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Zealous Bush gives pep talk to soldiers in Houston's drug war

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HOUSTON — Sounding like a preacher at a revival, President Bush said yesterday that communities can rid themselves of the "menace called cocaine" only if they reject "sophisticated... concepts" and call it "evil."

"Crime and crime-fighting is usually a question of right and wrong, good and evil," Mr. Bush told a black audience at a one-time crack park recaptured by a community show of force. "To some ears, the very word 'evil' is embarrassing, an obsolete reference to old-fashioned attitudes."

The crowd cried "Amen! Amen!" as the president added, "You know that a community that cannot understand the difference between right and wrong can never protect itself."

Many of those in the crowd were children, wearing school uniform shirts and some holding posters. One said, "Say nope to dope." Two school choirs sang spirituals before the president spoke.

Houston Mayor Kathy Whitmire said with some humor that it was natural for a drug rally in Acres Homes to be attended by Secretary of the Treasury Nicholas Brady, Drug Czar William Bennett and the president of the United States. It was familiar territory for Mr. Bush, though, being part of the congressional district he represented 20 years ago.

Mr. Bush speaks often of drugs and of galvanizing neighborhoods to rise up against traffickers and dealers. Rarely, if ever, has he shown such evangelical zeal.

He recalled April 9, 1988, when the people of Acres Homes turned the tide on crack dealers who had served motorists so openly in Winzer Park that police called it "crack-in-the-box."

Mr. Bush said it had become "a twisted, backwards world where our children and our playgrounds are taken away by an evil menace called cocaine, often out there in broad daylight."

On that day 20 months ago, 1,000 residents swept through the park,

driving out two dozen or so crack dealers and their customers. They have not come back, but they have relocated not far away.

"You were united. You were determined. You got mad. You were angry. But you were right," the president said as the crowd cheered. "One thousand people took back... your park, ... your kids."

He said the rescue of Winzer Park — named for police officer Andrew Winzer, who was killed in a 1987 accident elsewhere in the city — was among the first episodes of citizens rising up to fight drug dealers.

"That means punishing those who do evil," Mr. Bush said, in one of four uses of that word in the speech. He scoffed at "supposedly sophisticated arguments that turn right and wrong into empty concepts, words without meaning."

He added: "You, and probably

"A community that cannot understand the difference between right and wrong can never protect itself."

only you, can teach our kids right from wrong. You've got to take back the streets, and that's exactly what you did."

Last night, Mr. Bush was far less colorful as the star speaker for a Texas-size rally in the Astrodome to add \$2.8 million to the \$3.7 million war chest of Sen. Phil Gramm.

Mr. Gramm is heavily favored to win re-election and has served notice he may use some of the money to run for president in 1996 — when likely opponents would include Vice President Dan Quayle.

Aboard Air Force One on the flight south, Republican National Chairman Lee Atwater, who gave the \$2.8 million estimate, said that would make it the largest fundraiser ever for an individual.

The president called it "the Super Bowl of fund-raisers."

President Raising Funds For GOP Senate Bids

'More Peaceful World' Glimpsed, Bush Says

By Ann Devroy
Washington Post Staff Writer

HOUSTON, Dec. 7—President Bush, embarking on a three-state trip that is expected to add more than \$4 million to Republican Senate campaign coffers, tonight told cheering Republicans that the Malta summit offered "a glimpse of what all of us have hoped for . . . a more stable, more peaceful world."

Speaking at what he called the "Super Bowl of political fund-raisers," Bush gave a brief, upbeat talk about his meeting with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, citing Central America as one area "where I had to speak firmly and frankly."

"Whatever the Sandinistas have told the Soviet Union," Bush said, the administration "knows arms are going from Nicaragua into El Salvador."

Administration officials have said repeatedly that Soviet-made arms continue to flow from Cuba and Nicaragua to the leftist rebels in El Salvador, despite Soviet assurances that Moscow has asked that the shipments stop. The issue was one of the major debates during the Malta talks.

Bush termed the summit "a success," and added, "Tensions have been reduced. Our meeting was a positive, productive, hopeful step toward a new American-Soviet relationship."

Bush, speaking in the Houston Astrodome at what Republican National Committee Chairman Lee Atwater called the largest political fund-raiser in history, heaped praise on Sen. Phil Gramm (R-Tex.).

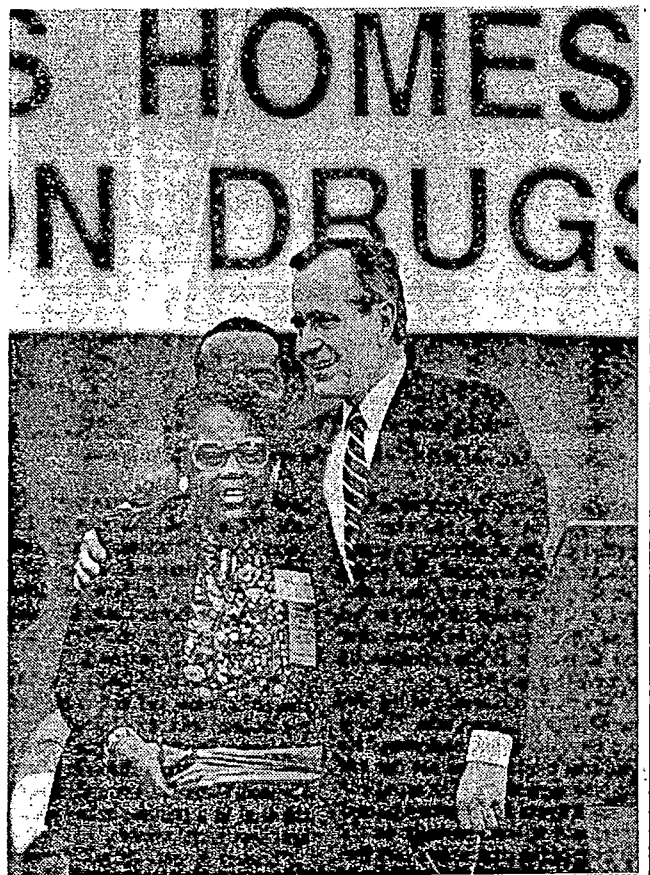
Gramm is one of three Republican Senate candidates without primary opponents for whom Bush will campaign on his two-day swing. Friday he goes to Iowa for a fund-raising event for Rep. Tom Tauke, who is seeking to unseat Sen. Tom Harkin (D-Iowa), and to Colorado, where he will headline a fund-raising luncheon for Rep. Hank Brown, who will face the winner of the Democratic Senate primary there.

Brown and Tauke are expected to have close races, but Gramm is among the 10 Senate Republicans who are expected to have little trouble winning in 1990.

Gramm's challenger is a former mayor of Fort Worth, Hugh Parmer, who is far less known statewide and who is expected to have trouble amassing anywhere near the huge war chest Gramm has been building.

While in Texas, Bush made a short stop at a park in a predominantly black area where citizens joined together to push out drug dealers.

Flanked by Treasury Secretary Nicholas F. Brady and national drug policy director William J. Bennett, the president likened citizen action against illegal drugs to citizens of



Bush hugs Erma Scales, head of anti-drug neighborhood association, in Houston.

Eastern Europe seeking democratic reform. "As with the new freedom in Eastern Europe, freedom from drugs isn't something the government can give you," he said, "You've got to take a stand. You've got to take back the streets."

Bush lauded the efforts of residents of Acres Homes, once the largest unincorporated black com-

munity in the South, to retake neighborhoods from drug dealers. More than a year ago, more than 1,000 residents of the area held a rally in the park that launched the effort to keep dealers out.

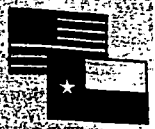
Bush told the several hundred local residents gathered in the park that their efforts "are a critical part" of his strategy against drugs.

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Drug probe snares HPD officers

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Houston Police Department officers and a former HPD rookie assigned after being caught are being investigated by authorities in connection with large-scale cocaine trafficking, officials announced today. The announcement came as Police Chief Lee P. Brown joined

Case targets 'relationship with cocaine traffickers'

President George Bush in Acres Homes to herald progress in the war on drugs. The Houston homes of Raymond Groves, 28, and his brother Norris Groves, 27, both five-year HPD veterans, were the targets of federal search warrants executed by federal, state and local agents late Wednesday, officials said.

The Houston Post learned Thursday that Norris Groves is suspected of having used HPD computers to obtain and release confidential, narcotics-related information in June. Also searched Wednesday night were the home and business of former HPD rookie Leonard Charles Dancy, 28, of the 5100 block of

Rapido. Dancy was arrested on a charge of possession of a prohibited weapon, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Stuart Platt, adding that further charges against Dancy are expected. HPD spokesman J.C. Mosier said no narcotics were found at either of their homes, but Platt acknowledged "documentary

evidence pertaining to possible relationships with cocaine traffickers now under investigation" was seized at each of the four locations searched Wednesday night. The warrants and subpoenas served in Houston Wednesday were in connection with an ongoing federal investigation into a large-scale cocaine trafficking ring that became public in June, Platt



R. GROVES, N. GROVES:
Brothers' homes searched

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re Ware, the University of Houston quarterback, was named with pride after seeing his name on the 1989 Helman Trophy he collected Thursday night in New York. Details on the Helman dinner and House of Lombardi Award ceremony/B-1.

