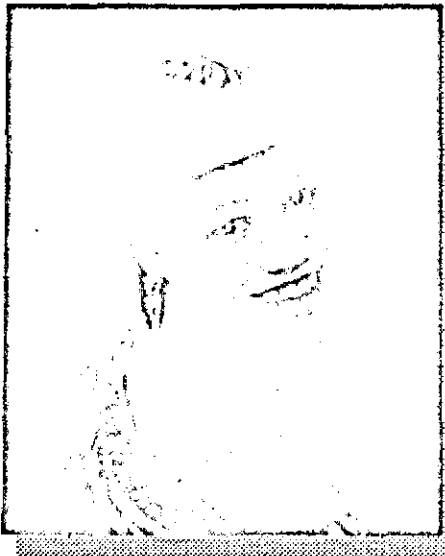
Minority Opportunity News  
2730 Stemmons Frwy  
1202 Tower West  
Dallas, TX 75207  
(214) 905-0949 Fax

# "Southwestern Bell is the one to call on in Texas."

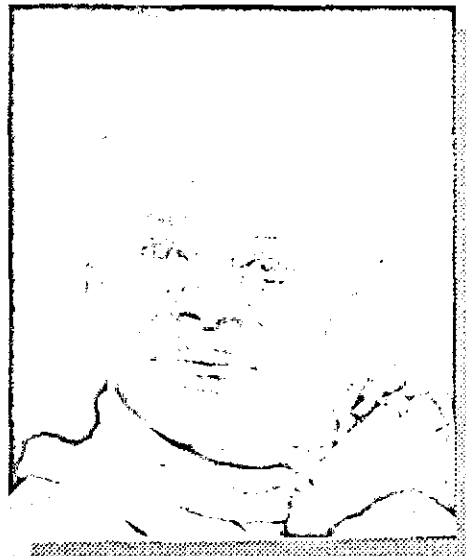
Southwestern Bell Telephone is proud to serve our customers in Texas. We can also provide solutions to your communications needs. That's because our services make it easier to stay in touch throughout your busy day. At work ... or at home. So no matter what you need, there's only one call you need to make. We're the one to call on in Texas.

 **Southwestern Bell Telephone**

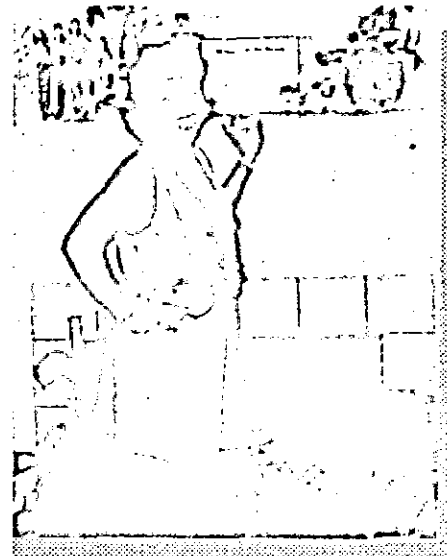




Name: Toni Ray Age: 25  
Occupation: Teacher  
Hobbies: reading, fitness, music



Name: Sandra Overton Age: 44  
Occupation: Telecommunications technician  
Hobbies: reading, music, dancing



Name: Cynthia Gilmore Age: 29  
Occupation: Radio sales coordinator  
Hobbies: aerobics, traveling, reading/studying  
African American history



Name: Lori D. Kerr Age: 34  
Occupation: Home health care administration  
Hobbies: weight-lifting, piano, reading



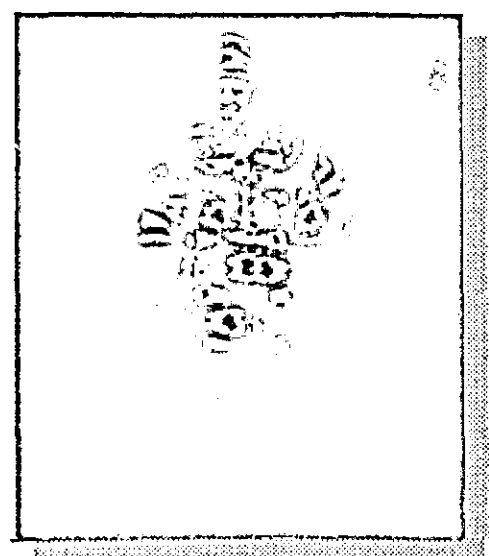
Name: ShaRhonda E. Walker Age: 21  
Occupation: Hair stylist  
Hobbies: reading, dancing



Name: Aundrea R. Turner Age: 34  
Occupation: Asst. Principal  
Hobbies: travel, arts, sports



Name: Kim Williams Age: 24  
Occupation: College student  
Hobbies: weight-lifting, modeling



Name: Annie Y. Taylor Age: 28  
Occupation: Mail handler  
Hobbies: singing, writing poems, reading

## Congratulations to the 1996 Bachelorettes!!!

One of these ladies will reign as Miss Bachelorette 1996, and the choice is up to you. The bachelorette who receives the most reader response will be crowned as Miss Bachelorette 1996 at the Minority Opportunity News and V100 Bachelor/Bachelorette Showcase in September. Miss Bachelorette 1996 will receive: 500 dollars cash, a complete beauty makeover compliments of Ash Britt Je'Ne, a Dark & Lovely gift pack, deluxe hotel accommodations, limousine service, and other exciting prizes!!!

If you would like to contact any of these women forward your letters to:  
(Name of Bachelorette) c/o Miss Bachelorette 1996, 2780 Stemmons Freeway, 1202 Tower West, Dallas, Texas 75207  
Your letter will be immediately forwarded to the respective party.





Name: Shonda Willis Age: 22  
Occupation: Program Coordinator  
Hobbies: reading, modeling, weight-lifting



Name: Charlotte M. Butler Age: 39  
Occupation: Surgery technician  
Hobbies: reading, jazz, running, God



Name: Yolanda F. Williams Age: 27  
Occupation: Medical records technician  
Hobbies: sewing, cooking, basketball, reading



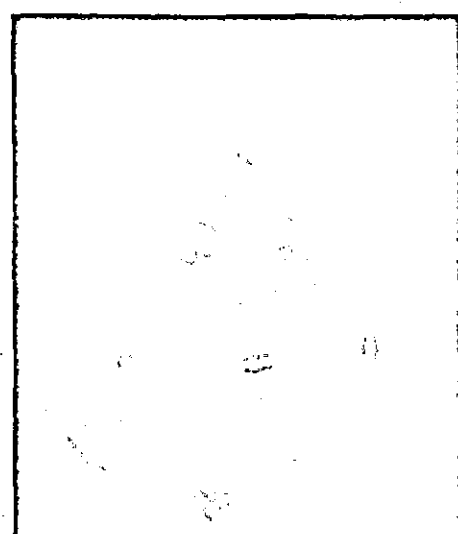
Name: Angela Boston Age: 23  
Occupation: Human Resources administrator  
Hobbies: exercising, basketball, piano



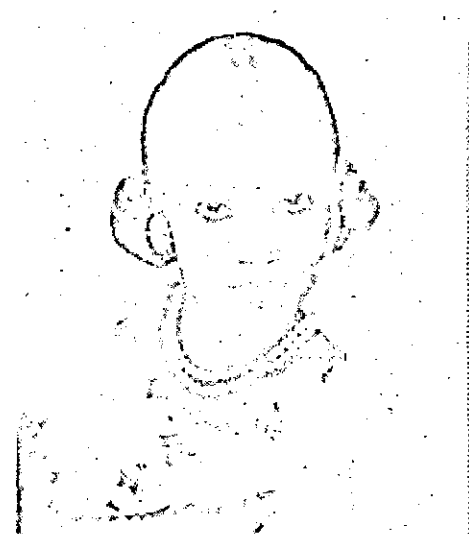
Name: Christie Woods Age: 21  
Occupation: College student  
Hobbies: music, movies, dance, volunteering



Name: Misty D. Dudley Age: 21  
Occupation: IBM  
Hobbies: billiards, listening to music



Name: Sherri R. Young Age: 36  
Occupation: Banking  
Hobbies: movies, plays, sports, traveling, jazz



Name: Shreese Williams Age: 23  
Occupation: Management trainee  
Hobbies: dancing, acting, modeling

◊ LOOK & LISTEN ◊ LOOK & LISTEN ◊ LOOK & LISTEN ◊ LOOK & LISTEN ◊ LOOK & LISTEN ◊ LOOK & LISTEN ◊ LOOK & LISTEN ◊

Make Plans NOW To Attend the



**Bachelorette Coronation!!!**

Enjoy an evening of food, fun, entertainment, and celebrity guests at the Bachelorette Coronation in April.  
Check out the April edition of MON and keep listening the the all new V100 for more details!

◊ LOOK & LISTEN ◊ LOOK & LISTEN ◊ LOOK & LISTEN ◊ LOOK & LISTEN ◊ LOOK & LISTEN ◊ LOOK & LISTEN ◊ LOOK & LISTEN ◊



Name: Deloris J. Lee Age: 23  
Occupation: Pawnbroker  
Hobbies: reading, tennis, movies



Name: Camika C. Spencer Age: 24  
Occupation: Technical Support specialist  
Hobbies: African Museum volunteer, HRUMC youth coordinator



Name: Joyce Anderson Age: 45  
Occupation: Accountant  
Hobbies: floral arrangement, bowling, walking



Name: Fellastances Starr Page Age: 25  
Occupation: Hair stylist  
Hobbies: running, acting, modeling, swimming



## Attention Single African American Men!!!



### We're searching for The Bachelor of the Year

If your single, at least 21 and have it going on, you could be crowned as the Bachelor of the Year. Look for more information in the May edition of MON and keep your radio tuned to V100!

# In The Spirit of Unity...

V-100 and Heaven 97 salute the winner of the first "Umoja Community Service Award":  
**Mr. Lincoln Butler, Principal at Albert Sidney Johnston Elementary School**

One of the seven principles of Kwanzaa  
"Umoja" is the Swahili word for unity. KREV/  
KHVN created the Umoja Community Service  
Award to recognize citizens who have made an  
outstanding contribution and a positive  
difference to their community. Here's what  
Marcel Terry, who nominated Mr. Butler for the  
award, says about him:

Knowing the work ethic and Lincoln's no-nonsense approach to education, the State decided to give this school a chance to make it without sending in a management team to run it. [In his] first year at Johnston Elementary, he has implemented a mentoring / tutoring program to help the students with their weaker subjects, and the Johnston PTA is booming. Lincoln Butler is making a difference in the Dallas Community!





# March Moments to Ponder

## Discover and Celebrate African American Arts, Culture, and Entertainment History all year

By Sarah N. Bruce  
Arts, Culture, Entertainment Editor

### March 1

**\*\*Harry Belafonte**, singer/actor, born 1927.  
**-Yolanda King and Attallaah Shabazz** found NUCLEUS Performing Arts Company in 1980.

### March 2

**-Majorie McKenzie Lawson**, first black woman appointed judgeship by President John F. Kennedy, born 1912.  
**\*\*Wilton (Wilt) Norman Chamberlain** made 36 field goals and 28 foul shots, scoring a total of 100 points in a single game vs. the New York Knickerbockers in 1962.

### March 3

**-Herschel Walker**, famous athlete, born 1962.  
**-Jackie Joyner-Kersey**, famous athlete, born 1962.

### March 4

**\*\*Quincy Jones**, composer/record producer, born 1933.

### March 5

**\*\*Crispus Attucks** was one of the first men to die in the Boston Massacre in 1770.

### March 6

**\*\*Marion Barry**, first black chairman of the SNCC, born in 1936.

### March 7

**\*\*Portions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965** upheld by U.S. Supreme Court, 1965.

### March 8

**-“African Slavery in America”** essay published by Thomas Paine, 1775.  
**\*\*Henry L. Marsh III**, first black mayor of Richmond, Virginia is named in 1977.

### March 9

**\*\*U.S. Supreme Court** allows freedom for Amistad mutineers in 1841.

### March 10

**\*\*Harriet Tubman**, slave freedom fighter, dies 1913.

### March 11

**\*\*Rev. Ralph Abernathy**, clergyman and administrator who walked with Dr. Martin Luther King in Montgomery, Alabama, born 1926.

