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School Board Candidates Express Views on Issues

Tuesday, August 28, the members of the Waterloo Kiwanis Club heard three of the candidates for the Waterloo School Board Election which will be Tuesday, September 11. Mrs. Frances Mills, Mr. James Sage and Rev. Bob Smith expressed their views on the issues of the election and their reasons for running for a seat on the board.

Frances Mills said that she has three main reasons for running. One is a deep concern for every school child regardless of his color or ability, and a firm belief that each child is entitled to the opportunity to develop to his maximum capacity. Secondly, she has

a concern that an organization is threatening to take over the School Board with one object in mind, that is to limit education to neighborhood schools without regard to the needs of the children. Her third reason is a desire to see the community focus its attention and help to bettering schools; encouraging the system to find ways to individualize needs and programs; to provide teachers with all the tools necessary to be effective; to establish fair, equal discipline in all schools; to reduce drop-outs; and make greater effort to getting drugs out of schools.

Mr. Sage stated that there are three concerns which influenced his decision in regards to developing a plan of integration on the elementary level in Waterloo. Firstly, is his love and concern of the community; a feeling that we cannot continue with the fear, distrust, negative and destructive actions that have taken place in the past. His second reason is related to the fact that all board members take an oath of office to uphold the Constitution of the United States and of Iowa. The laws that have been passed and the interpretations by the courts have indicated that in a situation such as ours, we must have an integrated educational system. He cannot expect anybody else to obey rules and regulations if he does not obey them. Thirdly, is the concern that

in order to attract dedicated teachers to Waterloo, we must solve the racial feelings. Otherwise, they will not come. In looking to the future, he stated that declining enrollment is projected yet for the next 3 to 4 years. With the restrictions placed upon spending, future boards will probably have to close elementary schools in order to stay within the budget. In doing this, children may have to be moved to a different area to better utilize the existing building, equipment and staff.

Bob Smith feels that there are five issues in this important election. He raised them in the form of questions. "Shall our schools be run for the benefit of all the children?" He believes that no one should be slighted because of where they live, or the color of their skin, or their economic status. "What is the responsibility of power?" Those who have power must be willing to share it and use it for the good of all. "Is the future behind us or ahead of us?" Rev. Smith believes that we cannot turn back or resist change. "Who is going to make the decisions?" He feels that we ought not to yield our decisions to any organization or group. And, finally, "Are the children to be our main concern?" His hope is that adults will keep their history and prejudice out of the minds of our children and their classrooms.

Plan Special Activities for 1974 Black Hawk County United Way Campaign

Special activities are planned to kick off the 1974 Black Hawk County United Way Campaign on September 13.

Mrs. Joy Lorenzen, Golden Anniversary Celebration Chairman, and her committee announce highlights of the day. At 7:30 A.M. a continental breakfast and campaign film will be held at the Waterloo Recreation Center, followed by a parade of antique cars and convertibles which will carry representatives of each agency and United Way officials to Cedar Falls.

The parade will arrive at the College Square Shopping Center for the Cedar Falls kick-off at 9:00 A.M. As an added event to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the drive, a Dutch Treat dinner will be held at 7:00 P.M. at the John Deere Supervisor's Club.

Mrs. Lorenzen has been involved in previous campaigns in the neighborhood units. She is currently on the Y.W.C.A. finance committee and the Schoitz Hospital Board and is a former member of the Goodwill Board.

She is married to M. L. Lorenzen, president of Hawkeye Steel Products. They make their home at 618 Sheridan Road and are the

parents of one married daughter. They belong to Westminster Presbyterian Church. Houseboating is their hobby.

In another aspect of the campaign Mrs. Mary Nelle Kainer is assisting General Chairman Richard Geske as public relations chairman.

Her duties involve press releases and contact with the various media. A graduate of UNI, she is a native of Texas. She has been a free-lance writer for four years and previously taught in the Cedar Falls school system and the Waterloo Y.W.C.A. She was also on the staff of the Record in Cedar Falls.

She has had articles published in Wallace's Farmer, Gospel Herald, Popular Handicrafts and Hobbies, Landhandler, Farm Wife New, Antique Trader, NRTA Journal, Optimist Magazine, and the Des Moines Sunday Register. She has also edited a manufacturing company's newsletter and has published numerous romantic fiction stories.

She is married to Carl Kainer, a design engineer of John Deere. They have two sons, Wade, 4, and Bowen, 2, and make their home at 6209 Westbrook Road, Cedar Falls.

UNI-CUE to Offer Course in Shorthand

CEDAR FALLS -- "Forkner Shorthand" will be the subject of a course offered two evenings each week during the fall semester at the University of Northern Iowa Center for Urban Education (UNI-CUE), 119 Vine St. in Waterloo.

