

Justice

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heart of longtime district attorney Henry Wade's administration, Watkins said: "The climate then was always being tougher on crime, not smart on crime."

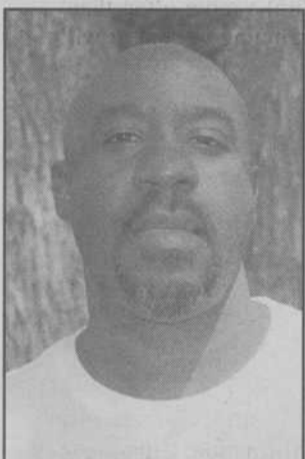
Moderator and IPOT board member Joyce King, also author of "Hate Crime, The Story of a Dragging in Jasper, Texas," said, "Dallas has changed, is changing and will continue to change."

Dees said the justice system had always acted like a sporting event.

"Somebody is going to win, somebody is going to lose," Dees said. I don't know if the American people really want justice. Some juries are ready to make a decision even before they hear the evidence."

Says Creuzot, "We're too revenge-oriented... Revenge is a very powerful emotion. So is anger, and it can get you into a place that you don't need to be in."

Blackburn gained fame for winning his case on the 1999 Tulia, Texas drug sting, where 46 men, 40 of them Black, were falsely arrested and jailed. Still, he said, change is slow for other jurisdictions.

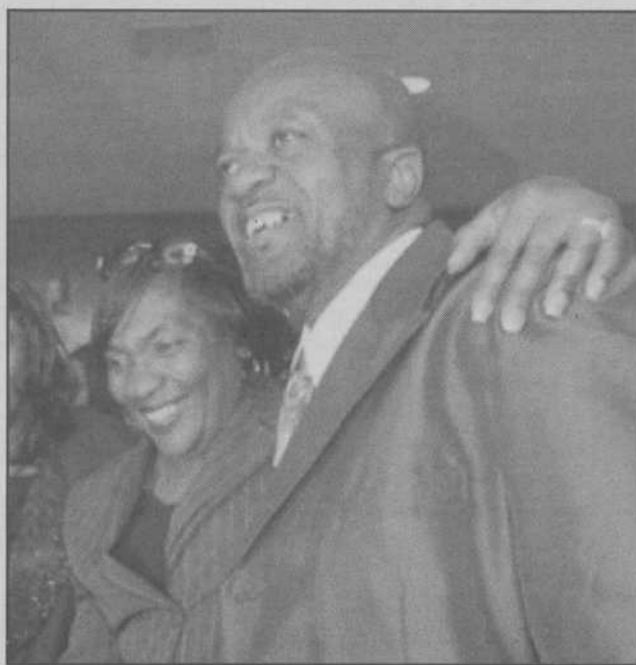


James Lee Woodard

"All DNA does is it opens a window to these deep problems in our system," Blackburn said. "Only now, a few prosecutors are begrudgingly admitting that a few people might get falsely convicted. Nobody is willing to admit that."

Withholding evidence that can prove one's innocence has been a consistent major problem. Blackburn said, out of the basic components of a court trial — the eyewitness, police officer, attorney and judge — it's common to see serious defects in at least two of them.

"You may have a weak eyewitness, but then you have a dishonest prosecutor who doesn't want his defense lawyer to know that he has a weak eyewitness," Blackburn said. "You've got



James Giles

police not revealing what really happened with that identification. What we discover there is typically at least two glaring problems and there is almost always some really bad behavior by the police or the prosecutors."

Dees spoke of one sexual assault and murder case where a judge refused to clear his client because he did not want to embarrass the wife of the late district attorney who had the case. In another case, a detective held back evidence from a man on death row, who was saved by a key witness within hours of being executed. The witness just happened to read the story in the city's newspaper.

"That's the justice system working?" Dees said.

Woodard, the latest exoneree in Dallas County, was released on April 29 after serving 27 years for the rape and murder of his girlfriend. Chatman also spent 27 years in jail for aggravated rape.

Smith was serving 19 years of a life sentence for sexual assault before being released on December 2006. Both Giles and Waller served 10 years for aggravated rape and sexual assault charges, but had to register as sex of-

ferent story," Dees said. "We need to stop being

nocent people off the street," Waller said. "They said the crime had been solved, but you were leaving the guilty people out on the streets. That was the worst thing. They've been free all that time to do more crime."

Dees said revamping the justice system starts at the juvenile level. "We've got to stop this schoolhouse to jailhouse pipeline," he stated. He also pointed to the church. "The one voice that should be the strongest is the religious community. Many of them are out to lunch and don't get it. We need to be very mindful of the least among us and seek justice."

Watkins insisted on completely changing what it really means to be a district attorney or prosecutor.

"We need to not redefine what a D.A. is, but present a proper definition of what it needs to be today," Watkins said. "Mainstream media has distorted the definition of the D.A. They're in the business of selling newspapers. We're in the business of seeking justice."

LEGAL NOTICES



LAS VEGAS-CLARK COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT INVITATION TO BID BID NO. 08-10

PRINTING AND MAILING SERVICES

SCOPE OF WORK: PROVIDE ASSORTED PRINTING AND MAILING SERVICES for the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District

BID OPENING: The bid opening will be held on Monday, June 16, 2008, at 10:00 AM (PST), in the Multipurpose Room at the Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101.

Bids must be received at the Reception Desk of the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101, on or before Monday, June 16, 2008. Bids are time-stamped upon receipt. Bids submitted must be time-stamped no later than 10:00 AM (PST) on the bid opening date. Bids time-stamped at 10:01 AM (PST) or after will be returned unopened to the Bidder.

Bidders and other interested parties are invited to attend the bid opening.

Bid documents will be available after 10:00 AM (PST), Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at the Reception Desk, Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101.

Questions regarding this Invitation to Bid may be directed to Mary Hill, Graphic Supervisor, telephone number 702.507.3536.

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Watkins' idea of a Conviction Integrity Unit was applauded. Getting better-paid lawyers for the defendants was recommended, paying them as close as possible to the prosecutors.

"Then it would be a different story," Dees said.

"We need to stop being

afraid to look at a case and say that we were wrong," Creuzot said. "It seems like they're more concerned about preserving a legacy than seeking justice."

Dees also called to abolish the death penalty.

Gordon Jackson writes for the Dallas Examiner.

Bass

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dents who are saddled with debt when they finish college. We should be able to provide more opportunity than that for the next generation.

"California is a giant in crisis, and now it is up to us to solve that crisis. It is up to us to take the fear out of California's future."

Speaker Bass ended her speech by saying, "Thank you members. Let's get to work."

Jason Lewis writes for the Los Angeles Sentinel.

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