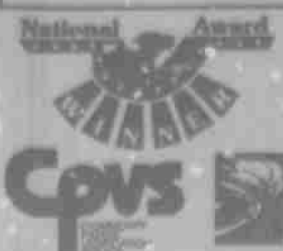


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NATIONAL NEWS

Jackson Advocate Firebombing Hearing Leaves Unanswered Questions

The Jackson Advocate, a member of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), was fire-bombed on Jan. 26, 1998. Yet the May 26 Blue Ribbon Commission Hearing on Political Terrorism and Hate Crimes, had no answers to the many questions the bombing has raised. The five-hour hearing was co-chaired by Congressman Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.) and Rev. Joseph E. Lowery, president emeritus of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and Dorethy R. Leavell, president of the NNPA. Joining them to give testimony were Charles Tisdale, publisher of the Jackson Advocate and editor Ali Shamsiddin; Stephanie Parker-Weaver, executive secretary of the Jackson chapter of the SCLC; Vernon Hughes, chief arson investigator and Sgt. Jim French of the Jackson police department. Hughes informed that several people have been questioned and polygraphed yet he said he could not answer many of the questions raised by the panel because of the ongoing investigation. He also said that they are working everyday to find those person(s) responsible but because firebombing happens at least once per week in Jackson, the caseload is high. Park-Weaver, Tisdale and Shamsiddin presented a 600-page file of circumstantial evidence they have compiled that alleges that persons connected with Capitol Center, Inc. (CCI), the management corporation overseeing the Jackson downtown business improvement district were responsible. The Advocate had written several articles unveiling some alleged illegal activities of CCI.

Nationally-Recognized Training Program Heads to South Africa

INROADS, Inc., an international not-for-profit career development organization for minority students, has announced it will, for the first time in its 28 year history, license its successful minority talent and leadership development training process to a group of interested corporate and community leaders in Johannesburg. The program, INROADS/South Africa. The group currently offers more than 930 corporate clients access to 6,200 talented minorities in 50 cities in the United States as well as Toronto, Canada and Mexico City, Mexico. Under the South African agreement, INRGADS will assist with affiliate start-up, operational procedures, corporate and student recruitment, student training, technical support, and general office set-up. "The global need for our service confirms that training talented young people for success is universal. We are extremely excited about the opportunity to impact professional and leadership development in South Africa," said Charles I. Story, INROADS, Inc.'s president and CEO.

Black Women's Conference Addresses Domestic Violence

The 1998 Mobil African American Women on Tour empowerment conference series is addressing the harsh realities of domestic violence and sexual abuse in the Black community during its continuing tour of Brooklyn (July 10-12), Washington, D.C. (Aug. 21-23) and Atlanta (Aug. 28-30). The conference has already made stops in Detroit and Philadelphia. "Sisters Speak Out on Domestic Violence & Sexual Abuse" is moderated by Rebecca Singleton, a former victim who has become a national spokeswoman on women's rights. Now the founder and president of Urban Fitness Connection, Singleton has been featured in the national media extensively and has been honored by President Clinton for her work to combat violence against women and children. The forum features women's shelter administrators, psychologists, law enforcement officers and survivors who address personal empowerment and legal issues, as well as offer advice on places to go for support and assistance.

Rawlings Urges China To Douse Tension Between India and Pakistan

ACCRA, Ghana (PANA) — President Jerry Rawlings of Ghana has expressed outrage at the renewed tension between India and Pakistan and has appealed to China to assist in normalizing relations between the two countries which exploded their nuclear bombs in May. "Alongside the efforts of the international community, China, which shares borders with the two countries, should play a more prominent role in bringing India and Pakistan together," he told visiting Chinese foreign minister Tang Jiaxian. The minister was on a three-day visit as part of a five-nation West African tour, which has already taken him to Guinea and Cote d'Ivoire. He will also visit Togo and Benin. India and Pakistan have had tense relations since independent from Britain in 1947 and have fought three wars since then, this setting the stage for an intense arms race. In May, India exploded an underground nuclear device, Pakistan responded almost immediately with its own explosion. Both have drawn sharp criticisms from the international community.

BELL & STOKLEY NAMED "MAN & WOMAN OF YEAR"



Mrs. Frances L. Bell

One of the main attractions of annual Juneteenth Celebration is the naming of the "Man & Woman of the Year" by the Lubbock Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. This was done Friday, June 19, 1998 at the Mac Simmons Community Center. The theme was: "True To Our God Through Challenge, Change, Choice." Named "Woman of the Year" was Ms. Frances L. Bell while Mr. Harry Stokley, Jr. was named "Man of the Year."

Guest speaker was Patrick Dunn, assistant dean of student affairs at Texas Tech University. He urged our young people to get an education.

A member of the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, Ms. Bell is an honorable person of high moral character. She has been an asset to her church and community. She was the first youth pianist of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, and the first youth to attend the Sunday School and B. J. Congress as a delegate. She was a member of the Junior Usher Board, Sunshine Girls and Leader of the Bible Drills. She served as Secretary to the Church, and member of the Finance Committee. At present time, she serves as President of the Women's Ministry at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, helping to lead women to Christ is her number one priority.

Mr. Stokley, a native of Kaufman County, Texas has also worked very hard for the City of Lubbock in many capacities. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he has worked for the Urban General Agency of Lubbock, manager of Green-Fair Manor Apartment, and retired from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development in 1995. At present time, he is the coordinator of the Housing program for the Chatman Memorial Center, Inc.

He has served as vice chairman and chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission of Lubbock, former member of the Housing Authority Board of Directors, present member of the Parks and Recreation Board of Directors, current member of the Lubbock County Children's Protective Services Board, former member and past president of the Arthritis Foundation Board of Lubbock.

Mr. Stokley has been president of the Paranthood Association of Lubbock, member of the Committee for the Eighties City of Lubbock and Committee for the Nineties for the City of Lubbock. He has been a member of the Reese Redevelopment Committee (Housing), and is a proud member of the Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association.

A member of the New Hope Baptist Church, Mr. Stokley is proud to have served his fellow citizens. Both are deserving citizens to be named as "Man and Woman of the Year" for 1998!



Mr. Harry Stokley, Jr.

FORMER LUBBOCKITE DOING WELL

Rebred Sam Houston State University dean of student life William R. Powell of Huntsville was awarded a Distinguished Alumni award for graduates historically Black colleges and universities by the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education.

Powell, who served as principal of Dunbar High School of Lubbock, was nominated for the award by Jerry's Christian College, a small liberal arts college in Hawkins, located 25 miles north of Tyler, Texas where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in 1970.