**-Senate passes Civil Rights Bill**, 1968.

### March 12

**\*\*Robert Marshall**, third black athlete to play professional football, born 1880.

### March 13

**\*\*Chicago** founded by African American pioneer, Jean Baptiste Pointe Du Sable, in 1773.

### March 14

**\*\*Also listed as the birthday of Quincy Jones**, composer/record producer, 1933.

### March 15

**\*\*John Lee** commences duty as the first African American commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy in 1947.

### March 16

**\*\*Freedom's Journal**, first Black newspaper published in New York City, in 1827.

### March 17

**-Nat “King” Cole**, singer/television personality, born 1917.  
**\*\*March from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama** takes place, in 1965.

### March 18

**\*\*Charlie Pride**, first Black country music star, born 1939.

### March 19

**\*\*General Motors** elects Rev. Sullivan to the Board of Directors in 1971.

### March 20

**\*\*Carter Woodson**, historian, earns and receives doctorate from Harvard University, 1912.

### March 21

**\*\*Kenny Washington** becomes first black professional football player in the modern era when he signed with Los Angeles Rams, in 1946.

### March 22

**\*\*J.W. Smith** receives patent for lawn sprinkler, in 1898.

### March 23

**\*\*Puerto Rico** abolished slavery, in 1873.

### March 24

**\*\*Canada** grants voting rights to blacks in 1837.

### March 25

**\*\*Aretha Franklin**, “Queen of Soul,” performer, singer, actress, born 1942.

### March 26

**\*\*Diana Ross**, performer, singer, actress, born 1944.  
**-Marcus Allen**, famous athlete, born 1960.

### March 27

**\*\*Sarah Vaughan**, famous singer, born 1930.

### March 28

**-The organization of The Black Academy of Arts and Letters**, formed in Boston, Massachusetts, 1969.

### March 29

**-Jack Arthur Johnson**, first Black World Heavyweight Champion 1908, born 1878.

**\*\*Pearl Bailey**, distinguished actress/singer, appointed “Ambassador of Love” by President Nixon in 1970, born 1918.

### March 30

**-Clarence Page**, Chicago Tribune columnist, presented Pulitzer Prize for Commentary 1989.  
**\*\*Blacks** granted right to vote, in 1870.

### March 31

**\*\*John Arthur Johnson (Lil Arthur)**, heavyweight champion, born 1878.

MON

Special Thanks to Black History Interactive Software - Calendar Course for the \*\* submissions. For more info on the software: Harry Anderson Interactive Software 18719 Rembrandt, Dallas, TX 75287; (214) 307-8456.

## Texas Commerce Bank Salutes our customers.

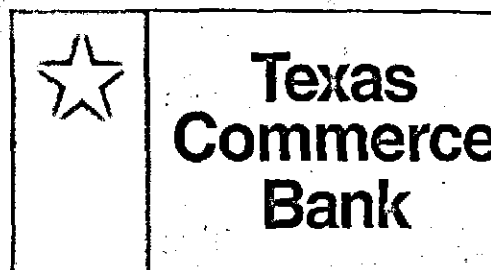
### Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce 1996 Quest for Success Award Recipients



(l.r. George Christian-Vice President, Texas Commerce Bank, Richard L. Burnett-President, Williams Chicken of Tarrant County, Leroy Finley-Owner, Beckley Medical Supply Company, Gil Rawlston-Senior Vice President, Texas Commerce Bank, and Cassandra G. Armstrong, Owner, The Dining Table Restaurant & Catering)

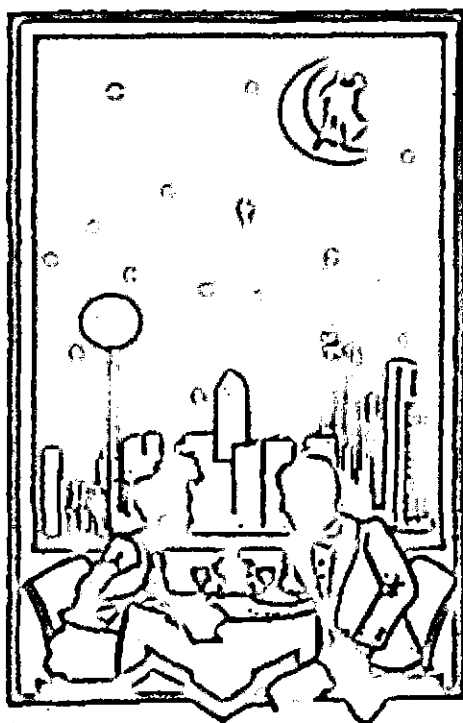
Banking for your Success . . . Now and in the future!

Experience Star Treatment at  
Texas Commerce Bank



Member FDIC

Call a Business Banker today at (214) 819-4011



# Deion Sanders' "Prime Time 21"

By DeLeon McKee

Picture this, a high school stand out having the game of his life. The crowd chanting Deion, Deion, Deion. He goes deep for the pass, it's a sure break away, he leaps in the air and slams another one home. The crowd goes crazy. Deion dazzles the crowd in the only way he knows how—with style and flash.

He goes on to dunk several times that night, playing the game of his life and ironically getting crowned with the name that he wears like his derby, "PRIME TIME".

Deion heads over to the bench receiving high fives, hugs and dap from his teammates. The coach walks over to him and looks him in the eyes with the

utmost concern, he says "Deion, what's it going to be, football or basketball?" Deion, of course, said both, but later on in his life he threw in baseball. And a night club called PRIME TIME 21.

Deion Sanders has a way of taking everything he does to another level. Is Dallas ready for Prime Time? Well, judging from the reception Deion has gotten with his new hot spot, I think Dallas has embraced him with open arms.

PRIME TIME 21 is a lively and elegant club. The D.J. definitely knows what to do to keep the crowd rocking and on certain given nights you will definitely bump into a star or two. I personally ran into Emmitt Smith, Larry Brown, Charles Haley, Jason Kidd, Jim Jackson ... and the list goes on forever.

Believe it or not, I even ran into coach Switzer at the club. Boy, white men can't jump. Or dance.

But enough about everyone else. Let's get back to Deion. He has staked his claim in Dallas and considering his lengthy contract, he really didn't have much to lose and everything to gain from doing so. Deion's club will be fun, not to mention the other things he has planned. (I would give you the scoop, but that would be too easy.)

Dallas/Ft. Worth, lets put our hands together and welcome the "Don King of football." Deion Sanders, unlike Don King, does maintain a decent hair cut. However, like Don King, he knows exactly what he is doing.

MON

## T.J.'s "Open Mike" Nite

By DeLeon McKee

Do you think you have talent? Do you think you can sing a great song, tell a good joke or even play a sweet tune on your instrument of choice. Well Dallas, if you're looking for a place to showcase your talent, then look no further than the Soul Embassy Cafe every Wednesday night.

The Soul Embassy Cafe is one of the finest upscale African American-owned night spots in Dallas. You can order some of the most superb dishes from "Nouvelle Soul Cuisine" such as Shrimp and Snapper Creole, Barbecue Ribs, or the Embassy Steak with Sweet Potato's and Greens.

This restaurant-turned-jazz bar

turned-restaurant-turned-talent night (depending on the time) is the most fun in Dallas on any night. T.J. is the man that creates the music delight on Wednesday night. T.J. has worked with Polygram (Records) Distribution for three years. (Currently he is the Black Artist Development rep.) T.J. can't sign you to a multi-million dollar deal; however, he can put you in the office of the man who can. His open mike night has all the future could-be and would-be talents out trying to get discovered, or make a come back.

The labels are in the house, talent scouts are in the house, but most importantly, the talent is in the house. The hot jazz group, Sweet Potato Pie, that sits in with most of the live talent compliments everyone. They are composed of Dallas' finest talent, like Eddie "McMarvelous" who's on the drums, Chris Johnson playing superbly on the keyboards and Rod-

ney Bowens, a sensational saxophonist who's working on his second album.

T.J. has a great thing going on Wednesday nights with his open mike and is serious about discovering new talent. He feels that the Southwest region is underrepresented and he's doing something about it.

Now before you start your shower singing, hurry-up jam sessions and homeboy-quick record demo tape, understand that this is serious business. T.J. has access to A & M Records, Motown Records, Mercury Records, Perspective Records, Def Jam Records and many more. The road to success is paved with hard work and T.J. has tried to make it a little easier for new talent.

I personally invite you out for a night of new voices, even if you're not singing or playing. But if you are, my advice to you is plain and simple: bring the good china.

MON

SWITCH from page 19

Pippins-Poole, acknowledges that there have been numerous voter registration drives over the past year, but their success is still unknown.

"It's one thing to register people, it's another to get them out to vote," said Pippins-Poole. "The follow-up is necessary and voter education is important."

Regarding the push for Democrats to vote Republican, Pippins Poole said in the Primary Election, you have to vote one way or the other because there are separate ballots, while in the general elections, voters have an opportunity to vote either way.

-[MON]-

## RIVERSIDE NATIONAL BANK

Banking Hours:

Grand Prairie Bank

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Friday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Arlington Bank

Drive-Thru

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Lobby

Monday - Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Friday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

2505 North Highway 360  
Grand Prairie, Texas 75050  
Metro (817) 640-4700



MEMBER FDIC  
Equal Opportunity Lender

1889 Brown Blvd.  
Arlington, Texas 76006  
Metro (817) 640-4710

## Divorce Personal Injury Family Law

## Criminal Defense

• All Felonies

• All Misdemeanors

Elizabeth I. Davis

Attorney & Counselor at Law  
2730 Stemmons, 1104 Tower West  
Dallas, Tx 75207  
214-689-7800

Not Certified by Texas Board of Legal Specialization



# "Ain't Misbehavin"

"It ain't to be missed!" That's how one critic describes America's favorite sister act, the Pointer Sisters. The internationally-known recording artists will star in a dazzling new production of the multi-award winning Broadway hit musical *Ain't Misbehavin!* The Fats Waller Broadway musical will appear March 12-17 at the Fair Park Music Hall.

The musical, certain to have the "joint jumpin," is packed with 30 of the most unforgettable songs made famous by the legendary Fats Waller.

Considered one of the most acclaimed musicals in Broadway history, *Ain't Misbehavin'* was first staged on Broadway in 1978 where it swept that year's Tony, New York Drama Critic's Circle and Drama Desk Awards for best musical.

*Ain't Misbehavin'* brings to life the

glamour, spirit and excitement of the swinging '30s in Harlem as well as the golden age of places like the Cotton Club and the Savoy Ballroom. It is also reminiscent of those familiar honky tonks, rent parties and stride piano players pounding out the newest beat.

Some of the Fats Waller hits include "How Ya Baby," "The Joint is Jumpin," and "T Aint Nobody's Business If I Do."

The musical's headliners, the Pointer Sisters, have a career that span some 20 years and these daughters of a minis-

ter will entertain and delight you. Their music ranges from gospel, soul, country, and rock n' roll to rhythm and blues. Some memorable favorites are "Fire," "Slow Hand," and "Neutron Dance."

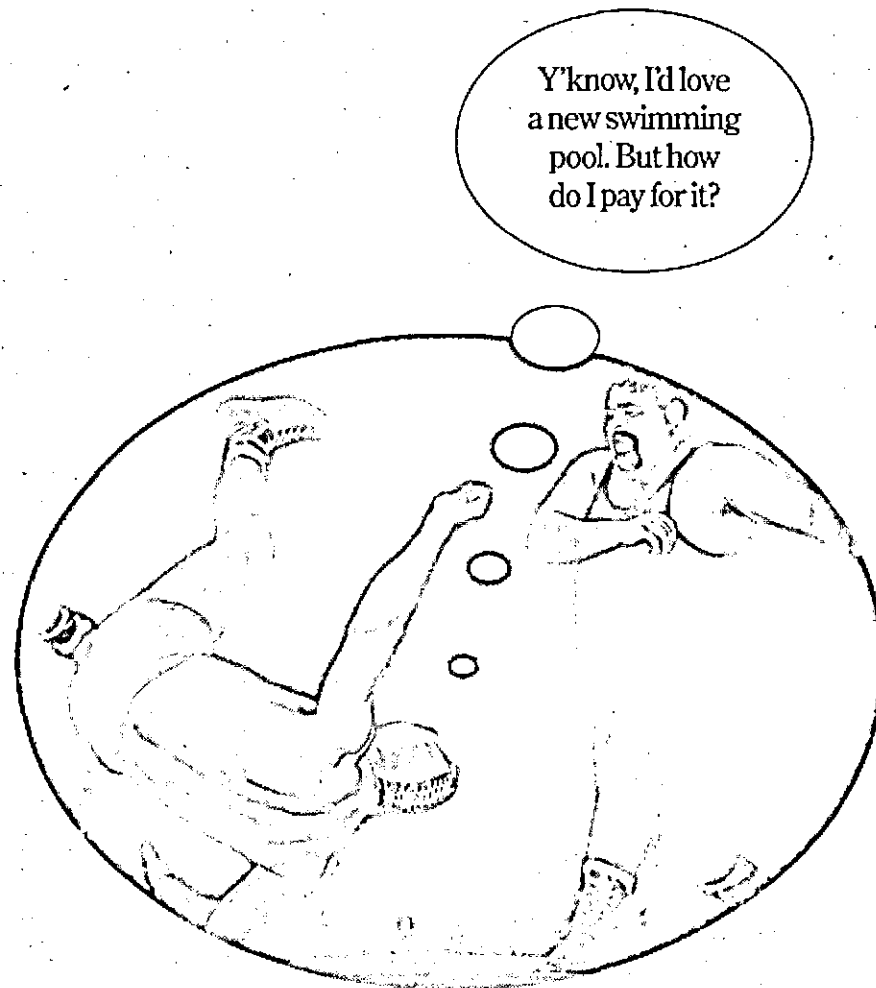
Tickets are available at all Ticket-Master outlets, Blockbuster Music stores,

Fiesta, Foley's, Sears and Tom Thumb Stores. To charge by phone, call 373-8000. The American Express Broadway Contemporary performance is sponsored by Oasis 107.5, The Dallas Morning News, and WFAA-TV Spirit of Texas.