Bush to Houston: good job

Winzer Park wins praise for drug war

BY JOHN GRAYOIS AND KEN LANTERMAN
OF THE HOUSTON POST STAFF

Houston got a presidential pat on the back Thursday as George Bush ventured into the drug-ridden Acres Homes neighborhood to tell residents they set an example for the nation by driving drug dealers out of Winzer Park. Bush, who in the 1960s sponsored a girls' softball team that played in the same park, told the anti-drug rally crowd of about 2,000 people they should be proud because they "took back what's yours."

"And you not only put the drug

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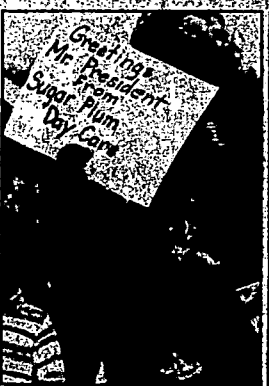


Michael Boddy/The Houston Post
President Bush hugs Erma Scales, chairwoman of Acres Homes War on Drugs

Workers' comp reform showdown vote today

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dealers out, you put pride back in," said Bush, who represented the predominantly black northeast Houston neighborhood in Congress during the late 1960s. Winzer Park today is a far cry from the shape it was in more than a year ago when the entrance "was so clogged with the cars of drug buyers that police called it 'Crack-in-the-Box,'" the president said. Federal drug czar William Bennett accompanied Bush to the rally, telling the people of Acres Homes they have taught the nation a valuable lesson by showing the war on drugs must be fought "a block at a time, a park at a time, a street at a time." Spectators, many of them students from nearby schools, lined up for hours before Bush arrived to file into the park for the afternoon rally under dreary skies. Bands, cheerleaders, choirs and school mascots gave the event the atmosphere of a pep rally. But while Bush and Bennett spoke of victories in the war on drugs, they also spoke of the need for continued effort.



Michael Boddy/The Houston Post
Clerks Eakins, 9, displays greetings to President Bush Thursday

Feds add 144 investigators to state S&L fraud inquiry

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS
WASHINGTON — More than 400 FBI investigators and prosecutors will be added to probe this country's savings and loan fraud, which may be "the biggest white-collar swindle in the history of our nation," Attorney General Dick Thornburgh said Thursday. Texas will receive 144 of the additional people, who are being deployed in 27 cities nationwide, Thornburgh said. The Justice Department said Houston will get 27 more FBI agents and 14 more assistant U.S. attorneys, tripling the number of people here who are investigating and prosecuting savings and loan fraud. The Dallas savings and loan task force will receive an additional 37 FBI agents and 12 prosecutors. Thornburgh said the Dallas Task Force has brought criminal charges against 57 defendants, with 46 convictions and two acquittals to date, and more than \$10 million in assets.

Office and Marines hang onto their hats in the rotor wash from President Bush's helicopter at Ellington Field.

BUSH: President praises Houstonians for efforts to fight drugs

From A-1
drugs, at least one high school student in the audience looked around and spotted several youths he described as known drug dealers.

Standing in the back of the crowd with his football teammates from Eisenhower High School, Demetrius Gillespie, a 19-year-old senior, tilted and shook his head, doubting the impact the president's appearance would have on the neighborhood's drug dealers.

"As I stand here talking right now, I see people walking around who I know sell drugs," said Gillespie, who grew up in Acres Homes. "They're laughing about this. They think it's a joke."

He said he didn't think the dealers were bold enough to peddle any drugs at the park, but "once he (Bush) leaves, they'll be going back to what they were doing before."

While he supports the president's anti-drug campaign and the work of the Acres Homes War On Drugs Committee, Gillespie said the only people who'll heed the president's message are parents with young children and young people like himself who don't use drugs.

"These who are already into it I don't think will believe him at all," Gillespie said. "The only way I can see to stop it is to just keep cracking down on them until it stops."

But neither Bush nor Bennett suggested the war on drugs will be called off soon because the problem has been licked.

In fact, Bush openly acknowledged there still was drug activity nearby.

Gesturing to the hundreds of students gathered at the park, the president asked, "What's the difference between the wonderful young kids behind me and the kids who huddle a few blocks from where we stand, using and dealing drugs?"

The answer, he said, is choice, and it's up to parents and peers to make sure more kids choose to stay away from drugs.

"Only the American people can make this change in attitude. Only you can cultivate character and a sense of values in our kids. It is not a federal problem for which there is a simple federal solution. We can't do it by looking to the government alone," Bush said.

Bennett also said the solution lies largely with the people. If everyone "does what they're supposed to do," the war on drugs could end "sooner than many skeptics think," he said.

Bush, also accompanied by Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady, said the Acres Homes effort is exactly what he has been referring to when he speaks of the "thousand points of light" spirit of volunteerism.

"Thank you for demonstrating that each point of light counts. Each point can mean one life changed. One life saved," the president said.

"But we need thousands, thousands in every city and neighborhood. And if anyone wants to know just how bright that light can be when a thousand points come together, look around you. Look at the home of strong hearts, clear minds and indomitable wills. Look at the people of Winzer Park," he said.

Furthermore, Bush likened the anti-drug struggle in Acres Homes to the fight for freedom in Eastern Europe.

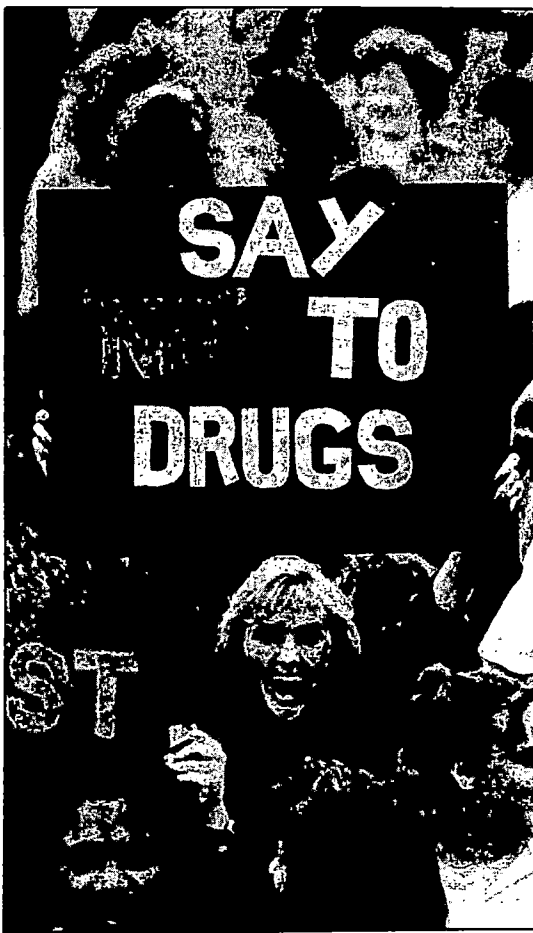
"As with the new freedom in Eastern Europe, freedom from drugs isn't something the government can give you. You have got to take a stand. You've got to take back the streets. And that's exactly what you did right here in Winzer Park," he said.

Among the speakers welcoming Bush were Mayor Kathy Whitmire, City Councilman Dale Gorkzynski and local war on drugs leader Erma Scales.

Whitmire applauded the neighborhood as "a community where people are taking very seriously the war on drugs."

Gorkzynski, who represents the area, said residents should be proud they have accomplished so much they received a presidential visit. But, he stressed, "We deserve this honor."

Scales, who Bush personally commended in his speech, challenged federal authorities to pro-



Manuel M. Chavez/The Houston Post

Acres Homes area residents display their sentiments to the president at Winzer Park on Thursday.

vide enough funding that the war on drugs can be won once and for all.

"We can't just say no," Scales said. "We must all band together and do more."

Bennett later said he plans to take Scales up on her challenge.

Like all other presidential appearances, Thursday's rally drew a small group of protesters, as supporters of imprisoned political extremist Lyndon LaRouche showed up with banners pleading with Bush to free LaRouche, a former presidential candidate who is serving a 15-year sentence in federal prison for mail fraud.

For most of the hundreds of grade schoolers who attended the rally, decked out in their yellow, anti-drug CHICKEN Club T-shirts, Bush's visit was more than just an excuse to get out of school.

"They are really impressed that the president came to an area that is plagued with drugs," said Bertha Moore, who attended the speech with her fourth-grade class from nearby Bethune Elementary. "It shows them that it (the war on drugs) is not only a citywide campaign, but that it is national."