Powell, who served at SHSU from 1972-1987, was a lifelong educator. After his graduation from Jarvis, he began his career at E.J. Campbell High School in Navasoth, Texas. His career was interrupted in 1953 by a four year stint in the U.S. Army, but when he received his discharge, Powell resumed his spot in the classroom at Carver High School in Levelland, Texas.

In 1953, he took a job as a teacher in the Lubbock Independent School District, where he remained until 1972, working at a variety of teaching and administrative positions, including principal of Dunbar High School.



TBS Superstation Announces 1998 Goodwill Games Television Schedule

TBS Superstation will televise 45 hours of exclusive prime-time Goodwill Games competition coverage July 19—August 2, plus two additional hours of Opening Celebration, featuring musical guests Hootie and the Blowfish, Jewel and Brandy Saturday, July 18, 8:05—10:05 (ET). TBS, the Game's host broadcaster since 1986, will televise three hours of prime-time coverage each night 8:05—11:05 p.m. (ET), followed by an encore performance from 11:05 p.m.—2:05 a.m. Veteran

Olympic broadcaster Jim Lampley will host the Superstation's coverage of the Games from a boat at various locations in New York's harbor. TBS Superstation, Turner Broadcasting System Inc.'s flagship network, is the most watched network on cable and is seen in more than 74 million homes. The Superstation features popular movies, original programming, exciting sports and favorite comedies.

Complete event schedule attached.

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Saturday, July 18, 1998 Opening Celebration: Marks the official start of the Games with special musical performances and the introduction of events and programs.	Gymnastics - Apparatus Final Men's Rings & Vault Women's Beam & Floor Exercise	Wednesday, July 29, 1998 Figure Skating - Pairs/Men's Short Program Swimming - Men USA vs. Germany Beach Volleyball - Women's Competition
Sunday, July 19, 1998 Athletics Men's 400m Hurdles Women's 800m Women's 1000m Men's 200m Women's Long Jump Men's Javelin Decathlon Women's Pole Vault Gymnastics - Women All-Around	Thursday, July 23, 1998 Gymnastics - Men's Apparatus Final Parallel Bars & High Bar Basketball Semi-Final Volleyball - Men's Competition	Thursday, July 30, 1998 Swimming - Women USA vs. The World All Stars Figure Skating - Women Short Program Cue/Volleyball Women's Competition
Monday, July 20, 1998 Athletics Men's 100m Hurdles Men's 800m Women's Mile Women's 200m Decathlon Men's 1500m Men's Long Jump Women's High Jump	Friday, July 24, 1998 Rhythmic Gymnastics - Apparatus Final Rope, Hoop, Circle, Ribbon Basketball Gold Medal Game Diving - Men 1-Meter Springboard	Friday, July 31, 1998 Swimming - Men USA vs. The World Figure Skating - Men/Pairs Free Skate Ski/Jump Women's Competition
Tuesday, July 21, 1998 Athletics Women's 400m Men's Mile Men's 400m Hurdles Men's 100m Men's 50m Vault Javelin Competition - Apparatus Final Men's Pommel Horse & Horizontal Bar Women's Vault & Uneven Bars	Saturday, July 25, 1998 Gymnastics - N-Cell Final Diving - Women 3-Meter Springboard	Saturday, August 1, 1998 Figure Skating - Women Free Skate/Skate Swimming - Women USA vs. Germany Volleyball - Women Semi-Final
Wednesday, July 22, 1998 Athletics Women's 800m Men's 100m Men's 200m Men's 50m Vault Javelin Competition - Apparatus Final Men's Pommel Horse & Horizontal Bar Women's Vault & Uneven Bars	Sunday, July 26, 1998 Gymnastics - Mixed Pairs Diving - Women 10-Meter Platform Wrestling - USA vs. Russia	Sunday, August 2, 1998 Swimming - Men USA vs. Russia Figure Skating - Men/Women Short Program
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STATEMENT OF VICE PRESIDENT CORE ON THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY'S DEATH

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I am grateful that his torch is now carried by his wife Ethel, and by the remarkable foundation that bears his name. And all Americans are grateful that his children have upheld the commitment to public leadership, public service, and community action that Robert Kennedy instilled in us all.

END OF GAME NOTICE



Four of the Texas Lottery's instant games will close on July 31, 1998: Double Doubler, Firecracker Cash, Break the Bank and Leapin' Lizards. You have until January 27, 1999, to redeem any winning tickets. You can win up to \$8,000 playing Double Doubler, up to \$25,000 playing Firecracker Cash, up to \$30,000 playing

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President Clinton & Africa: Trade Initiatives Vital

(Washington, D.C.) - President Clinton's trip to sub-Saharan Africa this past April was important for what it symbolized: renewed relations with the "Dark Continent." But what it really showed is that "real progress is occurring in Africa," according to Ambassador Johnnie Carson, now Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs. "One of Africa's problems has been that it has never been fully integrated into the global community as an economic partner...not only as a provider of raw materials, but as a producer of products bought and sold around the world," Carson states.

"The important thing about trade and American participation in African trade is that...we have to go there and get engaged, just like Europeans and Asians, to really have a significant impact," according to World Policy Institute Senior Fellow Adonis Hoffman.

In the meantime, BET Networks' President Jeffrey Lee contends that the U.S. media has its own role to play concerning Africa. "For years, Africa was thought of as the Dark Continent. Nobody talks the opportunity or initiative to change that image of Africa. The media has to do that," he says.

Host James Brown leads the conversation with Carson, Lee and Hoffman, along with commentators Deborah Mathis and Armstrong Williams. America's Black Forum, an Emmy award-winning, half-hour show, may be seen on various stations nationwide. Please check your local listings for air time and date.

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Obituary

MRS. RITA PRICE



Final Rites were read for Mrs. Rita Price on Monday morning, June 22, 1998 at the Agape Church of God in Christ, B'shop W.H. Watson, Pastor. Officiating was Rev. Norman Stiggers, pastor of the Manhattan heights Seventh Day Adventist.

Burial was held in Peaceful gardens Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral home.

Mrs. Price passed away Wednesday, June 17, 1998 in Methodist Hospital.

Mrs. Price was born December 25, 1925 in Tyler, Texas. She Married Lovois C.C. Price in 1935 in Clovis, New Mexico, he passed away December 5, 1973.

