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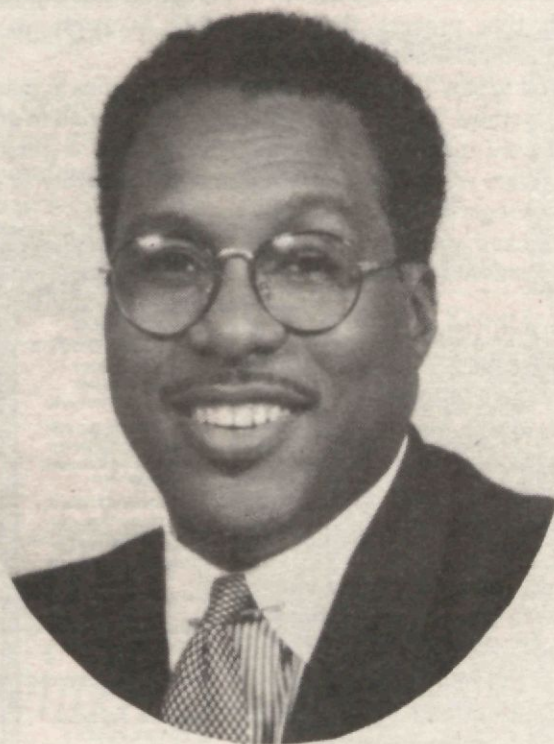
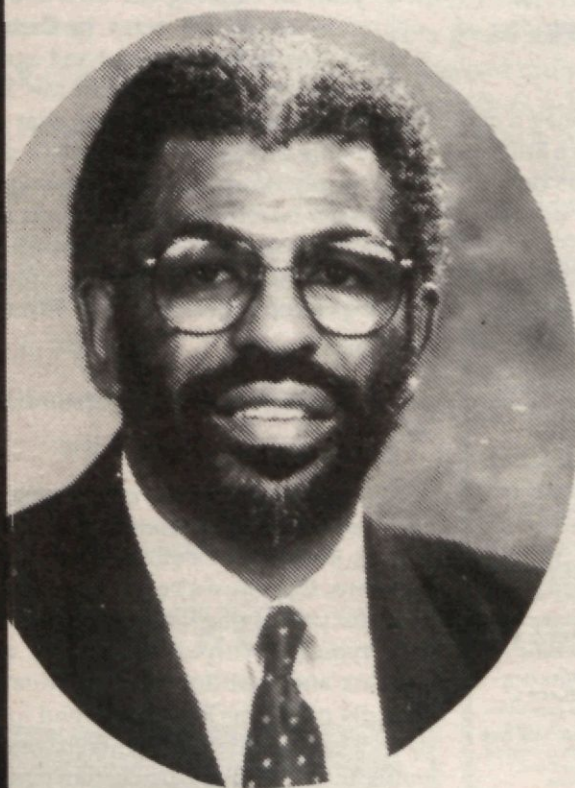
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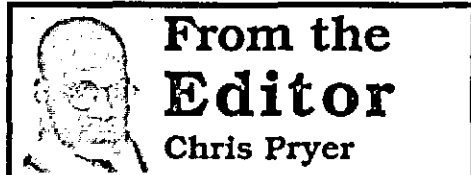


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**From the
Editor**
Chris Pryer

Republicans, Democrats and everything in between

It's election time again, and all the bellicose campaign rhetoric that goes along with it. The airwaves are pregnant with the vicious and vilifying invectives of men and women seeking to prove that they are the right choice for the public office in contention, and that their opponent is qualified for nothing more than doing hard time in the state penitentiary. More dirt being hurled than you can find at a construction site. You gotta just love the democratic system.

Of course by now we all are pretty much numb to it, accustomed to not having the foggiest idea where the lies end and the truth begins (and fast approaching the point of not much caring). Issues are given superficial lip service—for the most part, there is more of "Let me tell you what my opponent did last summer" than any kind of constructive, articulate, and knowledgeable discourse on the social problems of the day and how to solve them.

Time was, though, when Black folk didn't have to muddle through all this campaign noise. They went to the polls and voted Democrat—high, wide and handsome. No questions asked. And none answered. And that was the problem. The Brethren got tired of feeling taken for granted by the Democratic Party. Started taking a peep—this was all closet action at first, mind you—at the Republicans (the "R" word!). Started taking a harder look at the philosophy of the individual candidates rather than continuing to swallow the party spiel hook, line and sinker. Started realizing that not all Democrats are 100 percent Democrat, and not all Republicans are 100 percent Republican.

And, like most everybody else, Black folk started realizing that a lot of what ails them as an ethnic group is not going to be solved by 100 percent Democratic policies. (Even Bill Clinton, the White man who would be Black, has been accused, at times, of being a Republican in Democratic clothing.) Each party, given the chance to do things just the way it wants to, would probably run this nation straight to hell.

So we see-saw back and forth. Republican Congress, Democratic Congress. Republican President, Democratic President. Republican scandal, Democratic scandal. No matter what your fancy, I think we can all agree that too much of either one of our political parties wouldn't be healthy.

Personally, I like my Democratic coffee with a little Republican cream.

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Editorial

TPA endorsements for Election '98

Texas Publishers Assn. Wire Service

The Texas Publishers' Association represents more than 20 newspapers that are owned and managed by African Americans. Through its news wire service, the state's 1.3 million African American readers gain an important forum whereby shared issues and timely concerns are prominently presented.

This year TPA members interviewed all candidates for major state offices, posing the questions that reflect the spectrum of hopes and dreams shared by African Americans across the state. Then every TPA member cast a vote for each candidate. It was through this process that all endorsements were made.

Old folks used to say, "Every tub has to sit on its own bottom." TPA took that sage advice and used it as an important guide. Each candidate was judged on his own merit, with no regards to party loyalty. TPA carefully looked at what the candidates have done just as much as what they have said.

As a result, TPA's 1998 endorsements cut across party lines. We believe that leadership, like ability and talent, have no color or gender. We proudly endorse the following candidates in the upcoming election:

George Bush, Governor

Education is always a major concern of voters. Governor Bush has made teaching every child to read his top priority. Today, far too many of our children graduate from high school without basic reading skills. The ability to read is inextricably tied to the ability to succeed. Bush's "Lone Star Leaders" initiative speaks to the heartfelt family concerns for after-school care. No parent should be forced to choose between earning a living for their family and providing quality care for their children during after-school hours. Our children need both.

John Sharp, Lt. Governor

An elected official whose personal actions stop tax income tax increases, while simultaneously saving a whopping \$8.5 billion in taxpayer dollars, has earned support. This common sense administrator preserved welfare benefits for the poor, while curbing welfare fraud. Children of the working poor and unemployed who have no insurance, do have a friend in John Sharp. Last year, he proposed a plan to provide insurance coverage to a million children. John Sharp lives up to his name—he is sharp.

Jim Mattox, Attorney General

What most of the major media terms 'women's issues' are often 'family issues'. When it comes to collecting child support, children's rights, domestic violence, and reproductive rights, Jim Mattox has a noteworthy record of solid support and national recognition for these progressive strides. He also helped author and steer passage of state legislation that today affords open meetings and open records. Most importantly, he is a lawyer who respects and values federal laws that protect our particular interests.

Carole Keeton Rylander, Comptroller of Public Accounts

When it comes to managing money, a person who has had to do a lot with a little is a good choice. A person who has demonstrated the ability to effectively address a

ing legislation for welfare-to-work and the Texas Tomorrow Fund. At a time when many are trying to find a way to enroll students in private schools, Raymond is calling for investment in public schools to strengthen our children's education.

Susan Combs, Agriculture Commissioner

This office serves as an advocate for farmers and ranchers, while also administering programs to protect consumers. With eighteen years of running her own cow calf operation on 50,000 acres in Brewster County, Combs knows first-hand agricultural concerns. Two terms in the Texas House help too. She believes that consumers are entitled to the world's safest food supply, wants a healthy economy and an equally healthy environment. As environmental issues continue to emerge as a concern for African Americans, a informed and experienced person in this office will be an ally.

Joe B. Henderson, Railroad Commissioner

While most major public offices offer a 4-year term, Railroad Commissioner affords 6 years. Beyond the obvious transportation concerns, this office also has the responsibility for monitoring the oil and gas industry—typically corporations with deep pockets and wealthy PACS. Henderson proudly proclaims he is not bound to any special interest. He also wants to seek out public interest groups to help him perform his job well.

Craig T. Enoch, Texas Supreme Court, Place 1

This experienced jurist supports opening court records to the public and to the cameras. He would also like to see partisan concerns removed from the judicial process.

Texas Supreme Court, Place 2, No Endorsement

David Van Os, Texas Supreme Court, Place 3

With a background of representing people instead of corporations, Van Os will ever be mindful of serving the people's interests. As for judicial reform, he believes in proportional representation—a system that would facilitate people of color serving as jurists. Van Os would also open court records to the public.

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JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT, PLACE 3 David Van Os, Democrat	COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE Richard Raymond, Democrat

TPA encourages everyone to exercise their right to vote Nov. 3
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range of concerns and challenges "ain't too shabby" either. As Austin's former mayor, Rylander has demonstrated the ability to do it all—and do it well. The former teacher came out of the classroom to serve in government, and still managed to be a loving mother to five children and grandmother to two. Her pledge to taxpayer fairness, creation of jobs and economic opportunities, and maintaining her life-long commitment to education make Carole Keeton Rylander TPA's choice for Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Richard Raymond, Commissioner of the General Land Office

It has been said that "you cannot talk what you don't know; and you cannot lead where you don't go". Richard Raymond has "been there, done that" when it comes to the General Land Office. A former executive assistant in this office, he also served three terms as a state representative, writ-

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LETTERS...

No Power

The cancellation of the majority of the talk shows on KKDA-AM is what happens when "you" have no power, especially economic power; or better when "you" think you have no power.

A radio station, that was suppose to be the "The Community Leader" is owned by someone who does not even look like the community. Now, how loyal can such a person be? We need to own our own radio stations. Now we have to beg and protest to have programs aired that benefit Our Community.

It's a sorry state of affairs when a city the size of Dallas does not have one Black owned radio station. Tyler, Texas, a small East Texas town has a Black-owned radio station. What is the problem here in Dallas?

Black folks as a whole have to become "proactive," if we ever intend to control our own communities, children and destiny. When will we wake up and empower ourselves? For too long we have looked to someone else to rescue us. We must rescue ourselves.

When will Africans American in Dallas, Texas, begin?

Willie Pryor
Dallas

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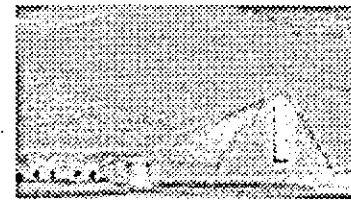
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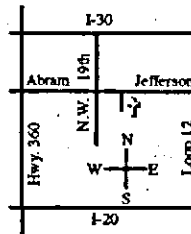
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Guest Viewpoint
Ron Kirk

More Big Brothers needed

For years, I have found great pleasure in donating my time and efforts as a volunteer. When I first decided to become a Big Brother it was because of a desire to have a positive impact on young boys in my community. I remember growing up in Austin and how important men in my community were to my growth and development. I had the opportunity to spend countless hours in the company of men from all walks of life.

These men had serious impact on my life and I wanted to do the same for others. Earlier this year, I challenged African American men to become involved with the Big Brother program.

While there is an overwhelming number of young African American boys in need of mentors, the number of African American men stepping forward is dismal. Hopefully by spending time with some young man, you can be the missing link. You could be the very person to provide that guidance that is so desperately needed in the lives of many of these young boys.

Three years ago, the Million Man March was held in Washington, D.C. Last year, millions of women converged on Philadelphia. Just this month, we saw hundreds of thousands of our children assembled in Harlem for the Million Youth March. There was also the Million Youth Movement held in Atlanta.

Editorial

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Charles "Charlie" Baird, Criminal Court of Appeals Judge, Place 1

As the senior judge on this Court, this justice is the author of more than 750 opinions. Beyond tenure, however, he also supports removing partisan concerns from the courts. Experience has shown him that the justice system and its officers must strive for balance between freedoms and the protection of citizens.

Winston Cochran, Criminal Court of Appeals Judge, Place 2

Cochran's refreshing approach would divide Texas into nine regions thereby guaranteeing proportional representation and minority judges. He also believes judges should have no agendas but justice.

Larry S. Perry, Criminal Court of Appeals Judge, Place 3

Favors judicial reform that would place campaign spending limits on judge candidates, and remove partisan labels. In criminal cases, he strongly believes in balancing the rights of the accused against the interests of the public. Far too many African Americans have suffered from the lack of that particular balance.

TPA encourages all of its readers to take these endorsements with you to the polls: Every vote counts and counts equally—but only if the ballot is cast.

Vote for your dreams—not your fears. Vote for your family—not your foes. Vote for the future you know you deserve. Vote.

The TPA Wire Service represents the African American press of Texas.

At each of these gatherings, our children were discussed. Speakers talked about putting an end to the violence, teen pregnancy, sky-rocketing illiteracy and drop-out rates, drug abuse, gang-banging and a number of other ills that continue to plague our communities. Attendees were urged to go back to their communities and make a difference. They were challenged to find a cause to utilize their talents and resources to help build a better community. Volunteering is an excellent way to

impact the aforementioned ills.

