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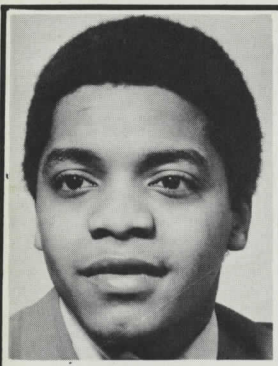

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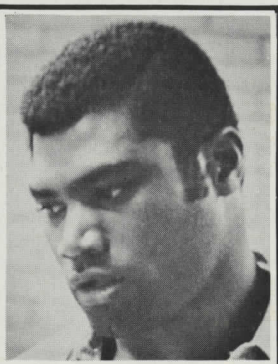

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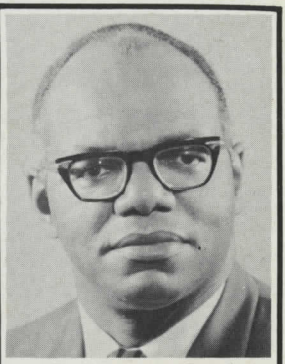

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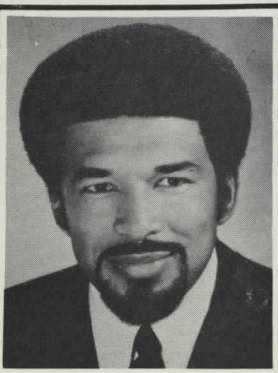

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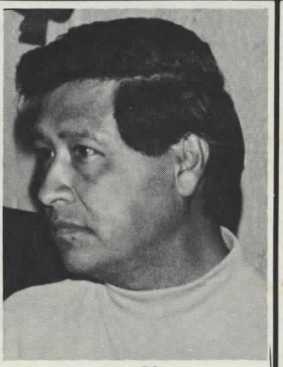

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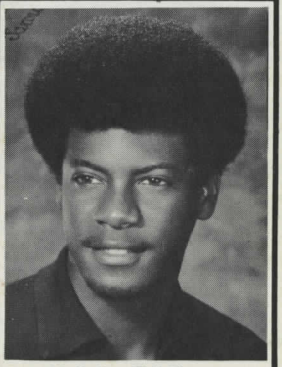

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Editorial



GRAPEVINE MAGAZINE'S FIRST ANNIVERSARY

This month we celebrate our first year in the news media business. We have had the pleasure of meeting many people and gaining many new friends. We have learned a lot and have made progress. So we feel that our first year in business has been a successful one.

Much thanks has to go to the many advertisers who have had continued faith in us and to the many hundreds of readers who have subscribed to our magazine. Currently the Grapevine is being used in the local schools and colleges and our subscription list is growing steadily. We now have subscribers throughout the City of Fresno and the State of California. In addition we have subscribers in seven different states across the country from Alaska to New York. Most are former Fresnans who are keeping up with the local community. We also have subscribers in several foreign countries, most are Fresnans who are in the military service.

Since we consolidate local news and events we have had the pleasure of working closely with other news media. So special thanks must be given to the **Fresno Bee,** the **California Advocate** and the **Fresno Guide** newspapers for the use of many of their pictures and articles.

This coming year we will continue to give you an interesting and professional magazine. We ask our advertisers and subscribers to continue to support us. We also solicit other advertisers and readers to join us.

We appreciate and thank the many readers who have sent in letters, pictures, articles, poems, and other information.

Thanks again,

Editor

Trotter Elected to Fresno County Board of Education



Trotter and former Fresno Mayor Floyd Hyde

Robert Trotter, 22, was recently elected to the Fresno County Board of Education. He is the youngest candidate elected to office in California. He is also the first Black to be elected to the board.

Trotter has been active in politics since the age of 12. Since then, he has been active in numerous state and local campaigns.

He presently serves as an administrative aide to Los Angeles Attorney James L. Flournoy, a Republican candidate for Secretary of State. He has been traveling with Flournoy and his staff through the state and has appeared on numerous campuses and at various conventions.

He also served as an aide to former California Lieutenant Governor Robert H. Finch, now U. S. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. He was selected by former Fresno Mayor Floyd Hyde, now an assistant secretary of Housing and Urban Development, to draw plans for the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee.