If nothing else, it also strengthened the commitment of her students to the anti-drug crusade.

"I want all the drug dealers to stop coming into my community," said an enthusiastic Bianca Davis, 10. "Stop the drugs, now."

Dr. Allan Goldstein, a George Washington University school of medicine researcher who last May started testing a type of human AIDS vaccine, said news about the simian vaccine was "terrific."

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Thursday, a federal official who asked not to be identified confirmed that officials suspect Norris Groves was using the information he obtained in June for the benefit of suspected cocaine traffickers involved in the investigation.

Raymond Groves, who works out of the department's accident division, also is currently appealing a suspension, the spokeswoman said. He was suspended for 10 days in November 1988.

That suspension was received because Raymond Groves was late to work repeatedly, did not complete accident reports and failed to respond to accident scenes promptly, she said.

An IAD investigation into Raymond Groves' work habits also found him to be insubordinate, telling a superior officer who admonished him, "Just fire me," the spokeswoman said.

Thursday both Raymond and Norris Groves were told they would be relieved of duty without pay following a federal official who

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Corb and her colleagues was "the most significant advance in the vaccine field since we started the AIDS vaccine program. It is a giant leap."

"This has dispelled any doubts about our ever being able to create a vaccine against HIV," said Koff.

The study, he said, showed the primate immune system can be primed to protect itself against a retrovirus. Both SIV and HIV are retroviruses that kill by destroying the immune system of the host, an attack that causes acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

A report on the study will be published to-
day in Science, the journal of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

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President wary of bombing out for 3rd time

FROM STAFF REPORTS

was Dec. 7, Pearl Harbor Day. The question was, would George Bush remember?

"I admit it," the president told a crowd of more than 4,000 Thursday night at the Asb dome. "These days I'm a little nervous when I give a speech on Dec. 7 — Pearl Harbor Day, I think."

A pair of widely publicized gaffes, Bush, a former fighter pilot, twice has gotten mixed up about the date.

First, in a Sept. 7, 1988, speech at an American Legion Convention in Louisville, Ky., Bush declared that day to be Pearl Harbor Day.

Then last month at a campaign stop for a Republican gubernatorial candidate in New Jersey, the president urged voters to cast ballots on Dec. 7. The election was Nov. 7.

Some contraceptives may raise risk of complication during pregnancy

REYER NEWS SERVICE

CHICAGO — The use of condoms, diaphragms and similar contraceptives exposes women to twice the risk of a complication during a subsequent pregnancy as those who use other birth control measures, a study said Thursday.

The condition, called preeclampsia, is a toxic pregnancy which can make a pregnant woman ill with high blood pressure and swelling.

Doctors at the University of North Carolina School of Public Health, Chapel Hill, found 110 of the 225 women studied over a three-year period developed preeclampsia.

They said non-barrier contraceptives, such as intrauterine devices and birth control pills, allow prior exposure to sperm and seminal fluid which contain antigens that help stop the mother's system from rejecting fetal tissue.

Their report appeared in the current issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

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Presidents get saluted all the time. Thursday, President Bush saluted the parents in a Houston neighborhood for their determined fight against drug pushers.

Bush went to Acres Home, where neighbors banded together in 1986 to drive drug pushers out of Andrew Wizner Park, and have fought drug pushers ever since.

Bush found the right words to say about role models by quoting Erma Scales, president of the Acres Home War on Drugs: "We need to teach our system of values. Parents need to spend more time with their kids and go back to being parents, not just being buddies."

President Bush gave Acres Home a much-deserved salute as a example to the nation of how to fight back against drugs.

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President Bush, sidestepping a White House dispute over increased federal funding for local anti-drug efforts, said Thursday that a simple moral choice was at the heart of the fight against narcotics.

"You know that a community that cannot understand the difference between right and wrong can never protect itself," Bush told 1,500 people at Andrew Winzer Park in the drug-ravaged Acres Home neighborhood.

Bush lavishly praised the local residents' personal efforts to drive drug dealers away from the tree-fringed playground and recreation area.

The park once was so infested with dope dealers, Bush said, that

By early 1988, Bush recalled, area residents became fed up. "That's when your community people and your police came together to declare a new Independence Day - April 9, 1988," Bush said. "One thousand people swept into the park. And 1,000 people swept the drug dealers out."

"They haven't come back. And they better not."

Bush's praise for the local effort was applauded, but both from the podium and in the audience, neighborhood leaders said they wanted more from the president.

Erma Scales, leader of the Acres Home anti-drug campaign, called, in brief remarks before Bush spoke, for additional funding of local anti-drug efforts.

Beulah Shepard, a neighborhood political activist, said after Bush spoke that while the tribute to the community effort was nice, "I'm too old for a pat on the back to mean very much."

"We wouldn't have the drug problems we have now if our kids had jobs."

"It was exciting to have him out here, but the president didn't make any commitment to our community," she said.

Bush praised the increase in federal funds for local anti-drug efforts contained in the current budget, but he did not comment on the fight building within his administration over a proposal for another major increase in fiscal 1991.

William Bennett, director of federal drug policy, is urging a dramatic boost in funds, administration officials say. His proposal is opposed by Richard Darman, director of the Office of Management and Budget, who believes the local law enforcement agencies would become too dependent on federal subsidies, an administration source said.

Bennett, who visited Acres Home in July, accompanied the president on his visit to the neighborhood, which was in the U.S. House district Bush represented from 1967-71.

Bush awarded the Acres Home War on Drugs group his daily presidential Point of Light commendation, an ongoing program that grew out of his campaign theme on volunteerism.

Bush said drug education and treatment were two major parts of his program. The third, he said, was jail.

"Because we're going to take back the streets by taking (dealers and users) off the streets," Bush said. "That means punishing those who do evil."

To some "evil" may be "an embarrassing ... obsolete" concept, Bush said. "But the people in this park know better."

"You see violent crime close up and first-hand. You know that crime - and crime-fighting - is usually a question of right and wrong. Good and evil."

Bush told the residents the success came about because: "You were united. You were determined. You were angry. And you were right."

The president called such community action "a critical part of America's battle plan" against drugs.

Bush conceded that running cocaine dealers out of the park had not rid the poor neighborhood of drug problems.

Bennett said the Acres Home campaign to rid the park of drug dealers was an example of how to wage the war against narcotics.

"You have taught us the way to do it is, do it a block at a time, a park at a time, a street at a time," Bennett said.

He said the park was "not made perfect, it wasn't made 100 percent drug-free, but it was made safer, cleaner."

Bush drew the distinction between the park and areas nearby where drugs remain a menace.

"What's the difference between the wonderful young kids" in the audience "and the kids who huddle a few blocks from where we stand, using and dealing drugs?" Bush asked.

"Same neighborhood. Same schools. Same Houston. But a different choice," the president said. "Often a choice made by parents. Always a choice made by the kids."

Bush said an Acres Home resident, Roy Malonson, stated it correctly

The Acres Home address was Bush's first public appearance outside Washington since his weekend summit with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev on the Mediterranean island of Malta.

Those talks, Bush said, "remind us all that we live in dramatic and exciting times - times that present opportunities for great and historic change.

"That's true not only in Eastern Europe - where people are seeking freedom to travel and freedom to vote - but right here in the U.S.A., in places like Acres Home, where brave men and women have used 'people power' to fight for another kind of freedom.

"Freedom from fear. Freedom from crime. Freedom from drugs."

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"You've got to take a stand. You've got to take back the streets."

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"But in recent years, the dream on Main Street has become the nightmare on Elm Street - a twisted, backward world where our children and our playgrounds are taken away by an evil menace called cocaine, often in broad daylight."

Bush made no mention in his remarks of the deadly wave of drug-related violence in Colombia, the South American nation in which most of the cocaine that reaches the United States is processed or transhipped.

"It's an 'up' event," an administration official said of the Acres Home visit when asked why the president did not comment on a bombing Wednesday in Bogota in which at least 35 persons were killed.

Agents of Colombia's cocaine cartels are suspected in the explosion, caused by an estimated half-ton of dynamite.

The bombing came a day after Colombian justice officials said last week's crash of an Avianca jet, in which 109 persons were killed, was caused by a bomb - also believed to be the work of drug dealers.

Not counting the plane explosion or the bombing Wednesday, 29 people have been killed in 201 bomb explosions since President Virgilio Barco announced a crackdown on cocaine traffickers in August.

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STORY 3

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Fisher and his wife agree with Clark that the police "need more manpower" to fight the dealers.

"At nightfall they come out like vampires. They are a menace to society," Fisher said.

"We've got to nip it in the bud," said Irene Fisher. "I think a curfew would be a good idea for the city."