MON



Fats Waller



***If you can't get questions about loans off your mind, maybe it's time you got answers.***

*Our home improvement loan may be a good choice to lower interest rates while increasing your home's value.* But it's only one of your choices. A few minutes with your personal banker, one-to-one, and you'll have all the help you need to find what you need. A smarter loan. Stop by. Or call our convenient loan by phone number.

**BANK ONE.**  
*Whatever it takes.™*

Loans by phone. In Dallas 214-744-LOAN.  
In Ft. Worth/MidCities 817-884-LOAN.



©1996 BANC ONE CORPORATION Member FDIC. Subject to credit approval.

★ AFFORDABLE QUALITY ★ LIFE INSURANCE		
AGE	\$50,000	\$75,000
20	13.00	19.50
40	31.00	46.50
J. E. Pennick & Assoc.		
★ (214) 680-3086 ★		



## Ask



## Girlfriend,

I am writing [in] regard [to] your response to "Blind Date" dated January, 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 up update yourself and readers on Mental Illnesses. And find out a more informative approach for you (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 counsel 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, A Black newspaper trying to inform our black community. I for one would have that you would at least try to be more sensitive to your reader.

Check Yourself Before  
You Wreck Yourself

P.S. I know you my (may) not print this....by

all means please take the time out to inform yourself if not your readers.

## Dear Check:

First of all, let me apologize if I offended you or anyone else. Before I answer your letter let me also say that "GIRLFRIEND" is a column meant for entertainment purposes "only!!!". I certainly hope that any individual with serious problems will get serious help. To all our readers, "GIRLFRIEND"...I repeat..."GIRLFRIEND" is for entertainment not therapy.

Now, to answer your letter. Check, sweetheart, no one has to date anyone. We date because we want to. The question was, would "I" go on a blind date with anyone on medication. I said then, and I say now...No! There is something going around called "freedom of choice" and you do have a choice of who you date. I mean, you may not always get to date the person you want to date, but you certainly do not have to date anyone you don't want to date.

Also, suggestions as to what you would like to see in MON should be addressed to the publisher, not Girl-

friend. I agree, our readers should be informed about mental illnesses. And I am sure if you write or call this publication and ask that such an article be included in future editions, your request will be granted.

Again, I regret the fact that my answer to "Blind Date" caused problems for anyone. By all means, if you need counseling or medication get it; just don't ask me for a date.



## Girlfriend,

I've got problems. I'm living with my boyfriend and he asked me to marry him. I said yes. We haven't set a date yet but I know we'll do it this year. Now my last lover wants back in my life. He says all the right things to me and I still have very strong feelings for him. Every time I get into a fight with my man, I think about my ex-lover. He was really passionate and I miss that. I've even thought of having an affair with him. His only problem was that he was unreliable. He seems to have changed. I don't know what to do. Lately, I've been thinking about how great the sex was with my ex.

Confused and Horny

## Dear Confused:

An affair? Now come on girlfriend. That is never the answer. We all like pas-

sion, but you got to give it to get it. If old unreliable has changed, then that will be something new. I've got two cliches for you:

- #1 A leopard can not change his spots, and
- #2 More goes on in-between your ears than in-between your legs.

Translated, if Old Unreliable was unreliable before, he still is...and, teach [your present] man how to be passionate. If you love him and trust him, chances are you can teach him to do it right.

Now on the other hand, if the thought of marriage is what you are afraid of, then don't get married. While you're working on this, ask yourself, "what is the real deal?", and why does he want to come back? You didn't say whether or not you were happy with your boyfriend. Are you? Be cautious not to throw away a relationship that is working in hopes of rekindling something that wasn't working in the first place.

Oh yeah, I forgot to ask...why in the world are you horny if you're living with your man? Hmmm.

## Write:

Girlfriend  
c/o MON  
2730 Stemmons  
1202 Tower West  
Dallas, TX 75207

MON

Fairy Street  
MamaWhat positive things  
do you see in your  
neighborhood?

If you look around your neighborhood, you may find several negative things that you would like to change, or do away with altogether. In some neighborhoods there are drug dealers and liquor. Still others might have crime or gangs that plague their community. Everyday our newspapers and television have story after story about violence that has occurred in our neighborhood. Just when it seems that there is hardly anything good happening anywhere, I found a couple of kids that do have some positive things to say about their neighborhood.

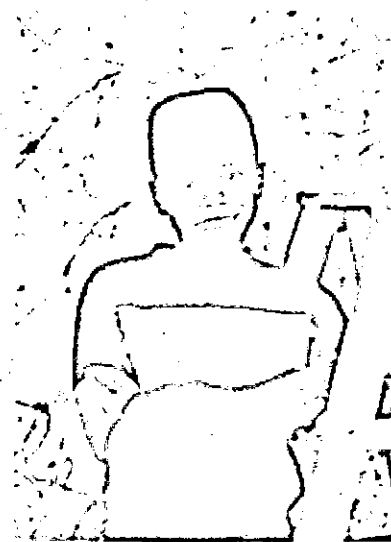
MONTRAVIA: "..... There is a lot of positive things in our neighborhood. I go to our church and they have a lot of



Montravia Rayson, 8 yrs. old  
Hamilton Park Elem-3rd grade

positive activities for kids. At our recreation center there are also a lot of things to do. I sign up for the arts and crafts, and sometimes I go on the trips that they have...They always have parties for kids: Easter Egg hunts, and other types of entertainment..... I am also in our community drill team. A lot of my friends are, and it brings us all together. In our neighborhood, there are no

break-ins or robberies..... Since I have lived here for a long time, I know a lot of kids. Most of the people are good so I guess that makes our neighborhood a positive place to live."



Deon Jones, 10 yrs. old  
MST (Magnet School)

DEON: "I like the kids in our neighborhood. They are good to hang around because we only do positive things together. In our area we really need a

recreation center....That would be another positive thing to have. It would really help kids because they could play basketball or some other sports instead of fighting or getting into trouble....I have a library card and the library is a good positive place to go to learn."

FSM: There may always be negative things around your neighborhood to discourage you from doing positive things or to make you do things that kids should not do. But you should always remember that life can be as positive as you make it. Seek out the good things in your neighborhood. Try to turn negative results into positive outcomes. You could start a positive bike club, or drill team! Get other kids to help you start a dance or singing group. Regardless of the activity, Kids, make your neighborhood a place where you won't mind living even after you've become an adult yourself.

MON

Fairy Street Mama can be seen on cable channel 23B on Tuesday at 4:00 p.m., Thursday at 5:00 p.m. and Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Also, viewers can see her live or call in every 4th Monday from 8-9 p.m. For more information, call (214) 561-2002.

# Sports CAPSULE

By Syd Sinclair



It's the climax of the baseball season when the champions from the National League and the American League face each other for the world championship of baseball... and do

you know where Alex Ortiz is? He is sitting in front of his big screen television in all of his Atlanta Braves gear cheering his heroes. They have become immortalized and transformed into legends... from Ruth to Gehrig, Robinson and Aaron, to Ryan and Justice and many more of today's diamond superstars. A Florida-native, Alex Ortiz has been sharpening his skills for the last few months and preparing to tryout for the minor leagues while attending Dallas County Community College.

When asked what made him leave Florida, he breaks into a sheepish grin and says, "Nolan."

A Nolan Ryan fan, Alex says he came to Texas to visit family in Arlington and to attend the opening of the Ballpark at Arlington. He extended his stay and finally earned a position at the Ballpark, where he could see the players on a regular basis. After a little encouragement, he started to train, meanwhile enrolling in community college.

"My friends laugh at me, but I just tell them I'm young and if it doesn't work out, I'll have an education to fall back on," says Ortiz. "But people need to remember, MC Hammer started out as a batboy for Oakland. It could happen."

MON believes in you Alex! Good luck!

MON

To have your items included, please send a photo and profile to:

SportsCAPSULE c/o MON  
2730 Stemmons Freeway, 1202 Tower West  
Dallas, TX 75207

# Sports TIDBITS

By Syd Sinclair

Roy Tarpley, former Mavericks forward, has been contract negotiations with the Greek professional basketball club, Iraklis. Tarpley is reported to be happy about being back in Greece, which he considers as his second country. MON

# Highlights from NBA All-Star Weekend in San Antonio Recently.

Photos by: Tai Jones



**MILLER LITE** - Reggie Miller, of the Indiana Pacers, demonstrates determination and grit despite thin physique.



Michael Jordan reigns supreme as controversial choice for game mvp.



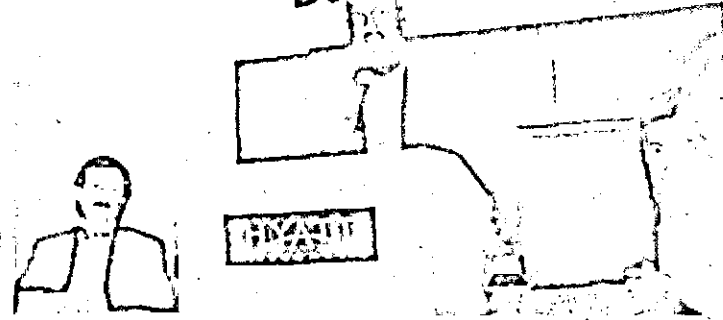
Philadelphia 76ers' rookie Jerry Stackhouse "Skywalks" to the rim during slam dunk competition.

# DASA Honors Dallas Sports Heroes

By Neriah Green

The Dallas All Sports Association (DASA) awarded Dallas Cowboy running back Emmitt Smith with the 31st annual Field Scovell Award on Tuesday, February 20, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

**DALLAS ALL SPORTS  
31st ANNUAL AWARDS**  
Dallas, Texas



Emmitt Smith

Among the table of champions sat Cowboy head coach Barry Switzer, Mavericks guard Jason Kidd, U.S. Olympic track star Michael Johnson and Carter High School girls track team head coach Danny Stigers.

In receiving the award, Mr. Smith said, "This is one of the largest trophies I have ever received. I'm glad I have a new home to place this in. I encourage all of the students, who are present tonight, to take the challenge on and off the field."

Jason Kidd was the recipient of the Pro Athlete of the Year Award and Michael Johnson was given the Big D Award.

MON



ABOVE: Michael Johnson, Olympic gold medalist and reigning 400 meter world champion, and Carter High School girls track coach Danny Stigers.

LEFT: Emmitt Smith addresses attendees at the 31st Annual all Sports Association Awards banquet where he received the Field Scovell Award.

# March '96 Mavericks Schedule

Fri. 1 at Vancouver 9:00 p.m.

Sun. 3 Phoenix 12:00 p.m.  
Tue. 5 New Jersey 7:30 p.m.  
Thu. 7 at Charlotte 6:30 p.m.  
Sat. 9 at Detroit 6:30 p.m.  
Sun. 10 at Toronto 7:00 p.m.  
Tue. 12 Miami 7:30 p.m.  
Thu. 14 at LA Clippers 9:30 p.m.  
Fri. 15 at Seattle 9:00 p.m.  
Sun. 17 at Portland 3:00 p.m.  
Tues. 19 Cleveland 7:30 p.m.