Trotter, a son of the Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Trotter, graduated from Roosevelt High School in Fresno. He majored in journalism at Woodbury College in Los Angeles. He also studied fine arts at the U. S. International Institute in San Diego.

He also has served on the board of directors of the Fresno Community. Other civic activities include participation in various productions at the Fresno Community Theater and memberships in the Junior Chamber of Commerce and Intercollegiate Student Institute.

He is also a member of the board of Pruitt's College of Business, a Los Angeles based private college.

West Fresno's Outstanding Parent and Youth Law Club Member



MRS. KATHERINE CROZIER, left, named West Fresno's outstanding parent, and Sheila Tiggs, one of two outstanding Youth Law Club members, show off trophies they received at the annual Youth Achievement Dinner for the Edison district. The Cecil C. Hinton Community Center and the Edison Booster Club, in cooperation with the Fresno City Recreation Department, presented trophies to adults and youths at an achievement awards dinner at the Edison High School. Mrs. Katherine Crozier was named the outstanding parent. Candidates for the award are judged on work in the home, the community and church participation.



WEST FRESNO VOTER DRIVE BEGINS

The West Fresno Black Women's Political League, together with the West Fresno Black Political organization has begun an extensive voter registration drive in West Fresno.

Twenty-five members and volunteers were deputized as registrars at the County Elections Office on Wednesday. Mrs. Loretta M. White, president of the West Fresno Black Women's Political League, issued the following statement:

"It is unreasonable that in this year of 1970 that approximately 35 percent of this city's population is not represented in state and city government.

"It is unbelievable that in this year of 1970 that the color of a man's skin is still able to override his ability.

"It is sad that after more than a hundred years we find ourselves still struggling for equality, justice and freedom at a time when thousands of American lives are being invested in wars for the freedom of people in foreign lands.

"This is what the Political League is all about. It is our belief that we may achieve political equality through unity and the use of the ballot. We have organized to meet the challenge in the need of poor people to have a voice in government.

"We intend to urge and encourage the disadvantaged people to register and vote. Although our efforts will be centered among the disadvantaged, our aims are to unify the minority people toward achieving an adequate representation and a voice in government.

"We will solicit support and understanding from the majority and try to revive the conscience of the American people by reminding them of the philosophy of the United States government as stated in the Declaration of Independence that—all men are created equal and are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights. That among these rights are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Persons wishing to join or volunteer their services to the voter registration drive may contact Mrs. White at 264-1664.

FRESNO CITY COLLEGE "BLACK-IN"



Alma Palmer

The third annual "Black-in" was held this past month at Fresno City College. The purpose of the "Black-in" was to promote cultural awareness and pride among black people. The 1970 "Black-in" was dedicated to CC faculty member Alma Palmer, who serves as an advisor to the college Black Student Union and is coordinator for the college's Extended Opportunity Program and Service project.

Included in the program was a drama presentation by students from Edison High School, a fashion show, and a speech by author Nathan Heard. In addition to the program events there were displays of art work created by black artists shown in the student lounge and patio.

The "Black-in" program was arranged and coordinated by the Black Student Union of Fresno City College. The college student senate appropriated student funds to hold the annual event. James Johnson of Fresno is the president of the City College BSU, and the faculty advisors in addition to Mrs. Palmer are Mae Ethridge and Leon Osborne.

A free lunch of hot dogs and cola was also served.



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CITIZEN HONORED FOR HEROISM



O.C. THOMAS was presented with a resolution for heroism by Fresno County Supervisors Board Chairman Wesley R. Craven (right). Thomas was commended for his efforts to save the Don Darling children when their home was engulfed in flames during the early morning hours of May 25. Thomas entered the burning home three times to bring out the children.