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People power key to drug fight: Bush

By FRANK JACKMAN

News Washington Bureau

HOUSTON — President Bush yesterday compared the struggle for freedom in Eastern Europe with the fight against drugs in U.S. cities, praising a poor Houston neighborhood for driving drug dealers out of a public

park. Speaking at an anti-drug rally in the reclaimed Winzer Park, Bush said neighborhood residents used "people power to fight for another kind of freedom — freedom from fear, freedom from crime, freedom from drugs."

And, as with the new freedom in Eastern Europe, freedom from drugs isn't something the government can give you, Bush said. "You've got to take a stand. You've got to take back the streets."

Bush's appearance, with drug czar William Bennett, at the rally in Houston's black Acres Home neighborhood came at a time when Bennett has been fighting with White House aides to get more money for local anti-drug efforts.

Bush was reminded of that budget fight when Erma Scales, leader of the Winzer

Park battle, told him: "We haven't the funds to fight the battle (against addiction). We are requesting that you provide us with the means."

Bush made no promises about increasing local anti-drug funds. Instead, he stressed the need for community action against drugs.

Emphasizing "personal accountability," Bush told the crowd: "Only you can cultivate character and a sense of values in our kids. It is not a federal problem for which there is a simple federal solution. We can't do it by looking to the government alone."

Bush's trip to Acres Home was one of his rare visits to a poor neighborhood and was in contrast to his appearance at a glitzy \$2.8 million GOP fund-raiser for Sen. Phil Gramm (R-Tex.) at the Houston Astrodome last night.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: THE ACRES HOMES "WAR ON DRUGS"
ANDREW WINZER PARK, HOUSTON, TEXAS
THURSDAY, DEC. 7, 1989, 2:00 P.M.

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Looking out at you today, I believe it.

You were united. You were determined. You were angry. And you were right. \\\

One thousand people took back what's yours. Took back your parks. Took back your kids. And you not only put the drug dealers out. You put pride back in. \\\

Today, the kids of Winzer Park are shooting hoops, not drugs. And the only "crack" found in this playground is one of my favorite sounds of summer -- the crack of the bat.

You were among the first to assemble and rally and move forward with a plan. You were among the first to recognize that the community's future is in the community's hands. \\\

Efforts like yours are a critical part of America's battle-plan, the new, national strategy I submitted to Congress earlier this fall. We invited Congress to join us in a new, comprehensive partnership with America's cities and states. \\\

First, drug education. Our new package provides for a [[quarter-of-a-billion]] increase for school and community prevention programs like those that have proven so successful here. We have got to teach our children. We have got to stop illegal drug use before it starts. \\\

Second, drug treatment. Too many people in too many cities simply aren't getting the help they need. That's not right. And that's why our plan will boost spending on drug treatment -- and especially cocaine treatment -- by [[\$321 million]].

And third -- for those who cannot learn or will not seek help -- we have a plan for them, too. Because we're going to take back the streets by taking them off the streets. \\\

That means punishing those who do evil.

To some ears, the very word "evil" is an embarrassment, an obsolete reference to old-fashioned attitudes. We've all heard the supposedly sophisticated arguments that turn "right" and "wrong" into empty concepts, words without meaning.

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What I have called the "Thousand Points of Light" -- that galaxy of small units of society that exist to serve others -- can also help to cultivate the character of our children by working to prevent neighborhood crime.

Each day at the White House, I announce a daily "point of light" -- an individual or organization that epitomizes the best in community service. And nowhere in America is there a group more deserving than today's Presidential Point of Light -- a bright star in our nation-wide battle -- the Acres Homes War on Drugs. \\\\

Now, this is the "Lone Star State," and that means each point of light counts. Each point can mean one life changed. One life saved. But we need thousands, thousands in every city and neighborhood. And if anyone wants to know just how bright that light can be when a thousand come together -- look around you. Look at the home of strong hearts, clear minds, and indomitable wills. Look at the people of Winzer Park. \\\

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 5, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *CW*
FROM: EDWARD McNALLY *EM*
SUBJECT: REMARKS AT THE ACRES HOMES WAR ON DRUGS RALLY

I. SUMMARY

On Thursday, December 7, 1989 at 2:00 p.m., you will address an anti-drug rally in the Acres Homes neighborhood of Houston. You will speak outdoors to about 1,000 people in Andrew Winzer Park, named after a local policeman who was killed in a traffic accident while on duty.

II. DISCUSSION

In 1987, the Houston Police Department, frustrated by the increase in drug trafficking in Acres Homes, called a community meeting to ask for citizens' help. The result was the formation of the Acres Homes War on Drugs committee, a group of private citizens who mobilize the community to help the police stop drug dealers. The committee and the police held a rally in 1988 declaring Winzer Park off limits to drug dealers, and the park has remained drug free ever since.

This event highlights the Acres Homes War on Drugs as a model program worthy of emulation by others, and designates them as your Daily Point of Light. The speech is an opportunity to point out the need for total community involvement in the national war against drugs.

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December 5, 1989
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: THE ACRES HOMES "WAR ON DRUGS"
ANDREW WINZER PARK, HOUSTON, TEXAS
THURSDAY, DEC. 7, 1989, 2:00 P.M.

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Ratliff
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You know, I noticed on my way in that some of the windows in the stores and homes along the way are now covered with bars.

Well, I've got some news. **The wrong people are behind bars.**

There are people out there intent on doing wicked things. These drug gang members are society's scavengers. Cowardly. Amoral. When they spot someone vulnerable -- the elderly woman who has to cross a drug infested corner from the bus stop to her front door -- they see their fellow man the way a jackal sees a wounded doe.

As such barbarous acts reveal, a criminal thinks in a way simply unlike that of any other person. Some would like to believe that society is more to blame for crime than the criminal.

Some say crime is caused by parents who are too distant. Others say it's parents who pamper their kids too much. Some say crime is caused by America's poverty. Others say it's America's prosperity that's to blame. TV violence. Boredom. Passionate

impulses. Everything and everyone is blamed. **Except the criminal.** \\\

You who have struggled for this park know otherwise. The fact of the matter is, the criminal chooses his way of life, his companions, the kinds of crime he commits. **He is not the victim -- he is the victimizer.** \\\ And it's about time to drive that point home.

The law-abiding community you represent has a duty to punish wrongdoers. Punishment is not -- as some may see it -- an unseemly indulgence in revenge. Just punishment is a moral, civilized response to wrong. Punishment is necessary not only as a deterrent to future crimes, but for its own sake. Which is to say -- **for the sake of justice.** \\\

This tradition of justice speaks not of a society that disparages human life, but rather, one that treasures innocent human life as precious and unique. In Larry McMurtry's classic Texas novel, Lonesome Dove, two Rangers finally put an end to a brutal gang's deadly rampage. One of the outlaws turns out to be Jake Spoon, the Rangers' old partner.

"It's a bad situation," says Captain Call, moments before arresting his old friend. "But there he is... He put himself in it." \\\

McMurtry's saga -- like the lives of the real-life Texas pioneers who inspired it -- reveals some simple truths. Most Americans believe that each of us faces the innate temptation to succumb to evil -- and yet always has the freedom to instead

choose to do good. We're talking about individual responsibility. We're talking about character. \\\

What's the difference between the wonderful young athletes behind me and the kids who huddle a few blocks from where we stand, using and dealing drugs? Same neighborhood. Same schools. Same Houston. But a different choice. Often a choice made by the parents. And always a choice made by the kids.

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 Roy Douglas Malonson [[PRESIDENT OF THE ACRES HOME CITIZENS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE]] said it right here in Acres Home, the same night I addressed the nation on drugs. He said: "The bottom line is we're going to have to take a stance and quit ~~slamming~~ *blaming* others for the problem. We need personal accountability."

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 Roy Malonson is right. We need to cultivate character in our kids. And, as plain-talking Harry Truman said: "We must not permit the existence of conditions which cause our children to believe that crime is inevitable and normal."

Only the American people can make this change in attitude, this cultivation of character. It is not a federal problem for which there is a simple federal solution. We can't do it by looking to the government.

But as you have proven here in Acres Home, parents and teachers and religious and neighborhood leaders can do it. You -- and probably only you -- can teach our kids right from wrong. Erma Scales [[CHAIRWOMAN OF THE ACRES HOME WAR ON DRUGS]] says "We need to teach a system of values. Parents...need to spend

more time with their kids and...go back to being parents, not just being buddies."

And Erma, it's also time we went back to teaching what I like to call the four "R's" -- **reading, writing, 'rithmetic -- and respect.** \\\

What I have called the "Thousand Points of Light" -- that galaxy of small units of society that exist to serve others -- can also help to cultivate the character of our children by working to prevent neighborhood crime.