Fri. 22 Minnesota 7:30 p.m.  
Sun. 24 New York 12:00 p.m.  
Mon. 25 at Utah 8:00 p.m.  
Wed. 27 Houston 7:30 p.m.  
Fri. 29 San Antonio 7:00 p.m.  
Sun. 31 Portland 7:00 p.m.

\*\*\* For ticket information, please call (214) 748-1808.

MON



**Elizabeth Davis**  
**Attorney at Law**

## D-I-V-O-R-C-E

### Common Questions and Answers

**Q:** How long will it take to get divorced?

**A:** The shortest possible time to complete a divorce is 61 days from the filing of the Petition, but plan on a bit longer to complete the process—about three months.

**Q:** What if we reconcile after filing for divorce?

**A:** If you file for divorce and later reconcile and change your mind, just leave the petition on file with the court. Within a few months it will be dismissed for lack of prosecution, after written notice from the clerk of the court.

**Q:** When can we remarry?

**A:** After your final Decree of divorce is

ordered, you must wait at least 30 days before marrying anyone other than the spouse you just divorced. However, this requirement may be waived by a District Court Judge.

**Q:** What if the wife is pregnant?

**A:** You should wait until the child is born to get your divorce. Judges do not like to see a child born out of wedlock, and enforcing child support could become a problem.

**Q:** Am I liable for my spouse's bills?

**A:** During the marriage, both spouses are liable for the bills of the other. However, if your spouse fails to pay a debt he or she is ordered to pay in the divorce decree, then you still owe the money! Although your spouse may be held in contempt of court, the creditor can come after you or repossess the property.

**Q:** Does divorce have tax consequences?

**A:** Yes. Almost every aspect of divorce could have important tax consequences. This is especially true if you have children or own real estate. To find out about the rules that affect you, simply call your local Internal Revenue Service office and ask

Looking At



The Law

for IRS publication 504, "Tax Information for Divorced or Separated Individuals."

MON

Elizabeth I. Davis is a cum laude graduate of the Texas Southern University's Thurgood Marshall School of Law and was listed in the Who's Who Among American Law Students. Her office phone number is (214) 689-7800.

The Legal Advisor is sponsored by the following attorneys-at-law: Michael John (214) 688-7571; Rudolph Brothers (214) 631-3371; Elizabeth Davis (214) 689-7800.

### Chronology of Legal Series

October.....	DNA Testing <input type="checkbox"/>
November.....	Preparing your Will <input type="checkbox"/>
December.....	Revising & Storing your Will <input type="checkbox"/>
January.....	Auto Accidents <input type="checkbox"/>
February.....	Divorce <input type="checkbox"/>
March.....	Family Law, Q&A <input type="checkbox"/>

Criminal Law

Domestic Law

Family Law

Personal Injury

Alcohol and Intoxication

DWI License Revocations

Traffic Tickets



**Rudolph Brothers, Jr.**  
**Attorney and Counselor**  
**at Law**

Former Assistant  
D.A. - Dallas County

**(214) 631-3371**

**2730 Stemmons Frwy.**  
**Tower West #1104**  
**Dallas, TX 75207**

Not certified by Texas Board of Legal Specialization

We'll make you  
feel at home.

Let Guaranty provide you with the comfort and assurance you need in making the right home buying decisions.

**GUARANTY**  
**FEDERAL BANK**  
A Temple-Inland Financial Services Company

Call 214-360-5139

MEMBER  
FDIC



### INTRODUCING THE NEW TURBO-CHARGED DIESEL...



#### THE LEAN...

■ UP TO 50 MILES PER GALLON

Less frequent fill-ups, over 800 miles travel trip length, so you can drive from Dallas to Atlanta without refueling.

■ MOBILITY COST IS LEAN COMPARED TO MOST OTHER CARS.

Whether it's around the corner or around the country, 20,000 miles per year could save you up to \$400.

#### GREEN...

■ TECHNOLOGY THAT MINIMIZES HARMFUL EMISSIONS WAS DESIGNED INTO TDI FROM THE OUTSET.

It's advanced turbocharger forces extra fresh air into the cylinders promoting a cleaner combustion. Special cylinder head and manifold design assures thorough combustion. An engine-management system that precisely regulates fuel injection activity. Carbon monoxide, hydrocarbon, and nitrous oxide emissions are kept at a minimum with its catalytic converter equipped in every TDI model.

#### A FUEL-BRUTE MACHINE...

■ AS MUCH POWER AS SOME SPORTY CARS... SURPRISINGLY RESPONSIVE ACCELERATION

■ ENGINES SO ADVANCED THEY WILL NEVER NEED A TUNE-UP

No spark-plugs, no spark-plug wires, no distributor or rotor... less to take care of... helps preserve your time and money as well as the environment.

We Invite You To Come Test Drive The All New Volkswagen TDI's At...



**Bob Hagestad's**  
**METRO VOLKSWAGEN, INC.**

**2035 W. AIRPORT FREEWAY • IRVING**  
**214-659-9999 • 1-800-VWS-TOGO**





Ron Shaw

## For Your Glory, Lord

1 Corinthians 10:31

While watching the movie *The Distinguished Gentleman* on video, I was struck by a statement made by the young lady that played the role of the female interest of Eddie Murphy's character. She was asked why she gave up her career as an attorney to become a lobbyist for this special interest group. Her response was, "My life has to mean something."

Each Sunday night Willis Johnson reminds us to live our lives so that it makes an impact. This should be the goal of every Christian. Our aim should not be to accumulate wealth for prestige, or make a living for selfish reasons. The goal of every Christians' life should be to do what brings glory and honor to God. That is the reason we are all put here. If we make that the goal, then most of the decisions we are faced with will be simple to make.

I was talking with a man who was faced with the dilemma of either selling his business (which would mean great financial gain to him personally) or keeping it. We talked about his reason for starting a business: to establish a business and work environment that would be a witness for the Lord. If he sold it to a large conglomerate, though he would personally gain, the possibility was there for all that he had worked for to be disassembled. In short, to accept the promotion or not, to buy the bigger car or not, to run for office or not, etc., must all be based on this one criteria. Which affords me the greatest opportunity to bring glory and honor to God.

Consider our text. The issue here is whether to eat or not to eat food that was supposedly defiled. The question of injuring another's conscience is raised. Paul settles the question with this simple truth. Your decision to eat or not to eat should not be based on the food or a man's conscience but rather how does it figure into my bringing glory to God. Jesus said the reason we, as Christians, must make our good obvious to the world is so that God will be honored. That's the key. Does your conversation honor Him. You say you are a Christian and wear His name but does your lifestyle honor Him. Does it cause others to honor Him. How about the clothes you wear? It's not a matter of what's stylish but are you really honoring God in your apparel?

In Galatians 5 we are told what character traits ought to be growing in us as Christians. Listed there are the fruits of the spirit. One of them is the way we handle people. Gentleness is a character trait that should be found in us. Jesus said that God is honored when we bear fruit (Jn. 15:8). Does the way you handle people honor Him? Do you honor Him in your decision making or is He the last to be consulted when a decision has to be made? Do you honor Him with your substance or is He last on your list of considerations? Are you honoring Him as a man, husband, father, employee, employer?

You can see how many of us need to be reminded that our goal in life as Christians is not to make a living or accumulate wealth or power or fame but to always do what honors and brings glory to God. Does your life inspire others to honor and glorify Him? Can the world really tell that you are a Christian by how you honor the Lord?

MON

Ron Shaw is the pastor of Light Unlimited Christian Center and can be reached at (214) 320-5744.

### FREE TO TRAVEL?

No Experience Necessary.  
Will Train. Make Money & See  
the World. Immediate  
Openings!!!

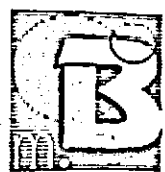
Call  
**1-800-246-6745**  
Call Now!

### Class Reunion? Family Reunion? Team Apparel? Promotions?

Quality T-shirt printing  
and design is now at  
your fingertips!

- We feature:
- Low Minimums
  - Creative Design
  - Fast Turnaround
  - High-Quality Printing

metro:  
**(817) 429-4966**



M. Benjamin Designs  
P.O. Box 152321  
Arlington, Texas 76015



## SEAGOVILLE STATE BANK

*Dedicated to  
Community Service*

Member  
FDIC

MAIN OFFICE  
601 N. HWY 175  
(214) 287-2030

BUCKNER BANKING CENTER  
3637 N. BUCKNER BLVD.  
(214) 328-2736



## GET QUICK CASH ON ALMOST ANY TYPE RECEIVABLE

*Business Expansion  
Payoff Debts*

*Credit Usually No Problem*

### Call AKM Enterprises

**(817) 346-4395**

*Preliminary Approval in 24-48 hours  
Prompt, Courteous and Personal Service*



## Light Unlimited Christian Center

*It's Time You  
Stepped Into  
"The Light"  
OF CHRIST!*

With Pastor Ron Shaw

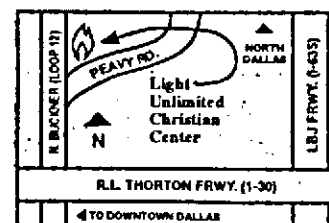
**320-5744**

2834 N. Buckner at Peavy Road  
Dallas, TX

*"We now have 8:30am Sunday Service"*

Each Sunday  
10:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.  
Worship

Each Tuesday  
7:30 p.m.  
Bible Seminar





**Tai E. Jones**  
Business Editor

Byron K. Reed  
First Interstate Bank  
P.O. Box 3326  
Houston, TX  
(713) 224-6611



First Interstate Bank of Texas, N.A. has appointed Byron K. Reed to be Vice President of Community Affairs, effective immediately. Reed will be responsible for developing and monitoring the bank's strategic initiatives designed to meet the credit needs of individuals in the Dallas/Fort Worth, Austin and San Antonio areas as prescribed by the Community Reinvestment Act.

During his decade-long banking career, Reed has gained valuable experience in a variety of financial areas from marketing to consumer lending. Prior to joining First Interstate, Reed served as Community Development officer for another bank in the D/FW metroplex.

State Representative  
Yvonne Davis  
State of Texas House of  
Representatives-District 11  
400 South Zang Blvd.,  
Ste 801  
Dallas, TX 75208  
POC: Claude Spivey  
(214) 941-3895



State Representative Yvonne Davis has been appointed by the Speaker of the House James

"Pete" Laney to serve on the nominations committee for the Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts and Humanities.

The Committee's purpose is to implement a cultural awareness program that includes a system of awards for those who have made significant contributions in the fields of science, art and the humanities.

David Graham  
Malcolm Roberts  
Nominees from the 24th  
Congressional District  
POC: Sandra Minatra  
(800) 937-2056



Congressman Martin Frost recently named nominees from the 24th Congressional District to the four national military academies. Included among them were two nominees from Mansfield and Fort Worth: (from left) David Graham of Mansfield High School (a principal Air Force Academy nominee) and Malcolm Roberts of Fort Worth's O.D. Wyatt High School (a principal nominee to the Mer-

chant Marine Academy and alternate to West Point).

Each member of Congress is entitled to nominate a certain number of "principals" and a certain number of alternates from their congressional district to fill vacancies at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO; the Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD; the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, NY; and the Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, NY. The various branches of the military make the final determinations of appointments based on an evaluation of each nominee's College Board Examinations, scholastic record, extracurricular activities and physical condition.

University of Texas at  
Arlington  
Outstanding Employee  
Awards  
POC: John Minor  
(817) 272-3461



The University of Texas at Arlington has announced its winners of the annual Outstanding Employee Awards. Six non-teaching employees in three categories were honored.

Bill Coats, associate bursar in the business office and Chris Jarbo, an administrative assistant II in the office of Student Affairs, were selected in the professional, paraprofessional and technical category. Sandra Warner Hooten, administrative Assistant I in the Department of Exercise, Sport and Health Studies and Cecilia Weisenfels, an administrative assistant in the Center for Professional Teacher Education, received the secretarial and clerical category awards.

Margaret Montgomery, a shuttle bus driver for the University Police Department, and Larry Barcroft, a carpenter II in the physical plant, were named outstanding employees in the service category.

The six were chosen from 62 nominees.

