

First Black Woman Publisher of an American daily newspaper

Pam McAllister, 36, is the first black woman to become a publisher of a daily newspaper. She reached that distinction last fall when she was appointed to that post with the Ithaca (N.Y.) Journal.

Born in McAlester, Oklahoma and reared in Evanston, Illinois, Pam Johnson got her feet wet in the field of jour-

nalism after some hitches in radio, newspaper and television reporting, through work as a full-time public information specialist at the University of Wisconsin while pursuing a Ph.D in journalism and educational psychology. She taught at the University for eight years and two years at Norfolk State University.

The Ithaca Journal is

part of the Gannett newspaper chain where she started with the conglomerate in 1981 as a general executive at the Bridgewater (N.J.) Courier-News and later became assistant to the publisher of the Ithaca Journal.

The mother of two children, Pam Johnson plans to make her career with Gannett.

Hearing Evaluation At Meadows

Members of the Downtown Sertoma Club will sponsor a Hearing Evaluation Booth at The Meadows Mall on Saturday and Sunday, May 15 and 16.

The Downtown Sertoma Club is the local chapter of Sertoma International, a worldwide organization promoting friendship and fellowship and providing service to the community.

TEACHERS' CENTER TO CLOSE

The Clark County Teachers' Center, located at North Ninth Street, has been funded for the past four years by a federal teachers' center project. On June 30, the center, along with 10 percent of the teachers' centers nationwide, will close its doors forever.

Approximately 90 percent of the nation's teachers' centers have secured alternative sources of funding allowing them to remain open. To stay operational, these centers have had to apply for money from the school districts they serve, from state budgets and

from the private sector.

The Clark County Teachers' Center also has sought alternative funding but, as of now, no new contributors have made a firm commitment to the center. The center, which provides art and educational materials, creativity and technique classes and instructional aid ideas to teachers, hopes to remain open at least on a part-time basis next school year by extending memberships to the teachers it has served on a regular basis.

Anyone interested in Center may call Dayle Fitzpatrick at 384-9552.

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ready received enough tax breaks to virtually wipe out corporate taxation in the next few years, highly targeted tax breaks could be the difference between success or failure for smaller enterprises.

Congress will also have to resist the temptation to turn an enterprise zone into a Christmas tree bill with lots of goodies distributed so thinly across the country that the experiment never has a chance to work. In the past it has turned targeted economic development programs into broad aid programs covering affluent and poor sections alike, with nobody getting enough benefits for the program to make an impact.

Another danger lies in weakening provisions requiring significant portions of the workforce to be residents of the zones. It would not be surprising if someone came along with an amendment whose effect would be to throw tax dollars at a company that moves its address to a zone without hiring the disadvantaged.

On the plus side, the Congress could, and should, beef up the plan with resources for training, housing and social

service provisions needed by the zone's residents if they are to benefit from the program.

Enterprise zones have a far better chance of success if they are complemented by such support services. As Dr. Andrew Brimmer has written: "Enterprise zones — standing alone (although sheltered by tax incentives) — are unlikely to be a viable means of rescuing depressed urban areas."

So no one should be under any illusions that enterprise zones are a panacea that will automatically transform the inner city. They imply dangers that property value increases would displace poor tenants, dangers of simply shifting unemployment from one area to another, and dangers of weakened protections for workers and the environment.

Those dangers are worth risking if the payoff will be more jobs for the inner city poor. But let's go into this with our eyes open and with a full appreciation for the experimental nature of the program.

I back enterprise zones — carefully designed to create the maximum number of jobs for the disadvantaged — primarily because they are the only game in town.

HENNESSEY TOSSES HAT IN RING

Former North Las Vegas Police Detective Larry Hennessey today announced his candidacy for the office of Sheriff of Clark County.

Hennessey, a veteran of 23 years with the police department, retired last year.

In declaring his candidacy, Hennessey said, "it is clearly time for a 'change,' in the Metropolitan Police Department, not just a 'swap' of favored personnel and out of date philosophies."

He said Metro badly needs a realistic and objective evaluation of its overall operating policies and believes that his extensive background in all phases of police work in the Metropolitan area qualifies him to make that evaluation.

"The North Las Vegas Police Department is one of the largest police forces in the state, with the lowest crime rate. It's officers are acutely aware of area crime problems and are very familiar with the inner workings of Metro, having worked side-by-side for many, many years."

"The advantage I have," he said, "is that as familiar as I am with Metro, I've been sort of

'on the outside looking in' which gives me a definite advantage and a more objective perspective."

Hennessey said the Police Department should be about the business of enforcing law and order, not playing 'footsie' with friends and friends of friends who lack critical knowledge and experience in fulfilling their daily responsibilities.

Hennessey began his police career in the patrol division and moved quickly through the ranks to detective, where he handled all facets of police work, homicides, traffic fatalities, auto theft, burglary, credit card and check fraud. He was also the first full-time bailiff for the City of North Las Vegas court system.

Hennessey has been married to his wife Wynona for 27 years. They have one married daughter and one granddaughter. The couple resides at 6900 Old Castle.

Anyone feeling as strong as I do in desiring a change — not just a swap — and wish to help in making the change happen, please feel free to contact me at 645-3770.

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"it would not only be more humane but also less costly to develop the employees they have rather than bear the substantial cost of employee disaffection and high worker turnover."

Significantly, Reich and Magaziner suggest that government could promote job security by reimbursing companies for keeping workers on the payroll or in training during recessions.

Finally, the authors indicate that unionization is not an obstacle to economic development. Rather, by creating more decent work

conditions unions help to spur productivity. In countries which outperform the U.S. economically, levels of unionization are from 50 percent greater than ours (Japan) to 400 percent greater (Belgium and Sweden).

Minding America's Business is a book which deserves serious attention from labor and civil rights communities. Its evidence flies in the face of President Reagan's supply-side and free market pieties. Government is not the problem. Rather, when it reflects the popular will, it is a responsible and indeed essential part of the solution.

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