

Strange Heroes Are Appearing

In a unique era of American history, when the worm of justice is finally beginning to turn, so that the traditional victims of oppression and tyranny are experiencing their latent power to resist, otherwise strange heroes and role models are starting to appear. We see a hero for the youthful victims of Americanism, and we also see heroes for our professional class, that group from which we would least expect an honorable principled stance.

In the first category we have Mr. Larry Davis, a 20-year-old man who is in jail, charged with the execution-style killing of drug dealers, and the defensive shooting of police officers who are believed to have attacked him with the intent of executing him.

The example we of TNV see in the actions of Mr. Davis is that armed opposition to State-backed illegal drug trafficking is honorable, and that armed resistance to the direct assault of State force is equally honorable. TNV ap-



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plauds the example of Larry Davis, not in the finite details of his character and lifestyle, but in the general spirit of his manhood and determination to survive.

In the second instance, we have Mr. Alton Maddox, and Mr. C. Vernon Mason. These two gentlemen embody the dream of nationalists, in that they have returned

to the community the sum of their training and professionalism for the purpose of advancing the cause of the people, not merely for self-enrichment. Alton Maddox

and C. Vernon Mason are the African American attorneys embroiled in the controversy that has swirled around the gross miscarriage of justice in the New York Police Department, and the office of the District Attorney of Queens County, New York, as related to the racist murder by civilians of one Michael Griffith.

These three men deserve all that a grateful community can do for them in this time of need. Perhaps the perfect wedding of 1987 would be the legal defense of Larry Davis by Alton Maddox and C. Vernon Mason.

One-On-One

How Do You Win A Tough Election?

"We had a good, hard fought primary."

That is how Rep. David Diamont explained his victory, and that of two new Democratic state representatives, in a formerly solid Republican district in northwest North Carolina.

He was talking to a group of Democrats in Iredell County. Most of them were shocked to hear that answer. Some of them politely disagreed.

Like many regular Democrats, they fear the primaries.

Too much blood shed. Too much money wasted fighting each other. Too many worn out, bitter people.

Why don't we just all fight



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the other side in the fall?

That's a question a lot of party regulars ask.

Anyone who remembers the bitter 1984 Democratic primary for Governor understands what they mean.

Some Republicans would like to avoid primaries, too. They remember the 1986 Broyhill-Funderburk Senate primary--and what happened afterwards.

Why then would Rep. Diamont argue that primaries help good candidates win?

I think it's because he is a high school football coach when he is not in the legislature. He knows that his team won't win the big games without hard practices.

Running a campaign in the fall without going through a primary can be like trying to play a football game without a practice.

A good hard fought primary makes candidates build and test their organizations and prepares them for the fall.

It can build enthusiasm for a candidate--and name recognition--and credibility. Those valuable assets win elections.

I agree with David Diamont. The task for both the Republicans and the Democrats is not how to avoid primaries. It is how to conduct them without bitterness and divisiveness.

Speaking Out:

Reader Looks Back On Yuppie Movement

Dear Editor:

A look back on 1986 would not be complete without one final footnote on the much written about and spoken about Yuppie Movement. Many young Americans, black and white, displayed their badges of economic prowess in terms of newly leased BMWs, designer clothes, plush apartments, and trips to famous vacation spots. Copies of the Wall Street Journal and "Fortune" magazine fashionably replaced "Sports Illustrated" on the coffee tables. However, the issues at hand are how much long term substance will come from the Yuppie Movement and whether or not all who participated were ready for such an expensive image.

As with many success stories, the focus of the Yuppie Movement too often centered on financial rewards versus the paths taken in order to afford such expensive rewards. In turn, many failed to realize that such a status was not attained overnight nor brought from a car lot. A firm education, smart work habits, and good investments remain the legitimate means of earning a Yuppie badge. However, a few young Americans with solid paychecks and bright financial futures suddenly forgot the old economic theory of saving for a rainy day. As a result, many bought their Yuppie badges with American Express, Visa, MasterCard, and no-money-down loans. Too often in 1986, I read about young black couples, with combined incomes exceeding \$50,000 renting \$800 a month apartments, enjoying \$100 a night dinners, and traveling extensively. Yet, the same couples go on to explain that next year they'll get a grip on their discretionary incomes.

As a subscriber and avid reader of several business magazines, I would be the first to sign up for a course on the Free Enterprise System. I believe the American dream of owning a home is still a good long term investment. And

for those who like to speculate (gamble), the stock market has certainly become a reemerging financial frontier. Being a Yuppie is certainly a compliment to those who have successfully grasped the real meaning of fi-

nancial management at a young age. A simple economic theory states that how much you spend is relative to how much you make. An even simpler theory states that how well you live tomorrow is relative to how lavishly you live today. By the way, credit card interest is no longer tax deductible.

Ronald Mattison
An Avid Reader

Television Keeps People From Reading

Dear Senator Martin:

The bad thing about TV is that it keeps people from reading. Of course, some literature is a waste of time to read, but thanks to a friend I have been told of some educational books to read. One is "Wall Street and The Rise of Hitler" by A. Sutton. Another is "Wall Street And The Bolshevik Revolution" by A. Sutton. I have just read a book entitled "Dare Call It Conspiracy" by Gary Allen. In this book we are told of a powerful organization called the Council on Foreign Relations. These people are so powerful that they can bring on a war or depression and have powerful control over the Federal Reserve.

But just why shouldn't the person who owns much property want inflation? My mobile home let rent has gone up from \$45 per month to \$135. This is great for my landlord. But tough on me since I am earning about as much as I did in 1970.

Some rich Americans have much power in the Soviet Union, so they get their flunkies to rattle the saber and then the President and Congress can spend money on a lot of worthless military equipment. As a taxpayer I am now part owner of a Sgt. York anti-air craft gun, but I have to sit in the cold because the price of

electricity is so high. I don't think that when a thing is a monopoly such as a public utility that anyone should earn a profit from it. Some man told me if I wanted to earn a bundle to invest in Duke Power. But I love people and I (wouldn't) invest in something that makes people sick or to suffer. It doesn't matter if it is a tobacco factory or a power company.

I have heard that no one has ever seen a U-haul in a funeral procession. So why are the people so greedy?

Sincerely,
Bill J. Bloomer

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