She is survived by seven scns: Acie Lee, L.D., Theodore, Floyd and Bobby Wayne, all of Lubbock, Texas, Clyde of Cuba, Mo., and Eddie Dean of New Boston, Texas; a sister, Alie Austin Anderson of Waco, Texas; twenty-two grandchildren, twenty-seven great grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

Get Your Pimp On By Davey 'D'

Special to the NNPA

It's ironic that so many of us walk around and proudly proclaim how much game we got. Everyone is some sort of playa, hustler, baller, mack daddy and pimp. Oh yes we honor and revere the pimp in our community. He's the suave, debonair, smooth talking brotha who is always in control of his situation.

I say all this because I'm watching with great delight how more young people are characterizing themselves as Pimps and Playas. Everybody has got a tight game. Recently I saw just how tight the game was. The 13th version of the Air Jordan basketball shoe came out and a few hundred folks showed up before the Foot Locker around my block opened up. Everyone wanted to plunk down damn near 200 bucks for these "limited edition" basketball shoes. The same shoes that kids are getting stuck up, beat up and robbed for. The same shoes that seemed to be disproportionately marketed to the Black community.

There were no long lines in the neighboring suburbs. Nope-the-less, according to an Oakland newspaper, the new Air Jordans sold out in less than three hours!

Let's overlook the fact that Nike managed to get a whole bunch of us to pay four to five times as much as it cost to make the sneaker. And let's overlook the fact that you had all these people lined up bright and early on a Saturday morning to get some new Air Jordans yet the week before we could hardly get any of these folks to line up to cast a ballot at the voting booth. Let's overlook the fact that we had all these parents who showed up with their youngsters to purchase these \$200 shoes, yet we can't get the majority of them to show up at any open classrooms, PTA meetings or any other educational type summit.

I started off by using the analogy of Pimps and Playas because I wanted to point out how we as a community are allowing our-

selves to get pirated. This strategy is being used by shoe manufacturers to influence the young and vulnerable within our community. They give our communities nickies by hiring some of our brightest and best athletes and entertainers to be spokespersons.

All of us are guilty. We don't own the shoe companies or fancy car companies and when we purchase items from outlets we don't own, we are allowing ourselves to get pirated. But, I believe the whole script can be flipped around. It starts with each of us honoring and admiring folks for some more substantial accomplishments. Can we have a festival and celebration for all the broths and sistas who graduated this year, some of them doing so in spite of gang violence, messed up, broken down schools and in spite of being called, punk, s01y and other disparaging names for getting "their study on."

Can we uplift these folks who day in day out strive to make a difference in the community by volunteering their time, resources and energy in an attempt to be a positive and consistent presence in the lives of our youth. Can we encourage each other to be empowered by doing what they feel works best for them.

Perhaps one Saturday I'll wake up and find our folks lined up like they did at Foot Locker to hear a lecture on Black History, or I'll see them waiting patiently to attend a free computer or business class. Or even better, they'll be lined up to get their kid in some weekend educational program.

Let me know what you think...kingdave@sis-us.com

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Bensonhurst Ringleader Granted Early Release

By J. Zamagna Brown

Special to the NNPA from New Amsterdam News

The early release of a man convicted of killing a New York teen in 1989 has drawn angry reactions from his victim's father and the Black community. Keith Mondello was convicted by the Court of Criminal Justice in 1991 for the murder of a 17-year-old boy, Yusef Hawkins, who was shot in the back of the head in the Bronx in 1989. He was alleged to be the ringleader of the shooting and the leader of the gang of White boys from Brooklyn's Bensonhurst community who participated in the attack. Moses Stewart, Hawkins' father, told a Harlem press conference earlier this month that he was "outraged" that Mondello was released without his family's being informed by the parole board.

Stewart said he considered the judge on a "slip in the face" and an "insult." "Nobody notified me," he said. "I was shocked and this really disturbed me. As Yusuf's father, I have the right to know what's happening with this killer." Stewart fumed. He was equally outraged over the hero's welcome given to Mondello upon his return home.

Hawkins was killed on Aug. 26, 1989, in Bensonhurst, where he had gone with some friends to answer a newspaper advertisement about a used car for sale. He and his friends were attacked by the White mob, reportedly led by Mondello.

Mondello later told authorities that he and his gang were looking for African Americans in L.I.C. who were in the Bensonhurst community to visit a young White woman. He apparently mistook Hawkins and his friends for the group he was looking for.

Hawkins was beaten with baseball bats before being shot to death. Mondello is not the only gang member in the case who has been released early without notification to the dead victim's relatives.

The Rev. Al Sharpton, who joined Stewart at the press conference, led a march on June 6 to Bensonhurst to voice his outrage over the early release of Mondello. His Hawkins' family members and fellow community protesters will revisit the site where Hawkins was killed. Sharpton expressed shock that neither Governor Pataki nor Mayor Giuliani has commented about Mondello's early parole.

"I find it strange that these two officials who have always been vociferously opposed to early parole are now mum on the Mondello issue," Sharpton said. "I don't quite understand the reason for the double standard," he added. Others have speculated that a possible reason for their silence is the fact that the criminals who killed Hawkins, a Black man, were not only White, they were Italian as well.

"We [went] back to Bensonhurst to let Mondello know that we know he is back," Stewart said. "I also want Mondello to know that he isn't forgotten and that he still has a debt pay to my family and to society for the unsolved murder of my child," Stewart added.

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The Federal Trade Commission estimates that consumers seeking government jobs are hooked out of \$10 million or more each year by unscrupulous telemarketers. The FTC and the Postal Service have joined together in a public education and law enforcement campaign to help out those job seekers out of business. Earlier this year, the FTC and the Postal Service filed eleven lawsuits against deceptive telemarketing firms. For more information, see the January 22, 1998 press release available on the FTC's website at www.ftc.gov.

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Lawyers Holding Tobacco Settlement Hostage

Governor Bush, a bipartisan group of legislators led by Senators Fraser and Armbrister, and former Supreme Court Justice John Cornyn, acting in their separate capacities, deserve great credit for challenging the excessive fees being demanded by the five plaintiffs' lawyers that were hired by Attorney General Morales to help in the tobacco litigation. Their example should inspire us because they show that some public men and women will think clearly and act boldly to protect the interests of the citizens of Texas.