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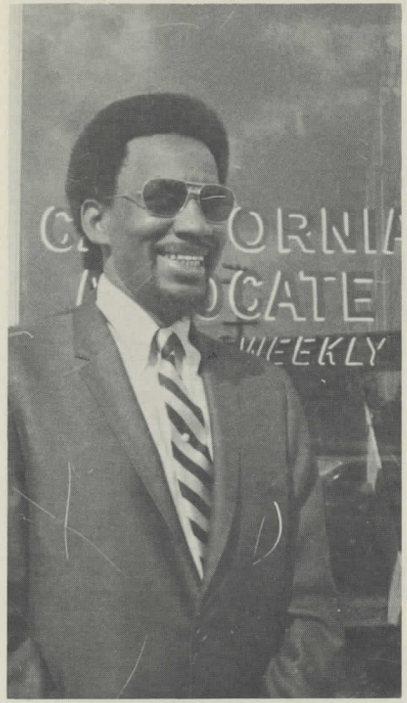

Lesly Kimber
California Advocate Publisher

A $600,000 damage claim has been filed against the City of Fresno and certain police officers by West Fresno newspaper publisher Lesly H. Kimber as a result of Kimber's arrest Feb. 27.

A total of $100,000 is sought from the city for "false arrest, false imprisonment, assault, battery and slander." The claim alleges Kimber suffered the loss of business and has been held up to "public scorn, ridicule and embarrassment."

A total of $500,000 "by way of example" is sought from Sgt. Jack Enos, Officer William Brown and other unnamed police officers.

The claim said Kimber in pursuit of his profession as a publisher and a reporter tried to find out why the officers were arresting a person at C Street and California Avenue. It alleges Brown became "abusive and insulting" and that Enos told him to "shut up" and declared Kimber was drunk.

While Kimber was being booked on a charge of interfering with the duties of a police office, it is alleged Enos made "slanderous remarks, accusing claimant of being a felon and having a felony record."

The claim alleges the conduct of the officers and the "false remarks regarding claimant's alleged felony record were motivated by actual malice on the part of Jack Enos and the other individual employes."

Donald C. Thuesen is Kimber's attorney.

The claim has been referred to the city attorney's office. (Bee)

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Patricia Wells

San Joaquin Memorial High School senior Patricia Wells is the winner of a $100 scholarship awarded to the Fresno Community Hospital Candy Striper of the Year. Miss Well, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Wells, has contributed more than 900 hours of service in less than three years. She just ended a term as Candy Striper president.

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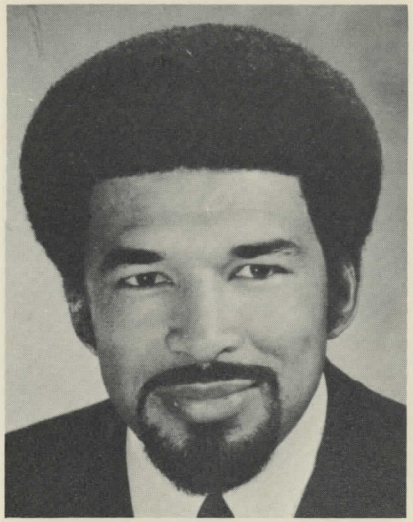
June Murrell

June Murrell was snapped while modeling a mini-dress and a bikini which included a bathing suit cover-up with matching pants, in a recent fashion show.

June is 22 years old and is attending Fresno City College. She is employed as a saleslady at Gottschalk's Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Murrell of Fresno.

Former Fresnan Honored

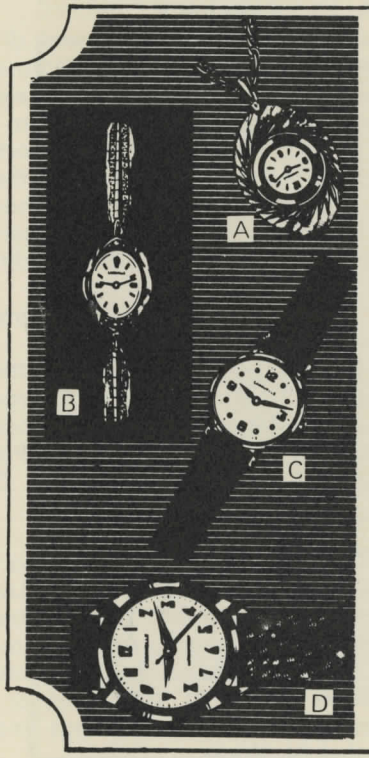


Benny Tapscott

Benny Tapscott, an Edison High and Fresno State graduate, was recognized last month as "Man of the Year" by Big Brothers, Inc., of the San Francisco Bay area. The honor came for his "interest, commitment and desire to work with Black youth."