The course, which will meet from 7 to 8:50 p.m. Monday and Thursday evenings beginning Sept. 10, will offer four hours of university credit through UNI. It will be taught by Mrs. Inez Murtha, a secretary at UNI-CUE, who has completed 60 credit hours of business courses toward her degree from UNI.

Forkner Shorthand is a combination of a few symbols and longhand letters forming a system of rapid writing. It is considered by many to be easier to learn than other shorthand systems that use mainly symbols. Students do not have to memorize long lists of abbreviations represented by symbols, nor do they have to read in one language and think in another.

"This is a new type of shorthand we feel is less complicated than most systems," said Norris Hart, director of UNI-CUE and also director of Educational Opportunity Programs and Special Community Services for UNI. "You don't have to be a secretary or business education major to take the course. It is open to anyone in the community, regardless of whether it is for professional or personal use."

Cost of the course is \$136 plus a \$10 application fee for new students to enroll in the University. Financial aid is available for persons who are eligible.

The deadline for registration is Sept. 6. Persons wishing more information, or who would like to enroll, should call 234-6819, or stop by the UNI-CUE office at 119 Vine St. in Waterloo.

Democratic Faces In Different Places

One of a series of thirteen area dinners, "Democratic Faces in Different Places", is being planned for September 21, 1973 in Waterloo. Democrats from Black Hawk, Butler, Bremer, Chicasaw, Grundy and Tama counties will be attending this dinner, which will feature Senator Dick Clark and Congressman Edward Mezvinsky as the speakers for the evening.

Black Hawk County Chairperson for the event is Mrs. Rachel Fulton, 141 Hillcrest, Waterloo. Ticket sales in Waterloo are being

administered by Dick Brudevold, Mrs. Sue Vanderlind, Don Hoth and Charles Quirk. Larry Hamilton of Cedar Falls, Carroll Hayes and Mrs. Peg Mullan of the townships complete the ticket committee. Also assisting in the effort are Mrs. Carlene Gallagher of Jesup; decorations, and Mrs. Lynn Cutler of Waterloo; publicity.

The dinner will be held at the United Auto Workers Security House, 515 Rainbow Dr., Waterloo at 7:30 p.m. A social hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 apiece, and are also available at Black Hawk County Democratic Headquarters, 103 1/2 Main, Cedar Falls, 268-0833.

Mrs. Fulton said, "In addition to Senator Clark and Congressman Mezvinsky, we plan to have many Democratic elected officials with us; and the dinner provides an opportunity to discuss the issues and bring the Party to the People. This is a priority event for all Democrats in our area, as the funds will go to the Iowa Voters' Program which will help us achieve victory for the Democrats in 1974."

To All Parents

Miss Mary Berdell our first lady of Waterloo is at Logan Jr. High Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and at McKinstry Jr. High Tuesday and Friday.

Subversive Groups List May Be Abolished

Washington -- (NBNS) -- Long considered worthless, except as a source of government intimidation of those who dissented and protested against various aspects of government policy, the old "attorney general's list" of subversive organizations may at last be abolished.

Born early in the "cold war", the list includes about 300 organizations that range from the Communist Party to the Committee to Uphold the Bill of Rights. The list originated with President Harry Truman in 1947 who ordered that it be developed as a means of screening applicants for government jobs.

A Justice Department source called it of "dubious value", but the list has often been used as one of the components in "official" harassment of individuals and organizations in disfavor with the government.

A Justice department official noted that the Supreme Court has tightened safeguards in the constitution to the point that the government can no longer accuse an individual of belonging to an organization on the list unless it is prepared to prove that the individual was participating in illegal

activities. So, "Why have something that's absolutely worthless?" the official said.

The list more or less fell into obscurity after the Macarthy era of political intimidation, but was revived in 1971 when President Nixon told the Subversives Activities Control Board to assume the responsibility for determining what groups should be on it. Actually, most of the groups on the list have long since disbanded, what groups should be on it. Actually, most of the groups on the list have long since disbanded, such as the National Negro Congress; but the Black Panther Party was a relatively recent addition.

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WHAT'S GOING ON

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Rev. R. S. Ruckett, Pastor.
823 Adams - 234-3928.
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Worship Services:
Sunday - 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m.

Cityview Temple Church of God In Christ

2024 Clearview
Rev. Ira Battle Pastor.
1624 Newell
During the pastor's absence in charge is Evangelist L. Blalock at 234-4033.
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Weekday Service - Tuesday and Friday at 7 p.m.

Antioch Baptist Church

426 Sumner - 233-2587.
Rev. Eugene H. Williams Pastor, 2301 Idaho - 234-8152.
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship -- 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
Would you be interested in having another television in your home? If you'd like an extra set, the Women's Day committee is offering a 12" portable color television. . . tickets are \$1.50 and can be purchased from any of the committee members. Sister Anne B. William is Women's Day chair-

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church

825 North Barclay
Rev. Elick Patterson, Pastor.
417 Almond - 232-3372.
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.
Wednesday - Prayer Services at 6 p.m.