Call Big Brothers and Sisters today. You have an opportunity to do something really significant for someone else. The important thing is to give of yourself. Put aside some time to help someone else. Provide the guidance that is so desperately needed. You will receive more than you give, that is the beauty of volunteering.

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Ron Kirk is the mayor of Dallas.

Lots of politicians talk about equal opportunity. John Sharp delivers!

● Minority employees in Comptroller John Sharp's office include his Deputy Comptroller...**39%** of his Division Directors...**28%** of his Division Managers...and fully **43%** of his total staff.

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**Community
Pulse**
Thomas Muhammad

Before addressing the title of this column. I have a very important announcement to make that is very relevant to the subject. As many of you are probably aware there is at this very moment white racist power brokers in town who have recruited and financed a handful of house Negroes in an attempt to buy the Dallas office of the NAACP. We can not let that happen! So, on Nov. 21, you need to run, not walk, to the Thurgood Marshall Recreation Center and vote to re-elect Lee Alcorn president. Remember, the butt you save may be your own! Nuff said?

Ok! Now to the column. Traveling around Dallas one will quickly get a picture of people who seem to be slowly losing ground in their war to provide quality services to their communities. They've refused to stop fighting and many say that, with God's help, they will continue to do so. Still, when you consider my opening remarks concerning the NAACP, some situations can become very complicated. For all of our efforts in doing what we can to combat racist White folks in order to get our share of resources, we always seem to end up confronting sell-out Negroes who serve as props for the racists.

Sometimes I often ask myself, "Do these Negroes know what their selling out does to our communities and do they care?" I mean, the examples are numerous. Take for instance the plight of DCCAC (Dallas County Community Action Committee). DCCAC is an organization that grew out of the war on poverty programs back during the late sixties and seventies. The poverty conditions that plagued our communities then are, to my way of thinking, still rampant today. Conditions that were compounded because of high unemployment, crooked abusive slumlords and rampant diseases spread by infestations of rats and flies. The DCCAC was created to assist people in poverty with the resources that would tide them over until their conditions improved.

Cleo Johnson, the executive director for the DCCAC, was doing just that until "stealth Negroes" came in and began to sabotage her efforts. One only has to look at the once beautiful shopping center at Trunk Avenue and MLK Boulevard or the

Are all of our gains going down the drain?

now closed, newly renovated Homeless Apartments on Grand Avenue.

Add to that the closing of the many great and needed programs around the county and we see self-destruction at its best. If the truth were told the war on poverty was actually a by-product of the programs that grew out of the Black Panther Party. Everyday the Panther Party would feed 10,000-20,000 African American children throughout the nation. They

organized bug and rodent killing programs in slum housing units everywhere. They performed food and clothing drives, taught self-defense classes as well as opened community schools.

After a long lapse of not having those types of programs to recruit young people in our community, some young brothers decided to bring back those good old days and again provide those services for our people. Right away they, too, were attacked.

In fact I'm still trying to understand how a Black person could stand in front of a White judge and ask him to stop Black people from using Black names! Yes that one still baffles me even today. Then there's the gross disrespect that KKDA-AM (730) seems to be dishing out these days that again reminds us of how many of "them" are consistently taking us for granted.

Recently the station decided to cancel nearly all of its talk show formats. These talk shows had become great vehicles for getting out community announcements, social event information, live interviews with renowned authors at community bookstores and educating its listeners on a variety of issues.

The station refused to do marketing in the community and arrogantly sat back thinking that Black folks would remain loyal to them. Other stations came in and began to bite into their market. The station's answer was to cancel the shows and provide an all music format.

However, KKDA seems to have forgotten (and probably many of you, as well) that during the 1970s the station had their FCC license challenged by the SCLC (Southern Christian Leadership Conference) and SNCC (Student Nonviolent

Coordinating Committee) which forced them to provide a News format as a part of their programs. Maybe it's time we challenged them again. Needless to say Lee Alcorn is already on the case. We must support him. In the meantime, you can call Hymen Childs at 972-263-9911 ext. 511 and let him know how you feel.

On another front, I was out at the Southwest Mall (formerly Red Bird Mall) and noticed all of the new changes that are happening to beautify the mall in an attempt to possibly bring it back to its glory days. Now don't get me wrong. I believe the new owners should try everything possible to provide our community with some quality stores, but have any of you noticed how the more the mall becomes "Southwestern," the more Hispanic it becomes? Again, I don't mind, because I recognize that the entire Dallas area will be predominantly Hispanic very soon, but this is just my observation.

Notice also at the mall the many Indian and Korean businesses that dominate? Next time you're out there, check out the booths in the middle of the floors or the nail shops. It seems "we" don't provide anything for ourselves anymore. And

those who provide services to us continually take us for granted.

The new Minyard Food Store located on MLK at Fair Park is yet another example of this type of arrogance. Many local residents have complained about the services there, but it seems that the Minyard family, as usual, will not listen to African Americans. So local leaders have begun a selective buying protest of the store. And yes, you should support them. And as usual, as soon as the protest was announced, some Negroes began to criticize the protest.

I tell you, these Negroes remind me so much of the handkerchief head Clarence Thomas—here's a Negro who made it in life because of affirmative action, but now wants to do away with it—and conjure up a mental picture of a tunnel where many African Americans are trapped and there is only one hole where they can escape. There's a fire spreading in the tunnel and a ladder leading up and out of the hole is about to break. Well, Clarence begs and pleads to the others to let him climb the ladder and that once he gets to the top he'll go for help and save the rest. The others believed him and help Clarence up the ladder and out of the hole. Clarence, after getting out of the hole, pulls the ladder up and closes the hole.

Hurry! Lee Alcorn needs your vote! Until then, the struggle continues...

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Pulse

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

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Quite a far cry from the theme song of the television program, "Green Acres," in which a wealthy New York attorney and his socialite wife move to the country to escape the fast pace of city life.

Today, more and more people are craving the thought of spending their retirement years in the country. Many have lived the fast-paced city life and as they get older, their desires focus more on the serenity of country living. And since small country towns are now closer to small cities, where you can have the solitude you crave and still have all of your needs met, many are making that move.

Charles and Liz Braswell lived in a big northern city for nearly 35 years. The couple had a family and began establishing a future for themselves and their three sons. Now that they are both retired and their children now have families of their own, the Braswells decided that the big city life was no longer the way of life for them. So they packed up their belongings and moved to Cairo, a little old country town in Georgia.

Cairo is a small, comfortable city about 30 miles away from big city life where the Braswells seem to have found their "heaven on earth"—five acres of land next to a lake that stretches as far as the eyes can see. Charles says the fresh air and escape from the hustle and bustle of city life is just what he imagined for his retirement years.

When my father, Joseph, said goodbye to Newark, N.J., after nearly four decades, it was a complete surprise to see the town where he decided to settle down. An almost 45-minute drive from Atlanta, Crawfordville is a combination of Hooterville, Dodge City and Southfork all rolled into one. Everyone knows everyone, or so it seems. It's an entirely different atmosphere from your normal large, fast-paced city, especially those cities on the East Coast!

Exactly the kind of atmosphere many people are looking for.

When you consider the big city's crime rate, the rapid influx and proliferation of drugs, the poverty in some areas, fast driving, noise, loud music, car horns honking and the burglar bars, graffiti and vandals, well, the silence seems quite appealing. In fact, it is something to strive for.

Just imagine driving out in the country. Forget the air-conditioning. The windows are open wide and yes, the wind is blowing through your hair and you don't even care. The longer you drive, the less traffic you encounter. After a while you're the only one on the road. You pass by miles and miles of greenery, spotting grazing animals and rows of crops.

Then you turn down the road that leads to your haven. You heave a heavy sigh of relief, taking in the freshness of your very existence. You look around with pride as a sense of well-being envelopes you. You're almost home. It may be small or large, but guess what? It's yours.

No sirens blaring. It's peaceful. You hear nature at work and think to yourself, "This is how it must have been before modern technology became a way of life."

You may even think back to those days when you were a part of the work force. The many times that you wanted to walk off your job, or been too tired to even get up in the morning. Think back to those many times when you hit the snooze but-

ton on the alarm, attempting to steal a few more minutes of peace before your world turned into a ball of confusion. Now you can smile to yourself as you realize that today, your time belongs to you.

Liz Braswell wakes up when her body tells her to. No longer is she a slave to the raucous buzz of the alarm or the deep voice of the local deejay emanating from the clock/radio, imploring her to wake up. She's not in a rush anymore, her days belong to her. Some days she is working in the yard in a never-ending attempt to surprise her husband with a flourishing garden. She doesn't become frustrated when she comes out the next day only to find that during the night a deer or two has had a wonderful time with her handiwork.

Just whenever the notion hits her, she's back out there again, feeling the rich soil crumbling between her fingers.

I asked Liz if she was happy or did she miss the city life.

She laughed as she responded, "Oh no! I don't miss it at all. I am happy and love living here."


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Cheryl Smith is a free-lance writer and president of the Dallas/Fort Worth Association of Black Communicators.

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Leaders unveil a taste of Victory

Hillwood Development recently unveiled its development plans for "Victory," the 48-acre site surrounding the future arena in downtown Dallas. The project will be the country's largest urban, mixed-use, master-planned development revitalization with more than six-million square feet of entertainment, retail, residential and office venues. The development will create taxable improvements to the land valued at more than \$550 million, according to a tax increment financing proposal submitted to the city of Dallas.

"Hillwood is excited about the opportunity to develop 48 acres in the heart of a great American city," said Ross Perot Jr., Hillwood chairman. "Working with the city of Dallas and the community at large, we have a chance to create something extraordinary that will bring new life to downtown Dallas and create a new model for urban development across the nation."

The mixed-use site will be a public-private partnership," said Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk. "Hillwood shares our vision of the continued revitalization of downtown, and I applaud their commitment to investing in the future of Dallas."

Victory's entertainment district will feature open plazas with an 80,000

square-foot theater and street-level retail that culminates with the arena, which is expected to draw two and a half million people annually. The residential area will feature multi-level apartment buildings, as well as apartments located above the street-level retail stores.

The office component will be an urban campus with state-of-the-art buildings featuring full-service amenities such as day care, restaurants and business services. Parking for the entertainment, residential and office areas will be separate and distinct from the arena parking.

Also, the creation of new roads in the development, including the extension of Houston Street, will be designed to accommodate dual usage with the arena.

Located downtown, Victory is east of Stemmons Freeway between the West End, Uptown and the Market Center. The new arena will be located at approximately the mid-point of the almost mile-long tract.

Construction on Victory is set to begin after an environmental remediation of the property, which was owned primarily by TU Electric and Union Pacific Railroad. Of the buildings currently on the site, only part of the TU Electric plant will remain.



Mayor Ron Kirk

Texas Black Sports Hall of Fame

Boxing gloves signed by Muhammed Ali, a football signed by Emmitt Smith and a baseball signed by Hank Aaron will be among the items at a silent auction at the KFC Texas Black Sports Hall of Fame banquet Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. in the Fairmont Hotel in Dallas.

Other memorabilia include a mini-

basketball signed by former L.A. Laker Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, a cap signed by various Denver Broncos players and numerous items signed by or featuring Michael Jordan, Roger Staubach, Willie Mays, Pete Rose, Reggie Jackson, Ted Williams and other sports figures.

"The auction is a new component of the banquet. The audience will have the

opportunity to take home items signed by some of the world's greatest athletes. This is our third banquet, and it should be our best yet," said State Rep. Helen Giddings, who is co-chair of this year's banquet along with former Dallas Cowboy and Pro Foot-



Tony Dorsett with State Representative Helen Giddings.

Jackson named Associate Vice Provost for Computing

Chauncey Jackson, project manager for the development and implementation of a \$37 million Air Force-wide, military modernization effort, has been selected to head the University of Texas at Arlington's Y2K compliance program, which began in 1994.

He was named Associate Vice Provost for Computing and Technology Sept. 1. Jackson will be assigned other duties as Y2K issues are settled during 1999.

Chauncey D. Jackson

An Air Force veteran who served in Vietnam, he also handled projects for NASA at Johnson Space Center in Houston and for World Savings Bank in San Antonio. He worked for the University of Houston System in several capacities including manager of financial systems and manager of application development.

Jackson earned a bachelor of science degree in computer science from Troy State University in Troy, Ala.

Allstate gives grant to Girls Inc.

The Allstate Foundation has given a \$2,500 grant to Girls Incorporated of Metropolitan Dallas in support of Friendly PEERsuasion

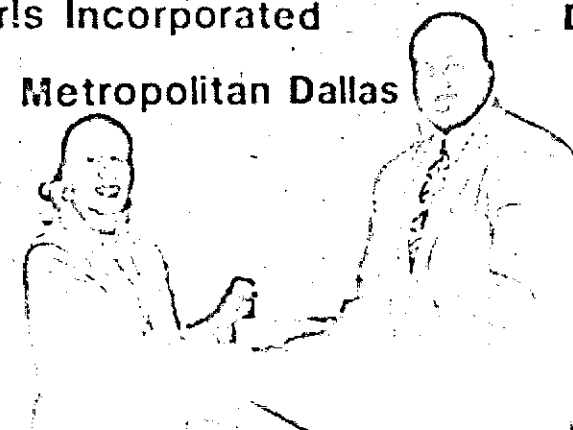
efforts to eliminate drug use. The program provides a solid foundation of knowledge and practice in key areas of communication, stress management and substance awareness for girls ages 11-14.