A few critics say that Governor Bush and the other mentioned state officials are jeopardizing Texas' tobacco settlement by contesting the huge attorneys' fees being claimed by the five lawyers. Nothing could be further from the truth. The settlement agreement is fully executed by both the State of Texas and the tobacco companies - all of the names are now and have for months been "on the dotted line." Every jot and tittle of tobacco company liability for paying the damages to the State of Texas is defined in mind-numbing but comprehensive detail. Regardless of the eventual outcome of the dispute about the amount the five attorneys should be paid, the settlement agreement binds Big Tobacco to pay the people of Texas a minimum of \$15.3 billion. If there is a current delay in funding the settlement, it is because the five lawyers are claiming fees that shock the conscience of most Texans and are refusing to join Governor Bush in asking the federal court to separate the issue of attorneys' fees from the rest of the settlement.

The five lawyers, in demanding a king's ransom of \$2.3 billion for themselves, are insisting on fees that are unreasonable and unconscionable by most persons' standards of common sense and fair play. And, amazingly, these five lawyers are opposing the Governor's plea to the court to separate the issue of fees from the rest of the settlement. What possible reason could there be for not severing the fees issue? There is only one, and that was stated by the five plaintiffs' lawyers themselves when they told the Governor's lawyers that they are unwilling to sever the fees issue because they would thereby "lose their leverage." It appears that these five plaintiffs' lawyers are willing to hold the entire Texas settlement hostage to their own financial interests.

It occurs to us that lawyers who had the interests of their client, the people of Texas, at heart would agree in a moment to allow the undisputed part of the settlement (\$15.3 billion) to be distributed according to the terms of the settlement, while the courts proceed to resolve the serious ethical and legal issues concerning the fee demand.

The law is clear that legal fees must be reasonable in relation to the time and effort expended by the attorneys, even when they have a contingency fee contract with their client. The reasonableness of the fee cannot be fully and accurately determined until a case is ultimately resolved. A fair way to determine the reasonableness of the attorney fees, especially in a case with a claim for fees this extraordinarily large, is as follows:

The five plaintiffs' lawyers should submit their time records to the court. The base hourly rate applied to those hours could be the rate charged by the most highly qualified litigators in our community, say as high as \$700 per hour. Now assume (however unlikely) that each of those five lawyers worked only on this one case for eight hours a day seven days a week for eighteen months. Four thousand and sixty-eight hours multiplied by \$700 per hour is \$3,057,600.

But the attorneys are entitled to more than an hourly rate because they took a risk that this case might not have been won or settled favorably and therefore they may not have recovered any fee at all. The degree of risk undertaken by these five lawyers is in dispute because by the time Texas filed its lawsuit, most of the heavy lifting in the tobacco cases had been done by attorneys general and lawyers in other states and the national tobacco settlement negotiations were well underway. But let's concede a generous risk bonus to the five lawyers by multiplying their hour-based fee of \$3,057,600 by a factor of four, resulting in a fee of \$12,230,400 to each of the five attorneys. (We assume that the five lawyers used associate lawyers and paralegals to be included in the five attorneys' separate claim for reimbursable expenses or, alternatively, in the consideration of an appropriate fee due the five lawyers.)

A fee of over twelve million dollars to each of the lawyers is good pay for eighteen months of work, even considering the risk that the lawyers took. By paying the five plaintiffs' lawyers a handsome fee of approximately \$61,000,000 instead of the two thousand million dollars they are demanding, the people of Texas could be better off by more than \$2.2 billion. That \$2.2 billion would amount to more than \$100 million per year for the next 22 years for the people of Texas!

Recycling Is The Thing!!

by Eddie P. Richardson

Recycling is the now in thing saving the environment, preserving our landfills, and, of course, preserving our forest and trees. Not only is it fashionable and the in thing to recycle it is just plain good sense and in most cases, profitable for individuals and their favorite charities. Recycling is a win win situation as all involved will profit including the environment. Glass, paper, plastics, and metal containers have been recycled for years, but now there is a group of concerned, innovative west coast recyclers who are now recycling a new product — Human Beings.

"We take the druggers of society and make them into productive citizens," according to Rodney Zant, a Black spokesman for the Delancey Street Foundation in San Francisco.

The foundation works with ex-drug addicts, ex-convicts, and many other social misfits to give them job skills and restore their dignity, and self respect, says Zant. Cleaning up our neighborhoods of gangs and crime is a giant step toward economic development, creating jobs by being able to recruit business and industry, retraining and expanding existing ones in the community. Therefore, providing jobs and hope for our young people while replacing gangs and dope. No better method of recycling them by replacing dope with hope for our youth.

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The problems of people in trouble with the law are problems for all of us. We pay, whether it is in the form of higher taxes for prison upkeep or a victim of crime, directly. When we help offenders re-enter the society on a productive basis, we aren't just helping them, we're helping everybody by recycling human beings.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Democratic National Committee (DNC) Chairs Steve Grossman and Chairman Roy Romer are pleased to announce that Jehmu Greene is the Director of Women's Outreach and the National Director of the Women's Leadership Forum (WLF) at the DNC.

Originally from Austin, Texas, she previously worked as the Coordinator of the Center for Policy Alternatives, Youth Voice Project and the National Student Voter Education Day. She also served as a Volunteer Coordinator at the University of Texas, a Neighborhood Learning Center Program and as the Executive Director of the Texas Young Democrats.

In 1997, she worked on the Presidential Inaugural Committee as Special Assistant to the Director of VBS, the Lloyd Doggett for U.S. Congress Campaign and as a Statewide Volunteer Coordinator for the Jim Mattox for U.S. Senate Campaign.

Ms. Greene is a co-founder of the 2000 Center for active and young leaders concerned about America's economic future. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of the 2000 Center, the Entrepreneurial Development Institute (EDDI), the African American Action PAC, and the Advisory Board of the Center for Environmental Citizenship/Campus Green Act.

"With all of her experience and distinct talent, Jehmu Greene is a valuable addition to the DNC," said DNC National Chair Steve Grossman. "Her solid experience and dedication has taken her a long way and we are honored to have her lead such an important program as the Women's Leadership Forum."

Jehmu Greene is a young and skilled individual who will make a difference for the Democratic Party nationwide. DNC General Chair Gusanna Roy Romer, "We are very fortunate to have someone with her knowledge and experience join our staff as we look forward to receiving the majority Party in November."

The Texas Lynching: Whither Hate Crimes In America?

By Earl Ofari Hutchinson

The lynching of James Byrd, Jr., an African American, by three alleged White supremacists near Jasper, Texas shocked many Americans. But equally shocking is the indifference of many federal and state officials toward racially-motivated hate crimes. Even as Clinton swore "that the guilty would be brought to justice and the sheriff in Jasper admitted that the crime appeared to be racially motivated, the FBI issued a tepid statement promising an "investigation" to determine if Byrd's civil rights were violated.

