

Howard Jones Night at the New Town Tavern

It will be Howard Jones night at the New Town Tavern Sept. 12 with a free jazz concert highlighted with the music of the soulful Merl Saunders, Fantasy recording artist from San Francisco.



HOWARD JONES

The Committee to Elect Howard Jones Justice of the Peace said the music will start at 5 p.m. and will feature the Eagle-Eye Shields Quartet and very special guest Sharon Woods of Las Vegas, Miss Black U.S.A.

In addition, a surprise all-star combo featuring a world-famous jazz soloist and recording artist will make an appearance at the New Town, 600 Jackson Avenue. Free beer and hot dogs will be served.

The 33-year-old Jones serves as a deputy district attorney in Clark County. He is a graduate of Baylor University Law School and has completed post-graduate work in religion and psychology.

Before entering law school, Jones served for five years as a resident counselor at a children's home in Texas. He said his work with young people has convinced him that crime may often be reduced more effectively through char-

acter-building sentences, such as work-release programs, than by automatically committing youngsters to jails and prisons where they frequently learn to become hardened criminals.

Jones is a long-time member of the Baptist Church along with his wife, Jenny, a home economics teacher in the Clark County School District. The couple has a four-year-old son, Jason.

"Because of my experience as a counselor in a children's home," Jones states, "I know something about the problems that affect young people. I realize that every young person needs the right kind of guidance and where the courts are concerned, that may mean the ability to work with the family and community agencies to help a young man or woman who got off to a bad start."

If elected Justice of the Peace, Jones pledges to always be fair and impartial in hearing all evidence before rendering a decision. He has called for a daily master calendar to reduce the

backlog of court cases and believes that citizen's committee should be formed to take a long, hard and honest look at the justice court establishment.

Commenting on the backlog, Jones said that it often takes eight months to a year just to get a preliminary hearing in Clark County.

"That kind of backlog denies people justice, pure and simple," the candidate declared. "If a man has to wait a year just to get someone to hear his case, as sometimes happens, that's a slap at the constitution which guarantees a speedy trial."

The master calendar, as outlined by Jones, would give each judge a proportional share of the cases.

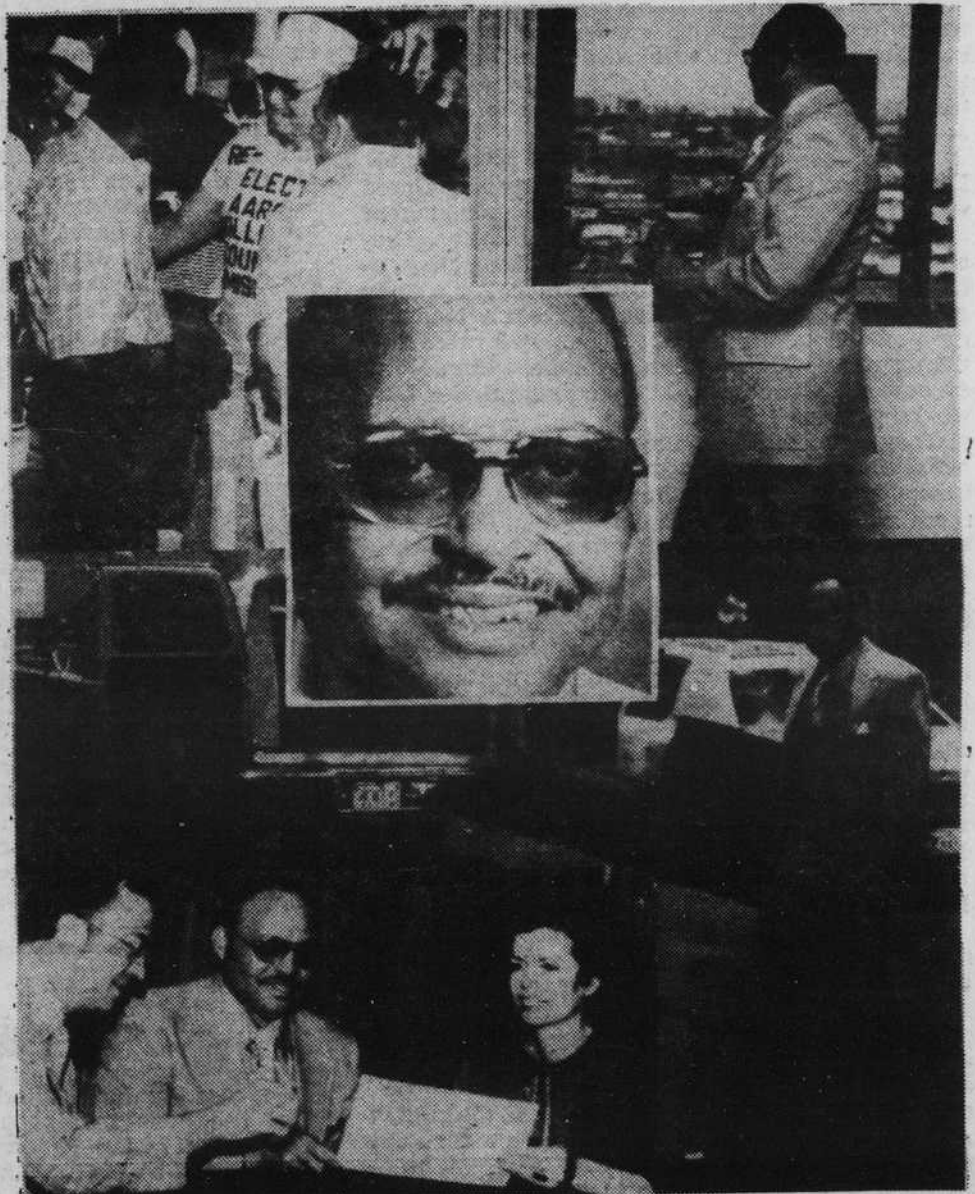
"We've seen the speed-line teller set-up working in our local banks -- the master calendar would work the same way to get cases moving through court," he said.



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