Rose Hill Church

800 Broadway St.
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SUNDAY SERVICES
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Noon Services - 12 noon.
Prayer Warriors - 6:30 p.m.
YPWW - 7 p.m.
Night Worship - 8 p.m.
Tuesday nights - 8 p.m. - Bible Band.

Friday nights - 8 p.m. - Friday night worship.
Saturday nights - 8 p.m. - Youth, night! Night for the young people, come on out!!!!-
(800 Broadway Street)
Elder J. T. MacDonald - Pastor.
Elder David Robinson, assistant Pastor.

church of god in christ gospel
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Worship - 11:30 a.m.
Service Tuesday and Friday at 7:30 p.m.
YPW - 6:30 p.m.
Rev. Finzer Pastor.

Mt. Calvary Missionary

202 Sumner Street - 234-4927.
Rev. Percy Burt, Sr., Pastor.
1015 Mobile Street - 234-7177.
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
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Church Of God In Savior Baptist Church

1220 Roosevelt.
Rev. Robert Burt, Pastor.
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship - Sunday, 12 noon.
Monday - Youth choir rehearsal, 6 p.m.
Wednesday - Junior choir rehearsal 6 p.m. at the home of Carolyn White.
7 p.m. - Teachers meeting followed by Bible Study and Prayer meeting.
Thursday - Senior choir rehearsal at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Reatha White.

Christ Gospel Temple of God In Christ

Sunda School - 9:30 a.m.
Worship - 11:30 p.m.
Service Tuesday and Friday at 7:30 p.m.
YPW - 6:30 p.m.
Rev. Finzer Pastor.
601 Douglas St.

Corinthian Baptist Church

915 Willow Street.
Rev. Arthur Mills, Pastor.
607 Beech Street - 233-8132.
Sunday Church School - 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship Services - 11 a.m.
Youth Choir Rehearsal - Mondays at 6 p.m.
Inspiration Choir Thursday at 7 p.m.
Mid-Week Worship - Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Church Of God In Christ

Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.
Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening - 7:30 p.m.
Rev. Pearl Hayes Pastor.
307 Shilliam Ave.

Union Missionary Baptist Church

207 Shilliam - 235-1213.
Rev. L. J. Jordan Pastor.
125 Shilliam - 232-3968.
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Worship Services - Sunday at

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Spainards Say SI, SI to Donna Hightower, September's Essence Woman

If you ask a Spainard who Lady Soul is, it won't be Aretha. Their Lady Soul is Donna Hightower. Donna, who first arrived in Europe 14 years ago, has built a pyramid of success in Spain and throughout the continent, in everything from winning international song festivals to breaking the charts with long-staying hits.

When she first arrived in Europe, Donna was literally stranded in London. She remembers, "I didn't dare go back to America. I

ROBERTA WANTS TO RETURN TO CLASSROOM

Washington -- (NBNS) -- Singer Roberta Flack is going back to the classroom this September - to get her doctor's degree in music.

She needs that degree about as much as O.J. Simpson needs to go back and get a degree in physical education, but she wants it badly.

Miss Flack, who garnered the country's two highest Grammy Awards for 1973 for her record, "The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face," will be studying for her doctoral degree at the University of Massachusetts' school of education in Amherst.

Although she hasn't had any teaching offers, Miss Flack hopes to eventually teach courses at either Howard University or the University of Massachusetts.

A former voice teacher in the District of Columbia, Miss Flack is now in Rome recording the title song for an Italian movie. She begins classes the Tuesday after Labor Day, the day after she returns from Rome.

Hanafi Murder Suspects Indicted, Two Deline To Plead, One Pleads Innocent

Washington - (NBNS) - Three of the seven men accused of murdering seven people of the Hanafi Muslim sect on January 18, were indicted in Superior Court last week. Two of them, Theodore Moody and Jerome Sinclair, stood silently while pleas of not guilty were entered for them by Judge Leonard Braman. James H. Price pleaded innocent to the charges made at the arraignment.

The men are charged with seven counts of premeditated murder, seven counts of felony murder, four counts of armed robbery, three counts of assault with intent to kill, one count of burglary, and one count of conspiracy.

Moody and Sinclair were advised to refuse to plead to the charges themselves by their court appointed attorneys, who argued that neither had received a proper extradition hearing in Philadelphia.

All seven of the men were arrested in Philadelphia.

didn't want to go back and have everybody looking down on me. I told myself that if my manager and record company had allowed me to be tricked over here because they hadn't investigated the contract, then I just wasn't going back. I decided I would have to make it on my own."