Tapscott, who is a teacher and coach at McClymond High in Oakland, attracted nation-wide interest last December when he benched three of his senior starters because of poor grades. When the players brought their grades up, he reinstated them. Tapscott drills into his student-atheletes that they shouldn't sacrifice the academic for sports. As a result of his teaching all of his players are achieving a C or better grade average.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benny Tapscott, Sr., live in West Fresno.



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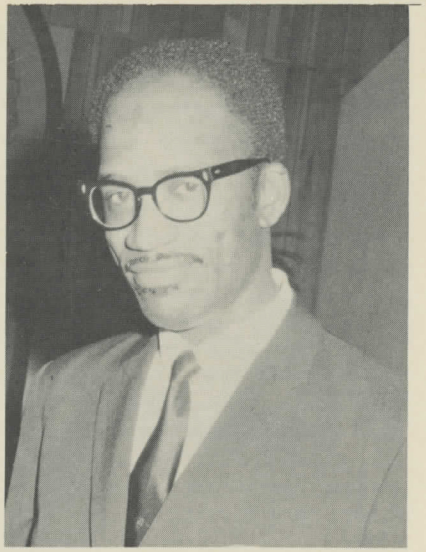

Rev. Scott



Mrs. Turner

A tie vote in a special election has left the Fresno Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People without a president.

The Rev. Rueben Scott and Mrs. Erma Jean Turner each received 34 votes. Scott arrived at the meeting in the Carver School too late to cast his ballot.

Another special election has been called for July 20th to select a president.

All other offices for the branch were decided in last night's election.

Elma P. Sterling defeated Pat Williams for secretary. Henry Clay Norman, Scott and Mrs. Turner were selected as delegates to the national convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, from a list of five candidates.

Elected unopposed were: Jesse McDonald, Jr., first vice president; James Hanford, second vice president; Catherine Washington, assistant secretary; Alma Lewis, treasurer, and the 24-member executive committee.

The officers will serve until Dec. 31. The regular elections will be held in December.

Leonard H. Carter, regional director of NAACP, and Mrs. Verna Canson, Western Regional Field Director, supervised the election.

In a special treasurer's report, Woody Miller pointed out the chapter has paid all bills and has a bank balance. New memberships and donations were credited for the solvency.

The executive committee members elected are:

David C. Adams, Alfred Boutte, the Rev. J. B. Brooks, Dr. George Bugg, Adelbert L. Campbell, Rosa Edawrds, George A. Finley, Patricia Foreman, Rev. James E. Hall, Leo H. Hall.

Dr. Freddie Hayes, E. Z. Hearington, Lesly Kimber, Opal LaVerne Lee, Martha Lenzy, Mrs. Eddie Mae Lomack, Ann McGregor Norman, Anna Belle Payton, Odelia Peyton, D. A. Pieper, Sr., Andy Reinap, Calvin Scruggs and Rachel N. Wicks.

Dr. Peal Resigns Mental Health Position



Dr. James A. Peal

Dr. James A. Peal, director of mental health for Fresno County, has resigned, charging County Administrative Officer Phillip V. Sanchez with interfering in the Mental Health Department operation.

The resignation is effective July 6. Peal is the county's second mental health director.

In a statement released with the resignation letter, Peal declared:

"The county administrative office has chosen to change the County Mental Health Plan . . . It has become apparent that the administrative officer is more interested in preserving the county bureaucracy than in providing mental health services to people who need them.

"The organizational structure proposed by him will seriously hamper the department's treatment program. The county government's (supervisors') reaction to this question of reorganization has been one of indifference and pretended lack of understanding."



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20 Years Service To The West Fresno Community



Mrs. Ada Riggins

Mrs. Thelma Riggins, the gracious and charming wife of Vern Riggins, has resided in Fresno for the past 20 years. She has been active in the community all of these years including such activities as—one of the original founders of the Carver District PTA and Lincoln Heights Improvements Club, as well as helped to organize many social clubs that are still in existence.

Mrs. Riggins was born in Stroud, Oklahoma, attended elementary and high school in Drumright, Oklahoma, and moved to Hanford, California, in 1943. She married Vern Riggins, a member of one of Fresno's oldest families, and moved to Fresno in 1950.

The attractive grandmother was the right arm to her husband in his effort to bring fraternal life to Fresno with such organizations as the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and the Knights of Pythias.