Each day at the White House, I announce a daily "point of light" -- an individual or organization that epitomizes the best in community service. **And nowhere in America is there a group more deserving than today's Presidential Point of Light -- a bright star in our nation-wide battle -- the Acres Home War on Drugs.** \\\\

Now, this is the "Lone Star State," and that means each point of light counts. Each point can mean one life changed. One life saved. But we do need thousands, thousands in every city and neighborhood. And if anyone wants to know just how bright that light can be when a thousand come together -- look around you. **Look at the home of strong hearts, clear minds, and indomitable wills. Look at the people of Winzer Park.** \\\

Thank you for your warm greeting on this December morning. God bless you all this Christmas season. God bless Texas -- and God bless the U.S.A.

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NOTE: FOLLOWING IS CONGRESSMAN BUSH'S STATEMENT ON THE
AWARDING OF AN HUD GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES
IN THE ACRES HOME AREA OF HOUSTON:

"I applaud the action taken by the Department of Housing and Urban Development in reserving \$1,500,000 for the construction of water and sewer facilities in the Acres Homes area of Harris County."

"As the Acres Homes community is located in the 7th Congressional District, I have a personal interest in the improvement and broadening of services for this area. This progressive step by the Department should prove beneficial to all residents of the area by eliminating many basic health hazards."

"Unfortunately, while the Acres Homes community has grown during the past thirty years, its range of available services has not. The funding of this money by HUD shows genuine concern - a concern shared by us all - for extending and improving all possible services for this area."

The total project cost is estimated at \$5,247,500. In addition to construction of water and sewer facilities the project will include wells, ground storage, pump station, supply, distribution mains, fire hydrants and sewer connections; also sewer trunk, collector mains and manholes.

Acres Homes residents join war against drugs Parade, park rally held

By Phil Montgomery
OF THE HOUSTON POST

The beleaguered residents of Acres Homes held a rally Saturday to reclaim their park from junkies and drug dealers while teen-agers hawked cocaine in a street only a mile away.

Mayor Kathy Whitmire and Houston Police Chief Lee Brown attended the afternoon rally that followed an early morning parade led by church members and community leaders.

The parade wound through the north Houston neighborhood to Dolly Wright Park, a haven for drug dealers and users, where residents held the rally, sponsored by the Acres Homes War on Drugs Coordination Committee.

Erma Scales, chairman of the 12-member panel, told more than 1,000 people at the gathering that citizens must band together to fight the drug dealers. To fight drug trafficking, Scales said citizens can send police the license plate numbers, descriptions and addresses of known dealers and users.

"This (the rally) will do good," said Scales, who acknowledged drug dealers will not be easily forced out of the neighborhood.

"I live close to a crack house," said 65-year-old E.M. Gafferson, who attended the anti-drug rally. "We needed this, but we need more policemen. This (drugs) is

what's causing all the break-ins and killings."

Isaac Banks, an Acres Homes resident 32 years, said citizens can work together to stop the dealing, but he warned dealers are bold.

On Homer street near the Acres Homes neighborhood, teen-age dealers wearing warm-up suits and sporting gold jewelry stood in the middle of the street holding large baggies of cocaine in plain view. A buyer in a red late-model Mustang blocked the narrow street briefly while a dealer pulled rocks of cocaine from a bag and handed them through the car window.

Other dealers boldly emerged from the run-down homes that line the street as buyers in fashionable new cars rolled slowly past. Business appeared to be brisk.

The same type of drug dealing was so intense at Dolly Wright Park last Thursday that police had to provide protection from dealers to allow city workers to mow the grass and empty the trash barrels, said a police sergeant.

But the city plans to make dealing drugs in the park more difficult, said Don Olson, director of Parks and Recreation. In mid-May, the park will be closed to cars for about 30 days, he said, because eliminating cars in the park will "make the drug dealers' work harder."

Brown said the police department will focus on the buyers of drugs in the park not the dealers.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Acres Homes is a community located approximately nine miles northwest of Houston's central business district. (See following map for exact boundaries, along with census tract boundaries.) Designated as Community Development Target Area 6, the area covers seven square miles of land. (See preceding page for map of Community Development Target Areas.)

Acres Homes contains 1980 census tracts 524, 525.02, 525.03, 525.04, and those portions of census tracts 530.02, 531.01, and 531.03 that lie within the Houston city limits.

The Acres Homes target area boundaries have changed since their designation in 1974. Initially, the area's northwestern boundary was Vogel Street. Later, the boundary was changed to White Oak Bayou, to include all of Census Tract 530.02.

Acres Homes is an example of the old, juxtaposed with new. The southern, western, and northwestern portions of the target area are primarily new development that has occurred since the mid-1960's. The northern and eastern portions are predominantly older developments that occurred in the 1930's. The major differences in housing type - wood versus brick veneer - and in atmosphere - semi-rural versus suburban - make these two areas visually distinct from one another.

The Acres Homes target area has a population density of 10.4 persons per residential acre, while the city as a whole has 15.3 persons per residential acre. Although the population density of each census tract in the target area is below the city norm, the variation of each census tract from the norm is substantial. In the census tracts containing the area's new neighborhoods, population density ranges from 6.6 persons per residential acre in Census Tract 531.01, to 11.4 persons per residential acre in Census Tract 525.04. In the census tracts which contain the area's older neighborhoods, population density ranges from 8.7 persons per residential acre, to 12.9 persons per residential acre in census tracts 524 and 531.03, respectively.

History

The first houses in Acres Homes were built around the time of World War I. However, development in most of the area began in the late 1930's, by W.W. Mount and by the Wright Land Company. The area was the largest unincorporated black community in the South.¹ Blacks who settled there sought inexpensive land, low taxes, and a predominantly agrarian lifestyle. Homesites in the community were sold by the acre, hence the name Acres Homes.

¹James L. Marshall, Jr., "Acres Homes - A Proposal," 1967, p. 2.

Until 1958, when a small portion of the area was annexed by the City of Houston, the entire community was under the jurisdiction of Harris County. The City annexed the rest of the area in four phases, which occurred in 1967, 1970, 1971, and 1974.

Acres Homes is unique in that, for many years, it enjoyed close proximity to a large metropolitan area, but still retained a semi-rural lifestyle. Even today, in some portions of the area, livestock can be found in backyards or on vacant lots.

Neighborhoods

The Acres Homes target area consists of all or portions of ten neighborhoods. Table I gives the locations of those neighborhoods, by census tract. (See the following neighborhood map for exact boundaries.) The neighborhoods which are entirely within Acres Homes' boundaries are: Green Meadows; Shephard Park Plaza; Pinemont Plaza; Highland Heights; White Oak Terrace/Yorkdale/Carver Estates; Highland Acres Homes; and, Highland Gardens/Montgomery Terrace. Only portions of the Lincoln City, North Plaza, and Inwood/Arbor Oaks neighborhoods are located in the target area.

The portion of the Lincoln City neighborhood that is within Acres Homes' boundaries is located in the northeastern corner of the target area. The part of the North Plaza neighborhood that is in Acres Homes lies to the east of the Lincoln City neighborhood. The portion of the Inwood/Arbor Oaks neighborhood that is within Acres Homes is situated in the area's northwestern corner.

The Green Meadows neighborhood is located along the eastern border of Acres Homes. Shephard Park Plaza is the neighborhood in the community's southeastern corner. Pinemont Plaza is located along the area's southern boundary. To the immediate north of Pinemont Plaza is the Highland Heights neighborhood, which nearly spans the entire width of the target area. Just north of Highland Heights is the White Oak Terrace/Yorkdale/Carver Estates neighborhood. Highland Acres Homes, located in the north central section of the area, appears to be the largest and most populated neighborhood. Highland Gardens/Montgomery Terrace is the northernmost neighborhood in the target area.

As stated earlier, Acres Homes was primarily developed in two periods. The neighborhoods developed between 1930 and the mid-1950's are: Green Meadows; Highland Heights; Lincoln City; Highland Acres Homes; North Plaza; and, Highland Gardens/Montgomery Terrace. The target area's neighborhoods developed since the 1960's are: Inwood/Arbor Oaks; Pinemont Plaza; Shephard Park Plaza; and, White Oak Terrace/Yorkdale/Carver Estates.

POPULATION

According to the 1980 U.S. Census of Population and Housing, the Acres Homes target area has 32,081 residents. Adjusting for the boundary change noted earlier, the 1970 population of the area was 22,301 persons.

Officer Francis grew up in Acres Homes and attend school here, also
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THE ACRES HOMES WAR ON DRUGS COORDINATION COMMITTEE & N. SHEPHERD POLICE "NEEDS YOU TO"



HPD officer W.E. Francis outside the Acres Homes community center, which along with a police substation, is helping the subdivision win its war on drugs.

Acres Homes winning war on drugs

By MAJOR GARRETT
OF THE HOUSTON POST STAFF

In the Acres Homes subdivision, just a few blocks from one another, stand a park and a convenience store, both examples of the incremental progress being made in the war on drugs.

