

Board of Education



MARCIA WASHINGTON

Age: 43
 Profession: Office Manager, Clark County School District
 Race: State Board of Education, District 2, Subdistrict A
 Partisan: No
 Incumbent: Liliam Hickey
 Issues: Wants to Lower number of credits needed for high school graduation, curriculum issues (add more cultural diversity), upgrade teacher's qualifications and raise high school proficiency exam difficulty level.

Quote: "Kids are our most precious resource. Either we can pay the money now to educate them or we can pay the money later to incarcerate them," Washington said. "We should put our money where our mouth is."

County Commission D

EARL SWIFT

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Republican
 Age: 52
 Profession: Barber
 Race: County Commission, District D
 Partisan: Yes
 Incumbent: Yvonne Atkinson-Gates (D)
 Issues: Affirmative action and housing.
 Quote: "I just think it's about the right time, that's all. It's time for me to run," Swift said.

FAMILY COURT



LIZZIE HATCHER

Age: 42
 Profession: Attorney
 Race: Family Court Department G
 Incumbent: None. Newly created position.
 Issues: Preserving the family and making family court work to benefit the family.
 Quote: "There are some things I would like to do to help families in this town. Having practiced for 13 years in this community, I'm aware of the needs which need to be met in Family Court to resolve issues so that families can be preserved," she said.

CONSTABLE



FAYE DUNCAN-DANIELS

Democrat
 Age: 50
 Profession: Legal office supervisor at the Las Vegas Constable's office
 Education: Sociology degree, Northeastern University (Boston, Mass.); currently attending UNLV.
 Race: Las Vegas Constable's office
 Incumbent: Bob Nolen (D)
 Issues: Real honesty, real leadership and real integrity.
 Quote: "I can bring 100 percent efficiency to the office," Duncan-Daniels said.

Clark County School District Trustee

SHIRLEY A. BARBER



Age: 61
 Profession: Educator, Principal of H.P. Fitzgerald Elem.
 Race: Trustee, Clark County School, District C
 Incumbent: James B. McMillan
 Issues: School safety, competent and caring teachers and administrators, pre-school programs for students to make every child ready for Goals 2000, all-day kindergarten programs, community-based schools involving parents in the process of planning their child's academic and social education, high-school drop outs.
 Quote: "I want a school climate that promotes learning and positive students," she said.

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POINT OF VIEW

TO BE EQUAL

Youth curfews and crime prevention

By Hugh B. Price, President National Urban League

As one answer to violent juvenile crime, President Clinton has recently joined in with others to call for curfews on American's teen-agers.

But with teen-age crime running out of control, teen pregnancy and drug use on the rise, and academic levels falling, we agree wholeheartedly with New Orleans Mayor, Marc Morial, who argues that youth programs are a necessary complement to youth curfews.

No, we're not saying these programs are a cure-all for crime, but they do offer constructive and engaging alternatives.

The peak hours of violent juvenile crime are immediately after school — from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Surely, parents, and working parents, in particular, want their children involved in productive activities during these hours, when youngsters are most likely to be unsupervised and vulnerable to a variety of negative behaviors.

After school and evening recreation and educational programs used to be havens for youngsters. Working parents were pretty sure where their sons and daughters were when school closed. Caring adults and youth workers ran community centers where kids spent so much time.

Today, however, many urban school systems are financially unable to continue their extra-curricular activities, while many inner city programs for teens are too underfunded to function effectively.

Instead of focusing on more and better programs, the instinctive public policy response is more police, more prisons and even incarceration of younger and younger teen-agers as adults, in a mistaken belief that these measures will curb crime.

Teenage crime is doubling every decade, victimizing everyone, adults and children alike. But to this critical domestic problem, let us apply lessons grudgingly learned by the health care industry: It is more practical to prevent heart trouble by

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HUGH B. PRICE

Clinton

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Gladwin then asked the president why there were not more programs like New Directions.

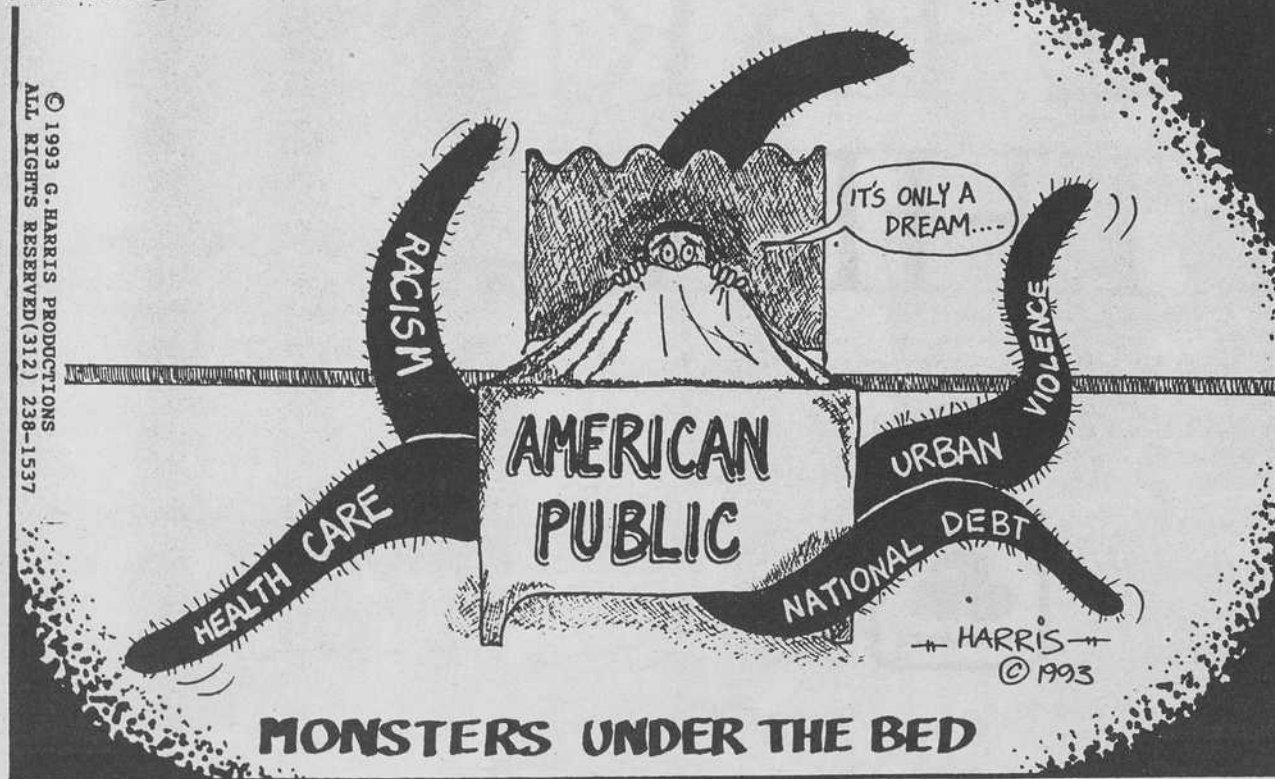
While praising efforts to stem juvenile crime like New Directions, teen curfews and school uniforms, Clinton said the role of the federal government is to support successful programs not to create them, and the community must accept some responsibility as well.

"These young people, somebody's got to give them a chance to lead an organized, positive life," he said.

Clinton shed new light on the matter when he said children now entering school are part of the largest group of children ever born in this country.

"If we don't turn this thing around by the time they are 13 years old, you have no idea what kind of problem we'll have on our hands," he said. "If we wait another five years, the dimensions will be two to three times greater."

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