Interviewed by Nick J. Hall for the September issue of Essence, Donna recalls her hard times back in the States. She was discovered by a promoter in a Chicago restaurant working as a cook-dishwasher, and worked her way through the stardom maze from the Apollo, to nightclub dates on the chittlin' circuit, finally ending up in Europe just when the world was becoming more aware of the civil rights struggle of Blacks. Realizing what this meant, Donna promptly hired a new manager who booked her into a Stockholm nightclub for a limited engagement; she wound up staying for three months. Since that time she has never been out of work.

Throughout Europe, Donna's name is equated with good music; but more and more her popularity

in Spain spread so that eventually she became that country's number one attraction and decided to make Madrid "home".

At this point in her career Donna has begun to explore other aspects of the music world. She is now part owner of a jazz club in Madrid and is producing records. Under her guidance, some of the best, yet little known, musicians now appear at her club.

Never having lost sight of reality, Donna has not forgotten who she is or where she comes from. There is many a story of young Americans who have come to her for help and received it. She also admits that one of the reasons she likes Spain so much is because the people have always accepted her for who she is.

Donna doesn't think about moving back to the U.S.; she has found a new home, and both she and her new country have benefited. Many a Black person traveling in Spain may never see Donna Hightower in person but at least some of the hospitality enjoyed while there will be a direct result of Spain's Queen of Soul.

World Churches To Assist Portuguese Draft Dodgers

Geneva -- (NBNS) -- The World Council of Churches voted last to raise funds to aid Portuguese draft evaders and deserters who oppose Portugal's military activities in Angola, Mozambique, and Guinea Bissau.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

The text of the resolution estimated that 16,000 to 20,000 people have been immigrating into France and other western countries to avoid involvement in Portugal's colonial wars in its African territories.

The council voted to raise \$100,000 annually for the next five years from churches, to assist organizations giving material and legal aid to the evaders. The project has been termed a humanitarian project in continuity with past efforts to assist political refugees.

Several years ago a similar amount was raised to assist Canadian churches working among draft aged political refugees from the United States, then engaged in a massive military conflict in Vietnam.

The World Council held a eight day meeting of its Central committee which ended last week with the adoption of this resolution. The Central Committee is the principal policy making body of the council.

The body also issued a new list of 850 companies doing business in white ruled African countries.



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New OMBE Head Puzzles Staff And Black Businessmen

Since John Jenkins' "resignation" earlier this year as head of the Commerce Department's Office of Minority Business Enterprise (OMBE), some black businessmen are a little apprehensive about whether or not their contracts will be renewed. Still others are wondering if black businessmen will get as large a slice of the money pie as they have in the past.

In effect, black entrepreneurs are perplexed -- and rightly so -- about the posture of the new OMBE Director, Alex Armendaris, will take when it comes time to slice that pie.

Thus far, according to some within and close to the OMBE confines, Armendaris has not yet revved up the agency's machinery. What he is doing appears to be

a mystery. Some say he's playing it cool and learning the agency's ins and outs before he acts. Others say he seems to be indecisive about what's happening and is reluctant to plunge into the monumental task which was so ably-filled by his predecessor.

But, if black businessmen are or appear to be a little worried, this goes double for high-ranking OMBE aides who don't yet know where the man is coming from. Consequently, the general shop talk is who, if anybody, will be replaced and when.

A possible clue to what may happen came recently from one top OMBE official who knowingly said, "politics is the name of the game." And, as he suggested, Armendaris, who stumped for President Nixon in the brown communities during

last year's election, knows this all too well.

Politics was what helped Jenkins on his way - out that is - said the official, and politics gave an able assist to Armendaris -- but in the other direction.

To get an idea of how all this is affecting the black businessmen and many OMBE staffers, one might visualize a Richard Nixon watching to see if Dear John will continue to keep a stiff upper lip. Or a Patrick Gray telling more than he should to a constantly probing Senate panel and then having to face the music of his mentor. Or, possibly, a Richard Kleindienst reopening his confirmation hearings without getting the stamp of approval of his benefactor, there by causing more stuff to hit the fan than he or the Ad-

ministration needed or wanted.

What has caused so much consternation with many OMBE staff members is Armendaris' initial meeting with them. In essence, what the top man reportedly said was that he didn't know what the heck was going on and he probably would never know all the wheres, hows, and what fors of operating the agency. As the specialists in the field, the OMBE staffers were supposedly in-

formed, that was their responsibility and if they couldn't measure up, then they could and would be replaced.

And, with an exit as abrupt as his comments, Armendaris left these thoughts with his staff. This blew some people's minds, to say the least.

And, just like in the Watergate proceedings, so many are watching and waiting to see exactly what one man can and will do.

Well, that's politics for you.

Black Book News

Baluba masks, Dogon door decorations and Benin animal statues fill the pages of a different kind of coloring book, called the "African Art Coloring Book" (\$1.50). It was done by some brothers and sisters at Highland Park College in Illinois and is geared to all age levels (even adults would enjoy it).

Many of the art objects are done in intricate line drawings which would be difficult for very young children to color easily, but for this age group the book can be used to expose them to the beautiful designs and structure of African artwork.