Allstate supports Girls Incorporated of Metropolitan Dallas through its public service program, "Making Texas Safer...One Neighborhood at a Time." The Allstate program aims to heighten public awareness

and understanding by contributing to non-profit organizations across Texas.

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more than \$200,000 this year to non-profit organizations.

ball Hall of Fame member Tony Dorsett.

"In addition to the auction, we will honor 10 African Americans who have made a significant contribution to sports history in Texas," said Dorsett, a 1976 Heisman Trophy winner who played for the Dallas Cowboys from 1977 to 1987.

The Texas Black Sports Hall of Fame was established in 1996 to chronicle the contributions that African Americans who were born in Texas have made to the history of sports. Each year a maximum of 10 athletes or coaches are recognized. Inductees must have been retired for at least five years and possess exemplary sportsmanship and citizenship records.

All proceeds from the banquet and auction benefit the Texas Black Sports History program at the African American

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William Monroe Trotter:

Scholar and agitator

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By Russell D. Shockley, BS.Ed.

Like Trotter, W.E.B. DuBois had grown up in Massachusetts in an atmosphere of relative toleration. After high school, DuBois had gone south for three years to attend Fisk University and during his summers he began teaching in the rural areas of Tennessee.

Upon graduation from Fisk, DuBois entered Harvard as a junior in the class of 1890. Eventually he would earn three distinct degrees. During his last year in Cambridge, DuBois met Trotter. Slowly, he began to find himself strongly attracted to *The Guardian* editor's indomitable energies.

DuBois' personality was, if anything, more forbidding and less approachable than Trotter's. With only minor influences from *The Guardian*, DuBois was already radicalizing his own points of interest.

Trotter seemed to have a totalitarian mind. The truth, as he defined it, was that compromise was not flexibility, but cowardice. Other men were either manly or unmanly, with him or against him. These qualities made Trotter a very admirable spokesman for the protest, but placed limits upon his personal relationships.

After the alleged riot in Boston, Trotter had started the Boston Suffrage League. Blacks from Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island joined to draft a resolution for the new organization. The Boston Suffrage League became the New England Suffrage League. Its object was to make known the wrongs and the claims of the Black race before the American public.

Trotter was elected its president and almost immediately endorsed resolutions asking for federal anti-lynching legislation, federal compensatory aid to southern Black schools, the outlawing of segregated seating on interstate carriers and the enforcement of the Fifteenth Amendment. But there was one problem—Booker T. Washington.

The mass of Washington's power (money) was derived from sympathetic Whites. Thus, to be seriously considered, Washington's detractors (Trotter, DuBois) had to persuade the Black race to a greater militancy and at the same time, convince sympathetic Whites that Tuskegee should not receive their unanimous support. Trotter suggested the formation of a national strategy board for defensive, offensive and constructive action.

In May 1905, 29 Black men from all over the country gathered at Fort Erie, Canada. There, they founded what would be known as the "Niagara Movement." Under this title they organized an executive system with overlapping jurisdictions, to prevent any one man's dom-



William Monroe Trotter

ination. DuBois served as general secretary, while Trotter headed the all-important Press and Public Opinion Committee.

The movement members would meet together annually to report on Black progress. The founders endorsed a "Declaration of Principles" which addressed White America in plain and unambiguous language. "The Negro race in America, stolen, ravished, degraded and struggling up through difficulties and oppression, needing sympathy and receiving criticism, needing help and is given hindrance, needing protection and is given mob violence, needing justice and is given charity, needing bread and is given stone. This nation will never stand justified before God, until these things are changed."

Trotter was so pleased with the Niagara movement that he spoke of it as being "...so endowed with intellect, so imbued with high purpose, so consumed with the passion for liberty, so quietly determined to persevere."

The Niagara Movement, despite harassment from Tuskegee, did make headway. During the first year Niagara

men distributed over 10,000 pamphlets, tracts and circulars. They had worked in cooperation with many of the local protest groups in New York, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C. and Georgia. They had agitated against a segregated exposition in Jamestown, Va., and against an amendment to the Hepburn Railroad Bill, which gave implied sanction to Jim Crow passenger seating.

At the second meeting, they stated, "We claim, for ourselves, every single right that belongs to a free born American. Political, civil and social; and until we get these rights, we will never cease to protest and to assail the ears of White America."

The first sign of a breach came in early 1906 when DuBois organized a women's auxiliary to the movement, to which Trotter was opposed, even though he supported women's suffrage. A more serious problem developed with a feud between Trotter and another Niagara member, Clement G. Morgan. The factions in Boston were constantly in motion and Trotter would always retain a certain leanness towards Morgan.

Things became progressively more intolerable. In August 1906, Trotter submitted a 22-page bill of particulars against Morgan and demanded a reprimand.

This DuBois refused to do and instead promptly went on a two-month cruise. In his absence Trotter's wife resigned from the movement. Over the summer, Trotter resigned from the Committee of Arrangements. Back from his cruise and

finding himself in the middle between Morgan and Trotter, DuBois sided with Morgan and Trotter was replaced.

The Niagara Movement succumbed to internal bickering, leaving two legacies not readily apparent at its demise: 1) The movement played a catalytic role in the shifting of the consensus of Black thought from the Bookerite orthodoxy of the 1900s to a return to a protest tradition; and 2) its affect on the handful of White men and women who would launch the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (in 1909).

By the spring of 1909, the Niagara Movement was losing momentum; at the same time its demise was creating a new group. This group borrowed both the personnel and the ideals of the movement and began a powerful new coalition of Black and White radicals along with neo-abolitionists. For Trotter, the honeymoon with the NAACP would last only two years. Even though he was a representative, he never really committed himself. He contentedly stayed on the periphery, giving his support whenever needed to the group, but for reason of principle or personality, he could not bring himself to fully cooperate with certain members of the movement, namely, Oswald Garrison Villard and W.E.B. DuBois.

William Monroe Trotter remained in touch as late as 1912, when he was in attendance at one of the NAACP meetings in Boston. Gradually, he would move away from the great, important and noble movement.

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Bush, Keeton Rylander and Mattox meet with African American media

Gov. George W. Bush, Railroad Commissioner Carole Keeton Rylander and Attorney General candidate Jim Mattox met with the editorial staff of Texas African American newspapers to talk about their vision for the Lone Star State.

The governor spoke with Black publishers Sept. 23 at the Governor's Mansion. In addition to discussing his vision for Texas, the governor answered questions from the African American media.

"Governor Bush is working hard to communicate with voters in all communities throughout the state, and this is an example of that," said campaign spokesperson Heather Browne.

The one-hour discussion centered on the issues of education and economic opportunity. The governor called on publishers to support his reading initiative saying that, "Education is freedom, education means opportunity. After all, the newspaper business depends on people being able to read, and if people can't read, then you're out of business," Bush stated.

Regarding affirmative action, Bush said he supports "affirmative access, not quotas." Bush said he believes quotas pit one group of people against another and hurt matters, more than they help.

Regarding business discussions, Bush said that finding out "how to promote Black capitalism will be a key question as we go into the 21st century."

Another candidate who faired well with the publisher's was Carole Keeton Rylander, the former Austin mayor who is running for Comptroller. She has declared her intention to be the education watchdog for the people of Texas. If elected, Rylander said she will apply "the yellow pages test" throughout the Comptroller's office. The current Texas Railroad Commissioner said that "government should do no job that a business in the private sector can do for a better price."

Rylander also wants to give teachers 15 percent pay raise. A former teacher herself, Rylander said that if you account for inflation, she made more as a teacher 30 years ago than Texas teachers make now. One of the ways she hopes to pay for teacher pay increases is by appointing a citizen's waste finding agency. Rylander said that she will be looking for people "who are going to think outside the box."

Former state Attorney General Jim Mattox was the last candidate screened by the Black publishers. The Democratic candidate is trying to return to the job he left almost a decade ago to run for governor. Mattox said that he would gladly take a pay cut from his present position to return to politics. He said he has been "deeply disappointed not being in office." His biggest concern, he said, is how big the turnout is going to be on Nov. 3.

"The Black press probably has a stronger capacity for influencing this election than most folks," Mattox told the publishers.

HUD works to create housing, jobs and economic opportunity

WASHINGTON — Housing and Urban Development

Secretary Andrew Cuomo recently announced that HUD will work more closely with national religious groups, other faith-based organizations, foundations, banks, non-profit groups and social service providers to create more affordable housing, jobs and economic opportunity for Americans in need.

HUD's Center for Community and Interfaith Partnerships will coordinate the effort, which is designed to help faith-based housing and community development programs in impoverished communities succeed," Cuomo said.

Cuomo said the effort was initiated at a recent day-long summit of faith-based community and

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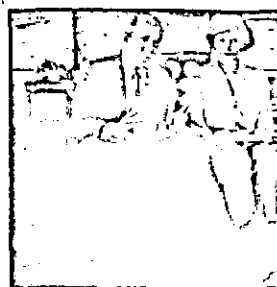
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"That's in addition to \$200 million so the state can help pay the debt costs of \$3 billion in bonds for new school construction, \$166 million for new textbooks, \$25 million for after-school programs for at-risk middle school students, and \$18 million for more Advanced Placement classes.

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economic development held at HUD. The Enterprise Foundation and the National Congress for Community Economic Development were co-conveners of the meeting.

"Our challenge is to engage partners in a new way to support the critical housing and community development efforts of faith-based organizations," Cuomo said. "Government can't do this alone. Churches, synagogues, other faith-based groups, non-profits, businesses, financial institutions and universities can't do this alone. But together, by combining our strategies, resources and commitment, we can build communities of opportunity and bring economic and social justice to our nation's poorest communities."

Father Joseph Hacala, S.J., Director of HUD's Center for Community and Interfaith Partnerships, stated: "This first-time meeting of national organizations with a faith-based community development focus is historic for HUD. It represents the beginning of new partnerships and a new level of commitment to the empowerment of poor neighborhoods."

The event was one in a series of dialogues being sponsored by the Center for Community and Interfaith Partnerships as part of Cuomo's efforts to expand HUD's reach into communities and to pursue new and creative ways to partner. The Center was established by Cuomo to ensure that community and faith-based organizations have access to HUD and its resources, and are fully integrated into the broader housing and development strategies of their communities.

Newspapers lists unclaimed property

AUSTIN — On Oct. 18, newspapers across Texas published the names of more than 97,000 owners of over \$56.7 million in unclaimed money and other assets. This unclaimed money and other assets. This unclaimed property is turned over to the state by banks and businesses that have been unable to locate the owners.

"The Unclaimed Property list is divided by city, so people should look for their name under the city where they now live, and under every city where they've lived in the past," State Comptroller John Sharp said. "And they can look for friends and relatives' names, and for businesses they once owned."

Sharp added that if Texans have looked at the Unclaimed Property list in the past, and didn't find their name, they should try again.

"The list changes every year," Sharp said.

The names on the newspaper list represent only unclaimed property owners who have been reported to the state within the last year, and only those who have at least \$100 or the contents of an abandoned safe deposit box coming to them.

Overall, the Unclaimed Property program is holding more than \$800 million in assets. Examples of the money waiting to be claimed include \$118.8 million in uncashed checks, \$105.8 million from dormant bank accounts, \$73.8 million in insurance proceeds, \$30.9 million in utility refunds, \$44.5 million in royalties, and \$107.5 million in unclaimed wages.

"There are no limit for claiming these lost funds," Sharp said. "The money continues to belong to its rightful owners — forever. Any time the owner or his or

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In addition to checking the Unclaimed Property List in the newspaper, there are several ways to find out whether the state is holding money for you:

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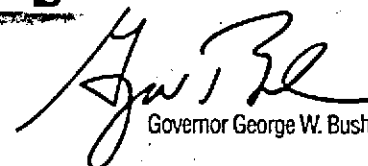
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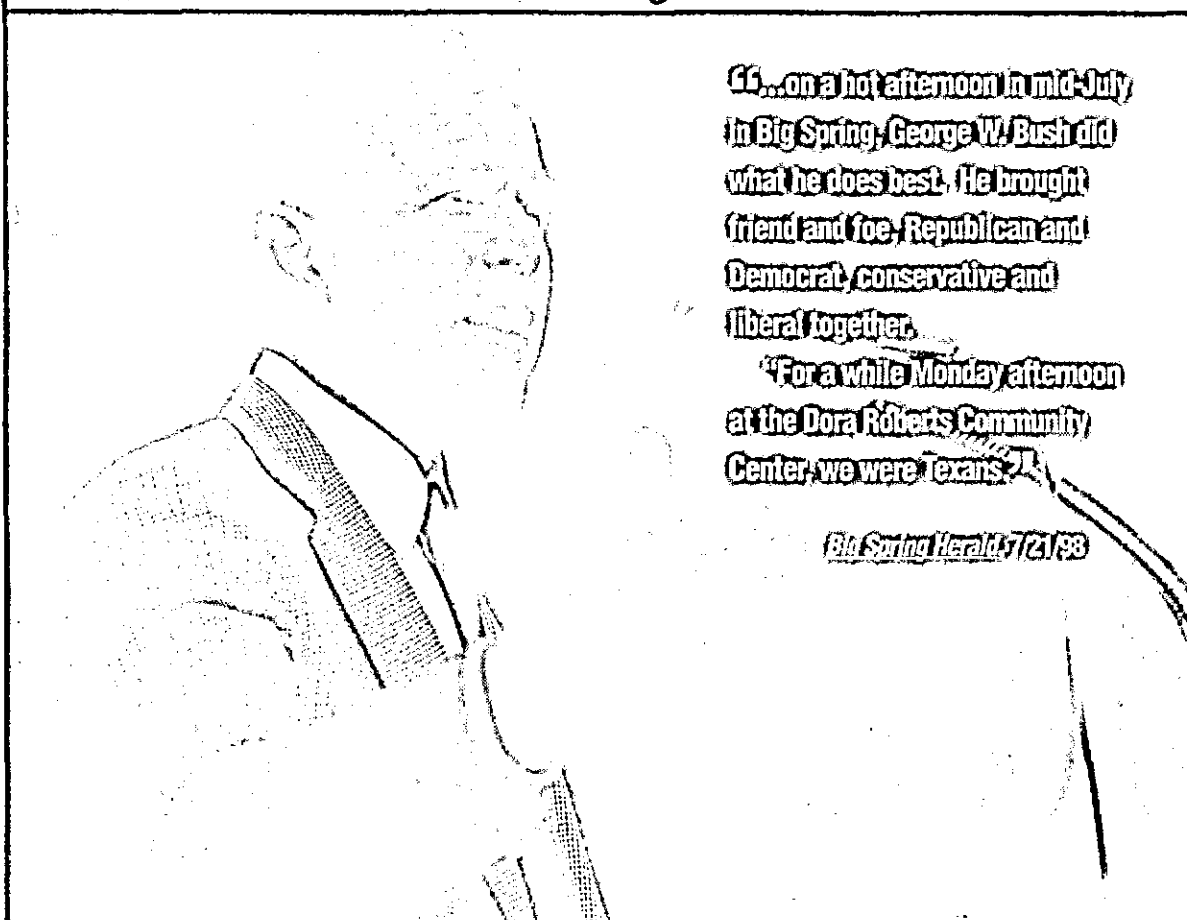
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Gov. Bush declares 20 Texas counties disaster areas

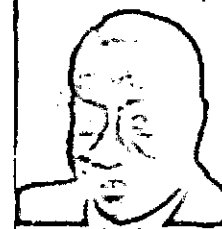
AUSTIN — In response to a request from Gov. George W. Bush, the president has declared 20 Texas counties as major disaster area. Those counties suffered extensive losses from heavy rains, flooding and severe storms that began on Oct. 17. The storm has claimed at least 29 lives. High water remains in many areas, where damage counts are expected to rise and other counties may be added to the disaster list as flooding continues.

To speed the recovery process, state and federal officials will set up a Disaster Field Office in the San Antonio area, from which state and federal aid can be coordinated. Texas Division of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) also will set up Disaster Recovery Centers to help flood victims seek aid.

Recovery Center sites will be set up in the hardest hit counties. They can give storm victims an easily accessible one-stop site to seek help on needs from insurance claims to special assistance programs. The toll-free telephone number will give victims easy access to the disaster application process.

Help can come in many forms — temporary housing, individual and family grants and home or personal property disaster loans. Other aid can include business disaster loans, crisis counseling, Internal Revenue Service income tax help, Disaster Unemployment Assistance and aid to farmers and ranchers.

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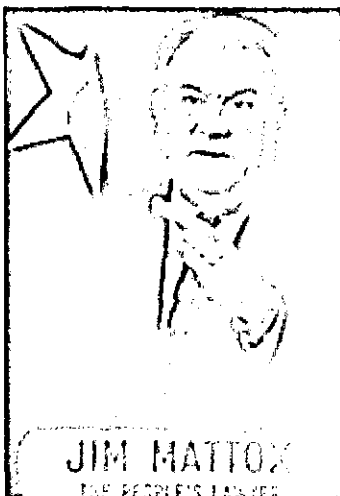


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Voting Study

A new study released by the Human Rights Watch and the Sentencing Project, two nonprofit research and advocacy groups, has revealed that 1.4 million African American men, or 13 percent of all Black men, cannot vote because of their criminal records.

Every state except Maine, Massachusetts, Utah and Vermont denies prisoners the right to vote; and 15 states bar former felons from voting even after they have served their sentence, 10 of the states impose lifetime disenfranchisement on anyone convicted of a felony.

In Texas, voting rights are suspended for two years after a sentence is completed.

In Alabama and Florida, nearly one out of every three Black men is permanently disenfranchised, and in Iowa, Mississippi, New Mexico, Virginia, Washington and Wyoming, the ratio is about one in four.

Marc Mauer, assistant director of The Sentencing Project, said Texas has the second highest number of people who can-

not vote—610,000 adults, or 4.5 percent of its adult population, which is twice the national average. Florida leads the nation, with 647,000.

According to the study, 20 percent of the Black men in Texas cannot vote.

"I think it's a rather frightening situation that one in every five Black men are locked out of the voting process there," Mauer said. "It speaks to the very substantial growth in the criminal justice system in Texas in recent years."

Dallas County Commissioner John Wiley Price was quoted in another publication as saying, "This is no surprise. We are the only people who have been legislated into existence—we weren't born. This is another way of legislating us out of existence."

Local NAACP President Lee Alcorn was quoted as saying that he is not surprised by the results of the study.

"African Americans don't get justice in the justice system, and a disproportionate number of African Americans are in there for minor offenses."

Alcorn suggested that legislators inform ex-convicts of all races of their

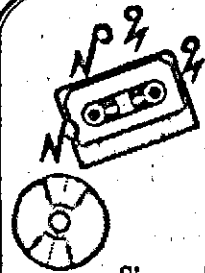
right to vote when they are eligible.

"The Democrats and Republicans could make a concerted effort to inform those people who have done their time that

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they are eligible to vote."

The report stated that across the country, 3.9 million men and women of all races



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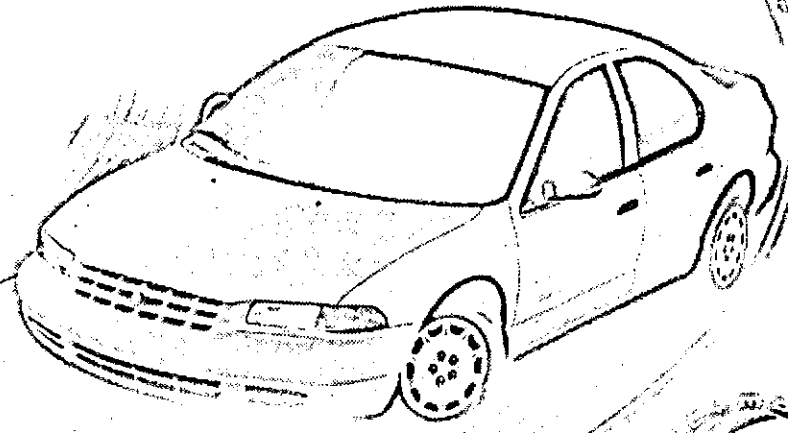
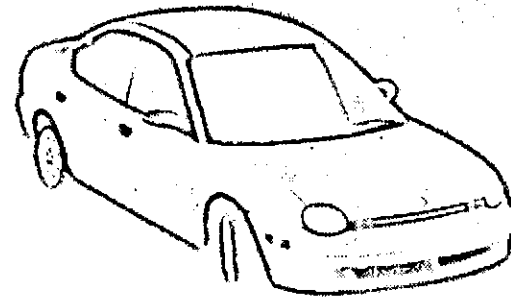
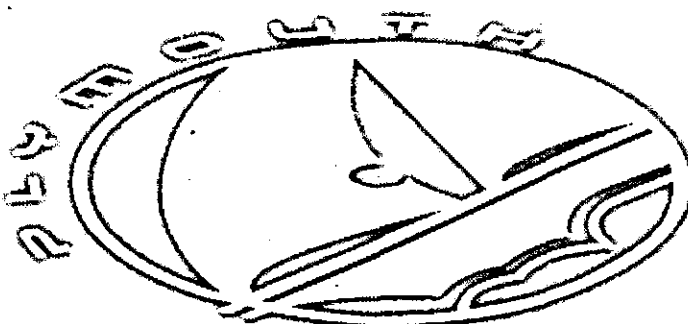
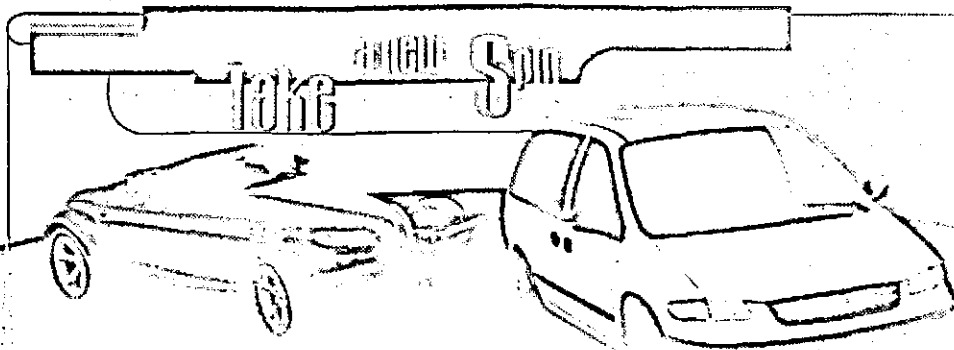
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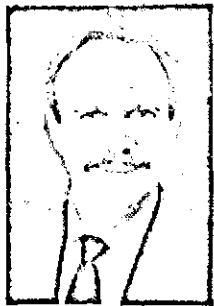
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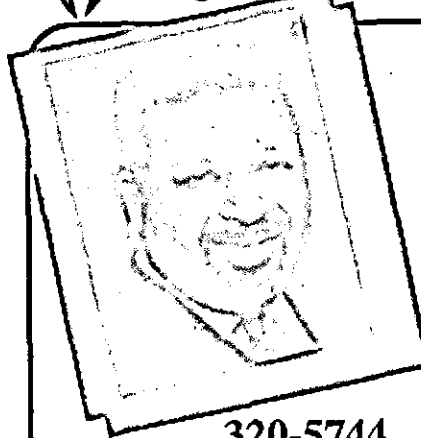
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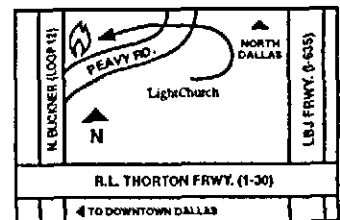
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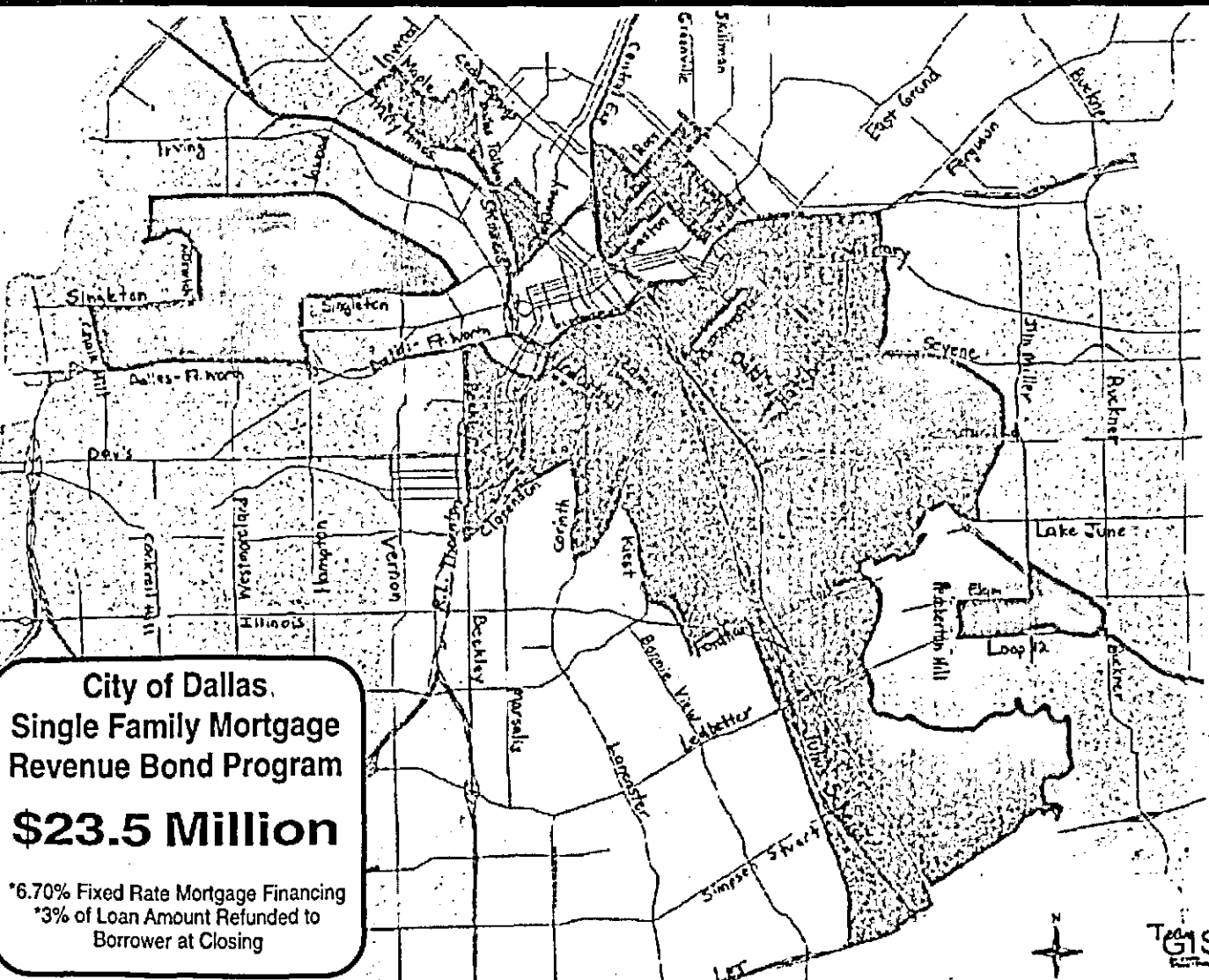
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Clean South Dallas/Fair Park Inc. will have a Silent Auction and Dinner Nov. 5-6 at 2809 Birmingham-Sunny South Dallas. Preview of items and bidding will take place from 5-8 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday. The auction will take place at 8 p.m. Friday. Dinner is from 6-8 p.m. Friday. Dinner for children under 12 \$2, adults are \$5 and food tickets are \$1. For more information, call 214-421-1662.