Today at Andrew Winzer Park, in the middle of the subdivision, young children shoot baskets and teeter on sand-box toys, deterred only by the heat or big crowds.

But two years ago, crack cocaine was sold there so often and so openly that patrol officers nicknamed the park "Crack in the Box."

The park is now drug-free, the cause-

"You have to ask them (neighborhood residents) do you feel safer and better than you did a year ago. These people here tell me they do."

— William Bennett, federal drug czar

quence, residents say, of regular police sweeps and vocal opposition from churches, community groups and school children.

Police and Acres Homes residents point to the park's transformation as a symbol of success, a concrete example of what cooperation can accomplish.

The director of the nation's anti-drug

crusade, William Bennett, personally applauded those efforts Tuesday during a brief appearance at the park.

"There are no better indices than the people living in the neighborhood; you can't leave them out of the mix," Bennett said. "You have to ask them do you

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"When it comes to drug dealing, the police are always the last to know," Williams said. "The momentum has shifted."

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One woman who made difference in war on drugs

BY MAJOR GARRETT
AND GUY CANTWELL
OF THE HOUSTON POST STAFF

Houstonian Teresa Spencer was recognized Tuesday by national drug czar William Bennett as one of four black national heroes who have, at great personal peril, stood up to drug dealers and won.

Spencer lives in Huntington Forest Apartments, a vast, federally subsidized apartment complex at Gulf Bank and Veterans Memorial Drive.

Two years ago drug problems there were acute.

The mail room and laundry room were off limits. Dealers dealt crack from the hoods of parked cars. Shots rang out at night, sometimes even during the day. The ample lawns and many pools were

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unused. Parents and children hid in their apartments, intimidated by the arrogance and violence of the dealers, many of whom lived in Huntington Forest.

"People couldn't even go out to empty their trash. There was gunfire in the day and the night," Spencer said. "Our security guards were even getting afraid."

This all went unchecked until Spencer, a diminutive 53-year-old mother of three, stepped forward. In late 1987 Spencer organized a tenant watch group and, after a year of needling City Hall, won approval of a seven-man police task force to patrol Huntington.

"I made a commitment that if Chief Brown would help us dry it out, we would keep it clean," Spencer said late Tuesday.

Now Teresa Spencer's home is a safer place.

"Now I feel more relaxed. I can sit on the porch with my cup of coffee and the paper."

Said Bennett:

"Today Huntington Forest Apartments residents are safer, the area has been reclaimed; the drug dealers have been pushed aside," Bennett said. "One woman with grit and courage made a difference."

Spencer's efforts, Bennett said, illustrate the value of "nurturing institutions, such as the family, church, school and neighborhood."

One resident, Marilyn Robinson, credited Spencer with rescuing the complex from violence and fear.

"Oh Lord Jesus, yes we were scared of

the dealers because they

were all over this place," said Marilyn Robinson, 30. "There were shootings and robberies all the time. The children never played in the open."

Spencer said cooperation from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, apartment managers and the police overwhelmed the drug dealers. Over time, several drug dealers living at Huntington were arrested or evicted.

According to Houston Police officer A.L. Cross, Spencer has provided regular telephone tips on drug activities.

"She is one of our best tipsters," Cross said. "And her information is almost always accurate."

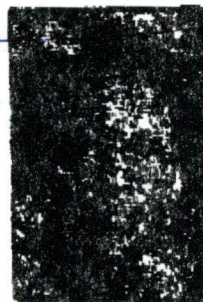
Cross described Spencer as outspoken, aggressive and diligent.

"She doesn't even care if someone knows she's a snitch," Cross said. "She is one aggressive little lady."

When police efforts have not met her needs, Spencer has often come to the neighborhood substation and berated the officers.

"She would tell us when we were doing good and when we were doing bad," Cross said.

Spencer gave Bennett a two-page outline of her drug-fighting strategy. Known around Huntington as "Miss Teresa," Spencer said she hopes her example will inspire others to stand up for the rights of their communities.



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OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY

To: Wexler

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

From: Freeman

Washington, D.C. 20506

Re: The Andrew Winzer (Carver) Park Story

Carver Park, located in the poor, predominantly black Acres Homes area, was one of Houston's hottest drug distribution centers. According to local police, 25 to 30 dealers operated in the park every day. In the spring of 1988, the Mayor, Houston Police, local businesses, and area residents launched a program to reclaim the neighborhood. On April 9, a parade and rally featuring Mayor Whitmire kicked off the program. Police opened a storefront office in the area, and the Acres Homes War On Drugs Committee, a group of community volunteers, used local business donations to create a comprehensive anti-drug program (education, treatment, neighborhood patrols, youth activities, etc.).

As part of the neighborhood face-lift, the park was renamed to commemorate Andrew Winzer, a Houston police officer who was active in Acres Homes as a volunteer coach in the Police Athletic League. On February 18, 1988, Winzer was travelling eastbound on Franklin Avenue when his patrol car was struck by a reckless driver (no conviction yet). Winzer was driven off the road and killed. A memorial softball game in the park is now an annual event.

The Acres Homes War On Drugs has produced definite results. One evening in late May of 1989, a Houston undercover police officer tried unsuccessfully to purchase drugs in the park. When he approached a group of young males, the reply was: "Hey man, we don't do that here."

Any appearance in the park should feature Ms. Erma Scales, the President of the Acres Homes War On Drugs Committee. According to the police, she was the motivating force behind the movement. Her organization has inspired similar committees all over the city.

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Bennett tells clergy to lead drug battle

By R.A. DYER
Houston Chronicle

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themselves of dignity."

He said they "give up their freedom" by using illegal drugs.

"There is no issue that has so dominated our conscience than the issue of slavery," Bennett said. "A person who is addicted to cocaine has lost his autonomy to act. We have not come this far to be patient of people who do this to themselves."

Bennett also encouraged leaders of the drug-ravaged Acres Home area in their fight against drug use. Bennett responded to questions from residents of the northwest Houston community during a presentation before about 100 people at Andrew Winzer Park, 2200 Dolly Wright.

The Rev. James Dixon, pastor of the Northwest Community Baptist Church, said he thought Bennett's visit was "positive."

"It was helpful and edifying both for the community as well as Bennett," Dixon said. "I think he's moving in the right direction by getting involved on the ground level."

From there, Bennett went back to the convention center where he addressed a "Crackin' Up" rally of the Houston Crackdown program. Bennett was joined during the 7 p.m. rally by Mayor Kathy Whitmire,

District Attorney John B. Holmes Jr., Harris County Judge Jon Lindsay and state District Judge Ted Poe, who all briefly addressed the crowd of several thousand.

While at the convention center, Bennett spoke for about 15 minutes with James and Helen Kilroy, the

parents of Mark Kilroy.

James Kilroy, who said Bennett invited them to the 6:15 p.m. talk, told the federal official of a petition he and his family are distributing supporting "a great change in the national drug policy." Kilroy said he expected to provide Bennett's agency with the petition sometime before release of the national drug strategy.

Bennett also told about 750 people at a Houston Area Urban League dinner that community leaders who are heading the fight against drugs should be encouraged.

While the drug problem in black communities is at a crisis stage, Bennett said, the point needs to be made that decent, law-abiding people in those same communities stay away from drugs and their children stay away from drugs. He said those people, those invisible men, women and children, need to be commended and encouraged.

"They are modern-day heroes," he said.

Bennett's chief of staff, Charles Wexler, visited the city in May to observe the city's crackdown efforts by touring a number of police substations. Wexler hinted that the national drug strategy, due to be released in September, might target drug users as well as dealers.

Chronicle staff writer Norma Martin contributed to this report.

Calling the use of illegal drugs sin and idolatry, federal drug czar William Bennett Tuesday encouraged Houston clergy to provide leadership and positive role models for youths prone to drug abuse.

"If there is one issue (important) for churches and synagogues, it is the issue of drugs," Bennett told a group of more than 1,000 ministers at the George R. Brown Convention Center. "If this is not a sin, nothing is. If this is not idolatry, nothing is."

Bennett, in charge of writing President Bush's national drug policy, arrived in Houston as part of a whirlwind "Portland to Portland Trip" and will leave today for San Francisco, Monterey, and San Jose, Calif. He began his trip in Portland, Maine, and will end it in Portland, Ore.

Besides speaking to clergy members, Bennett also spoke with community leaders at a drug-ravaged northwest Houston neighborhood, addressed a Houston Crackdown rally at the convention center and appeared before the Houston Area Urban League at the Westin Galleria.

Bennett, director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, also met privately with the parents of Mark Kilroy, the University of Texas premedical student who was slain by a drug smuggling cult in Matamoros, Mexico.

And although Bennett applauded Houston's efforts to fight drug abuse, he made no mention Tuesday of providing the city added federal dollars to fight its street drug problem.

During his speech before clergy members, Bennett likened drug addiction to slavery and said it was an issue that both church and state could join in fighting.