"Mama Ada", as she is affectionately called by the younger generation, reflects on the benefits of working in the community: "Each person has to derive at his or her own contribution to a great cause . . . I belong to and work in organizations that provide scholarships for our young men and that introduce our young ladies to this beautiful world—the Now Scene."

The organizations Mrs. Riggins belong to include The Rainbow Social Club, and Lily of the Valley Court of Calanthe (sister organization of the Knights of Pythias). She instigated the Miss Beauty Pageant here five years ago and since has worked as a member of the Miss Bronze Committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Riggins have one daughter, Mrs. Wilma Dean Woods, a beauty operator in Berkeley, California.

Her final bit of advice to the Now Generation is, "first be honest and true to yourself, stay in tune . . . be modern, and do your thing—your way."

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NURSE RUTH RYAN RETIRES



Ruth Ryan

This month the Grapevine Magazine salutes Nurse Ruth Ryan who has retired this year from the Fresno Colony School District. She has served as nurse in the district for the past 17 years, starting during the 1953-54 year.

Mrs. Ryan received her training from the Los Angeles General Hospital where she earned her Life Diploma and Health and Development Credential. A coffee hour was given in her honor recently by all of the teachers in the school district.

Students and parents in the district regret Mrs. Ryan leaving since she has been very dedicated to them. She has personally helped many of the local families. It has been common practice for her to go throughout Southwest Fresno giving out shoes, clothing and food to the needy.

During the interview Mrs. Ryan said that she looked upon the school as her family. She said that she enjoyed seeing her early students, from years back, admitting their children to kindergarten and first grade.

Mrs. Ryan and her husband plan to travel and visit their children during retirement. "The Grapevine and the community thanks Mrs. Ryan for her many years of dedicated service."

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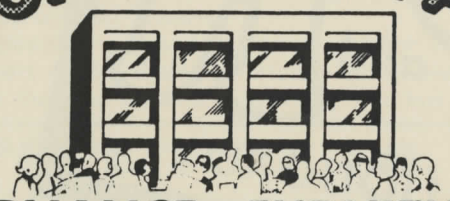

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Howard Bell

Guard Howard Bell, who guided Edison High School's basketball team to two straight North Yosemite League championships, has been named to the All-American Report's honor list.

The publication, a Who's Who in high school, junior college and college sports, named Bell to its California, West Coast and National All-American teams.

Bell, a versatile senior, was named to the All-Metro and All-NYL teams for the past two seasons. The quick guard was selected captain of teams that captured the Valley championship in 1969 and was third in 1970.

Bell, who hit nearly 80 per cent of his free throws and 48 per cent of his field goal attempts in two seasons, was also the top assist and defensive player for two years. He was named Edison's most valuable player his senior year.

Bell was selected from 3,000 applicants for the All-American Report awards.

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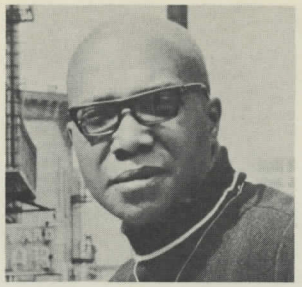
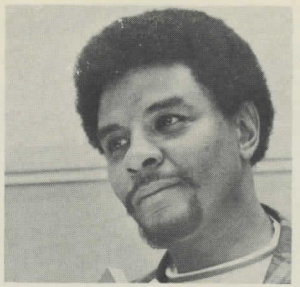


Nathan Heard



Richard Keyes

Fresno State College Ethnic Studies Program director Richard Keyes and English instructor Nathan Heard, both who were selected among the college's most distinguished teachers by a student poll, were not rehired for the coming 1970-71 school year.

As a result of the failure of the college administration (which is a temporary one) not to rehire or discuss the rehiring of both men and other released members of the college's Ethnic Studies staff, many peaceful protest marches have been made by members of the Black and Brown communities along with members of the F.S.C. student body. Another group of protestors have not been so peaceful and consequently many school buildings have been damaged, highways have been blocked, and a one million dollar computer has been destroyed.

In an interview Professor Keyes stated that he felt that the Dr. Karl Falk administration was incompetent and did not understand or know how to deal with the Ethnic Studies Department. Keyes stated that this lack of understanding was also true of the administration's relationship with other departments at the college.