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The comedy *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)* continues its run at the Theater

Arlington, 305 W. Main St., through November 21. For reservations, call Theater Arlington at 817-275-7661.

November 6

A Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held for couples living in the Dallas and surrounding area Nov. 6-8. The weekend is sponsored by the Dallas/Ft. Worth Lutheran Marriage Encounter couples. All husbands and wives (regardless of religious background) are welcome to register. For more information, call John and Nancy Jackson at 817-481-1342 or Herb and Betty Doller at 972-780-0902.

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Casa Manana Children's Playhouse presents *The Wizard of Oz* Nov. 6-6 and Nov. 13-14 at 3101 W. Lancaster in Fort Worth. Performances of the classic tale of Dorothy's magical journey through Oz are Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. with Saturday matinees at 2 p.m. All tickets are \$7 and are available by calling 817-332-2272 ext. 3, or any Ticketmaster location.

November 7

The Dallas Historical Society is sponsoring a tour of Oak Cliff Nov. 7, as part of their City Tour Series. Founded in 1840s, Oak Cliff has been one of Dallas' more established neighborhoods. The tour departs from the Hall of State in Fair Park at 9 a.m. and returns at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$35 each and \$25 for Historical Society members. Lunch at an Oak Cliff restaurant is included in the price. Seats are limited and reservations should be made by Nov. 6. For reservations or more information, call 214-421-4500, ext. 105.

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Volunteers from community organizations, schools, churches, businesses and other citizens are preparing for the annual fall cleanup in the South Dallas/Fair Park area. Cleanup days are Nov. 7 and Nov. 14. Cleanup crews will be mowing, raking and picking up trash throughout the targeted area. Crews will meet at 8:30 a.m. both Saturdays at the Clean South Dallas Community Center, 2809 Birmingham St. To volunteer or for more information, call 214-421-1662.

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Black Dallas Remembered, Inc. will host its annual African Americans and Heritage Preservation Conference Nov. 7 from 8:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m. at the St. John Family Life Center, 2600 S. Marsalis Ave. To kick off the weekend of events a "Heritage Through the Arts" reception will be held Nov. 6 from 6-8 p.m. at St. Martin's Place, 2603 Dr. M.L. King Jr. Blvd. Pre-registration for the conference and reception is required by Nov. 2. A fee of \$20 is charged for all activities and \$12 for the conference and lunch only. For additional information, call Mamie McKnight at 214-333-0983.

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Mother's Outreach Ministry is a mother's outreach program initiated to assist teenage mothers ages 19 and under. Services include: counseling, jobs, GED/homework tutorial, child care, emergency diaper and transportation assistance. Applicants must reside within Dallas County. M.O.M. will be enrolling participants between 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on the Nov. 7, 14, and 21 between 6-9 p.m. Call 972-501-1473 for further information.

November 9

Volunteers are needed to prevent child abuse for the EXCAP Center (Exchange Club Center for the

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Prevention of Child Abuse of DFW, Inc.). These volunteers are called Parent Aides and are a proven solution in preventing child abuse. Volunteers will be required to have a criminal records check and to attend 10 hours of training. Bilingual volunteers are especially needed. An Orientation to EXCAP's Parent Aide program will be held Nov. 9 from 6:30-8 p.m. For more information call EXCAP at 972-644-2098.

November 12

A free seminar, "Refinancing Your Home," will be presented by Consumer Credit Counseling Service, 8787 King Georg Drive, in Dallas on Nov. 12 from 6-8 p.m. A panel of mortgage brokers and lenders will discuss refinancing alternatives in today's real estate market. Mortgage assistance is a new service of the non-profit Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Greater Dallas, Inc., which has 15 offices in the metroplex. Seating is limited, so advance reservations are required. For more information, call 214-638-2227, ext. 1162.

November 14

The Dallas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will host its third annual "Black

Dollar Day" from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Black Dollar Days will be held at the Frederica Chase Dodd Life Development Center, 1401 S. Akard, in Dallas. For more information, call 214-428-7400.

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Sisters on the Move will once again holds its annual year end celebration Nov. 14 at the Cityplace Conference Center, 2711 N. Haskell in Dallas, at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend this evening of good old-fashioned laugh therapy. The annual fund raiser will benefit the S.O.T.M. Support Group. For more information, call Dominique Dor at 972-709-1180 (day) or 972-296-4065 (evening).

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Mark Swinney, former editor of the Christian Science Sentinel, will speak to the general public on Nov. 14 at 2 p.m. and to youth on Nov. 15 at 1 p.m. Both talks will be at Fifth Church of Christ, Scientist, 5655 W. Northwest Highway in Dallas. Admission is free. Free parking and child care are provided during the lecture. For more information, call 214-361-1625.

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Cultural Insights Books host Ashra Kwesi, national speaker and griot, will present the dynamic and inspirational slide lecture

"The African History of Christianity" at 7 p.m. at Sanfoka, 1908 Martin Luther King Blvd., in Dallas. For more information, call 214-421-0013.

November 16

Actor Edward James Olmos will be the featured speaker at the 1998 YMCA Minority Achievers Banquet Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. at the Round Up Inn in Fort Worth's Will Rogers Memorial Center. The banquet will culminate a day of activities for Olmos in a historic joining of the YMCA Minority Achievers program with the Fort Worth School District. Banquet tickets are \$55 per person or \$400 for a table of eight. For more information, call 817-531-2738.

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The Southwest High Tech Career Fair will be held Nov. 16-17 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. at the Informart. Free to high tech job seekers, the career fair offers professionals with semiconductor, information systems, telecommunications, engineering and technical sales expertise a format to meet one-on-one with high tech recruiters.

November 17

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November 19

The Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce Convention and Tourism Department will host the Second Annual African American Associations Networking Luncheon on Nov. 19 at noon at the Fair Park Music Hall. Clarice Tinsley, news anchor with KDFW, Fox-4 News, will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies for the luncheon. For more information, call 214-421-5200.

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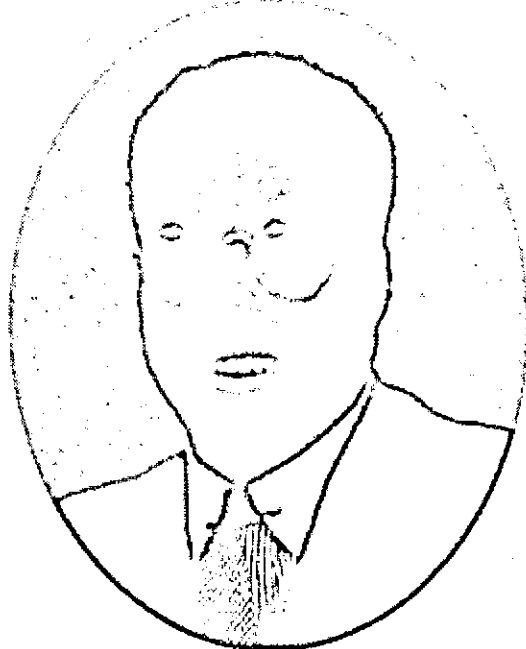
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Who *should* lead it into the New Millennium?



NAAACP

by Dorothy Gentry

Three men. One job. The men: a newspaper publisher; a company president; and the president of an organization that works for social justice. The job: president of the Dallas branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, an organization that many believe is outdated, antiquated and just plain ole' behind the times.

These three men are vying for the opportunity to serve as the next president of the heretofore august social organization and the chance to bring to it some renewed faith, hope and optimism.

The principles in this three-way competition are Jordan Blair, assistant publisher of the Elite News; Dwaine Caraway, president and CEO of The Profile Group, an outdoor billboard advertising agency; and Lee Alcorn, current president of the Dallas NAACP and seeking an unprecedented third term.

All three believe they are the most capable of leading the local chapter of the largest and oldest civil rights organization in the United States into the new millennium. And all three men believe they have what it takes to revive an organization whose name usually brings about a yawn rather than a shout of enthusiasm.

Though the Dallas NAACP recently won the Thalheimer Award, given by the national office to the branch that demonstrates the most effectiveness in implementing change in the community, many in the community continue to impatiently and collectively mouth the refrain, "What have you done for me lately?"

MON recently sat down with each candidate individually to discuss the upcoming election for president of the organization, their individual qualifications, what they think are the issues of importance to Black Dallas, and more. Read on and decide for yourself which person seems most qualified to be the next head of the Dallas NAACP. And don't forget to vote on Saturday, Nov. 21, at the Thurgood Marshall Recreation Center.

Yes, your vote does count.

Jordan Randy Blair

Under the theme, "A New Time, A New Day," Blair announced his candidacy first by saying he plans to become a "new and timely" leader of the Dallas NAACP.

"For too long, a few individuals have represented themselves as the voice of the entire community. We must not let this moment pass. We must not allow apathy to hold us in the clutches of indecision. A new day is just around the corner. For those who wish to stand in a new light, we want you to help us prepare the way."

Blair, a 41-year-old Dallas native, said he is running for the Dallas NAACP presidency because he is "deeply concerned with the direction of the NAACP and I feel I can bring something new to the table. The current administration has gotten some positive [press] but they've also received negative publicity. They've done a lot of good things. My hat goes off to them for receiving

the (Thalheimer) award. But even though they received it, people don't really participate in the organization."

According to Blair, a member of the Dallas NAACP board of directors, of the 300,000 Blacks in the city of Dallas, only about 2,000 are registered members of the organization. He believes it should be much higher.

"People don't see it as a viable, necessary organization that they should be a part of," he explained. "The Dallas NAACP needs to concentrate on inclusion and letting everyone be a part of the decision-making process. One person can't make all the decisions. We need to work together."

Blair continued, "I don't see the overall inclusion of common, ordinary folk in the organization. When I win the presidency, I see myself as a common, ordinary person speaking for common, ordinary folk."

According to Blair, the common, ordinary folk are "representative of the community in which we are supposed to serve. When you say 'people of color,' it doesn't mean just Black. When you look at the beginning of the NAACP, there was a white person, a Black person and a Jewish person."

The current NAACP "alienates itself from things and people that could help the organization; various resources," Blair continued, suggesting that the NAACP should open itself to becoming more inclusive of the church, as well as other races.

Blair's presidential goals include making the Dallas NAACP branch more people-oriented; providing community-wide leadership to all citizens; involving the church community in the strategy, tactics and goals of the branch; providing an unmitigated, organized approach to unifying the city, state and nation on key issues specific to our community such as education, racism, injustice, inequality, redlining and unemployment and under-employment.

Blair believes one of the major issues facing the Black community is the training of the community for jobs in the new millennium. "The year 2000 is right upon us and we can see a growing trail of companies moving to the southern sector of Dallas. They are building companies and creating jobs, but not hiring [Blacks] because they say we don't have the skills for these jobs," Blair said.

"We need to teach computer skills and computer literacy training. This needs to be a proactive stance from the NAACP."

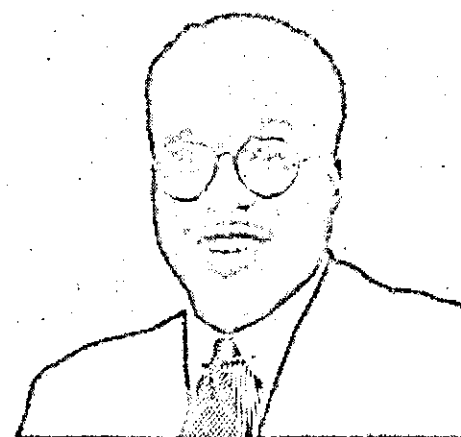
"I want to help be the catalyst to set up computer centers in areas that are accessible to our community," Blair said. "I want to raise the level of education in our community and this, in turn, raises the level of economic stability in the community."

Regarding his leadership style, Blair said he is "a healer, not a divider. My decisions would be based on being a part of the solution, not a part of the problem." Blair also said he will use various methods of getting his goals accomplished.

"You shouldn't limit yourself to just a given area. Don't just negotiate and don't just protest." He added, however, that he is not ruling out protesting as a way to get

things done. "I am a certified board member of the NAACP and I went through training and I understand policies, rules, regulations and how to get things done."

"The same type of leadership that I have brought to the Elite News, I will bring



The candidates, from top to bottom: Jordan Blair, Dwaine Caraway, Lee Alcorn.

to the NAACP. I am just the best person for the job right now."

