

**THE NAACP AND YOU!**



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**NAACP MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN**

The NAACP Fall Membership Campaign began September 1 and will end December 31. If you have not taken out your membership for 1987 then you ought to be ashamed of yourself. Why don't you mail a check or money order today to the NAACP? The annual fee is \$10 for each adult and \$5 for each child. Why don't you become a volunteer worker to sell NAACP memberships? You can sell them to your friends, neighbors, relatives, fellow employees, seniors, churches, clubs, businesses, civic and social groups.

**NAACP FREEDOM FUND BANQUET**

Once each year, the public is invited to make a tax de-

ductible contribution to the NAACP. This year the requested donation is only \$50 per person. The banquet will be held at Bally's, November 14 at 7:00 p.m. and the speaker will be Congressman William Gray III from Pennsylvania who is chairman of the House Budget Committee. Next week banquet tickets will be available at E.O.B., 647-1510 and the NAACP, 646-1662.

**NAACP CHRISTMAS SEALS**

You are encouraged to come to the NAACP office and purchase your 1987 Freedom Seals. We must still invest in Freedom. There are 64 seals on each sheet and they are only \$2 per sheet. We request that you purchase them and place them on all of your Christmas mailings.

**NAACP RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN**

The NAACP, through its National Executive Director, Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks, has sent out an urgent call to 1700 Branches across the nation to renew the NAACP memberships of their former members.

This National Campaign is called "U Plus 3." Everyone who has ever been a member of the NAACP is asked to renew or rejoin and then get three other people to do the same.

**U PLUS 3 LETTERS**

Within the next two weeks

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according to the authorities. In addition, the new hearing showed that Sessums, the white janitor who testified against his white co-worker, was threatened both by Acreman and by the Texas ranger who supposedly investigated the case. And let's look at that investigation.

The investigating Texas Ranger spent 500 hours on

everyone who had a NAACP membership during the years of 1985 and 1986 and has not renewed or taken out a new membership will receive a letter asking the individual to do so.

Those letters will make a personal appeal to you to renew your NAACP membership and three applications and a return envelope for you to sign up three other people. These letters will also state why the NAACP membership is important and how it benefits you. Also the achievements of the branch will be noted.

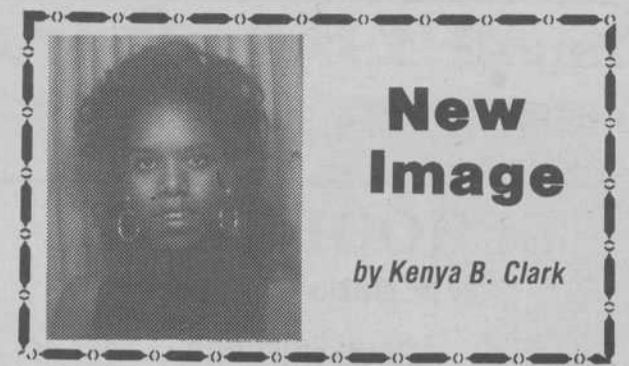
the case. But, according to Atty. Paul Nugent, a member of Brandley's defense team, "The Ranger and other investigators were not trying to find the murderer; they were trying to convict Clarence Brandley." Not surprising when you consider that there are 94 Texas Rangers in the state of Texas and all of them are white. Or that, as the New York Times noted, Conroe has "a history of ugly racial incidents."

Both the New York Times and "60 Minutes" have done extensive pieces on the Brandley case. However, it was the crusading Black press of Houston and the unified support of the African American community of the area which first turned the tide. From the beginning, the Coalition to Free Clarence Brandley, including the Black clergy, has supported him with rallies, marches, and daily prayer vigils at the trials.

At the conclusion of the recent hearing, Presiding Judge Perry Pickett recommended a new trial for Clarence Brandley, telling a packed courtroom, "The pervasive shadow of darkness has obscured the light of fundamental decency and human rights (in this case)."

There are now 261 inmates on death row in Texas. And Texas has the dubious distinction of having put more prisoners to death than any other state in the union since capital punishment was reinstated in 1977. The question is not just whether Clarence Brandley can receive justice but, also, whether this country can morally continue a policy which can so easily put a seemingly innocent man or woman to death

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**New Image**

by Kenya B. Clark

If there was ever a time we need love, the time is definitely NOW. Not next week, tomorrow, next month, after dinner, when I get around to it, or in grief following the death of a loved one. Not when it's too late, not when everything is said and done, but right this very moment. When was the last time you told someone you loved them without digressing into a cocoon? It doesn't, it doesn't, it doesn't have to be a special occasion like Mother's Day, Valentine's Day, a wedding anniversary, New Year's Day or any one of those memorable events that keep our watchful eye on the calendar.

We need love when we deserve it the least. The world is full of ungrateful people who don't think we are worthy of their love—but who are they, anyway? Jesus forgave, why can't we? It is true that we are hungry, impoverished, searching individuals, searching for love, that unconditional agape love. Will we ever find it? Can it be found? And if we stumble upon it one fine melancholy day, will we share it with our neighboring brother and sister? Will we shout to the four corners of the earth, will we sing, will we dance? Just what will we do? The unthinkable. Can you feel the images I hve lodged in my cerebral cortex? That free-spirited love.

Before I go on, there was an absolutely fascinating

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the redevelopment legislation if West Las Vegas was included in the plan.

The section of the Westside which would be included in the redevelopment lies for the most part east of Highland Drive and south of Lake Mead Boulevard. The boundaries zig-zag in an attempt to make sure that as many residences as possible are excluded from the redevelopment. City Manager Randall Walker, citing that some people are afraid that if their houses are included in the redevelopment area, the city will take their homes

study conducted that deals with something called the "100th monkey syndrome." This examples makes my point crystal clear. In 1979 a biologist recounted what happened in a monkey tribe on an island near Japan after a new food, freshly dug sweet potatoes covered with sand, was introduced into their midst. Since their other food required no other preparation, the monkeys were reluctant to eat the dirty potatoes. Then one monkey solved the problem by washing the potatoes in a stream and teaching her mother and playmates to do the same. Then something remarkable happened. Once a certain number of monkeys — about one hundred of them — had acquired this knowledge, other monkeys who had no contact with them at all, even monkeys living on other islands, began to do the same thing. There was no physical way they could have interacted with the original monkeys. But somehow the behavior spread. This is not unique. There are numerous other cases where individuals with no way of coming into contact with each other act in remarkable unison. We must remove ourselves from the hate that is generated and felt amongst ourselves and especially worldwide. If we align ourselves with belief, through focus, we can generate love. It is not impossible.

To love is the rarest thing of all. Most people exist, that is all.

away, indicated that that is not the city's intention. He explained further that redevelopment is nothing like urban renewal, where the government tears down areas it considers to be blighted and then looks for businesses to locate there. In redevelopment, he said, nothing happens unless a developer is interested in pursuing a project in the particular area.

Through the city development agency, the city tries to encourage new businesses to settle in the redevelopment area and encourages existing businesses in the area to upgrade. The city provides incentives and has the money

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