Meanwhile, Mr. Heard, a nationally known author whose book "Howard Street" made the best seller list has, it is believed, accepted a teaching position at Rutgers University and is now living in New Jersey. It has also been reported that Keyes has received offers of employment from eighteen colleges and universities throughout the United States. Presently Keyes plans are not known.

But what many people in Fresno do know is that two of the most distinguished members of the Black community have been literally railroaded and that not the men but the community has lost.

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CESAR CHAVEZ COMES TO FRESNO



CESAR CHAVEZ (center), LEADER OF THE UNITED FARM WORKERS, appeared in Fresno recently and pledged the support of his organization to the students and Ethnic Studies Staff at Fresno State College. Acting F.S.C. President Karl Falk recently fired eight of the Ethnic Studies eleven faculty members, which has caused much protest from the students and the community. Chavez spoke to a capacity house in the Mi Ranchito Club in West Fresno.

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SIGMA ON THE MOVE

By Bro. Dennis Major



Gail Davis
Phi Beta Sigma Sweetheart

In the last 7 months some new and exciting changes have taken place within the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity in Fresno. Last December 25th marked the beginning of that change. To those who don't see the significance of December 25th, it is the day that the Annual Sweethearts Ball is held. This year's Sweetheart, Miss Gail Davis, was selected over nine other candidates. She was crowned and now reigns as Sweetheart of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity of Fresno.

The new year also found Sigma men working in the community at every level. The pulse of Sigma spirit has been shown again and again throughout the black community. Sigma men have been involved in social action, business and education since conception in 1957.

Phi Beta Sigma now has a symbol of Sigma Brotherhood. This symbol is a fraternity house, where many plans are developed to help our community. Some of the goals are to provide scholarships for black students in the community and to provide technical assistance to businesses in the community, to establish tutorial counseling and text book lending services to students.

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity is continually growing.One indication of this growth was shown at the annual Sigma-Alpha Fraternity basketball game where the Sigma pledges put on a half time show, which people are still talking about.

We of Phi Beta Sigma would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for its support and for helping to make Sigma what it is.

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Marlene Martin

Marlene Martin is the new Dean of Girls at Irwin Junior High School in West Fresno. She formerly taught at Sequoia Junior High School for five years. She did her post graduate work at Fresno State College where she received her B.A. degree, Special Secondary, General Secondary, General Junior High, and Pupil Personnel Credentials.

Marlene enjoys sewing, fashion shows, and occasional dancing. Most of her extra time has been spent in educational seminars, workshops, and taking extension courses. In the future she plans to devote more time to community work. Self involvement is one of her goals.

After graduating from Merced Union High School in Merced, California, Marlene, along with her five brothers and sisters, moved with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Brice, to Fresno fifteen years ago. Today she is married to deputy sheriff Willie Martin and they have two daughters, Sabrina Denise, 13, and Chauntel Kiyra, 14 months old.

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Many citizens throughout the City of Fresno literally begged the local, state, and federal government to locate the new (IRS) Internal Revenue Service Center in West Fresno instead of another part of the city so that it could help the low socio-economic problems and at the same time encourage new business to come into this Black and Brown community.

Instead the government decided to locate the (IRS) Center near one of the richer areas in Fresno. The people in West Fresno feel that they have been overlooked again.

Here is an editorial that appeared in the CALIFORNIA ADVOCATE newspaper concerning this location.

Internal Revenue Location Decisions Leaves Many Questions Unanswered

The decision to locate the Internal Revenue Service center in Southeast Fresno raises many questions that should be answered before West Fresno citizens can be expected to accept it.

In spite of the claims of the General Services Administration that this location will be helpful in assisting the Mexican-American community in overcoming their "socio-economic problems," they fail to say how this will be accomplished. The only criteria they offer to back up this claim is that the facility will provide jobs for a large number of Mexican-Americans. Yet a West Fresno location would have provided the same number of jobs and would have been as easily accessible.

The location is certainly not in an area that will have any direct effect on the value of property owned by Mexican-Americans because few Mexican-Americans own land in the vicinity of Butler and Willow.

Congressman Sisk has stated that the selection of this site is an "excellent compromise." Yet he has failed to show that there was a need to compromise. The Congressman should also explain how he could remain "objective" in this issue when his son-in-law, Martin Temple, is one of the benefactors of this decision to locate in Southeast Fresno. How can West Fresno citizens be sure that Sisk didn't use the influence of his office to insure that Temple's architectural firm would land this financial bonanza? Was this the compromise that Sisk had in mind?