Dwaine Caraway

Two weeks after Blair announced his candidacy, Dwaine Caraway threw his hat into the ring, promising a different approach to leading the NAACP. He touts his ability to "go to the table, sit down and talk. I am at the table with those people that make decisions." "We, as African Americans, have not been at the table, but are on the outside beating at the door to get in," he said. "Some of us are not afraid to sit down

and demand equal treatment. And we are not sellouts because we can come to the table. We can be at the table, be listened to, and achieve our goal. I'm at the table on behalf of the community, as a Black man."

The 46-year-old Dallas native and current first vice president of the Dallas NAACP believes the current administration does not have a clear focus of what is ailing the Black community in Dallas. "As a board member, from the inside I see the cancer. And when you spot cancer, you have to give it some type of treatment," he said. "The cancer in this case is the narrow focus of the group."

"The problems in the African American community are greater than just the school board," Caraway continued. "We have problems on every corner of our community because someone else owns our businesses. Economics will solve a lot and help answer the plight of drugs and racism in our community. The (NAACP) focus is limited."

Caraway describes his leadership style as "planned, articulate and very aggressive. Whatever capacity I am in charge of, I execute to the fullest. I use whatever I have to achieve the goal and vision. There are a lot of people that could do, but don't. There are not a lot of daring people who will open the floodgates."

Like Blair, Caraway said he is not necessarily against protesting, a method that has all but defined the current administration. "I am not against protesting — I've been on the picket lines for years—but only when it (the protesting) is within reason. For his administration, Caraway said protesting "won't be the first line of defense. If it is used, it needs to be planned out so the goals (of the protest) will be met."

Caraway's campaign theme and platform is to focus on the economic development of all areas of Dallas. "There is so much economic imbalance throughout our community. There is progress potential that exists as we move toward the year 2000. It is time for us to put our shoes on, lace them up high and start getting what we deserve." Caraway, a former chair of the South Dallas Fair Park Trust Fund that has helped pump \$1 million into South Dallas over the past few years, said economics is the biggest issue in the Black community. "Money and economic security builds up our self-esteem. If we had money, we could buy paint to paint our house and be about making the money. You cannot get around it; it's a reality. And we must accept it. Money does not solve every problem, but it helps address a major percentage of [them]."

Other components of Caraway's campaign platform include addressing issues of education, health and drugs in the Black community. "Education is something we will always have to address. We also need to put together a better defense for drugs in our community and help those who have slipped and gotten into drugs," he said. "Health is also an issue. As we become more health conscious, we need to learn to deal with HMOs, insurance and more."

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Caraway believes the NAACP also needs to take a closer look at the upcoming development and expansion of the Trinity River corridor and how it will affect the Black community. He recently paddled 25 miles down the Trinity in a canoe to look at the proposed development and renovation sites.

"How will I know unless I go out there and look?" he explained when asked why. "It's the biggest project the city has undertaken and it's going to happen."

Caraway said strengths he can bring to the NAACP include a more constructive and organizationally inclusive style. "The organization should not be just one person. Everyone should work and function as a unit. The organization should function with honor and integrity and that is something that has been missing."

He gives props to the NAACP for winning the Thalheimer Award but is quick to point out that "it was not a president's award; it was to the branch, with the whole group working together."

"The NAACP is the oldest and most disrespected organization in this town," said Caraway. "We need to re-energize it and show people that they need to come back, that it is viable."

With the current administration, Caraway said, the NAACP is "running the risk of not being able to function. We are moving in a direction that can't sustain us. I don't have a choice other than to run."

Lee Alcorn

Receiving the Thalheimer Award was clearly a highlight of Lee Alcorn's second administration. "There is not a lot more to accomplish as far as accolades," he said when asked what more he can do as NAACP president. "But I think there needs to be a continuation of the effectiveness we have established. I think there are a number of us who have worked hard to reach a level of effectiveness. And we need to stay in place until we can get someone in here who

will continue in the same vein."

Other accomplishments Alcorn touts as he goes for a "three-peat" include the negotiation of a fair-share agreement on the Arena deal; restoration of accountability to the Dallas Public Schools board; inclusion of ethnic minorities for the first time on the Airport Development Team; and helping to terminate the discussion on the proposed hospital merger of Parkland Hospital with private hospitals (which would have reduced or eliminated access to health care for the poor and indigent).

Alcorn believes there are many issues of importance to the Black community that must be addressed. "The Dallas Public Schools and accountability as it relates to Black kids is very important as records clearly show that our kids are not being academically successful in this district."

Like his opponents, Alcorn says the Black community also needs to address the issue of economics. "We need to get more money into the community, provide jobs and create more economic spending in our own community."

Other goals he has set for a third term include: paid office staff; connecting the office to the Internet; economic reciprocity from local, state and federal entities by establishing more economic opportunities to the African American community; and continued work in civil rights, including job discrimination, police abuse and other civil rights violations.

While on the campaign trail for a third time, Alcorn is having to face criticism surrounding three issues, the same three issues his critics and opponents bring up whenever the opportunity presents itself: his residency, his leadership style and the reputation of the organization.

Alcorn pays no mind to the ever-present criticism about the organization. "People say it's old, but it's the first organization they call on for help. They talk about it, but NAACP is the first and only one they call—these same critics."

"I work for nothing. All of us (at NAACP) do and there are still a number of

us (African Americans) who still want something for nothing," Alcorn said. "They want us to take care of their needs but don't want to give anything back by volunteering and becoming an active member. The results of our efforts have been very effective—enough said."


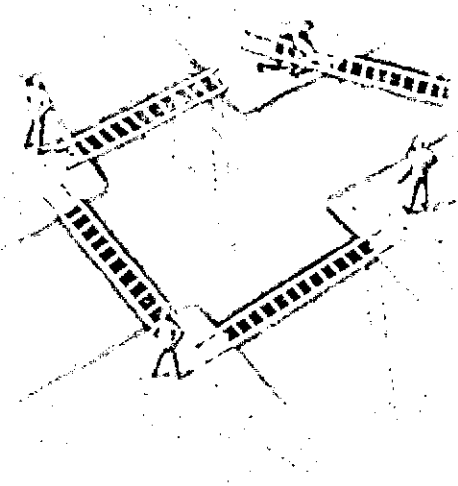
As far as his leadership style, which many say is confrontational and alienating, Alcorn had this to say: "I provide leadership that is not about talking but about action. I won't waste time refuting things

that people say."

Alcorn, 61, is a Grand Prairie resident and insists he is fully qualified to run for and hold the office of president of the Dallas NAACP.

"Obviously I do not live in Dallas, but I do work in Dallas on a daily basis, as required by the organization's new constitution and bylaws."

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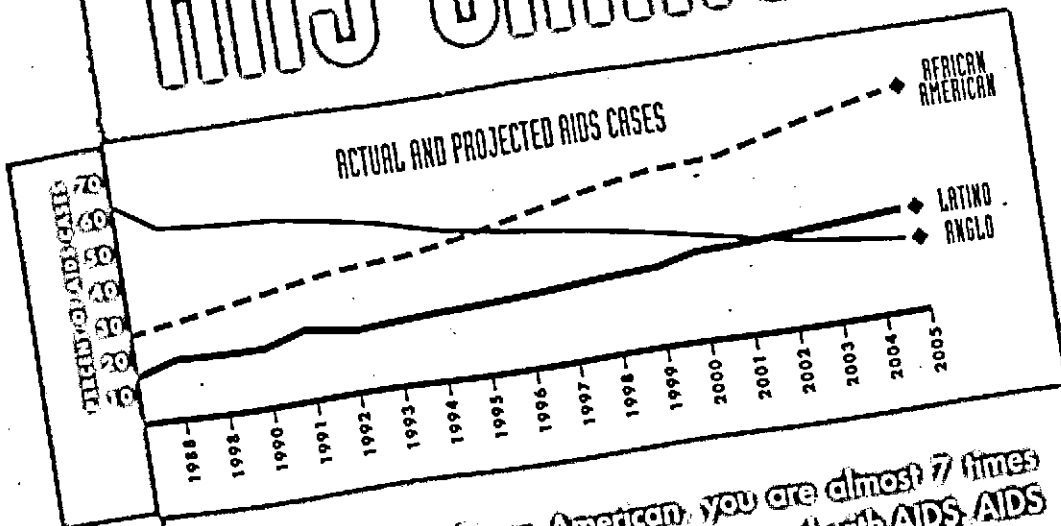
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On February 2nd, the showdown begins—a battle between two of the biggest names in old school with "The Showdown: The Sugarhill Gang vs. Grandmaster Flash & The Furious Five." Chuck D and Ice-T lend a few MC skills on CD from Rhino Records...Vivica A. Fox will star with David Allen Grier in



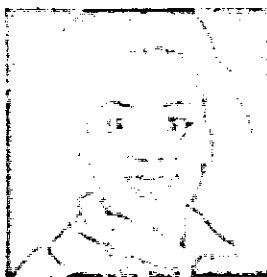
Vivica Fox

the Disney movie of the week, *A Saintly Switch* in January. Fox will also star in *Idle Hands*, an upcoming teen horror/comedy set for mid-spring

release...Lisa Raye, who played the lead stripper in *Player's Club*, is finishing up filming for the movie *The Wood* co-starring Omar Epps and Taye Diggs (lucky girl). Raye has also signed to be a Coors girl...Montel Williams has beaten the sexual harassment lawsuit against him. The suit was filed in 1996 when two former employees accused the talk show host of groping them and were fired when they complained. Williams main-

tained his innocence throughout the suit, which was finally dropped...The landmark Apollo Theater is hitting even harder times. The theater is falling apart and needs repair and its owners, The Apollo Theater Foundation, are caught up in a lawsuit amongst themselves. The theater runs two shows, *Showtime at the Apollo* and *Amateur Night*, but cannot maintain enough revenue to cover much needed renovations. Officials believe the theater's location and size are the main reason, not the foundation's politics or shady dealings...Gregory Hines and Forest Whitaker are two of the presenters for the upcoming LA Music Center's 17th Annual Distinguished Artist Award to be held Nov. 4 in Beverly Hills...Isaac Hayes and Sandra Bernhard sang a duet of Hayes' hit "Theme From Shaft" when they co-hosted *Comedy Central's Hi Fi Party* (We can't wait to hear it). The show airs Dec. 6 on the cable channel...Also on *Comedy Central* is the broadcast of Richard Pryor's reception of the Mark Twain Prize for humor. Whoopi Goldberg, Danny Glover, Robin Williams and Chris Rock were among those who

Griffith Joyner



performed at the event to be aired in January...Before her death on Sept. 21, Olympic gold medalist Florence Griffith Joyner was working on a line of athletic shoes and clothing. The line, "FGJ," will be introduced as planned in Lady Foot Locker stores next month. A portion of sales will go to the nonprofit Florence Griffith Joyner Memorial Empowerment Foundation to help children. By the way, according to authorities, the 38-year-old former Olympic sprint champion suffocated from an epileptic seizure in her sleep. An autopsy found no indication of drug use. "In layman's terms, she suffocated," said Dr. Richard Fukumoto, chief of forensics for the Orange County Sheriff's-Coroner department. Lt. Frank Fitzpatrick, head of forensic sciences for the sheriff's office, said toxicology tests showed she had taken about one tablet each of the over-the-counter painkiller Tylenol and antihistamine Benadryl, but "there was nothing unusual in terms of drugs."...Bobby "Bad Boy" Brown is at it again. News reports say he's expected to check himself into a Minnesota rehab center today. Later, he'll have to deal with a warrant issued by a Florida judge this past Monday. Seems Bad Boy Brown was "buzzed" and drunk (Geez!) the day he started a jail term for drunken driving. *The Miami Herald* reports that when he turned himself in Sept. 28 to begin serving the sentence, Brown told his proba-

tion officer he had smoked pot and had been drinking earlier in the day (duh!). Upon learning that, Judge Leonard Feiner decreed that Brown had broken the terms of his probation and must do. And the bad news continues for Bobby Brown. Now comes word that MCA Records has filed suit against him and the



Bobby Brown

other members of New Edition (Ralph, Ronnie, Ricky, Mike and Johnny) for breach of contract. The label says the group owes it six (6) albums worth of cash...Usher

scouted locations for his next video and decided his hometown would be the perfect spot. He went back to Chattanooga, Tenn., this week and shot a video for his new single "Bedtime" during two free concerts Oct. 22 and 23 at Memorial Auditorium. The singer, born Usher Raymond IV, will also tape segments for MTV's "Home Videos," which features artists telling their life stories from their hometowns. At 19, Usher is one of the world's hottest R&B singers, with his album, "My Way," selling 3 million copies so far...Puff Daddy played his first-ever U.K. show last week at the official open-

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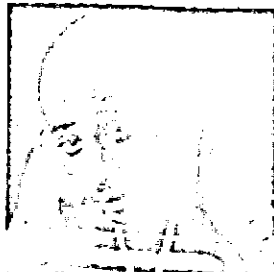
ing of the new London venue Sound Republic in Leicester Square. The invitation-only event was broadcast live by MTV U.K. and also featured Faith Evans,



Queen Latifah

112, and Total...Former blaxploitation movie queen Pam Grier made a day of it in her hometown of Denver, where she was honored for her screen work.