It's really folks from the third grade up, though, who could deal on this book. Not only would they enjoy coloring the drawings (and offer them felt pens if they have hang-ups about crayons being for "babies") but the budding artist could copy the pictures himself, since all are done as line drawings.

Another good thing about this book is that it will hopefully excite children enough about the subject that they'll want to see the actual artwork.

Another coloring book which is quite popular is "Color Me Brown" (\$1.50), done by Johnson Publications. The theme of the book is fairly traditional, featuring "negroes who have made vital contributions to world history."

Crispus Attucks, Ira Aldridge, Frederick Douglass, and Ila B. Wells are among those pictured. The rhymes that accompany each drawing are simple (read dumb) and are about on a par with the following one on Jan E. Matzlinger:

"When there were quaint oil lamps to fill

And shoes were stitched by hand, Cobblers worked so very hard For elves had left the land. One day there came an inventor who

Made a shoe device. . . It quickly stitched and nailed the shoes

And cobblers sighed, "How nice!"

Color him clever." The book is useful, however, for pointing out the "famous" black folks who are part of our heritage. It is interesting that children are very attracted to this book -- and I think it's because of its format.

It looks like any other coloring book and doesn't seem strange

to them. I think this is important 'cause it points to the fact that we can get many ideas across to our younger brothers and sisters if we just present them in a way which is familiar to them.

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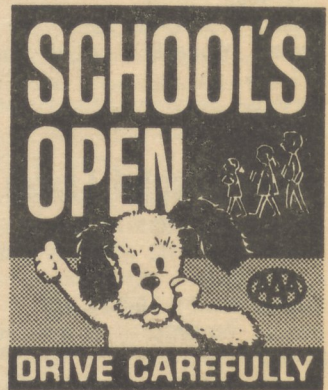
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PAM AND CRIME KING — Pam Grier tricks Allan Arbus into becoming intimate with her in American International's "Coffy." Pam's motive is to destroy every member of the dope ring who contributed to the ruination of her eleven-year-old sister. Pam has starred in three consecutive American International films, the other two being "Black Mama, White Mama" and "Scream Blacula Scream." Arbus is one of Hollywood's busiest actors.

Black Leaders Look to '76

Denver -- (NBNS) -- A small, secret meeting between black Democrats and Republicans last week may pave the way for black political unity and a new political strategy.

The meeting, the first time blacks from the two parties had joined in such an effort, was also the first time black elected officials had joined to coordinate black political efforts for the 1976 presidential campaign.

The meeting, deliberately held to 16 persons, was described as preliminary and no decisions were made.

The gathering was arranged by Colorado State Sen. George Brown, Georgia State Rep. Julian Bond and Mayor Richard C. Hatcher of Gary, Ind.

One of the primary topics of discussion was the problem of declining interest among blacks in voting. One report presented at the meeting said that blacks "are still essentially without substantial political power and continue to suffer because of it."

The meeting was held in secret partly because several important black leaders were not invited. Two non-elected black leaders, Vernon E. Jordan, National Urban League director, and Jesse Jackson, head of People United to Save Humanity, were invited but did not attend.

Lesotho - Taiwan

Discussions

Taipei -- LeLotho Finance Minister Retselist Sekhonyana met with his Taiwan counterpart last week, to discuss cooperation between the countries.

Ben Vereen: Pippin's Pied Piper of Soul!

At 26, Ben Vereen is Broadway's newest and brightest star. As the leading player in "Pippin" he won this year's Tony Award for Best Actor in a Musical, and has been signed for more stage plays, movies and recordings. A far cry from a few years ago when he was just another unknown chorus boy.

Interviewed by Maurice Peterson in the September issue of Essence magazine, Vereen tells of his initial interest in the theatre and confides that he sang his first song at age four on a reverend's knee in a church in Brooklyn, New York. "I loved being a child," says Vereen, "and I still love being a child. I did all the things that children do, and every day I'd go with the other kids down to the shoeshine parlor and watch the two owners, who used to be in vaudeville, perform their routine. One Sunday when I was hanging out in the streets, a lady asked me why I wasn't in church. She went to my mother and the next thing I knew I was a member of her church. I sang my first solo song in front of that audience, and she taught me how to stylize, told me what to do with my hands, how to move my body and eyes. She made it more than just singing a song; it became a show. And, she is the person who made a performer out of me. Once that inspiration was planted in me, I just had to entertain."

Kicked out of school in seventh grade because his reading was only at the third grade level, Vereen was admitted to a special school. He recalls, "I soon learned that if you had something of your own - something other than basketball or football - the little girls in school would go crazy for you - so I faked tapdancing. It not only worked for the girls but the faculty as well!"

Recognizing his raw talent, his principal suggest he apply to Manhattan's prestigious High School of Performing Arts. Once accepted Vereen admits that's where it all started. "That's when I found out

that performing was a lot more than just fooling around, he says. It's a culture, and it is serious work."