MON

**AUTO/HOME/APT/BUSINESS  
SECURITY SYSTEM**  
REGULAR PRICE \$15.00  
SAVE 20%  
JUST \$12 PER MONTH  
NO INSTALLATION  
NO MAINTENANCE  
**ARREST  
SECURITY SYSTEMS**  
**(214) 341-4155**  
24 HOURS A DAY • 7 DAYS PER WEEK  
CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

## College Funding:

### Parents Must Start to Save Before Children Start to Talk

By Kola Seriki

For the college freshman-to-be, the first trip to college can be the ultimate in freedom. But with the high cost of college today - and what it is expected to cost in the future - that car ride to the campus is anything but free for the parents.

Most parents plan to foot the bill for tuition, room and board for a four-year degree, but today far fewer are actually able to do it without taking on substantial debt or inconvenience: another mortgage on the house, working second jobs, or co-signing for loans.

The extra effort is often needed because college costs—tuition, room and board—have increased faster than the rate of inflation. A survey by The College Board shows that the average total cost of attending an institute of higher learning increased nearly 10% per year between 1980 and 1990. Inflation, meanwhile, has increased at an annual rate of approximately 5% in the same time period, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Bottom line, income is not keeping pace with increases in college cost.

### The Costs

According to the College Board, today the average total cost for a four-year degree is \$60,000 at a private college or university—upwards of \$80,000 at many big-name schools—and \$22,000 at a public university. For today's 18-year-olds who will enter college in 1996, four years at a private college will cost an estimated \$80,000 and four years at a public college will cost \$29,000. College for today's one-year-olds is projected to cost \$180,000 at a private school and \$65,000 at a public school.

Most families don't have the resources to pay annual college costs directly out of their income. But many of these same families cannot qualify for need-based financial aid because their income is too high - and because, more and more, financial aid comes in the form of a loan rather than a grant.

One answer to this dilemma is long-term college funding to accumulate the large sums of money needed for college payments. "Start to save before they start to learn" might be an appropriate slogan for parents today. Starting early also is much more manageable: about \$100 each month for a one-year-old but \$1200 each month for a 15-year-old, assuming a 9%

interest rate.

### The Tools

College funding generally calls for setting aside funds on a regular basis and putting them into an investment and insurance package. Various tools have been used successfully for college education funding: mutual funds, life insurance, zero coupon bonds, unit investment trusts, and variable annuities. While these are some of the important considerations in college planning, each family must match its children's ambitions with a long-term solution. What college funding requires most is old-fashioned discipline: putting aside money every month.

MON

Kola Seriki is a financial representative with MONY Financial. With an MBA in finance, he is a qualifying member of the Million Dollar Round Table and member of the National Association of Life Underwriters. His professional credentials include 10 years experience in the Financial Service Business. For more information call 800-829-9933.

## Chronology of Money Management

- March \_\_\_\_\_ College Funding ☐  
April \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security ☐  
May \_\_\_\_\_ Life Insurance ☐  
June \_\_\_\_\_ Disability Plan ☐  
July \_\_\_\_\_ Asset Protection ☐  
August \_\_\_\_\_ Mutual Funds ☐

### BALLOT from page 19

run," he said. "Because in recent years there have been more, I expect more this year as well. So I wouldn't describe what's going on as a shortage of Black candidates."

While many in the African American community believe a minority should be sought out, its just as important to use their vote to force white candidates to address issues of importance to the community.

"The African American community is politically astute enough to know it's going to take more than electing a Black mayor, for instance, to solve crime and family issues," said the Rev. LeRoy Haynes, pastor of Carter Metropolitan Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.

"In cities that have had Black mayors, the problem of affordable housing, drugs, gang violence and poverty still exists," he said. "Politics is one part of a bigger solution, and voting alone is not going to solve all our problems." [MON]



Curtis Yates

## Lease Options vs. Real Estate Property Tax Foreclosures

Many of you have asked my opinion about lease option purchases. Well, today in this column, I shall render my viewed opinion. To begin with, a lease option purchase generally involves two legally binding instruments: lease agreement and future contract of sale. Let's say the owner or seller has agreed to a lease/option monthly payment of \$600, of which \$100 is to be credited each

action with the following example of a property tax (lien) foreclosure. A property becomes two years delinquent in home property taxes and to pull the property out of tax foreclosure would cost \$2,400 plus \$550 accrued/judgment interest, penalties, attorney fees, and court costs for a total of \$2,950. The winning bidder to the property would receive a Sheriff's Deed as Title to the property and is solely responsible for his own title search to see if the property can be acquired free and clear of any title defects. These properties can be pre-viewed prior to the sale.

A book that I've just authored entitled "Distressed Real Estate's Secret Profits" includes a section on how to do your own title search. The book covers pre-foreclosures but not real estate tax lien foreclosures.

Real estate tax lien sales are held in front of the doors to the District Clerk's Office on the first Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. on the first floor of the Dallas County Courthouse, George Allen Building, 600 Commerce Street in Dallas Texas.

These properties are sold "as is" to

### Lease/Option Purchase (Tenant)

First Month's Rent + Deposit \$600 + 1900 = .....\$2,500  
Closing Cost/On Exercised Option With  
Title Insurance = .....Apx. \$1,200  
Non-Exercised Option Profits = .....\$0 + Apx. \$1,500  
From Returned Deposit

### Real Estate Tax Lien Property Lease/Purchase (Contingent Owner)

Amount Paid To Pull Out of Foreclosure = .....\$2,950  
Non/Redemption = .....Full Ownership  
1st year/Redemption = \$2,950 + \$735.50(25%)  
To Buyer = .....\$3,687.50  
2nd year/Redemption = \$2,950 + \$1,475(50%)  
To Buyer = .....\$4,425

month toward a future down payment (if the option is exercised by the buyer at the end of the option period). The owner requires the prospective buyer to place a \$1,900 deposit upfront to execute the deal, and the future contract of sale would be \$65,000 @ say, 8.25%, 30 yrs. fixed. We'll say also that the instrument created is a 2-year lease with option to purchase (2-year Lease/Option).

Now at the end of two years the buyers would have accumulated \$2,400 to be applied toward the down payment to purchase that home; it would be as if the transaction had taken place today on a home that is selling for \$65,000 with a \$2,400 down payment and balance financed at 8.25% interest for 30 years. On the other hand, if the buyers decide not to exercise their option to purchase they would lose their credit of \$2,400 and, no doubt, a portion of their \$1,900 deposit.

Compare the above real estate trans-

the highest bidder for cash on a "buyer beware" basis and subject to an original owner's 2-year redemption period. The 2-year redemption allows the original owner(s) the right to redeem the property back within two years if they pay the purchaser the amount he/she paid at the foreclosure sale plus 25% (if the property is redeemed within the first year) or 50% (if the property is redeemed within the second year). So doing the first two years of the new purchasers ownership it would be wise not to do any major improvements to the property (as like a tenant on a lease).

Please see boxed information for my view of the so-called Lease/Option and the Real Estate Tax Lien Property Lease/Purchase.

MON

Curtis Yates is the owner/operator of REAL ESTATE STATUS QUO, 397 Dal-Rich, Suite 149, Richardson, TX 75080; (214) 702-0151, Fax (214) 934-2706.



SINCE 1973



Ed Harris, President/CEO



## 1ST. TIME HOMEBUYER CERTIFICATIONS PRE-QUALIFICATION PROGRAMS OFFERED:

FNMA: A Guide to Homeownership  
MORNETPlus  
MGIC HOMEWARD BOUND  
GE CAPITAL MORTGAGE INSURANCE

Instructors & Consultants certified in their expertise fields  
Competitive Pricing Evening and Weekend Classes

**CALL 1-800-809-8317**

Dear Neighbors

Although I am unopposed know that I appreciate your continued support and counsel. I encourage you to get out on March 12th and cast your vote.

Yvonne Davis  
State Representative  
District 111



Punch Ballot #74

JENNIFER MONET COWLEY

Originals, Commissions, Limited Edition prints  
&  
Custom Framing

Artist

Jennifer Monet Cowley

214-530-7431

by appointment only

10% off your next purchase with this ad valid thru March 31st

# Making Strides to Finish

By Veronica W. Morgan

Wendy Gonzalez has a courageous spirit. As the founder of the Helen Hardrick Christian School for girls, Mrs. Gonzalez says she is on a mission to help steer young girls to a pathway filled with right choices. And she hopes to equip them with the educational and biblical savvy to make it happen.

"This is what I am suppose to do," asserts Mrs. Gonzalez, president of Wendy Gonzalez Ministries, Inc. "I believe the Lord is calling me to do this. It's not easy, but when you believe in something and you're determined to make it happen, it will."

Mrs. Gonzalez and her husband Pablo, a registered pharmacist, moved to Dallas from Oklahoma with their then 15-month-old daughter, Jennifer, some years ago.

By the time Jennifer turned three years old, the couple had decided to enroll her in a private Christian school. They hoped the environment would allow their daughter a chance to interact with other children and would serve to reinforce positive behavior. But things didn't work out that way.

"I was dissatisfied with the school,"

Mrs. Gonzalez said. "It wasn't what I expected, but I continued to send Jennifer three days a week, for four hours a day, so she could be with the children."

*"...the older women are to instruct the younger ones... provide spiritual, academic, social and mental instruction for the students. Our goals are attainable if students understand that they are all sisters in Christ."*

-Wendy Gonzalez, founder  
Helen Hardrick Christian School

On the days Jennifer was in school, Mrs. Gonzalez worked part-time at a local day care center. She learned the ins and outs of the business and, during her spare time, devised a business plan to open a Christian nursery.

Mrs. Gonzalez resigned from the day

care center and in 1990 opened the Regent Christian Academy. The coed nursery served children from infancy to preschool. More importantly, it afforded Gonzalez the opportunity to provide the type of instruction she desired for her daughter. But still she felt as though something was missing.

"We had discipline and order in the center but I wanted to be able to help the children focus and learn more," she said.

Mrs. Gonzalez began perusing educational material that could provide information and insight she incorporate into the center's program. She attended seminars and researched statistics on the most thriving programs in the country.

During her research, she became interested in the phenomenal success rate of single-sex schools. She contacted officials at the Hockaday school in North Dallas and the National Coalition for Girls association, and requested information.

Things were looking up. Then a major setback occurred in 1994. The academy, located on Pleasant Run in DeSoto, lost its financial backing and was forced to close its doors.

Determined not to be defeated, and armed with years of research material, a unique understanding of the educational field, and a propelling interest to provide her daughter with the best possible education, Mrs. Gonzalez decided to take the



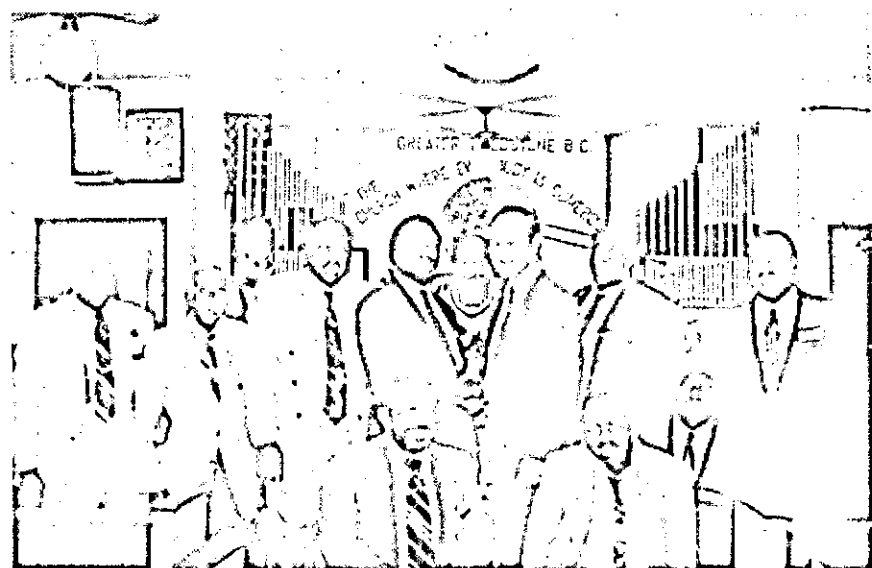
step of faith and follow her vision to open the first single-sex school located south of the Trinity.

"People want quality education for their children," said Mrs. Gonzalez. "Why should

they have to drive all the way across town to get it."

After two years of planning, Mrs. Gonzalez opened the Helen Hardrick Christian School for girls in Duncanville, later renamed the Jackson-Hardrick School. She is currently seeking nonprofit status for her corporation, and a shift in ownership will reflect in the school carrying the former name of Helen Hardrick Christian School.

