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NEWS BRIEFS

Black Political Power

WASHINGTON, DC—Recently released data show a drastic rise in black political power in America over the last 20 years. But growing black political strength appears to be doing blacks little economic good. According to the joint center for political study in Washington, D.C., the number of blacks elected officials now stands at 7,300-up dramatically from less than 1000 when congress first enacted voting in civil rights laws nearly thirty years ago. In addition, recent court ordered redistricting is expected to increase the number of African-Americans in congress from the current 26 to over 40 after the Nov. 3 elections. However, political growth is not translating into economic empowerment. A recent Census Bureau study found that poverty among blacks has actually been increasing in recent years. Many experts feel the greatest need for blacks in the 1990's is to conquer poverty and the social pathologies which flow from it.

Malcolm X movie delayed

Los Angeles, CA—The Spike Lee movie Malcolm X is now in the middle of a court battle which could delay the scheduled Nov. 20 opening. The controversy centers around the use in the movie of a video showing the beating last March of black motorist Rodney King by four white police officers. The owner of the video tape—George Holliday—has demanded greater compensation or removal of the scenes from the movie. Lee counters that Holliday had agreed to accept \$50,000 for rights to use the tape. If the dispute is not settled, the open of the movie will be delayed.

Hastings Case

Miami FL—The recent "Un-impeachment" of former federal judge Alcee Hastings has raised a major constitutional controversy. And Hasting says he does not expect the controversy to be resolved until the cause reaches the U.S. Supreme Court. The controversy emerged when a U.S. Senate, district judge through out Hastings' 1989 removal from the federal bench by the U.S. senate. Hastings had been accused of conspiring to accept a \$150,000 bribe. Hastings was the first black federal judge ever expelled from the bench. The federal government it will appeal the district court ruling.

Protest Shows Racism

New York, NY—New York black police officers have denounced the recent demonstration by fellow white officers in which black mayor David Dinkins was called a "Nigger". The white officers were upset with a Dinkins decision to create a civilian board to review charges of police brutality and misconduct. Spokesman for the Black Officers, Lloyd Finley, said white officers who destroyed property and engaged in offensive action during the demonstrations "should be arrested and punished."

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Family Evicted Over Children's Squabble

By SHERIDAN HILL
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When she opened her mail Sept. 15, Brenda Brown was shocked to find a 30-day eviction notice from Vista Realty owner Darla Mullican.

The letter states that there have been numerous complaints about the behavior of Brown's two sons, and that she has been asked repeatedly to "keep your children under control."

She maintains that her children have been involved in typical adolescent behavior, and the "crimes" they are charged with involved white children who are still living at Woodsmill Apartments on Jonestown Road. But Brown's once-happy home has been dismantled. She moved out of her apartment, put her belongings in storage, sent her 11-year-old back to live with his father, her 6-year-old to

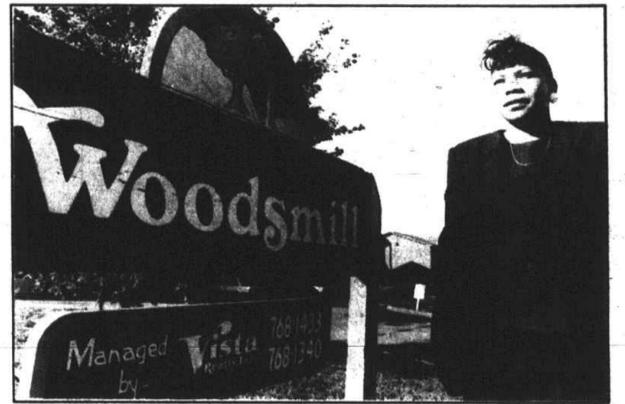
live with his grandmother, and she is staying with a friend.

Brown doesn't understand what her children did that was so wrong.

"One time, two white girls and my little boy took chalk and drew on the dumpster, but they erased it," she recalled. "Another time, my son and two white children were playing with matches. The resident manager came to visit me and said she didn't know who had the matches, but was just letting all the parents know."

The manager also charged that her son was involved in an incident with a knife. But as Brown explains it, her two children and several others were waiting at the bus stop one morning when a disagreement arose. She says both her son and a white girl made the idle threat to go home and get a knife.

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Brenda Brown and her two sons were evicted from Woodsmill Apartments because of quarrels with white children.



Students at WSSU show their enthusiasm to encourage voting.

Black Politicians Visit City to Encourage People to Vote

By TRAVIS MITCHELL
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In scenes reminiscent of the 60s freedom rides, members of the U.S. Congressional Black Caucus arrived in Winston-Salem earlier this week as part of a southern bus tour designed to drum up support for a large black voter turnout in November. This comes on the heels of the first debate between presidential candidates, George Bush, Bill Clinton and Ross Perot.