In his senior year at Performing Arts, Ben met a Pentecostal bishop's daughter and married. He moved in with his in-laws and after graduation looked briefly for show business work. Having no success he then felt the "Lord's calling", became very religion-conscious and enrolled in the Manhattan Theological Institute for awhile. Theology wasn't the answer, and neither was marriage. Vereen separated from both and discovered Arthur Mitchell's Dance Company. After being with the company for several years he won a job in "Sweet Charity" and met producer Bob Fosse who started grooming him for stardom. When

Fosse hired him last year to star in "Pippin" his star took off and has been consistently ascending since.

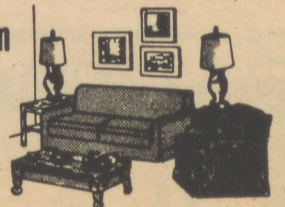
Ben admits he would rather be in a Black-oriented musical, but in "Pippin" he has found a vehicle in which he has won recognition. He relates to Essence that working in the mainstream is the most essential thing to him as an artist, and to any Black performer on his way up. Says Vereen, "Keep in mind who you are, but do what you must for your growth. When you've worked your way into a good position you can do the things you've always dreamed of doing. But don't stifle and limit yourself. This is art - communication, and you've got to communicate to all people."

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Old Game, New Tricks Stall Memphis School Desegregation

After a 13-year struggle, the Memphis, Tenn. public school system was ordered to desegregate earlier this year by Judge Robert M. McRae Jr. To accomplish this goal, busing of school children was to be utilized.

Everybody thought the long and arduous battle was concluded when Judge McRae handed down his decision. However, more recently, a new stumbling block came into the picture when it was learned that the gas to propel these school buses would not be forthcoming.

According to Memphis City Attorney Frierson Graves, the city must use all the gas under a contract with Exxon Co. U.S.A., a subsidiary of Exxon Corp., for its fire, police, and sanitation vehicles.

"We'll order any excess gas, but won't give them (school board) a gallon above what we consider the legitimate needs of the city," stressed Graves.

The School Board says it needs a minimum of one million gallons of gasoline a year for school buses. The city has contracted with Exxon for five million gallons of gas through Aug. 1, 1974. Surely, city vehicles don't need the whole thing!

It was reported last week that attorneys for the plaintiffs in the lengthy school desegregation suit filed a supplemental class action complaint against not only Exxon, but also the mayor (who, it was reported, withdrew his children from public school system when the desegregation order was handed down), the city of Memphis and the U.S. Department of the Interior for what it called "conspiring" to deny the fuel in question to the Memphis Board of Education for school buses needed when classes begin this fall.

Claiming that Exxon is exercising "a monopoly" over "an uncommitted fuel supply," the plaintiffs contend that the giant cor-

poration has violated antitrust laws. Therefore, the complaint suggest, Exxon should "divest itself of control" over two of its three corporate divisions.

However, Exxon claims it is sitting pretty because, it said, the charges "have no basis in fact," noting that last July 20, another federal judge "heard essentially these (same) arguments" relating to the corporation's alleged role in the school busing issue and dismissed Exxon as a party to that suit.

It is common knowledge that the busing of school children in Memphis -- as well as in a lot of other "American" cities -- is opposed vehemently in many circles. However, the Memphis case got a little nudge from a straight-thinking judge, in this case, McRae.

Since the case was lost in the courts, new tactics in playing an old game had to be devised so that little black children wouldn't hamper the learning abilities of little white children.

Hopefully, though, the plaintiffs will persevere in this seemingly endless succession of obstacles designed to frustrate and disillusion those in Memphis who are not necessarily seeking "to rub elbows" with anybody, but rather to increase the standards of education for all school children, not just a select few.

We certainly hope that the plaintiffs in the Memphis school desegregation case will not cease and desist to the warped beliefs and cries of "segregation forever," but will instead "keep the faith."

Judge McRae has set a hearing for Sept. 5 for city, federal, and Exxon officials to respond to the plaintiffs' charges. And, it would be wise for him to remember the saying "justice delayed is justice denied," for the Memphis plaintiffs have already been denied too long.

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Food is a necessity for through its consumption the body receives valuable nutrients to keep it properly functioning.

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And "refining" of flour, sugar, oil and salt is avoided because it removes vitamins, minerals, proteins and enzymes.

Many think organic foods too bland, but in the September issue of Essence Magazine, Mary Hasage insists that organic foods with have "soul" and gives a suggested listing of natural foods with which you can prepare soulful meals for your family. For example: wheat germ, stone-ground wheat flour and cornmeal are excellent for home baked breads; brown rice which contains more proteins and vitamins than white rice; and, organic meats (organic cooking stresses the use of organs and less expensive parts of meats i.e. wings, necks, giblets, liver, etc. Fish is another food source high in minerals, vitamins and proteins; Also fertile eggs, for

not only are they high in organic protein but serve as an excellent meat substitute. Organic cooking also favors the use of both un-sulfured molasses and raw honey for sweetening recipes for main dishes and desserts.