But it requires no investigation to determine that since the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995, hate groups like the Arya, Nation, Skinheads, and the Klan have grown in number and are more dangerous than ever. At last count, there were 858 identifiable paramilitary groups operating in all 50 states. In 1995, they spent an estimated \$100 million on explosive manuals, weapons, and survival gear. They held "Preparedness Expos" in six cities that drew thousands of participants,

visitors, and dozens of exhibitors. At last count, these groups had at least 250 web sites, chat rooms, and mailing lists. They are jammed with the standard racist articles, slogans, messages, and letters. In a six month period from July 1996, the Imperial Klan, one of several splinter Klan factions, received more than 70,000 hits on their web site.

There were more than 30 documented hate crime murders in 1995 and 1996. In 1997 the violent trend continued with well-publicized attacks on African-Americans in Denver and several other cities. While African Americans remain the number one target of hate violence, and are the victims of the most violent attacks, Latinos, Asians, gays, and Jews are also frequent victims of hate attacks.

These numbers almost certainly don't reflect the true magnitude of their crimes. Four out of five victims of hate crimes do not report them because they are too fearful or feel that the police and local officials will do little or nothing to protect them. There's a good reason for that worry.

The response to hate crimes from states, cities, and police agencies wildly vary. Under the Hate Crimes Act only 32 states submitted any data to the FBI on hate crimes in 1995, and only 17 states require reporting and recording of hate crimes separate from those required by the federal statute. Only 35 percent of all police agencies have hate crime task force units or specific procedures for dealing with these crimes.

But eight states still have no laws on the books targeting racially motivated hate crimes. Some states allow hate violence to be prosecuted as "stand alone" crimes meaning the acts themselves can be punished, while other states permit the prosecution of hate crimes only if they are committed in conjunction with another crime. Also, only a handful of states permit judges to increase penalties when racial bias is proven as the motive for the crime.

While the number of racial hate crimes are much smaller than the millions of "common" crimes in America, the social and political damage they wreak is much greater. When individuals are victimized solely because of their race, religion or sexual preference this deepens fears and frustration, reinforces "us vs. them" divisions between many Americans, and increases the danger of a racial explosion.

Hopefully, the shock of the Texas lynching will force Clinton and law enforcement officials to propose tougher statutes and urge speedier arrest and prosecutions of violent hate mongers, prod those states that drag their feet or flat out refuse to monitor hate crimes or stiffen penalties to take action, and require all law enforcement agencies to make timely reports and compile accurate figures on hate crimes to the FBI. The response of federal and state officials to hate crimes is matter of life and death, just ask the family of the late James Byrd, Jr. ###

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SOUTH PLAINS REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD



1998 4th on Broadway Celebration

Down to Business

BEING BLACK: An Aggravating Factor In Death Penalty Cases

By Gillian Foster

The South Plains Regional Workforce Development Board received the first check today for its new workforce development operations scheduled to begin July 1st, 1998. The check was presented by Terrence P. O'Mahoney, Commissioner Representing Labor, of the Texas Workforce Commission in Austin. This check marks the culmination of over two years of effort to bring several workforce development programs under one management system for a 15 county area in the South Plains.

For the Program Year beginning in July, this check is the downpayment on almost \$15 million in workforce development and childcare funds for the new system. These funds will come through the Regional Workforce Development Board and be subcontracted to other service providers in this area. The initial contractor selected to operate the Texas Workforce Centers in this area is the South Plains Community Action Association, Inc. (SPCAA), from Levelland, Texas. They will operate centers in Lubbock, Plainview, Levelland, Littlefield and a small center in Brownfield.

The initial contract will include the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) programs that were previously operated by JobSource+ in Lubbock and SPCAA in Levelland and the Food Stamp Employment and Training and Choices programs operated by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). Additionally, the normal Employment Services (ES) programs operated by TWC will also be available in all of the Workforce Centers. These programs will still be operated by state employees.

These changes were brought about by legislation passed by the Texas Legislature in 1995 known as House Bill 1863 (H.B. 1863). Eventually, it is planned that approximately 28 different programs will be consolidated under the Workforce Development Boards in the state of Texas.

In discussing the benefits of this consolidation, Don McCullough, the Executive Director of the South Plains Board, indicated that expected savings in Texas for these operations should approach \$6 million dollars annually. Most of these savings will provide increased services at the local level.

Marciano Morales of Caprock Home Health Services, Inc., the current Chairman of the Board, when asked for his view of these changes responded by saying, "This represents a major change for the citizens and employers of this region. We have come a long way in our effort to have these organizations plan together and deliver their services through a coordinated delivery system. As a Private Sector employee, I am impressed with the progress we have made and we owe our staff a real debt of gratitude for their excellent efforts."

In all of the Workforce Centers, assistance for the first-time job seeker, the unemployed, and the underemployed will be available. Access to various job listings and the Internet for America's Job Bank will also be available. In most centers an extensive resource room will provide a career resources library, access to resume programs on the computer and all aspects of job-search assistance.

* The theme of the 1998 4th on Broadway celebration is "Celebrating the Past, Embracing the Future."

* The St. Mary of the Plains 4th on Broadway Town Square Celebration will take place from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on July 3 on the grounds of the Lubbock County Courthouse. Bigham's Barbecue will cater this "kick-off" event. The event is free but meal tickets may be purchased at that evening for \$7.00/adult and \$5.50/children under age 12.

* The Plains National Bank/KAMC Parade will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on July 4 on Broadway between the Tech campus and the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

* The Street Fair will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on July 4 on Broadway between Avenue Q and University. Booths will feature games, foods, arts & novelty items, displays and activities. Stages will spotlight live music from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

* Wristbands will be available during the street fair. They will cost \$1.00 and be good for various discounts at all vendor concessions booths and a raffle for a trip to Las Vegas care of Excel Travel.

* The Kiddin' Around on Broadway Area, sponsored by American State Bank/University Medical Center, will be complete with sand piles, a wading pool, air hoppers and much more. This Children's Area will be located in the east parking lot of the First Baptist Church on Broadway and Avenue V. The area will open at 10:30 a.m. and close at 6:00 p.m.

* The Methodist Hospital Heritage Walk will spotlight the multi-cultural background and influence on the local community and the Llano Estacado region. The Heritage Walk will be located on Broadway between Avenue T and U.

* The Bell Dairy Fireworks Spectacular and Norwest Banks Evening Concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m. on July 4 in the grassy area located adjacent to the Civic Center.