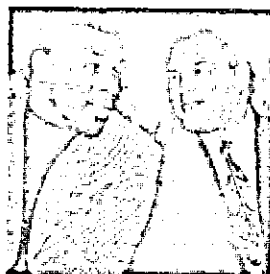
Grier said it was an honor to be back in the "community that raised me, that gave me the character and courage to experience a wonderful journey." The actress is a graduate of East High School in Denver, where Tuesday was "Pam Grier Day." The gun-wielding star of such 1970s movies as *Coffy* and *Foxy Brown*, Grier got a boost from her role in the currently running film *Jackie Brown* and now plays a lawyer in Showtime's comedy series *LINC'S*. The National Council of Negro Women Inc. also honored Grier at the ceremony...Queen Latifah has a new jewel for her crown: talk show host. The hour-long *Latifah* is scheduled to debut this fall on several Fox-owned stations, according to Telepictures, the show's producer. The 28-year-old rapper and *Living Single* actress (whose real name is Dana Owens) was brought into the fold by Rosie O'Donnell, a Warner Bros./Telepictures star. "Rosie recognized that Dana is a very smart woman who is very driven, and at an early age had a vision of what she wanted to do," Telepictures president Jim Paratore said. "The show will be built around Dana and her point of view,"



Tupac Shakur

he continued. "Two of the suits involving the late Tupac Shakur have been settled, or are close to it, according to one of the late rapper's estate lawyers. New York attorney Donald David confirms that Shakur's biological father, a New Jersey truck driver named William Garland, is dropping his action seeking half of the late rapper's estate, settling instead for \$540,000 plus legal fees totaling just over \$350,000. The case had previously been thrown out of court. Garland had appealed, but more importantly, says David, the settlement was to prevent Garland from profiting from his tenuous connection to his blood-only son...Boxer Mike Tyson won the biggest split decision of his life. Now, with the help of a certain former basketball player, he could be back in the ring before the year ends. "I'm just happy I won," Tyson said

after the Nevada Athletic Commission voted 4-1 Monday to return the license it revoked when he bit Evander Holyfield's ear 15 months ago. With Magic Johnson and Muhammad Ali backing him up, Tyson seemed near tears upon learning he would be allowed to return from his boxing exile. He promised to put his life in order as he prepares to return to the sport he loves and the heavyweight divi-



"Iron" Mike Tyson (l.) with Muhammad Ali

sion he once terrorized. When he does, Johnson says he will replace the spiky-haired Don King as Tyson's new promoter and help guide the

career and troubled personal life of the 32-year-old former heavyweight champion.

"I'll be the closest guy to him, making all the decisions," Johnson asserts.

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Book Review

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Roberts vs. Texaco: A True Story of Race and Corporate America

by Bari-Ellen Roberts
Avon Books, \$25

Roberts was a senior financial analyst at Texaco from 1990 to 1997. If you remember the case that was in the news, this book will provide riveting reading as Roberts recounts the events that led to the lawsuit. Roberts expresses her disgust as she listened with her attorneys to the transcripts of the secret Texaco tapes that had fallen into their hands. She discusses in detail how she became a plaintiff in a class action suit and won the largest financial settlement for racial discrimination in American history and also brought about reforms in Texaco's hiring. This autobiographical work reads and moves quickly like a novel. "It is an important story that must be shared," says Roberts.

How Sweet the Sound: My Life With God and Gospel

by Cissy Houston
Doubleday \$22.95

Grammy-winning Cissy Houston, mom of renowned singer and actress Whitney Houston, is an accomplished singer in her own right. How many of you remember the group the Sweet Inspirations, who reached their peak back during the '60s? Houston was a part of that group. Each chapter of the book is named after the line from a hymn. She shares with readers the many events of her life from childhood on, both tragic and triumphant, and how she survived through God and song. She candidly talks about her failed marriage, and about forgiveness. Her faith shines like a beacon throughout the book, as do her hopeful spirit and determination.

The Best That I Can Be: An Autobiography

by Rafer Johnson
Doubleday, \$23.95

In 1960, Rafer Johnson won a gold

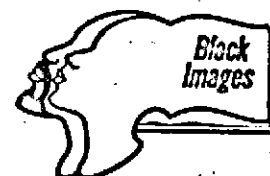
medal for the decathlon in the Olympic Games, and set a new record for the event. Johnson is a home-grown hero. He was born in Hillsboro and spent his early years in Oak Cliff, then at the age of nine, relocated with his family to an all-white town Kingsburg, Calif. His time at UCLA and the grueling training for the Olympics is presented to the reader not only to inform, but to inspire. Each chapter of this memoir on this man of determination is based on one of the ten events in the decathlon. His relationships with popular personalities, including feminist Gloria Steinem and his subsequent interracial marriage are but a few of the interesting moments in his life.

The Wake of the Wind

by J. California Cooper
Doubleday, \$22.95

Not a biography like the other selections, this is the third novel by Cooper, who is also well-known for her collection of short stories. The story is set in the South during the final Civil War days. The heroine is named Lifee. When emancipation comes to Texas, Lifee and her husband, Mor, begin their journey as free people, armed with courage and hope as they seek to find a piece of land that they can work and

own. This epic novel tells of their successes as they educate themselves; and their crops and children thrive. But this was during times when it wasn't safe to be a black person in America. Dangers lurk everywhere. Difficult decisions have to be made. Historically accurate, this novel shows how tenacity is a legacy well worth passing on to future generations.



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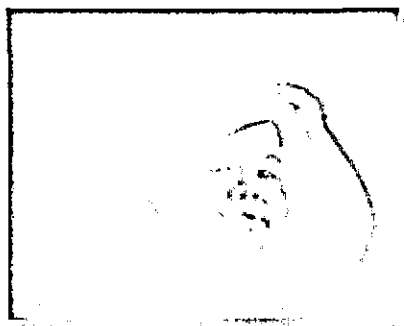
Friday, November 6 • 6-8 pm
Keith Brown presents Sacred Bond: Black Men and Their Mothers (\$25.00 Little Brown). Brown has collected the success stories of thirty-six men. These men come from a variety of backgrounds, lifestyles and age groups. All grew up under the influence of a powerful mother figure. The Siskin's Reading Group will host Mr. Brown's reading.

Saturday, November 14 • 1-3 pm
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Cynthia A. Cass shares her story of triumph in Against All Odds: Success After Teen Pregnancy (\$9.95 Fulton Press). The book also offers hope and encouragement to teen and single mothers raising their children alone.

Saturday, November 28 • 3-5 pm
Francis Ray's next holiday novella Until Christmas is in Winter Nights (\$22.00 Kensington/BET). This new work adds to her long list of romance fiction which includes: Break Every Rule, Heart of the Falcon, Silken Betrayal, Incognito, Undeniable, Forever Yours, Only Yours, Fallen Angel and more! Ms. Ray's book signing will be hosted by the Romance Noir Book Club.



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Are you the kind of investor who has assembled a portfolio randomly over the years, without a serious regard for how its contents fit and work together? Do you impulsively buy exciting, new financial products or services when they are introduced, ending up with accounts here, there and everywhere?

Actually, with a little prodding, many investors would probably admit they need to build, monitor and organize their finances better. Often, they're not sure they've made the right investments or are receiving the highest possible return. In short, these people know they need to do some basic personal financial planning and review.

Financial experts agree that a strong and successful investment program usually is founded on sound investment principles and reflects your personal needs and objectives. One sound strategic approach to structuring a successful portfolio is called asset allocation. Simply stated, this strategy focuses on establishing diversification that is consistent with your personal investment needs and risk tolerance.

Building a strong portfolio

Risk tolerance is perhaps the most important factor in the asset allocation process. If your tolerance is relatively low, you may appreciate larger allocations of cash equivalents (Treasury bills, short-term CDs and money market mutual fund shares, for example) and good quality fixed income securities. Conversely, a greater risk tolerance may mean that you'll favor more equity orientation in the portfolio, along with a willingness to accept more volatility in return for potentially higher returns.

In addition to your risk tolerance and investment objectives, other personal factors that should be closely examined when building your portfolio include your age, cash flow, portfolio income needs and your tax bracket.

In terms of the asset allocation process, age is significant because it impacts the type of investment strategies you may wish to consider.

As an example, an older investor may be more concerned with safety and income in his portfolio. On the other hand, this same investor may wish to protect his portfolio against the eroding power of inflation, and therefore may be interested in growth-oriented investments.

Naturally, capital and income needs, along with current cash flow, must be considered in order to help you build a portfolio with enough liquidity and income to make necessary expenditures without disrupting your investment plans.

Once you've decided on an investment strategy and have created a viable portfolio, you should be sure they continue to reflect your investment goals and keep working hard for you. You can do this by monitoring the progress of your investments.

This means more than simply checking the closing prices of stocks or mutual funds when the mood strikes you. On a regular basis — monthly or quarterly — you should check what's been happening to your stocks and mutual funds. At the conclusion of each year, compute the total return for each of your stocks, bonds and mutual funds. Also annually, you should compare your securities with other measures of market activity, such as the S&P 500 and the Dow Jones Industrial Average. Your financial advisor can assist you with all these comparisons.

These periodic reviews may prompt you to make some changes in your investment portfolio. As companies' fortunes ebb

and flow with new management, products and services, so, too, do the returns on investments in their stocks. In addition, other factors may encourage you to make changes in your portfolio, including:

Your Age. As indicated earlier, growing older can be a strong incentive to change course. Your changing financial needs, objectives and strategies could dramatically change the makeup of your portfolio over the years.

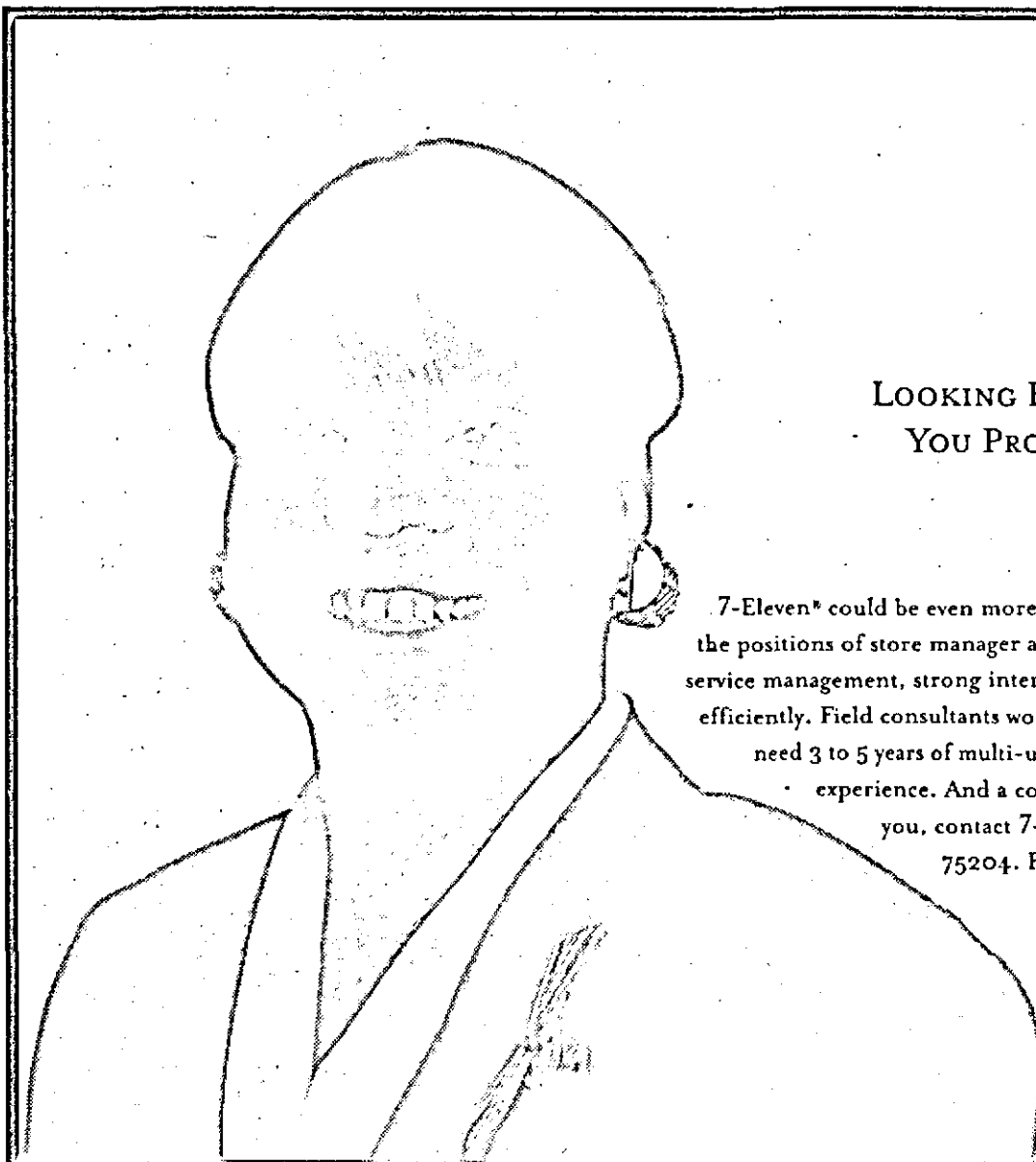
The Economy. The economy affects some securities more than others. Relating the performance of your stocks and mutual funds to the economy — and where it seems to be headed — may be a reason for evaluating your investments.