A majority of these natural food stuffs can be found in your neighborhood supermarket, or check a health food store for more exotic offerings.

For a reprint of Essence's soulful organic recipes, write Essence Magazine, Public Relations Dept., OC3, 300 East 42 Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.

World Bank May Aid West African Drought Countries

New York -- (NBNS) -- The World Bank staff is working on a new lending strategy for the six country area of West Africa affected by disastrous drought. The focus of their effort will be on "development aid", and is contingent on money being available.

The World Bank group in cooperation with the United Nations Development Plan, and the World Health Organization is also supporting a project to eliminate or control "river blindness", a fly disease that has driven farmers away from the best farmland.

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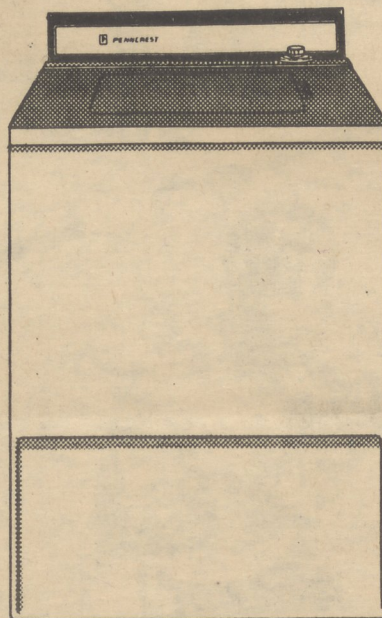
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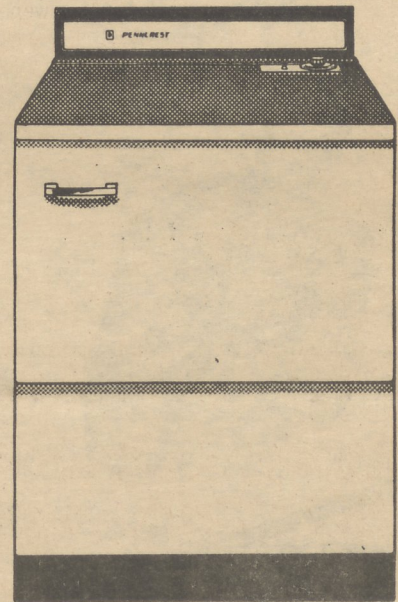


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SPORTS CAPSULE

James Harris, the back-up quarterback of the L.A. Rams, almost led his team to an upset of the Super Bowl champion Miami Dolphins recently when he hit 14 out of 22 passes for 175 yards, including two touchdowns, after replacing the Rams' No. 1 passer, John Hadl, in the second quarter.

The Rams didn't start to move until the third quarter, when Larry McCutcheon scored on a 30-yard pass from Harris, a product of Grambling (La.) College via Buffalo, culminating a 76-yard drive in seven plays.

The second score came on a 58-yard pass to Harold Jackson early in the fourth quarter, making the score 17-14 Miami. Had kicker David Ray not missed a 33-yard field goal attempt, the Rams would have tied the Dolphins.

One white sports commentator providing the color commentary for a Redskin-Colts game recently got a lot of flack from irate Redskins fans when he made a remark which, he said, had been "misunderstood."

When Duane Thomas received a punishing tackle from a Colt defender on the sidelines, causing Thomas to lose his helmet, the commentator noted, "he (the defender) should have knocked his (Thomas') head off."

Fans called the television station during the game and complained, causing the commentator to explain that he only meant that Thomas had been hit so hard, it was a wonder that he wasn't hurt.

However, it appeared to many fans that the commentator was just trying to "clean up" his earlier remarks.

D.C.'s Cornelius Greene has a good chance of becoming Ohio State University's first black starting quarterback this season. Buckeye Coach Woody Hayes calls the 6 foot, 168 pound sophomore

"a promising youngster," adding that Greene has "come a long way in one year. He's not injury-prone and he doesn't make big mistakes."

Bobby Tolan has had his ups and downs with the Cincinnati Reds management this past week. Initially, he was fined \$350, barred from the clubhouse and to be put on the disabled list for 15 days until he apologized to the director of player personnel for using abusive language. It was reported that Tolan, the comeback player of the year in 1972, had cursed the official when he was asked to have a physical examination.

Then, Tolan filed a grievance against the Reds with the Major League Players Association. Next, the Reds' outfielder said he was "fed up with the way things are going in Cincinnati," noting that he was referring to "management," and defied the clubhouse ban.