* The Early Settler's Reunion will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on July 4 at First Presbyterian Church. The event will honor the rich heritage of the region. It is complete with lunch, live entertainment and patriotic festivities.

* The award-winning 4th on Broadway celebration attracts in excess of 100,000 people each year from Lubbock, the South Plains and eastern New Mexico.

By John William Templeton
Stand up or get beaten up

A Black couple took a leisurely stroll Monday night June 8 with their 10-month-old child and two friends through the Haight-Ashbury district of San Francisco, a once-predominately Black area that became famous when hippies moved in during the 1960s.

Suddenly, two dozen young Whites waving chains and skateboards jumped upon them, shouting slurs and knocking the baby from their arms. Both the baby and the father had to be treated for their injuries.

At the same time, Texas sheriffs arrested three White ex-cons for killing an African-American man by dragging him behind a pickup truck.

Although thousands of miles apart, both incidents are further evidence that the chickens are coming home to roost from years of conservative race-baiting and, more pervasively, a hidden White attitude that Blacks have come too far.

This is why I was especially proud of Henry Hutchins, president of the Bay Area chapter of the Black MBA's Association, for calling a meeting to respond to a recent newspaper series on the "digital divide." The series pointed out that every major Silicon Valley company had been cited by federal regulators for not complying with equal opportunity regulations and that most had far fewer African-American and Latino applicants, employees and executives than were present in the labor force.

Hutchins also correctly perceived that executives of some of those same companies were major contributors to such anti-minority group campaigns as Proposition 187, Proposition 209 and Proposition 227.

The first targeted Latinos by denying services to immigrants, the second banned affirmative action and created a sharp drop in Black, Latino and Native American admissions to college and the third requires English-only instruction in California schools.

The success of those campaigns has emboldened racists across the land. In Virginia, two Whites were arrested for cutting off a Black man's head and burning him, tactics dating back to the time of Nat Turner. Participants in the meeting were quite aware that those attitudes were already changing attitudes in their workplaces.

An alliance of Black professional groups in the Bay Area decided to take some action by writing the Congressional Black Caucus to discover whether federal agencies were too lenient with Silicon Valley. The alliance includes the Bay Area Black Data Processing Associates and the Peninsula Area Black Personnel Administrators, which have both opened doors for minorities in the computer industry for years.

On Friday, June 12, they met in San Jose with top managers of the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs and other federal agencies to help define what practices by companies are actually counterproductive to equal opportunity and to plan a chief executive-level seminar on "bridging the digital divide."

The Black couple in San Francisco was attacked in the same area where the group Sly and the Family Stone became famous in the 1960s. One of their most important songs goes, "Stand! In the end, you'll still be you; one who's done all the things you set out to do."

Things are getting to the point where African Americans need to stand up in every area of life or get beaten up.

John William Templeton is executive editor of "Crisis," the African-American, African and Caribbean business daily. Contact him at askiatek@yahoo.com.

A training video revealed a Philadelphia assistant district attorney advising novice prosecutors against selecting Black jurors for high level criminal cases, stating that "Blacks from low-income areas are less likely to convict."

In Chambers County, Ala., the prosecutor divided potential jurors into four categories: "strong," "medium," "weak," and "Black."

In a Colorado death penalty case, a prosecutor referred to a Hispanic defendant as "a chilling bastard."

In Kentucky, 100 percent of the death row inmates were convicted of killing a White person, despite the fact that 1,000 Blacks have also been murder victims.

This anecdotal evidence is outlined in "The Death Penalty in Black and White: Who Lives, Who Dies, Who Decides," a comprehensive report recently released by the Washington, DC-based Death Penalty Information Center (DPIC). The report concludes that inherent and institutionalized racism remains a potent force infecting the nation's system of justice. Using sophisticated tools to analyze capital punishment in Philadelphia, renowned researchers David Baldus and George Woodworth discovered the startling realities of the death row phenomena, that the odds of receiving a death sentence are four times higher if the defendant is Black, Philadelphia, claiming 14 percent of the state's population, renders more than half of the death sentences. While Blacks comprise roughly 40 percent of Philadelphia's population, over 80 percent of the inmates on death row are African American.

"Race is more likely to affect death sentencing than smoking affects the likelihood of heart disease," DPIC executive director Richard Dieter notes. "The issue of tobacco hazards has produced enormous changes in the law and society, while racism in the application of the death penalty has been largely ignored."

The report links the persistent racial inequities to a second review which revealed that the key death penalty decision-makers are virtually all White. In the 38 death penalty states, Whites constitute 78 percent (1,794) of the district attorneys entrusted with charging capital cases. African Americans and Hispanics each compose one percent of the prosecutors, a total of 44.

According to the report, prosecutors not only decide who should be charged with a particular level of offense, they also have significant impact on the way the trial is conducted. The report cites examples of racial bias ranging from systematic striking of Blacks from juries, to favorable treatment of families of White victims, to racially tainted investigations and trials.

"Who is chosen for the jury often determines the sentence," laments George Kendall, director of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund's Capital Punishment Project. "Not only is jury selection contrary to the notion of a fair trial, it discriminates against law-abiding African-American citizens who have a constitutional right to participate in jury panels."

Taking their cue from the Supreme Court, federal courts do not consider racially discriminatory patterns a basis for appeals in capital cases. While regulatory bodies and laws exist to combat discrimination in housing, employment and voting, the report notes that no relief exists for racial discrimination in the administration of the death penalty.



CHURCH DIRECTORY



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7-2-98 PART 2 "STUDY THE BIBLE!!!
 2 TIMOTHY 2:15, STUDY TO SHEW THYSELF APPROVED UNTO GOD, A WORKMAN THAT NEEDETH NOT TO BE ASHAMED, RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH. ONE OF THE BIGGEST LIES TOLD: IS THE LORD GIVETH AND TAKE AWAY; JOB TOLD THAT ON GOD; HE DIDN'T KNOW, WHY SAY THAT TO DAY???

JOB 2:6,7a, THE LORD SAID UNTO SATAN, BEHOLD, HE IS IN THINE HAND; BUT SAVE HIS LIFE. SO WENT SATAN FROM THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD, AND SMOTE JOB.

THE LORD GIVES BLESSINGS; AND TO WHOM HE MAY TO PLEASE; HE IS LIKE A FATHER TO THE CHILDREN; DO WE GIVE AND TAKE TO TEASE???

