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## Commission head questions the record of DA Tom Keith

*Death of Hispanic child is at issue*

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
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The head of the city's Human Relations Commission says there have been far too many cases on District Attorney Tom Keith's watch in which minorities have been unjustly treated or unfairly prosecuted.

Juan Suarez made the comments Sept. 30 during a forum held to improve the relationship between African-Americans and Hispanics.

"We should come together and hold the DA accountable," Suarez said to an audience of about 30 people at Southside Baptist Church.



Juan Suarez is chairman of the Human Relations Commission.

Keith's name had come up during the forum in regard to his office's recent prosecution of Paul Wayne Chambers, a white man who received a suspended sentence and community service for a hit and run that claimed the life of a 2-year-old Hispanic boy, Alex I. Laredo

Hernandez. Suarez and some of those in the audience speculated that the punishment would have been much stiffer had a minority struck and killed a white child.

Keith was out of town last week and much of this week, according to his assistant. He was slated to return to the office yesterday, which was after The Chronicle's deadline. A Sept. 14 news release issued by Keith said that his office had its hands tied

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Brothers Bilal and Nasir took a nap last week as their mother pushed them in a stroller as she walked in a march promoting the upcoming Millions More Movement in Washington. The boys also slept through a MMM program at the Winston Mutual Building.

POOPED!

Photo by Kevin Walker

## Big Four kickoff is today

*This year's activities will be held over three days*

BY FELECIA P. MCMILLAN, PH.D.  
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Alumni of Carver High School will host the 11th annual Big Four Celebration Oct. 13-15 in the city. Alumni will travel from various states to reconnect with old friends, classmates, teachers and fond memories of Yellow-jackets from Carver High School.



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Camels from Atkins High School, Panthers from Paisley High School and Bulldogs from Anderson High School.

The kickoff event tonight will be the Big Four Worship Service at Emmanuel Baptist Church at 6:30 p.m. on Friday morning, former students will honor former educators and administrators of the four high schools during the Teacher Appreciation Breakfast at 8 a.m. at the Hawthorne Inn and Conference Center.

On Friday evening, sports

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## Campaign asks parents to open up about sex to their young ones

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
 THE CHRONICLE

As an adolescent health consultant for Forsyth County, Patrice Toney doesn't need government research or television news soundbites to tell her that parents seldom talk to their children about the birds and the bees.



Durant

She recently held a discussion on sex and other issues at a local middle school. The discussion was designed for girls. Toney expected only about a dozen girls to show up. Fifty girls came instead.

"That is a sign to me that parents aren't talking about these issues with their children," said Toney. "It is an uncomfortable subject for many parents."

Toney and others will be working this month to try to ease some of that discomfort. October has been designated "Let's Talk Month" across the state. County health departments and their partner agencies will hold



Addie Hymes addresses the audience during last week's kick-off.

Photos by Kevin Walker

seminars, roundtables and other special events aimed at encouraging parents to open up to their kids about sex and other social issues such as alcohol and drug abuse.

Although today's young people live in a world where video games, music and MTV are king, research shows that their parents still have the biggest influence over them. Kids are more likely to model and listen to their parents rather

than friends or even their peers. The Forsyth Adolescent Health Coalition Prevention Team will host a series of programs this month that will focus on training parents to better

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## Mayor to work on increasing voter turnout

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Mayor Allen Joines announced this week that he will launch a campaign to increase voter awareness before the Nov. 8 general election.

Joines, who is running unopposed, said the effort will include newspaper advertising, radio advertising, e-mail and precinct activities. The mayor is also expected to take part in neighborhood campaigning.



Joines

Voter turnout was a dismal 5.7 percent for the Sept. 27 primary, in which voters made their choices for the City Council. Joines said elections for municipal offices are just as important as state and national elections.

"The individuals we elect to our city government actually have far more of an impact on our day-to-day lives than those we elect on a national or state level," said Joines. "It is local government that sets the proper

responsibility for our essential services, including garbage collection, street repair, public safety, planning and local economic development efforts.

When most folks need help with problems, they don't call Washington or Raleigh, they call their mayor or councilperson."

Joines says he is fortunate not to have any opposition in his bid for a second term as mayor, but feels an obligation to help make sure residents know how important it is to get out and vote.

"It is being reported that because there isn't a challenge for mayor, many people won't have an interest in this election," he said. "The mayor is just one vote. For every resident, in every ward, the vote cast for council member is as important as the vote cast for mayor. In fact, I would say it is more important

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