Finally, NL President Charles Feeney and Commissioner Bowie Kuhn overruled the Reds, informing them that Tolan should be returned to the active list since a subsequent examination turned up no serious injuries. However, the fine (\$250 for his abusive language and \$100 for failing to take a physical) remained intact. Tolan has steadfastly refused to apologize.

Tanzania Section of Tanzam Railway Completed

Dar es Salaam -- (NBNS) -- The new Tanzam railway, which will link Tanzania and Zambia together by rail, has crossed the Tanzania border into Zambia. The massive project begun three years ago involves 50,000 workers. Upon completion it will enable Zambia to bypass use of the rail link with white ruled Rhodesia.

Prisoners to Get Parole Explanation

WASHINGTON -- (NBNS) -- For the first time, inmates of Federal prisons will be furnished a written explanation for parole denial, and will have a means of appealing unfavorable decisions.

The reorganization would also give inmates the right to representation at parole board hearings, said U. S. parole board chairman Maurice H. Sigler.

Sigler said the reorganization would be completed by November 1974, and the plan would divide the parole board into five regions, provide speedier decisions on parole questions and prove "more satisfying" to inmates than the present system in which reasons are not given for denying parole requests.

The U. S. parole board, which hears requests from 23,657 inmates in 34 federal prisons, is also seeking \$647,000 to carry out the reorganization, and, according to Sigler, if the money is approved by Congress, an additional 22 new parole examiners would be hired to conduct hearings.

In the meantime, the new policy will continue at five federal prisons where it has been in effect as an experimental program since October, 1972. The five institutions include three facilities for men at Petersburg, Va., Lewisburg, Pa., and Danbury, Conn.; and the women's institution at Alderson, W. Va., and youth centers in Morgantown, W. Va.

Alvin Bronstein, director of the American Civil Liberties Union's National Prison Project, called the proposed reorganization, "a small step in the right direction" although he said the "pilot program is generally unacceptable."

The inmates "are not permitted in the hearing to look at information in the file used by the parole

board to make decisions," Bronstein said, adding that the information in those files is often erroneous.

The new plan will involve five members of the parole board being named regional directors to act as the "first line of appeal" for complaints from their region. The remaining three members will form a final appeals board that will rule on appeals from the decisions of regional directors, Sigler said.

During fiscal 1971, the last year for which complete figures are available, the parole board decided 17,600 cases.

Sigler said the full board will still hear requests in cases involving national security, organized crime, national or "unusual" interest, extremely violent crimes, or long-term sentences, but will leave most of the parole requests to the examiners and regional directors.

Parole examiners in the federal

parole system must have a master's degree in law, psychology, social work or a behavioral science, plus five years experience in correctional work.

When the reorganization is completed, an inmate who is denied parole will receive written reasons within 15 days, and then will have 30 days to appeal to the regional director.

Appeals to the regional director must be on the basis that the reasons given for the denial were "not sufficient" or that the inmate can show there was "new and necessary information" in existence at the time of the hearing that was not presented.

Sigler said the board will establish a set of guidelines on which to judge inmates as good, fair or poor parole risks. He said these guidelines would include whether or not the inmate was 18 or younger at the time of the first conviction and whether or not there was a family waiting

Black October Defends Policy of Killing

BALTIMORE -- (NBNS) -- An underground anti-narcotics group known as Black October, and which claims responsibility for two recent Baltimore murders, has issued a manifesto repeating its conviction that the killing of drug pushers is the only way to keep heroin out of black communities.

In a four-page statement received last Friday by a Baltimore Sun reporter, Black October said, "let those who do not wish to help black people at least do nothing to hurt black people, because the penalty for treason is death."

"Ninety per cent of black-on-black crime is drug related. The violence we are organizing and using to destroy this Frankenstein monster we feel is necessary and justifiable," the statement read.

According to earlier Black October claims, the killings of Maryland State Delegate James A. (Turk) Scott and George I. Evans, were in retaliation for their

alleged heroing trafficking.

Scott, 48, who was murdered July 13, was under federal indictment for allegedly conspiring to smuggle \$10 million in heroin into Maryland. Evans 33, who was shot five days later, has been linked by Baltimore police to a local drug peddler ring.

Sherman W. Dobson, 20, of Baltimore, has been indicted in the Scott murder, although an anonymous caller to the Baltimore Sun claiming to represent Black October said Dobson was innocent.

Police have said they know little about the Black October group.

The Waterloo Defender would like to extend their deepest sympathy to the family of the late Mrs. Uliia Mae Chew.

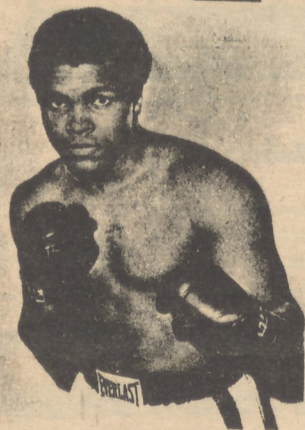
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