JOHN 10:10, JESUS SAID, THE THIEF (THE DEVIL) COMETH NOT, BUT FOR TO STEAL, AND TO KILL, AND TO DESTROY; I AM COME THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE, AND HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY.

ANOTHER LIE: GOD WANTS HIS PEOPLE TO HAVE THE BEST OF THINGS;

GOD GAVE HIS BEST; JESUS: IF YOU DON'T KNOW IT: SHAME, SHAME, SHAME!!!

(YOU THAT TEACH THAT FABLE: LOOK AROUND, DO CHRISTIANS HAVE THE BEST CARS, THE BEST HOUSES, THE LARGEST BANK ACCOUNTS??? PREACHERS YOU NEED TO STOP PLYING WITH GOD'S WORD, AND THE CHURCH. SO YOU CAN FILL YOUR OWN POCKETS WITH MONEY; SAYING: GOD WILL GIVE BACK TO YOU IN MONEY; TIMES THAT YOU GIVE; TWENTY, FORTY, AND A HUNDRED. PREACHERS: GIVE UP YOUR CAR, AND GET TWO BACK! GIVE UP YOUR HOUSE, AND GET TWO BACK; CLEAN OUT YOUR BANK ACCOUNT AND GIVE THAT AND GET: YOUR HUNDREDFOLD BACK!!!)

JOHN 3:16, JESUS SAID, FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON (THE BEST HE COULD GIVE), THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.

CHRISTIANS ARE QUICK TO SAY: WHEREVER 2 OR 3 GATHERED; GOD IS IN THE MIDST; THATS NOT SO; WHEN ONE IS ALONG: IN PRAYER AND SONGS, GOD IS WITH!!!

(YOU SEE THE HOLY SPIRIT IS WITH US ALWAYS; NOT IN THE 2 OR 3'S, IT DWELL INSIDE OF US; ALWAYS. JESUS WAS TALKING TO THE CHURCH, HOW TO DISCIPLINE A CHURCH MEMBER, WHEN HE WAS TEACHING IN MATTHEW 18:15-20, BUT YOU HAVE TO READ IT ALL THE WAY THRU, NOT JUST V.20.)

1 TIMOTHY 4:1, NOW THE SPIRIT SPEAKETH EXPRESSLY, THAT IN THE LATTER TIMES SOME SHALL DEPART FROM THE FAITH, GIVING HEED TO SEDUCING SPIRITS, AND DOCTRINES OF DEVILS.

REVELATION 2:7a, JESUS SAID, HE THAT HATH AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT SAITH UNTO THE CHURCHES.

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SPHFC is offering this new homeownership opportunity through a network of lending institutions in its jurisdiction. The program is open to families and individuals who have not owned a home in the past three years; meet income and purchase price requirements; meet the qualifying requirements of the mortgage loan and who will use the home as their principal residence, according to Bobby James, President of SPHFC and former savings and loan executive.

Bond loans simply are mortgage loans offered to first-time home buyers at below current market rates which are funded through mortgage revenue bonds. The funds help stimulate home buying and new construction in order to keep the American Dream of home ownership alive, James noted. The bonds are owned by Fannie Mae.

Fannie Mae is a congressionally chartered, shareholder-owned company and the nation's largest source of home mortgage funds. It has committed to provide \$1 trillion in targeted lending for 10 million homes by the end of the decade. The targeted lending will serve low- and moderate-income families, minorities, new immigrants, residents of central cities and other underserved areas and people who have special housing needs.

Maximum income limits and acquisition costs apply to families and individuals that use the bond program. For a family of one or two the income limit is \$42,900, and for a family of three or more, it is \$49,335. Certain maximum acquisition costs also apply \$95,034 for new construction and \$70,942 for existing houses. In certain target areas, higher income limits and purchase price limits apply and first-time homebuyer requirements are waived. Lenders can identify target area boundaries.

Several participating local lenders, the Lubbock Housing Finance Corporation (LHFC), SPHFC and SPAG make up the coalition to assure that low- to moderate-income residents have a chance to achieve the dream of owning their own homes.

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Key Prosecution Witness in Lyons case Tries to Stop Defamation Suits Challenging Her Honesty

St. Petersburg, Florida—Lynda Shorter is the former secretary for National Baptist Convention U.S.A. president Dr. Henry J. Lyons. Shorter has been described by the St. Petersburg Times as "a key prosecution witness against Rev. Lyons."

This past week the truthfulness of statements Shorter provided to Florida prosecutors was drawn into question. A copy of Shorter's statements to Florida prosecutors were made public recently and some of those statements accused Lyons and a local assistant elementary school assistant principal of having a sexual encounter. Shorter also told prosecutors that Lyons was paying the assistant principal's mortgage.

Apparently concerned that some of her statements to prosecutors might lead to a defamation lawsuit by Lyons and the woman principal, who is also a member of Lyons' church, Shorter retained a lawyer. The lawyer, Nathaniel Tindall who was once a member of Lyons' church, filed suit this past week seeking a court order that would essentially prevent Lyons and the assistant principal from filing defamation claims against Shorter. Without notifying Lyons' attorney, Tindall initially sought the court's entry of an order that would stop the filing of any defamation suit. However, the court declined the invitation and Lyons' attorney, as well as the assistant principal's attorney, received were asked to participate in a hearing on Shorter's lawsuit.

In court, Lyons' attorney called into question the truthfulness of Shorter's statement to prosecutors. Additionally, the attorney made strong inquiry into the admitted failure of prosecutors to investigate some of Shorter's egregious claims and their decision to include the claims in a prosecution memorandum that was eventually released to the media.

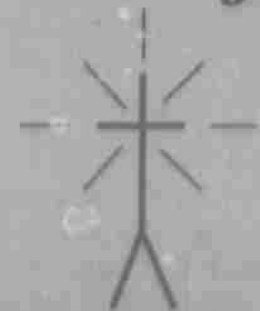
At the close of the hearing, Pinellas Circuit Court judge John Lenderman denied the request of Shorter's attorney. According to the Tampa Tribune, Shorter's attorney said he would challenge the judge's ruling in Florida's Second District Court of Appeal. Lyons' attorney said that Lyons will no longer sit back and allow his name and the good name of church members and convention members to be dug through the mud by those aligned with the media. The time has come to fight back and hold people accountable for any false statements they are making against Dr. Lyons and members of the Convention.