"The state and church share ... the notion that man is a creature endowed by his creator with certain inalienable rights, that the human soul thereby possesses dignity," he said. "But we know that the soul of the human can be robbed of that dignity. We know by our experience with drugs that human beings can themselves rob

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For Acres Homes the war on drugs begins at home

By ROBERT STANTON
OF THE HOUSTON POST STAFF

While President Bush's get-tough policy on drugs is a big step in the right direction, solving the nation's drug epidemic will have to begin at home, say residents of the drug-plagued Acres Homes area.

"The battle can be won, but we have to be united. It starts at home, not at school or on the streets, because then it's too late," Erma Scales, chairwoman of the Acres Homes War on Drugs, said Tuesday after her group listened to the president's long-awaited speech.

□ Drug initiative lacks ambitious enough targets, Whitmire says/A-19

"We need to teach a system of values. Parents have to go back to being parents, not just being buddies," Scales said. "They need to spend more time with their kids and teach them a system of values."

Since forming in November 1987, the group's success in ridding neighborhood parks of drug dealers earned recognition from national drug czar William Bennett during his visit to Houston in July. But the group said its success can be continued only with more community support.

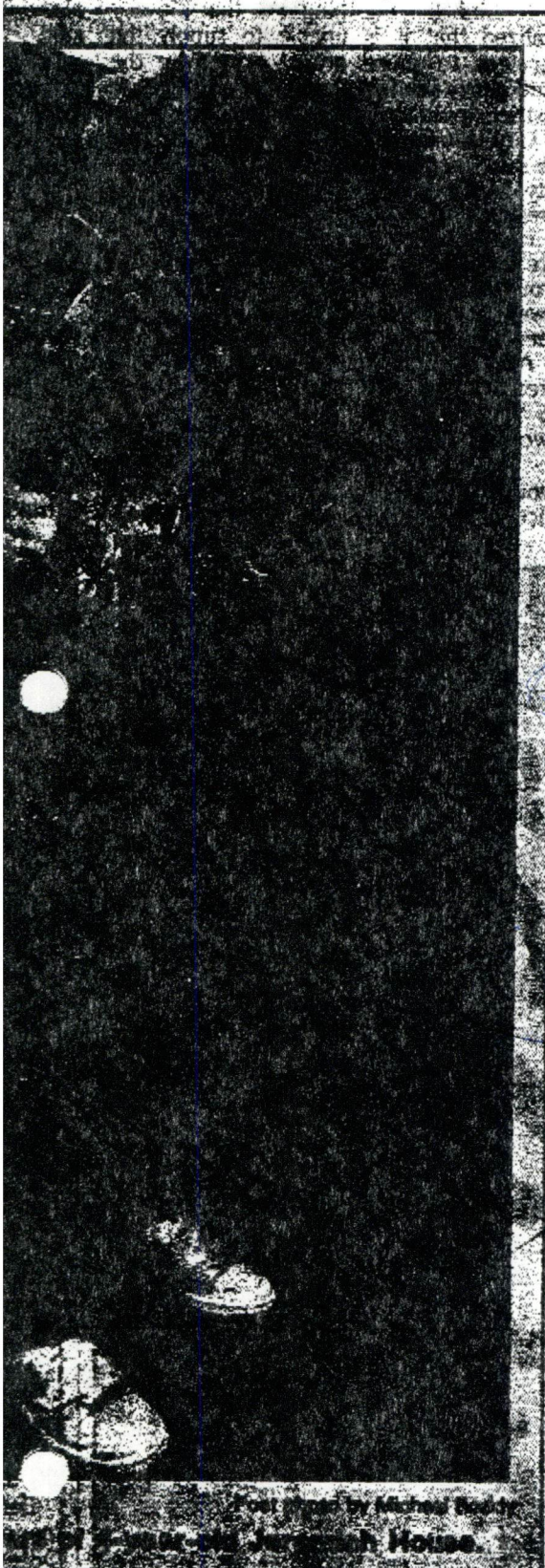
"It's important that we have people in the community who are willing to stick their heads out to help people on drugs," said group secretary Thelma LaStrapp.

"It's also important that funding is available for communities like this. He's (Bush) directing funding in the right direction, for treatment and education.

"It will be difficult to reach each kid that's on it, but if we can reach one kid we've saved one," she added.

Citing statistics that show 75 percent of all illegal drug abusers are white, group

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Post photo by Michael Ruddy
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HPE officer Al Cross says as long as the demand exists the supply will follow.

ACRES HOMES: War on drugs begins at home

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vice chairman John B. Phillips said the media's emphasis on black drug use has created a negative image of the black community.

"It's bad when you see minorities in the news, but there's more drugs in the white community," Phillips said. "They (whites) just use it at home. They don't come out and stop cars."

Roy Douglas Malonson, president of the Acres Homes Citizens Chamber of Commerce, wondered aloud how much of the proposed funds ultimately will reach Acres Homes.

"Acres Homes started the community (anti-drug) movement, but I just wonder how much we're going to benefit from it," Malonson said. "The bottom line is we're going to have to take a stance and quit blaming others for the problem. We need personal accountability," he added.

Other Acres Homes residents agreed the drug battle remains in their own hands.

"If you want to buy some crack, all you have to do is ride down the street slow and they'll (dealers) come to you," said Willie Richards, president of the Garden City Civic Club in Acres Homes. "They (police) move 'em to from one corner and they pop up on another."

Richards, 58, is not alone in his frustration. Since moving to Acres Homes in 1961, he has watched

drugs transform the quiet, tree-lined community into a haven for money hungry dealers.

"The community is involved, but some (residents) are afraid to call in ... even anonymously," said Richards, retired supervisor of the city of Houston's Wastewater District. "There are a lot of elderly people who live close who are afraid of retaliation."

Rose L. Howard said the area's drug situation is the worst she has seen in the 18 years she has lived there.

But the drug story in Acres Homes has had some bright spots.

Drug dealing at Andrew Winzer Park was so prevalent two years ago that patrolmen renamed the park, "Crack in the Box." On any given day or night, motorists would line the circular driveway at the corner of Carver Road and Dolly Wright to buy crack.

After residents' complaints brought increased police patrols to the area, drug dealers moved to other less-obvious areas.

Lincoln City Park on Parkway is another success story. In May, residents held a parade and rally to celebrate its return to the law-abiding public.

But as long as the demand remains, brazen dealers will find a way to supply the addicting crack cocaine, police say.

"You get out here and you arrest these people, and two or three more take their place," said officer

Al Cross of the Houston Police Department. "It's a quick way to make easy cash money, and they don't have to work for it. You have kids who would rather drop out (of school) and sell drugs than go and try to better themselves."

Although some areas of Acres Homes have been cleaned up, Cross said many more remain because dealers just pick up and move elsewhere — usually to abandoned homes or thick shrubbery hidden from view.

During a tour of the area Tuesday afternoon, Cross pointed to several men standing outside at a car detail shop at West Montgomery Road and Couch. There, he said, "It (drug dealing) used to be 24 hours a day. But after lots of (police) stings, it's been cleaned up."

At a nearby home, he said, a woman living there allows drug dealers to use her yard to sell crack — for a fee.

Residents, fed up with flagrant drug dealing on their streets, are cautiously optimistic about the Bush administration's drug policy, saying the responsibility lies in their own hands.

"If parents work together, we could come up with a drug rehabilitation center," Howard said.

"But we need the cooperation of the whole community, because drugs are affecting the whole community."

Crack in the box

**A PROFILE
OF
THE ACRES HOMES WAR ON DRUGS**

**A COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATION
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ACRES HOMES WAR ON DRUGS

THE ACRES HOMES WAR ON DRUGS COMMITTEE was organized on November 4, 1987, from a community meeting of citizens, called by the Houston Police Department (HPD), North Shepherd Special Projects Division and the Acres Homes Community Service Center Division. These divisions called the meeting to make the Acres Homes Community aware of the severe drug problems that exist here and that we were not doing anything about it.

The community meeting consisted of drug dealers, users, clergy, business, civic and organizational leaders, government officials, citizens and police officers. The meeting was centered around what the police were doing about the drug problems, and what the citizens of this community could do to help the police officers, because the HPD had "Declared a War on Drugs" in Acres Home.

Examples of drug problems were discussed by the officers, and drug problems began to surface from citizens in the community. There was a question and answer period about drug problems. The police officers asked for the citizens TRUST and most of all, their SUPPORT to fight the war on drugs.

The police officers elected a coordination committee from the citizens present. This committee of twelve would work with the Houston Police Dept. on strategies to help fight the wars on drugs.