The school uses the ABeka curriculum, which provides a biblically sound, nondenominational-type instruction. It also emphasizes the use of phonics for teaching students how to read. Degreed staff provides hands-on instruction in science, arithmetic, history and geography. Dance, drama and French classes are also taught. A gymnastics class is expected to be added in the Fall.



Left to Right Standing 1st Row: Rev. Ruben Bond, Rev. E. L. Buard, Rev. Johnnie King, Rev. J. L. Harper, Dr. M. L. Curry, Rev. C. E. Brown Constable James Paschall, Rev. J. M. Hubbard, Rev. B. Gilliam, Seated 2nd Row: Rev. C. E. Dawson, Rev. Larry Williams, Rev. Curtis Culpepper.

**THE DALLAS WEST INTER-DENOMINATIONAL MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE HAS ENDORSED CONSTABLE JAMES PASCHALL FOR RE ELECTION.**

**JAMES PASCHALL HAS EARNED THE SUPPORT OF THIS ALLIANCE WITH QUALITY LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE.**

**IN ADDITION, JAMES PASCHALL HAS BEEN VERY VISIBLE PARTICIPATING IN OUR COMMUNITY AFFAIRS PROGRAM, AND CHURCHES. HIS COMMITMENT FOR CONTINUED GOOD SERVICE IS OUR BLESSING.**

**PLEASE JOIN US WITH YOUR SUPPORT AND VOTE FOR JAMES PASCHALL, CONSTABLE PRECINCT 6, NUMBER 100 ON THE BALLOT.**

## It's Time You Know the Facts.

- 1 TSTC graduates are successful. They have a potential of earning an average starting salary of \$18,000 to \$24,000 annually, which is higher than the average of four-year college graduates. Many graduates start in the upper \$20s.
- 2 For the third year TSTC in Waco ranked in the top 10 nationally for colleges producing the largest number of associate degrees in Engineering and Engineering-related technologies.
- 3 TSTC ranked number six in graduating students in Computer and Information Sciences and 19th in Communications Technologies (U.S. Department of Education 1990-91 survey).
- 4 TSTC's Automotive Technology is one of 16 top-rated Toyota schools nationwide, and one of only two in Texas. The automotive department has Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification in each of the eight service areas.
- 5 TSTC is the only state-supported technical college system in Texas, with the Waco campus offering more than 40 technical programs, and a 30-year history with more than 26,000 graduates in industry.

  
**Texas State  
Technical College**  
Waco/Marshall

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL (817) 867-3371  
OR TEXAS TOLL-FREE 1-800-792-8784**



On Wednesday mornings, the girls are taught safety tips and ways to avoid being deceived by strangers. Other life situations are discussed during the weekly sessions.

Says Gonzalez: "I believe that the older women are to instruct the younger ones and that's what we try to do here, provide spiritual, academic, social and mental instruction for the students. Our goals are attainable if students understand that they are all sisters in Christ."

Classes, held all year round, are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. After school enrichment classes and early morning drop-off hours are available for parents with conflicting schedules.

Classes are temporarily being held at the Safe Way Baptist Church in Duncanville. Sixteen students are on the roster for the 1995 - '96 school term and by Fall the numbers are expected to triple. Mrs. Gonzalez also plans to add a grade each year until all 12 levels are offered.

"When I have accomplished the goals here, I want to go back to Georgia and do the same thing. I want to open a school for boys," she said. "I have a future son-in-law out there and when I put her (Jennifer's) hand in his for mar-

riage, I want to know that he will be a good provider."

Her future plans include opening a home for abused girls and to begin a trust fund to provide college scholarships for the graduates.

Prior to her interest in starting a girls' school, Mrs. Gonzalez spent 10 years in the Air force. She served as the only African American female on the educational staff at the Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

She has a bachelors degree in business and a masters degree in education. Her original desire was to be an attorney. And perhaps someday she will. As for now, she plans to follow her vision.

"I never thought I would be in education but the Lord had other plans," Mrs. Gonzalez said.

MON

*The Helen Hardrick Christian School is located at 1111 So. Main St., in Duncanville. Classes are temporarily being held in the Safe Way Baptist Church building. For more information, contact Mrs. Gonzalez at (214) 223-1554.*

Get those **PROFITS** — **Moving!**  
Contact MON's Advertising 214-606-7351

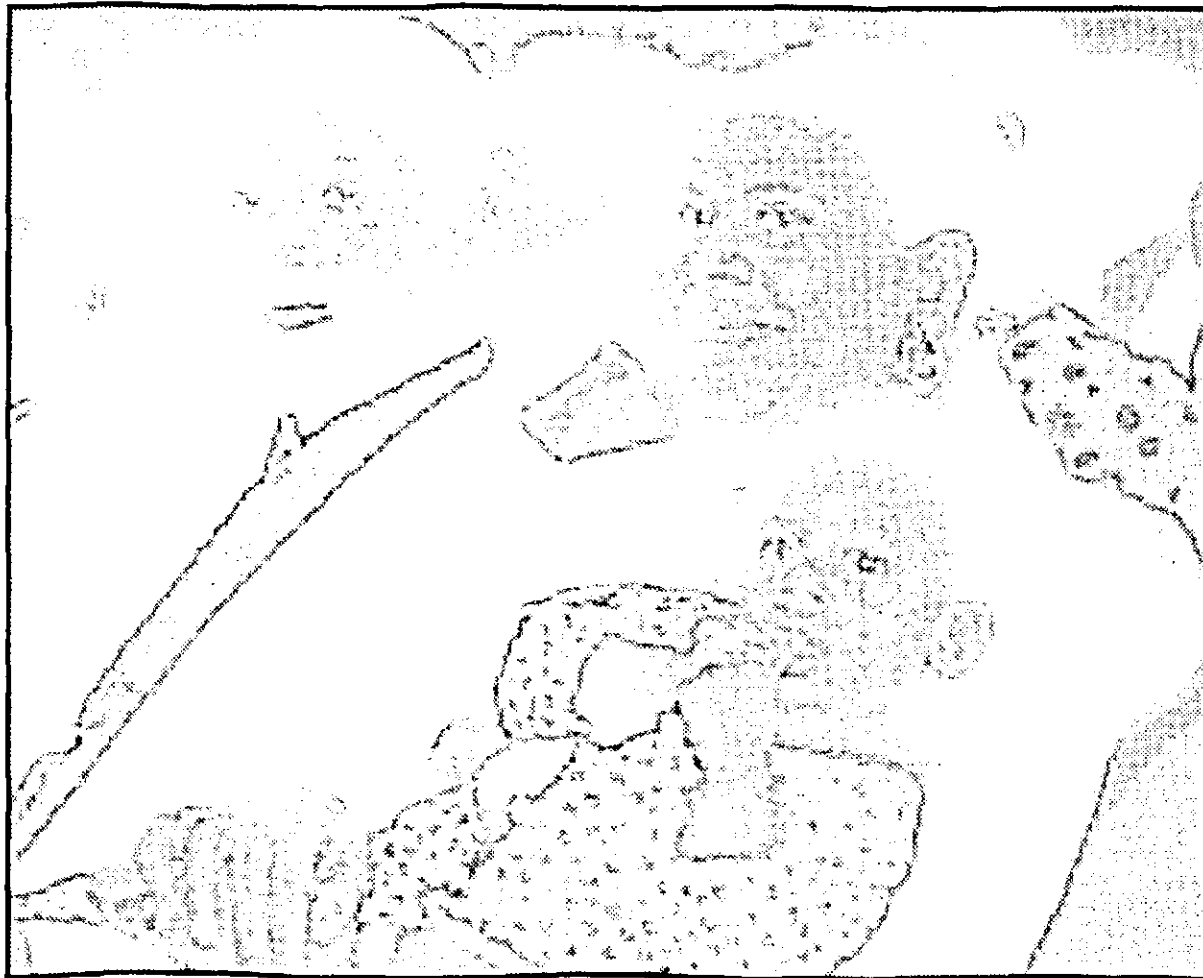
## Why single-sex education?

- \* Single sex schools contribute to the diversity that is a special feature of American Education.
- \* Girls in single-sex schools outperformed girls in coeducational schools.
- \* Girls from single sex schools had higher math and science achievement scores.
- \* Single sex schools are associated with higher self-esteem while students from coeducational schools had higher peer affiliation needs.
- \* Girls in single sex schools are more likely to study subjects traditionally more popular with the opposite sex.
- \* Single sex schools have a higher level of student involvement affiliation, task orientation, and positive competition.
- \* Girls' schools provide an important choice and model as we strive to educate our young people for future equality for women and men.
- \* Girls' schools have higher levels of order and organization, as well as teacher control.
- \* Girls' schools offer the opportunity for girls to be taught with curricular and strategies that work best for girls.
- \* Girls attending an all-girls' school are

on equal footing.

- \* Girls' schools provide a nurturing environment for girls.
- \* Female role models, leadership opportunities, experience in competition, affirmation, and education are all benefits of an all-girls' school.
- \* Single-sex schools for African Americans and Hispanics have made a difference in their lives because they emphasize self-determination, self-respect, and academic excellence in every class. Single sex schooling may be the solution to the question of how to teach racial harmony and tolerance in our multi-cultural society.
- \* Girl's school also seem to be smaller, which helps foster a communal environment.
- \* No negative attitudinal results accrue to females attending single-sex schools.
- \* Single sex schools attract an oversupply of applicants largely because these institutions have a reputation for academic excellence and their students have a reputation for outstanding accomplishments.-VWM

Source: U.S. Department of Education, Office of Educational Research and Improvement, Vol. I, and Vol. II, 1992; *Single-Sex Schooling: Perspectives from Practice and Research.*



## Church Life. Family Style.

Family. It's a word that brings back lots of memories. Home movies. Vacations. Sunday dinners.

And now that you have your own family, you're making memories too. Memories your children will cherish forever.

Shouldn't going to church be one of them?

**Church life. Be a part of it.  
The United Methodist Church**



### Dallas Area African American United Methodist Churches

Camp Wisdom, 1300 Camp Wisdom Rd., Dallas 75232 • 224-4556  
Crest Moore King, 4501 S. Marsalis Ave., Dallas 75216 • 372-0522  
God's Kingdom, 701 Short St., Ferris 75125  
Hamilton Park, 11881 Schroeder Rd., Dallas 75243 • 235-4633  
Highland Hills, 6006 Flagstaff Dr., Dallas 75241 • 225-1096  
Jubilee Fellowship, 301 Frank Keasler Blvd., Duncanville 75116 • 283-2264  
Lambuth, 4350 Bonnie View Rd., Dallas 75216 • 375-4261

Pleasant Grove Fellowship, 8301 Bruton Rd., Dallas 75217 • 225-5223  
Porter's Chapel, 528 Third St., Lancaster 75146  
St. Luke's "Community," 5710 E. R.L. Thornton Frwy., Dallas 75223 • 821-2970  
St. Paul, 1816 Routh St., Dallas 75201 • 922-0000  
Warren, 2801 Peabody Ave., Dallas 75215 • 428-6240  
Warren Chapel, 810 South Adelaide St., Terrell 75160 • 214-563-7392



Lamar Vines  
General Manager

Clarion Hotel  
Dallas  
will personally  
take care of your  
hotel needs.

## Clarion Hotel

Dallas



### Our features include:

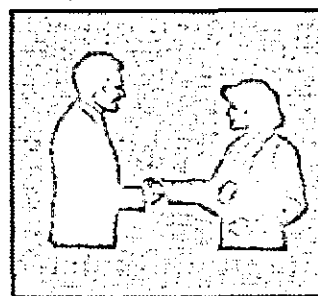
- ❑ 350 spacious guest rooms, suites and elegant penthouses
- ❑ A location convenient to downtown, the West End, Market Center, Las Colinas, Restaurant Row and the Galleria.
- ❑ Fourteen meeting rooms with over 13,000 square feet of meeting and banquet space.
- ❑ Free shuttle service to Market Center, Love Field and area offices.
- ❑ A friendly, hospitable staff to welcome you back again... and again... AND AGAIN...

