

# Point of View

## Editorial

How would you like to be awoken one evening, as you were deep in slumber, to find the silhouette of a big burly male figure standing at the foot of your bed?

How would you handle the situation when arriving at your place of business only to find the glass of your front door smashed to smithereens?

What would you do when entering your car one evening in your driveway to realize that someone had flattened all of your tires?

Where are you going for help when you see that someone has purposely broken your water line that has by now spread water to the size of a small lake?

Who smashed your windshields when you were in church last Sunday night?

What happened to all of your food stamps left on your dresser yesterday and who brought these drugs into the house found in the clothes closet?

Which person, visiting our house last night, stole the camera equipment off the coffee table?

What kind of a neighborhood cooperative watch system is established to help curb crime?

Who stole your child's bicycle off the front porch while you were in the swimming pool?

Who broke into your service station Wednesday and stole all of your transmission tools and why specially that item?

Who was that peering through the bedroom window as we prepared for bed?

How many persons were involved to carry away the refrigerator from my kitchen while we were at work?

Who set off the burglar alarm for three consecutive days at the church?

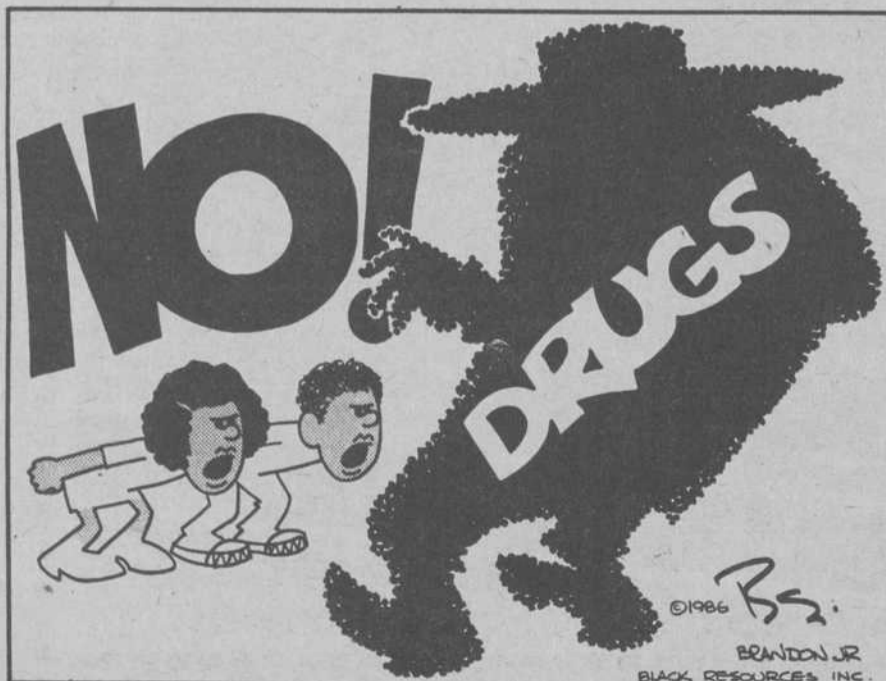
Who snatched my mother's pocketbook out of the grocery basket at the store?

Who is the person who breathes heavily when we pick up the phone?

WOW! What a bummer--who is this person knocking on doors soliciting funds for youth teams--then skips town.

NEED WE SAY MORE???

## Greater The Votes, Greater The Power



## To Be Equal

# CONGRESS NEEDS TO ACT ON FAIR HOUSING

By John E. Jacob

Eighteen years after passage of the Fair Housing Act, America is more rigidly segregated than it was in 1968, with more black families restricted to all-black neighborhoods. At the current rate of black penetration into majority neighborhoods, we're some fifty years away from open housing.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development estimates there are two million instances of racial discrimination in housing each year — and all but a very small handful are ignored. The few that result in filed complaints of discrimination and in law suits barely indicate the depth and degree of housing

discrimination today.

Some years ago HUD conducted a study that found blacks were discriminated against in 72 percent of rental cases and 48 percent



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of private home sales.

Black homebuyers and renters know that their efforts to secure decent

housing are impeded by the still-powerful forces of discrimination that can be traced throughout the entire real estate chain.

There is discriminatory representation — where black buyers or renters are told the home they applied for is off the market when it

stimulated by unscrupulous agents trying to fatten commission income regardless of the harm done to communities.

There is redlining by insurers and banks; discriminatory financing that places a "black tax" on minority homebuyers; and a wide

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has actually been held for white buyers or renters.

There is racial steering — where blacks are denied access to certain neighborhoods or buildings and steered toward others.

There is blockbusting — where white flight is

range of other devices that operate to keep equal access to housing a dream, not a reality.

Most of those devices are illegal, so most housing discrimination takes subtle forms. No one says "no

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## COPING

by

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## How to be the Very Best Person

"Dear Dr. Faulkner: I have just graduated from

high school and will begin my first job next week. Can you tell me how to conduct myself on the job so that I don't get fired? Cathy, Baltimore."

Dear Cathy:

Your letter suggests that you have the motivation that is necessary to keep you employed for a very long time. Here are some things you should do to please your boss. Get to work early and start work immediately. Ask questions if you are uncertain about anything at all. If you have nothing to do at any given time, use your initiative and find something to do. Try to do more than you are asked. Try to improve upon the way things are done. At quitting time, don't leave a previously started job undone. Be the best. Don't be satisfied with

just being good. Don't say anything about your job or boss unless it is positive. Be loyal. Be careful who you talk to about your personal business. Be friendly with the other employees. Do your job as if you are in charge and someday you will be in charge.

"Dear Dr. Faulkner:

I just can't seem to put the pieces of my life together. It is just like a puzzle. I don't have all of the pieces of the puzzle of my life that I need for success and the ones that I do have seem to be scattered all over the place. How can I get it together? Ira J., Toronto."

Dear Ira J.:

Here are the missing

pieces of your puzzle. (You can repeat these expressions or record them on tape and listen to them each day). I will be imaginative (find new ideas, examine my life); I will be responsible; appreciative; patient with others; I will be

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