Other events that may have an impact on the makeup of an individual's investment portfolio include significant political changes, major tax reforms and international developments like trade agreements and political instability.

There's little doubt that a well planned personal portfolio that is reviewed and "fine tuned" on a periodic basis is a key to meeting your financial objectives and remaining in a healthy "fiscal" condition. Working closely with your financial advisor to achieve these results is another.

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Proper training technique is essential for your training program to be successful. When you training properly, you get the best results in the least amount of time, and you reduce your chance of injury during training.

The Basics

To reach your fitness goals, you need to train and condition all the major muscles in your body. If your program does not target the major muscles, your training will cause muscular imbalance or weakness.

Starting Up

The key to starting a fitness program is to experiment with different exercises and discover what you like. Some people like running, others prefer walking, and there are those gym rats who love pumping iron. But remember, everyone is different. Chose something you enjoy and stick to it. Remember: the best exercise is the one you like. And don't forget that technique is the key to success. Be patient. You will be able to perform more and more of your exercise when you concentrate on proper technique from the beginning.

Overload and Progression

For you to get stronger, or to loose weight, your muscles have to be overloaded. Overloading means placing a greater amount of stress (exercise) on your body (muscles) than they are accustomed to. Your body will adapt and get stronger and your body will develop out of necessity. When your muscles are exposed to greater resistance, they adapt to overcome it. Remember, you shouldn't overload your body all at once—do it gradually. There are two forms of overload training: 1) increasing your repetitions (the amount of times you do something) and 2) by increasing the intensity (doing a more difficult exercise, adding resistance, or performing exercises at a faster pace). These two overload principles should be done separately (never simultaneously), thus prevents overtraining and

possible injuries.

Workout Length

The length of your training session depends on the volume of your exercises and your goal. One thing that will effect your workout length is intensity. If you are performing a high-intensity workout, it must be in short duration.

Frequency of Training

Beginners should start by training three days a week (for example, Mon., Wed., Fri.). As you become more advanced (after 6 weeks or so) you will have to find new ways to increase intensity and volume. You can increase your training to 5 or 6 days a week, but watch the intensity level—you could be in danger of overtraining. Remember, train hard but, smart.

Until next time, get fit!

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Economic Development

How Telecommunications Can Help Communities



In our technologically advanced world, telecommunications constantly impact our daily lives. From cell phones to pagers to faxes to e-mail to the Internet, our offices and homes buzz with technology.

But there's another way the telecommunications industry affects us. That's through economic development.

When an industry brings jobs to a community, that community is transformed. Thousands of lives are positively impacted, and hundreds of other businesses see the benefits as well.

Take for an example the AT&T customer service center in Dallas. Located near the largely African-American southern sector, the call center has been a shining example of economic development. About 40 percent of the employees are African-Americans, and the increased employment has benefited many families in the African-American community.

The AT&T call center, like another call center that American Airlines opened in southern Dallas, does what any good example of forward-thinking economic development should do. It offers entry-level jobs providing good income, excellent benefits and work experience.

The AT&T call center provides another example of how telecommunications economic development can and should work. It creates jobs near where the people who need them are located, or at least near public transportation, making it easier for employees to get to work.

This reduces absenteeism, benefiting both employers and employees alike.

Not only does economic development benefit employees and companies, but other businesses as well. When an operation like a customer service center is created, it causes a ripple effect that provides opportunities to suppliers and contractors. Like the Rev. Martin Luther King once said, "a rising tide lifts all ships." In this instance, the rising tide is that of economic development.

In addition, employees, companies, suppliers and communities also have responsibilities (and reap benefits) in fostering economic development. Often, when incentives like tax abatements are offered, the results are overwhelming. That's especially true when such incentives are targeted toward a specific industry, like telecommunications.

Communities — both cities and states — also can help boost economic development in our community by creating a higher quality of infrastructure. That means making the Internet accessible to all citizens, especially in the African-American community through an alliance of churches, businesses, non-profits and faith-based institutions.

Economic development in the African-American community — especially as seen in the telecommunications industry — makes winners out of everybody. Employees, companies, suppliers and communities all benefit from a growing telecommunications infrastructure fostered by healthy competition and economic growth.

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On Real Estate

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Home buying checkpoints

I've prepared a checklist to assist first-time home buyers with the purchase of their first home. Here are some of the questions you should ask yourself before beginning the process.

1. Do You Have a Stable Work History? A stable work history means you have been consistently employed over the past year or two and have kept a regular and consistent income level. You may have been fired for cause. You might have big gaps in your job record. Or there may have been dips in your income level that you cannot satisfactorily explain. If this is the case, give me a call because you may not have to delay borrowing money for a home until you can show that you have a steady income and stable work history.

2. Do You Have an established and favorable Credit Profile? Before lending you money, lenders want to see a track record of debts duly repaid. Your lender will order a credit report to verify your debts, the amount of your monthly payments, and how many months or years you have left to pay off your debts.

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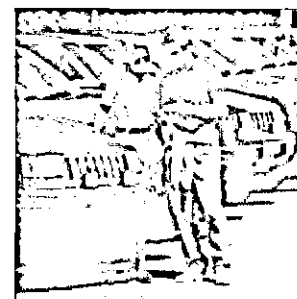
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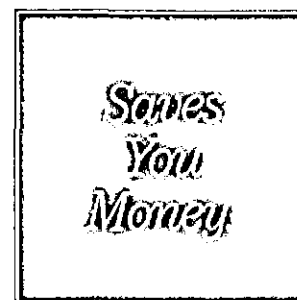
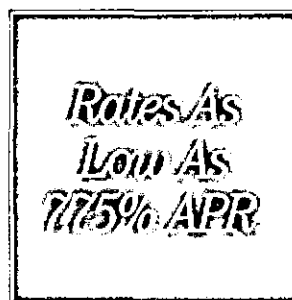
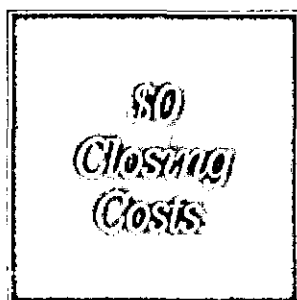
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You and God

Ron Shaw

Opportunity & Opposition

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I was on the phone yesterday talking This friend operates a very successful business (we're talking millions of dollars here). The issues we discussed had strong implications for himself, his family, and his employees. Decisions had to be made that would either cost him everything or propel his business to new levels of success.

We recalled some of our toughest challenges. I began to realize that some of my most trying times were also some of my most rewarding times. My friend and I talked about how, through each apparent failure, success waited on the other side. I starting thinking about all of the people who call me or write me or come to see me about their failures, their weaknesses, their fears. It occurred to me that hard times are usually (in hindsight) the most satisfying times and yield the greatest rewards. The Lord started reminding me of one of the greatest illustrations of that truth in all of the Bible.

You know the story of David and Goliath. The short version goes like this: Davids' father sent him to check on his brothers, who were soldiers in the Israelite army. When David got to the camp, he heard this giant of a man—an irreverent Philistine named Goliath—yelling insults at the Israelite army and cursing their God. Mentally, the Israelite army seemed all but defeated. No Israelite soldier was willing to stand up to Goliath. King Saul had offered money, property, a beautiful woman, and princehood to anyone who would fight Goliath. Still, no takers.

David heard about the reward. But more importantly, he asked the question, "Is there not a cause?" David decided to put his life on the line, not for the prosperity or the pretty woman, the prestige or the popularity. He did it for a cause. His cause was to take away the reproach on Israel.

More than money, a worthy cause will motivate us to face seemingly insurmountable odds. The king had offered prestige but that wasn't enough to persuade anyone to go. You see, they didn't have a cause. When David identified the reason for going up against Goliath, money became only a by-product of success. He made prestige (becoming a member of the royal family) a by-product of success. Even the fine woman he got out of the deal was only a by-product of success.

Look at the opportunity here. David was able to bless his father, himself, his children and his grandchildren. All because he had a cause. When there is a cause, we can then be motivated to go up and lay everything on the line. Every other soldier had the same opportunity. Opportunities are often unbiased. They don't play favorites. They are always looking for someone. Anyone.

The problem is, our greatest opportunities are usually accompanied by our greatest opposition. In the case of the Israelite army, the opportunity was there for the taking; however, so was the opposition. The opportunity to do something for past, present and future generations was a tremendous one.

I'd wager that you have great opportunities staring you in the face right now. However, like the rest of the army of Israel, you're looking at the opposition instead of the opportunity. You're "opposition-minded" instead of "opportunity-minded."

Goliath was a giant of a man, a skilled warrior. But his greatest asset was that he had the Israelite army psyched out. They were intimidated. But their greatest problem was not the Goliath out in the field; it was the one in their heads. Even David admitted that he had never faced such opposition before. He recalled the opposition he had faced as a shepherd: the lions, and the bears. But never giants. Lions and bears paled in comparison to a skilled warrior who happened to be twice the size of normal man. This was David's biggest opposition.

Hidden inside your greatest opposition is your greatest opportunity. Your prosperity is in your problem. Your testimony

is in your test. Where is the power of God at work in your life? In your problems? In your weaknesses? The Bible says, "Therefore I'll glory in my weakness, knowing the power of God is made perfect in them." Even the world knows this truth. Many of the great fortunes of the world were made during economically hard times.

So, whatever you do, don't despair. Within the

problem you're facing may very well lie the prosperity you've been asking God for. If you are looking for an opportunity to succeed, identify your greatest opposition!

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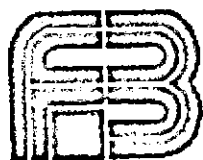
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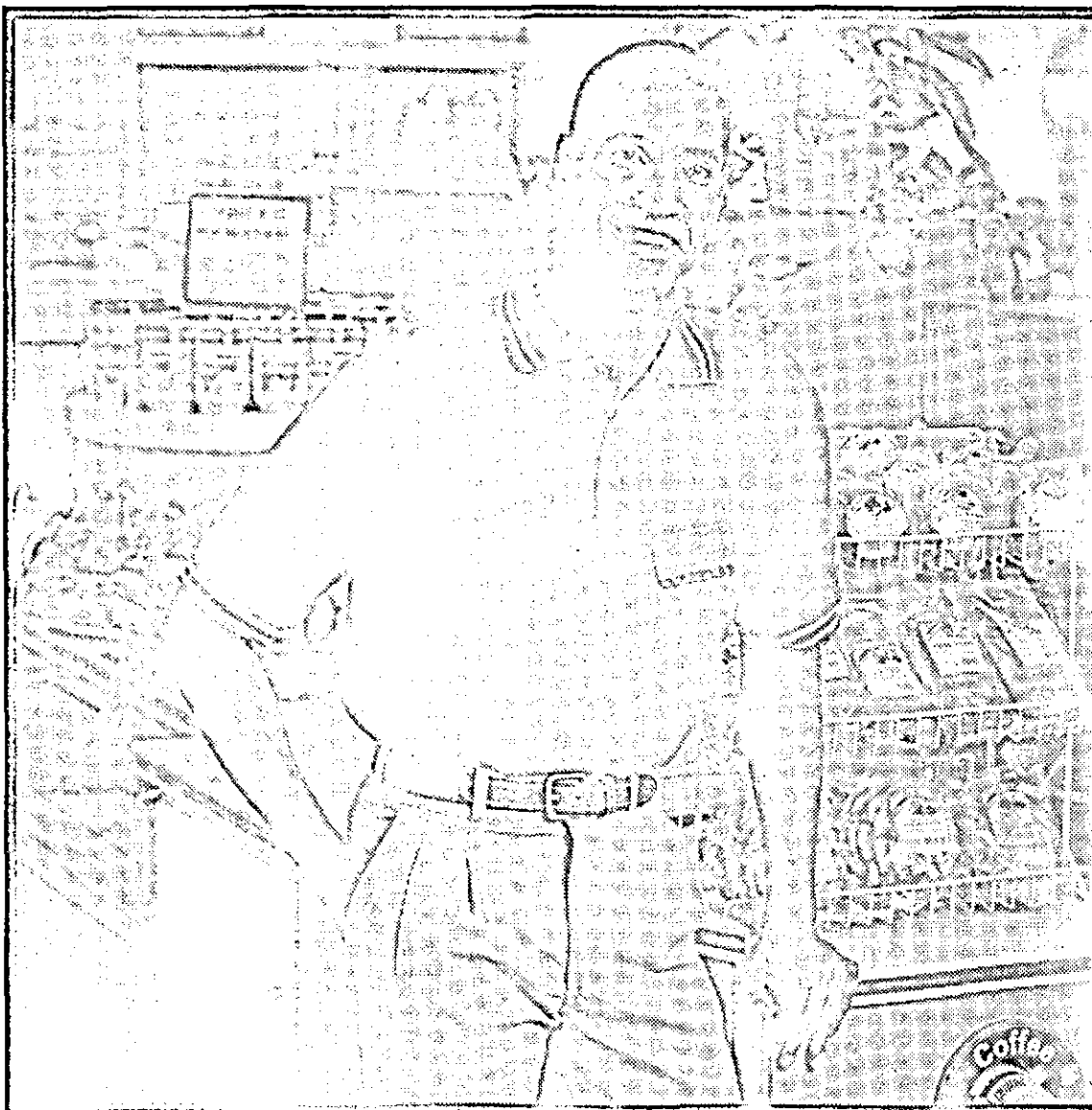
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