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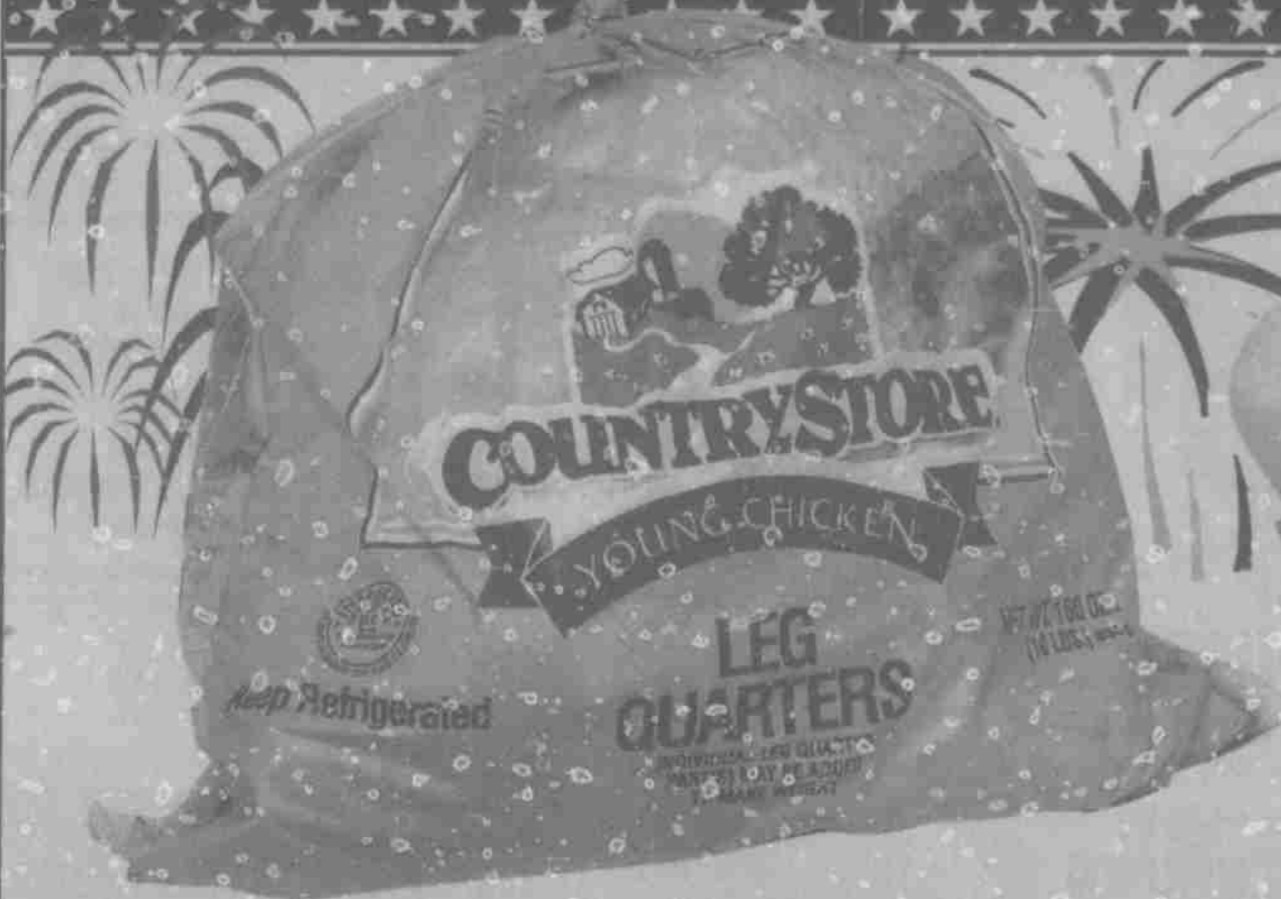
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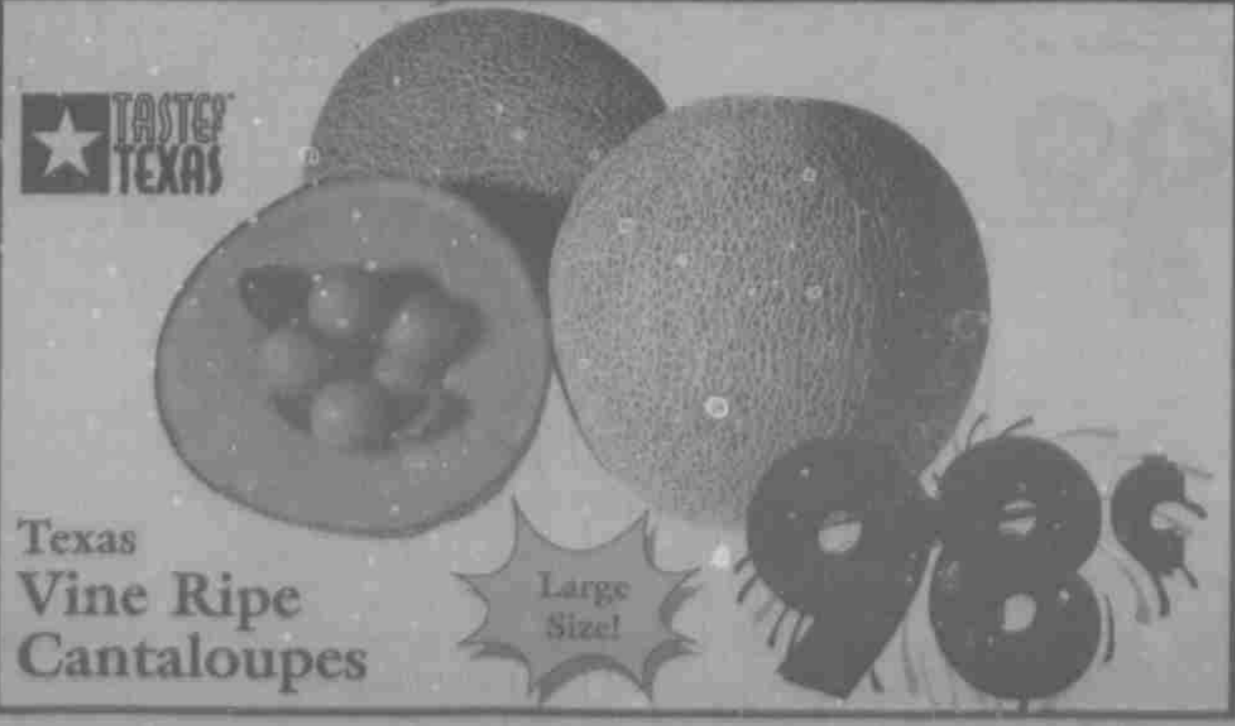
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