### Clarion Hotel Dallas

1241 W. Mockingbird Lane • Dallas, Texas 75247  
Phone (214) 630-7000 • FAX (214) 638-6943

## Learn How to do Business with DART

Attend DART's Seminar for: Disadvantaged,  
Minority and Woman-Owned Business Owners



March 20, 1996, 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

"Financial Statements"

led by Rick Call, Bryson & Call, CPAs

Location: Bill J. Priest Institute

for Economic Development

1402 Corinth Street Dallas, Texas 75215

### Learn about:

- DART's certification and procurement process
- Upcoming bid opportunities
- Programs offered by the Dallas Small Business Development Center (DSBDC)

For more information, contact DART's Office of Minority Business Enterprise (214) 749-2667.



# LOOKING

for qualified applicants?

MON's Career Monthly.



Omega Contractor, Inc., a federal government contractor, occasionally has openings in the following crafts/fields.

- Heavy Equipment Operator
- Administrative Assistant
- Laborer i.e. Cement Mason, Painter, Tile Setter, Plumber.
- And any type of qualified personnel in the asbestos, a/o lead abatement fields and interior finishing (carpentry).

Omega Contractor, Inc. is an EOE

Please call for appl.

Gustavo S. Huerta

(214) 264-8293 • Fax (214) 264-8295

## CITY OF GRAPEVINE, TEXAS

For information on job  
opportunities, call

**JOB LINE**

**(817) 424-0547**

Equal Opportunity Employer



Guaranty Federal Bank  
8333 Douglas Avenue  
Dallas, TX 75225  
(214) 360-4894 (fax)

Call our job line for  
career opportunities  
(214) 360-2750



### KRLD EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Immediate Job Opening

#### Account Executive

Only professionals who are self-starters, organized, enthusiastic and have a tremendous appetite for success need apply. A proven successful sales track record is required, as is a college degree.

Send resume and a power cover letter to:

Bob Waterman, General Sales Manager  
KRLD Newsradio 1080  
1080 Ballpark Way  
Arlington, TX 76011

#### SPORTS ANCHOR/REPORTER

Three years experience in professional broadcasting is required and sports broadcast experience is preferred. Minorities and women are encouraged to apply.

Please send tape and resume to:

KRLD Sports  
1080 Ballpark Way  
Arlington, TX 76011

No phone calls, please.

#### ANCHOR/REPORTER - (3 OPENINGS)

Position requires 3 years experience in a medium to large market radio newsroom.

Duties include street reporting, anchoring, gathering information and writing.

KRLD/TSN is an equal opportunity employer.

## SOUTHWESTERN

### ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES

Refer to Job #960644-B

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas is seeking an Assistant Director, Auxiliary Enterprises to supervise the preparation of monthly financial management reports; review all reports for errors and inconsistencies; analyze variances of revenue and expenses against budget; review operational results of segments of the department, making recommendations to promote operational efficiency; and maintain control of policies and procedures.

We require a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration or a related field; 6 years of progressively responsible experience in a business, medical, scientific or health care environment, including 2-3 years of experience in a service department within a medical school environment; computer aptitude; and strong written and verbal communication skills.

Qualified candidates please mail resumes to: UT SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER, Auxiliary Enterprises, Attn: SB, 5323 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas, TX 75235-9026.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS  
SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER  
AT DALLAS

Equal Opportunity Employer



# DALLAS



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

**EARN \$25,849 - \$27,049**

The Dallas Police Department is one of the finest in the nation.

Starting salaries while in the academy range from \$25,849 - \$27,049, with career step increases that amount to \$8,786 during the first nine years of service.

Benefits include deferred compensation, flexible life and health insurance plans, an excellent retirement plan, and a tuition reimbursement plan. In addition, all equipment and uniforms are furnished.

Be a part of the tradition of excellence. If you have at least 45 semester college hours with a "C" average or better, step up to the Dallas Police Department. Women and Minorities are encouraged to apply.

Contact:

POLICE RECRUITERS FOR MORE INFORMATION:

APPLY IN PERSON AT  
2014 MAIN STREET RM 201  
DALLAS, TEXAS 75201  
MON-FRI 8:00 am-5:00 pm  
(214) 670-4407

DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
214-670-4407 or 1-800-527-2948  
An Equal Opportunity Employer, By Choice

2  
1  
4  
-  
606  
-  
7  
3  
5  
1

**LOOKING**  
for qualified applicants?  
**MON's Career Monthly.**  
**214-606-7351**



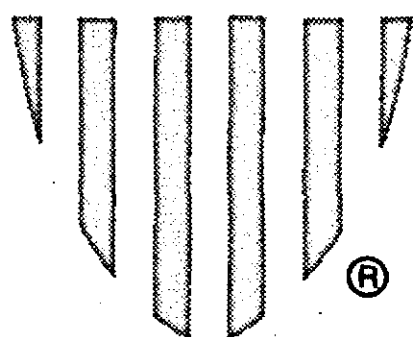
The Dallas Fire Department has a career for you. If you are interested in becoming a:  
**Firefighter/Paramedic**  
Call Captain Louie W. Bright or Horacio Garcia at  
(214) 670-0223 or 1-800-510-FIRE

- 45 semester hours with "C" average or better
- Minimum age: 18 years (no maximum)
- Starting salary (\$5,849 - \$7,049)
- Paid training (24 wks. Recruit School, 22 wks. EMS training)
- On duty 24 hours, off-duty 48 hours (after training)

**Plano**



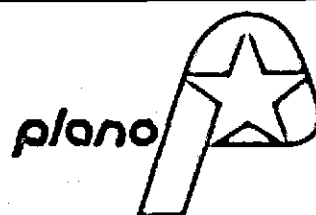
**All-America City**



**1994**

**JOIN OUR  
ALL  
AMERICAN  
TEAM**

**For Business  
Opportunities with  
the City of Plano,  
Call  
214-578-7135**



**Urban Forester**  
**Salary Range: \$2,770 to \$3,924** **Closing Date: 3/29/96**

Will plan, develop, inspect and administer City tree plantings, landscape, and other improvement projects in parks, medians and right-of way, and other public areas; manage Capital Improvement Program installation construction projects and other professional services contracts. Will also seek contributions from, and coordinate efforts with developers, homeowner associations, corporations, civic groups, etc. to enhance the urban landscape; pursue and secure grant funding, and develop recognition programs; assist in the annual budget preparation; review plans and site plans to insure compliance with park, tree and landscape ordinances; make presentations to, and provide staff support for boards, commissions, and citizen organizations, including the Parks & Recreation Board. Requires in-depth knowledge of the principles & practices of arboriculture, horticulture, construction techniques, irrigation systems, working knowledge of federal, state and local environmental and land use issues and ordinances applicable to urban forestry; general knowledge of state and federal guidelines for grant administration effective oral and written communication skills; ability to make complex mathematical calculations and measurements; ability to accurately read and interpret plans and blue prints and to prepare landscape plans and bid documents. Bachelors degree in Urban Forestry, or related fields; three years experience in Urban Forestry or related field involving the design and management of forestry programs and project management for tree planting & maintenance; Certified through (ISA) International Society of Arborist; Licensed Irrigator in the State of Texas is preferred; Texas Class C driver's license.

**ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY  
CITY OF PLANO**

**Salary Range: \$4,681.79 to \$6,661.88/month**

We are seeking a highly motivated professional with exceptional knowledge and experience in municipal law to assist the City Attorney and First Assistant City Attorney in providing legal services to the City of Plano, City Council, City Staff and various boards and commissions. Requires excellent analytical, organizational, oral and written communications skills to interpret legislation, legal concepts and policies, and to draft effective legislation, pleadings and legal documents. Must be a graduate of an accredited law school, and be licensed to practice law in the State of Texas. Requires three years experience in municipal law. Texas Class C driver's license. **CLOSING DATE: March 15, 1996.** For additional information call (214) 578-7438. Please send applications/resumes to:

CITY OF PLANO  
HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
1520 Avenue K, Suite 130  
P.O. Box 860358  
Plano, TX 75086-0358  
AA/ADA/EOE



## DALLAS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

- Sealed bids addressed to the Board of Education of the Dallas Independent School District, Dallas County, Texas, for construction of the NEW Moisés E. Molina High 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 Aguirre, Inc., will be received in the Purchasing Office, 3700 San Jacinto, Dallas, Texas until 2:00 PM, March 12, 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.
- There will be a Pre-Bid Conference on Tuesday, February 27, 1996 at 10:00 AM at South Oak Cliff High School, 3501 South Marsalis Avenue, Auditorium, Dallas, Texas 75216. Bidders are invited and urged to be present. For the purpose of answering questions, please call (214) 302-2900.
- 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 Moisés E. Molina High School."
- Plans and specifications may be examined in the office of Aguirre, Inc., 12700 Park Central, Suite 1508, Dallas, Texas 75251, (214) 788-1508, and are on file February 12th at:
 

Dodge Plan Room 8828 Stemmons Freeway Dallas, TX 75247 (214) 241-3411 Attn: Nancy Ebarb	Texas Contractor Plan Room 2510 National Drive Garland, Texas 75041 (214) 271-2693 Attn: Linda Gant	AGC/CMD Dallas Plan Room 11111 Stemmons Freeway Dallas, Texas 75229 (214) 484-2030
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce 4622 Maple Avenue, Suite 207 Dallas, Texas 75219 (214) 521-6007	Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce 2838 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Dallas, Texas 75215 (214) 421-5200	ABC/Americas Company 4320 N. Belt Line Rd., Suite A102 Irving, Texas 75038 (214) 256-2219 Attn: Terry McAdams
Association of General Contractors Plan Room 417 Fulton Street Fort Worth, Texas 76104 (817) 332-9265 Attn: Kim Roberts	American Indian Center 818 East Davis Grand Prairie, Texas 75050 (214) 262-1349	Dallas/FL Worth Minority Business Development Council 2720 Stemmons Freeway 1000 Stemmons Tower South Dallas, Texas 75207-2212 (214) 630-0747 Attn: Bill Hunter
- Plans and specifications may be obtained from the office of Aguirre, Inc., 12700 Park Central, Suite 1508, Dallas, Texas 75251, (214) 788-1508, upon deposit of a separate refundable check payable to Aguirre, Inc. in the amount of \$200.00 per set. Checks will be returned upon delivery of plans in good condition to the Architect within fourteen (14) days after bid opening.
- 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.
- 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.
- The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive any formalities.
- The District is committed to ideals of equal opportunity in all its business endeavors.



Comerica Bank-Texas



## Join Dallas' Newest Expansion Team

Comerica Bank-Texas is a dynamic, fast-growing force in Texas' financial industry. As one of the 10 largest banks in the state with assets of more than \$3 billion, we have 53 branches in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex, Houston and Austin. We continue to expand our branch network and are seeking qualified applicants who share our core values of integrity, customer service, teamwork, flexibility and trustworthiness.

Comerica is committed to extending career opportunities to the residents of the communities we serve. We operate a 24-hour job hotline, which lists all full-time and part-time positions currently available. Please call (214) 828-8810 for a listing of positions in the Dallas area.

We reward our employees with a competitive compensation and benefits package and promote an alcohol and drug-free work environment. Comerica Bank-Texas is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate in hiring or employment on the basis of age, race, sex, color, religion, national origin, disability, or veteran status.

Member FDIC

# LOOKING

for qualified applicants?

MON's Career Monthly.



## CERTIFIED TEACHERS NEEDED

TO FILL 1995-96 VACANCIES AND FOR THE PROJECTED VACANCIES FOR THE 1996-97 SCHOOL YEAR IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

\*Bilingual/ESL; General Elementary (K-6); Special Education (K-12); Mathematics; Composite Science; Reading; Spanish; Librarians and Speech Therapist

\*ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIRED

### Salaries:

Teachers: \$25,250 - \$45,720

Bilingual Stipend: \$3,000 + \$1,000 Signing Bonus

Career Ladder: \$1,500 - \$3,000

(Transferable)

(Attractive benefits program, Quality staff development & advanced study program)  
Call Mrs. Willie Crowder, Employment Administrator at 214/989-5537 for an application or to schedule an interview.

College applicants, please contact your placement office.  
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

### INVITATION FOR BID

The Housing Authority of the City of Dallas (DHA) is accepting bids for a twenty-two (22) month contract for LANDSCAPE GROUNDS MAINTENANCE servicing thirty-one (31) DHA facilities.

Specifications and bid documents may be obtained from General Services at 2075 W. Commerce, Building #100, Dallas, Texas 75208. For directions call (214) 672-0226.

Bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 11, 1996, at 2075 W. Commerce, Building #200, Dallas, Texas 75208 at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud.

DHA reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in the bids.

### INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Housing Authority of the City of Dallas (DHA) is accepting bids for Two (2) 1996 Mid-size Sedan.

Bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 4, 1996 at 2075 W. Commerce, Building #200, Dallas, Texas 75208, at which time and place all bids will be opened and publicly read aloud.

Specifications and bid documents may be obtained from the Purchasing Office at 2075 W. Commerce, Building #100, Dallas, Texas 75208 or by calling (214) 672-0226.

DHA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS.

### We're looking for PART-TIME TELLERS with attitudes



We are seeking candidates with superior customer service skills and at least 6 months previous cash handling experience. 10-key/calculator skills are preferred.

We currently have opportunities with various schedules available—morning, mid-morning and afternoon.

We think you'll find our competitive salary and advancement opportunities of great interest.

Please call our JOBLINE at (214) 290-3688.

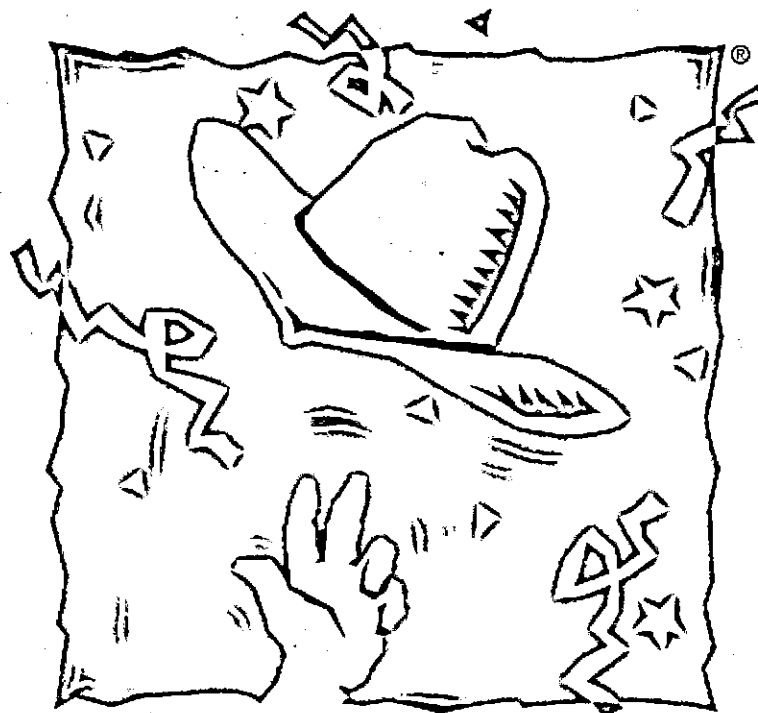
**BANK ONE**

Whatever it takes.

Bank One, Texas, NA  
Member FDIC

Bank One is an EOE committed to diversity in the workplace and promotes a drug-free environment.

2  
1  
4



## WE GIVE EVERYONE A CHANCE. AFTER ALL, WE'RE THE LOTTERY.

A Texas Lottery vendor is currently searching for Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs) certified with the State of Texas and experienced in the following areas:

### PALLETS/SKIDS

Suppliers needed to provide pallets and skids for use in storing and moving. Must be able to provide skids that are 30" x 40" with 30" runners and a center brace. Typical order quantity equals 80-250. Prices must be competitive.

### CORRUGATED CARTONS

Suppliers of RSC corrugated carton packaging materials are needed. Must be able to deliver orders of 4,000 to 9,000 boxes to Oakwood, Georgia, within 10 working days of order date. Prices must be competitive.

### COMPUTER SUPPLIES

Computer supply businesses needed to provide quality computer paper and magnetic tape. Need Graham Summit magnetic tape that is 2,400 feet in length. Must be able to supply BASF#3480 tape cartridges in the large capacity size. Prices must be competitive.

Please respond in writing to:  
Melissa Villaseñor-Dye, Retailer and  
Minority Development Supervisor  
Texas Lottery—DT, P.O. Box 16630  
Austin, TX 78761-6630.

—TEXAS—  
LOTTERY



## Plano Lincoln/Mercury: Committed to service

Plano Lincoln Mercury celebrated its fifth anniversary in 1995 by becoming the largest sales volume Lincoln Mercury dealership in the Metroplex. Owned and operated by Paul Kechler, the dealership has a reputation for product marketing, sales growth and customer service innovation.

As vice-chairman of the National Dealership Council, Kechler said his dealership is successful because he never loses focus on delivering customer value. He said: "The consumers expect more than the average buyer, so we have redefined customer value to meet their expectations of top quality, lowest prices, best selection, greatest conveniences and most outstanding service."

The dealership has 92,000 square feet of showroom space and more than 100 service bays on 11 acres of land on West Plano Parkway. The main showroom houses new Lincolns and Mercurys and the Villager minivan.

As the largest sales volume Lincoln Mercury dealership in the Metroplex, the dealership is gearing for 1996 with high expectations. In April they will begin selling the all new "Mountaineer" sports utility vehicle. Kechler said their goal is to

dominate the marketplace with this new vehicle just as they have done with the Villager minivan. With already skyrocketing sales, Kechler said, "We will become the nation's sales leader for Lincoln Mercury in 1996."

Plano Lincoln Mercury offers more customer service benefits, an equally great selection of cars and more financing options at lower prices than their super-store competitors.

At this dealership, Kechler said today's smart shopper will find the best vehicle value for their money and their job is to, "make sure we always offer the vehicle selection and financing options necessary to meet their needs." The dealership offers a full range of vehicle purchase options including new cars, program cars, used cars & trucks, and special finance and note vehicles.

Plano Lincoln Mercury is located at 3333 West Plano Parkway and is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Their service hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday. The express lube service is open Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call (214) 964-5000.

MON

## RE-ELECT REPUBLICAN JUDGE LARRY BARAKA



**A TOUGH Judge will lower our crime rate in Dallas County. Judge Larry Baraka is tough on crime, and the criminals know it!!!**

□ The most jury trials of any criminal district judge

□ Disposes of more cases than any other criminal district judge

□ His efficient court collects more fines than other criminal courts. This generates a huge **SAVINGS FOR TAXPAYERS.**

**I NEED YOUR HELP ON MARCH 12, 1996.  
YOU CAN HELP ME BY VOTING IN THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY.  
YOU CAN STILL VOTE FOR YOUR DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES IN NOVEMBER.**

## Business Service Directory

### Apartments

**Totally  
Renovated  
Apartments**

Security System

Two Bedroom

New Appliances

Central  
Heat & Air

Call 1-214-611-1115

\$300 per month

### Barbers



Reeves, Jessie F.  
(214) 374-9341

Polk Village I  
Barber Shop

1153 W. Camp Wisdom  
Dallas, Texas 75232

### Cars

### Rebuild Your Credit

Call  
Tommy Hunter  
Metro (817) 469-7711  
1-800-816-8239  
Pager and Voice Mail



**DON  
DAVIS**  
AUTO GROUP

Jeep/Eagle Nissan  
Oldsmobile Lincoln/Mercury  
Mitsubishi Toyota

### Computer

### Having Computer Problems?

- Computer Systems Integrations
- Network Solutions
- Novell Netware, Win NT & Unix
- Data Base Design/Mgmt.

### ConeTech Systems

Mr. Eges Egedigive

214-686-4620

214-305-3869 pager

CNE, NT Trained

### Law

### Law Offices of HOPKINS-MASTER & ASSOCIATES



B.S., J.D., LL.M.  
1700 Commerce Street,  
Suite 850  
Dallas, Texas 75201

- Adoption
- Child Support Collection/Defense
- Custody

- Divorce
- Employment Discrimination
- Personal Injury

**(214) 744-5502**

Not Board Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization

### Nails

*Natural Looking Acrylic Nails*  
**\$10.00 Off (Full Set)**

*Service Fit For Queens & Kings  
Call For Your Appointment Today!*

**214-296-9069**

818 N. Main, #G, Duncanville

### Printing

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

In celebration of a brand new year & the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we are offering a chance to win (1,000) FREE Business Cards. Mail in form below to enter.

REGISTER TO WIN FREE BUSINESS CARDS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

LJM Innovations/Matrix-7 Studios  
P.O. Box 5371 • Arlington, TX 76005-5371

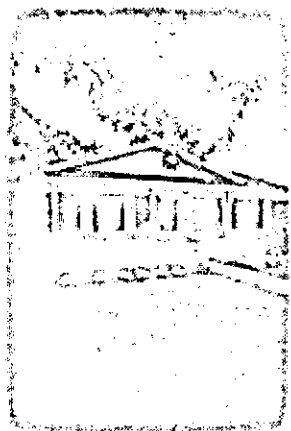
**LJM  
Innovations**

LUTHER J. MITCHELL, JR. - Owner

**(214) 611-1115**

To Advertise in Business Service Directory - Call (214) 606-7351

# DREAMS FOR SALE.



If you've always had the dream  
of owning your own home, your  
dream may have just come true.

For as little as you're paying in  
monthly rent and a modest down

payment, you could buy a HUD Home. That's right. The

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

THE DREAM OF OWNING YOUR OWN HOME CAN COME  
TRUE FOR ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE PAYING IN RENT.

(HUD) has programs that make owning a home easier

than you think. Programs that

will even help you cover most if

not all of your closing costs.

If you'd like more information

about the home you've always

dreamed of, contact your real

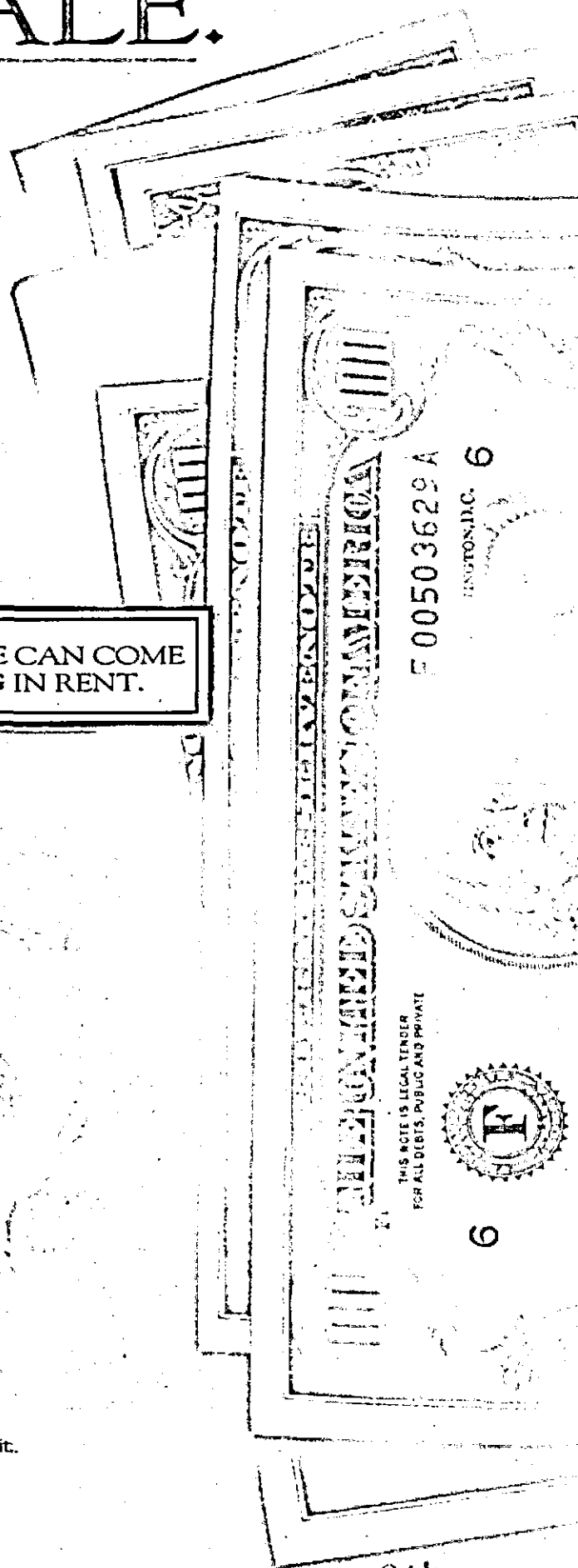
estate agent. Or, for a free

brochure on how to buy a HUD

home, call 1-800-767-4HUD.

There's never been a better

time to follow your dream, because now you can afford it.



WE'LL HELP YOU OWN A PIECE OF AMERICA.



To qualified buyers, only on homes with FHA-insured financing. Closing costs and fees additional.