Why were several local developers bypassed in favor of one from Charleston, South Carolina? Is this another Nixon payoff to South Carolina Senator Strum Thurmond?

Why did the General Services Administration accept a bid that is 28 cents per square foot higher than one that was submitted by a West Fresno developer—in view of the fact that special hearings had to be held to get approval to increase the original appropriations for this facility?

What happened to the consideration that was supposed to have been given to the prior investment of millions of dollars by the federal government in redevelopment and other programs? Does the Redevelopment Agency have projects in Sunnyside?

What happened to the commitment of the federal government to Urban Development? How can a Southeast location insure the survival of the downtown mall—and why has City Hall and the Mall Merchants remained so quiet on this issue? Are there plans a-foot to abandon the mall and move out to suburbia?

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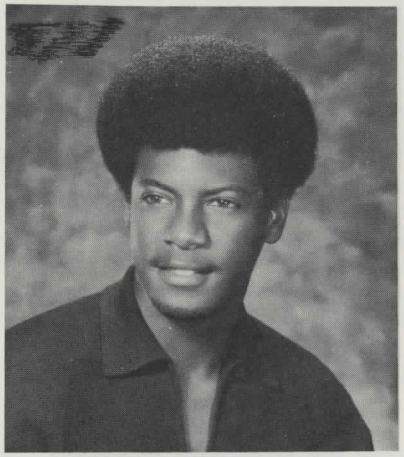
NEW LOCAL DISC JOCKEY



Kelvin Eddings

Kelvin Eddings is KLIP radio station's newest Disc Jockey. He can be heard daily on the Woody Miller and the Happy Harold programs.

Eddings, a bachelor, is a graduate of McLane High School and has attended Fresno City and San Francisco State Colleges. He has previously worked at KMAK radio station in Fresno for a year and a half. Eddings has also attended Ogden Radio School in Huntington Beach, California, before moving to KLIP.

Kelvin, who is a member of Calif. National Guard, is looking forward to having a radio program of his own. His mother, Mrs. Alma Eddings, and sister, Suzzette Wallen, live in Fresno.

ANOTHER VIEWPOINT

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These are but a few of the questions that need answering to remove the suspicions and doubts that have been raised as a result of the decision to locate this IRS facility in close proximity to the Sunnyside Country Club.

Other questions that need answering are ones related to employment, both in building the facility and within the facility itself, once it is built. What steps will be taken by the federal government to insure that Mexican-Americans and blacks will get a representative number of jobs in the facility?

The Mexican-American and the Black Community should start now in seeking guarantees that at least 35 percent of the work force required to construct the building and to run the facility once it has been built will be made up of blacks and browns.

GSA, Congressman Sisk, and even Mayor Ted Wills have all talked about the employment of minorities in this facility. It will be up to the black and brown community to see to it that they make their deeds equal their words—for once.

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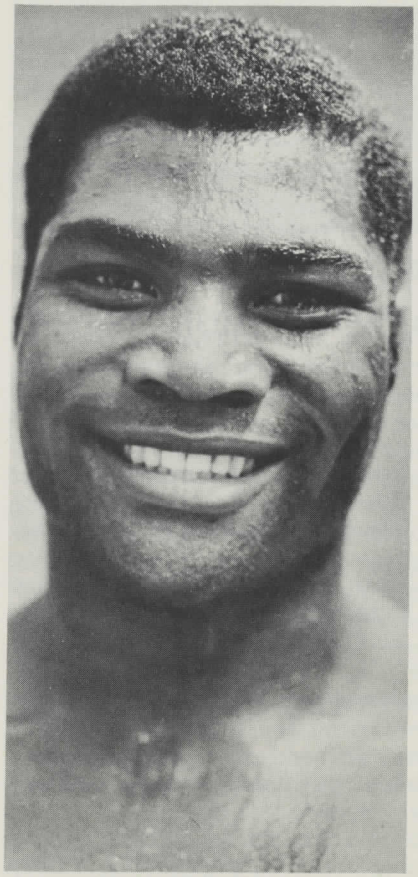

Mac Foster

Fresno heavyweight boxer Mac Foster's winning string came to an end at the hands of heavyweight Jerry Quarry. Quarry scored a technical knockout over Foster in the sixth round of their scheduled 10 rounder.