"The election is less than a month away," said Atlanta Congressman John Lewis, former civil rights activist and former director of the Voter Education Project. "We must take decisive action by exercising the right to vote. When more Americans vote, it renews the strength and vitality of our political process. We must vote on November 3 like we never voted before." As a student Lewis was president of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), which contributed

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Bonham Sentenced to Five Years in Sex Case

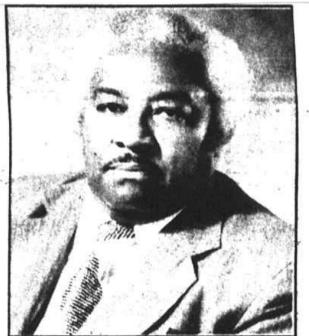
By TRAVIS MITCHELL
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Rev. Bracy Herman Bonham, Sr., 66, former pastor of Pitts Memorial and Morningstar Churches was sentenced last week to five-years in prison after pleading guilty to charges of attempted sexual assault of a 17-year-old mentally handicapped boy. In May, Bonham was charged with two counts of sexual assault, which investigators say occurred in July 1991 and Jan. 1992. Bonham's arrest shocked many members of the community, as he was a well respected leader.

As part of the plea bargain, prosecutor Pansy Glanton dismissed one of the charges and reduced the other to second-degree sexual offense. According to court officials, the assaults took place at Pitts Memorial and at the ministers home.

Bonham's attorney, Todd Burke, said that he has not spoken with his client since last week and "does not have the authority to speak on the subject."

Initial psychological evaluations revealed that Bonham suffers from what appears to be paranoid schizophrenia and from coronary disease. Judge Judson D. DeRamus, Jr. of Forsyth Superior Court ordered Bonham to go through further psychological and medical evaluations and complete treatment



Rev. B.H. Bonham, Sr.

for deviant sexual behavior. At press time details surrounding the evaluations were not available and it was not known where Bonham would be tested.

He is being held at the Forsyth County Jail, but officials would not say how long Bonham will be held or to what destination he will be transported.

"We don't feel good about it (Bonham's conviction)," said a member of the Morningstar congregation, "but he is human being that may have made a mistake and we will be praying for him."

Bonham and his family could not be reached for comment, however sources indicate that he is in good spirit.

Debate Reaction: Clinton, Perot Win, Bush Loses

By SHERIDAN HILL
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Reaction in the black community to Sunday night's televised presidential debates shows Perot and Clinton looking good, with President Bush dragging along behind. A small informal sampling revealed that Chronicle readers feel Perot's delivery was appealing, but his message lacked substance. Clinton delivered the most information of all three debaters, they said, and Bush, who was clearly on the defensive, came across in a negative light.

Bessie Allen, retired schoolteacher and NAACP Education Committee member: For my money, Clinton was the winner. I think Bush came through negative, as he has throughout the campaign. Clinton was able to contain himself. I know he wanted to explode, cause I wanted to explode with him. Perot did about what I expected. My problem is he addresses only the eco-

nom factor. He has never really said how he felt about us. I was looking for factual information about what he would do in the black community. I didn't hear that, even in his economic program. He talked about cutting Social Security, and that would hurt black folks. I didn't hear him talk about how he would help the poor and the needy. Clinton's program for moving welfare into work-force is a program I'm gonna hold him accountable for if he's elected. They say he's done that in Arkansas.

Larry Womble, alderman southeast ward: I thought Clinton looked best of all. He presented a competent, capable, efficient image. He presented a true presidential kind of aura about him. He was not on the defensive, but Bush was. Clinton's answers were logical and made sense. For the most part he didn't try to hedge and dodge in his responses. He took the high road when he could have gotten ugly and nasty. He gave me the impression that he was the clear winner.

Mr. Perot came with a lot of one-liners, a lot of

quips, and wasn't clear as to what plan he would have, as to what procedures and methods he would use. He demonstrated he had some definite opinions but didn't tell us how he would translate those opinions into actions. I'm waiting to see that.

When Bush has a statement to read, he comes across, but when he was answering questions, he seemed fuzzy. He didn't do his hellfire and brimstone preaching.

Mutter Evans, owner WAAA radio: It's hard to declare a winner, but if there was a loser, it was Bush. When he was on the offensive, I thought he attacked negatively.

Clinton's lack of vocal strength was a real problem. The voice breaking up, something that marginal could be perceived as a weakness. Bill Clinton took full advantage of looking into the television screen, but he didn't appear to respond to the panelists, and that may

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