A crowd of 15,915 turned out paying $165,123 to see the nationally televised bout which was held in New York's famous Madison Square Garden. At ringside along with hundreds of other celebrities was former boxing great Jack Dempsey who was celebrating his 75th birthday.

Foster, an ex-Marine, stepped into the ring with a perfect 24 knockouts in 24 fights record. Quarry who recently lost a title match to Heavyweight Champion Joe Frazier now has a record of 36-4 with 22 knockouts.

Will Foster Make a Comeback?

Will this one loss end Foster's boxing career? We hope not! Over the past few years he has shown to his many fans that he has the confidence, will power, and the ability to become a world champion. Mac sure has the support of the Fresno fans!!



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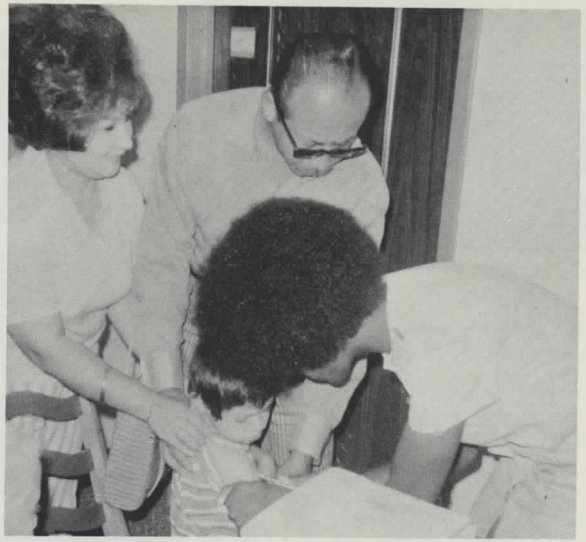

The last in a series of four immunization clonics will be held on Saturday morning, July 11, 1970, at the Hale Medical Center, 302 Fresno Street.

Cecil Amos, president of the West Fresno Health Council, said, "These clinics are being sponsored by the council in cooperation with the Fresno County Health Department. To date we have immunized more than 650 persons against diptheria, tetanus, whooping cough, polio, smallpox, measles and rubella (German Measles)." He said that "shots" are available to all members of the family at no cost. Doctors and nurses will be attendance to help determine which immunizations are required.

Doctors from the center are donating their time to supervise the clinic. Volunteers from the council are assisting the technical staff furnished by the health department.

Mr. Amos indicated that studies in the past had concluded that there existed a seriously low immunization level of children residing in the West Fresno area. He said that in an effort to increase the immunization levels to reduce the increasing number of preventable communcable diseases that were being reported a family immunization clinic was planned in the area. With cooperation from many of the West Fresno organizations and West Fresno physicians and the Fresno County Public Health Department the clinic was developed.

Dr. William DeFries, Fresno County Health Officer, reminds parents of the availability of the new rubella vaccine (German Measles) at the West Fresno clinic. He said, "all children between the ages of 1 through 12 should have the opportunity to receive this vaccine, a history of the disease is unreliable. Rubella is a mild disease that spreads most rapidly in children, but if an expectant mother gets the infection during the first three months of her pregnancy, it may damage the unborn baby. We immunize the children to protect the yet unborn child," he added.

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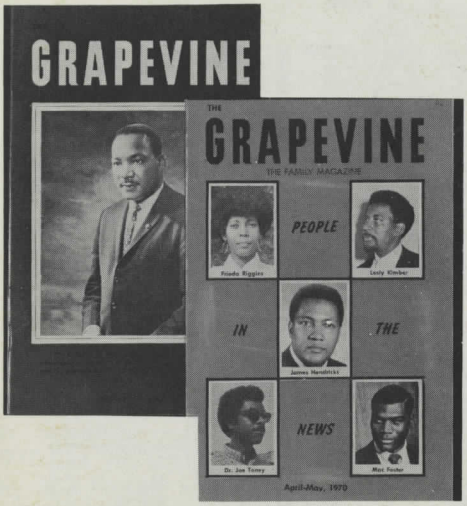

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