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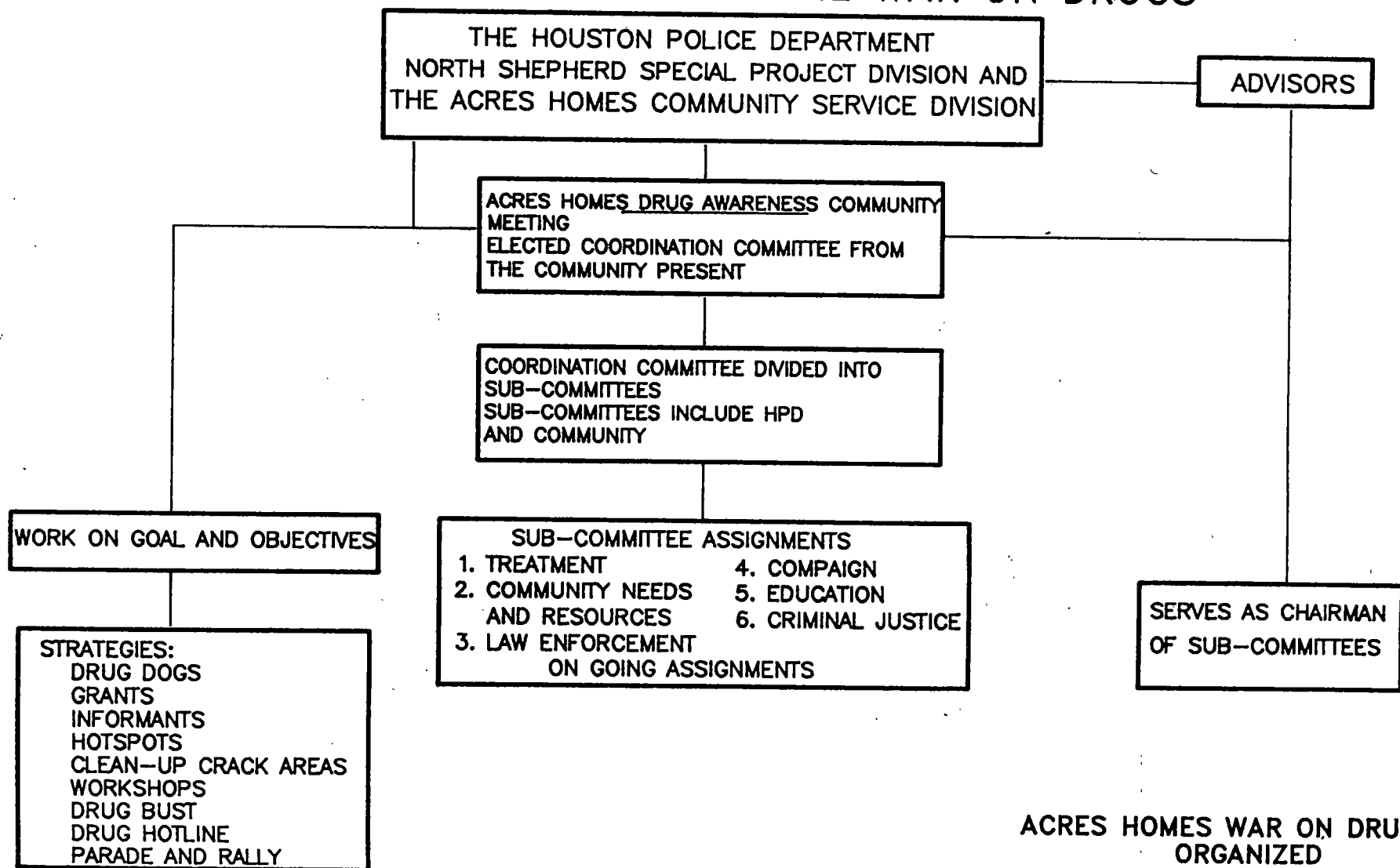
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MEMORANDUM FOR SIG ROGICH

FROM: GREGG PETERSMEYER *JP*
RE: Acres Homes War on Drugs -- Daily Point of Light

It has come to our attention that the President will be meeting with the Acres Homes War on Drugs Committee in Houston on Thursday, December 7. We would like the President to announce them as that day's "Point of Light."

If you agree with this, all you will need to do is add it to the briefing paper and notify the advance team (there will be no changes in their arrangements).

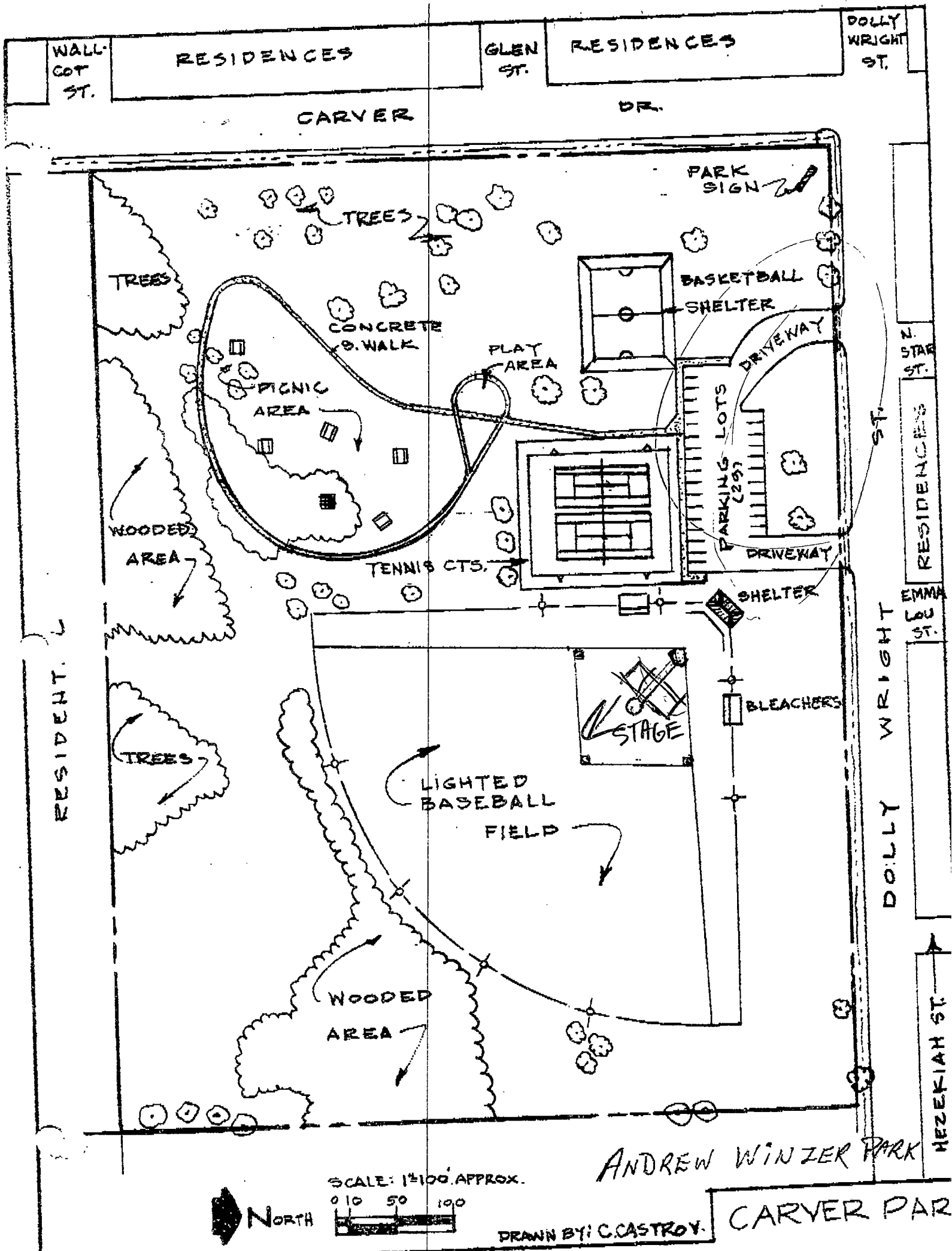
Since the speechwriter hasn't written the speech yet, the announcement can be written very easily.

We have begun processing this through Counsel's Office so as to have it ready on time.

APPROVE _____

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11/30/89



Dec. 7th

Sept drug speeches

Sgt. Thrash

ACRES HOMES STOREFRONT

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES 1989.

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[date]

[pastor name]

[church name]

[church address]

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Dear Christian Brother,

The drug traffic threatens the very moral foundation of our community. People close to us have been lost to drug use. We cannot walk our streets or let our children play in our parks because of the drug dealers. We cannot even attend church without worrying about these people stealing from us. IT IS TIME TO STOP THE DESTRUCTION OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

The community met in November and banded together to declare the ACRES HOMES WAR ON DRUGS. The Coordination Committee leads the effort to fight back, but we cannot win this war without your help. Churches play a key role. Our friends, relatives, and neighbors now lost to drug use must find their way back to the Lord through the church. Our programs cannot find success without the participation of your congregations and the financial support of the churches and the businesses of Acres Homes.

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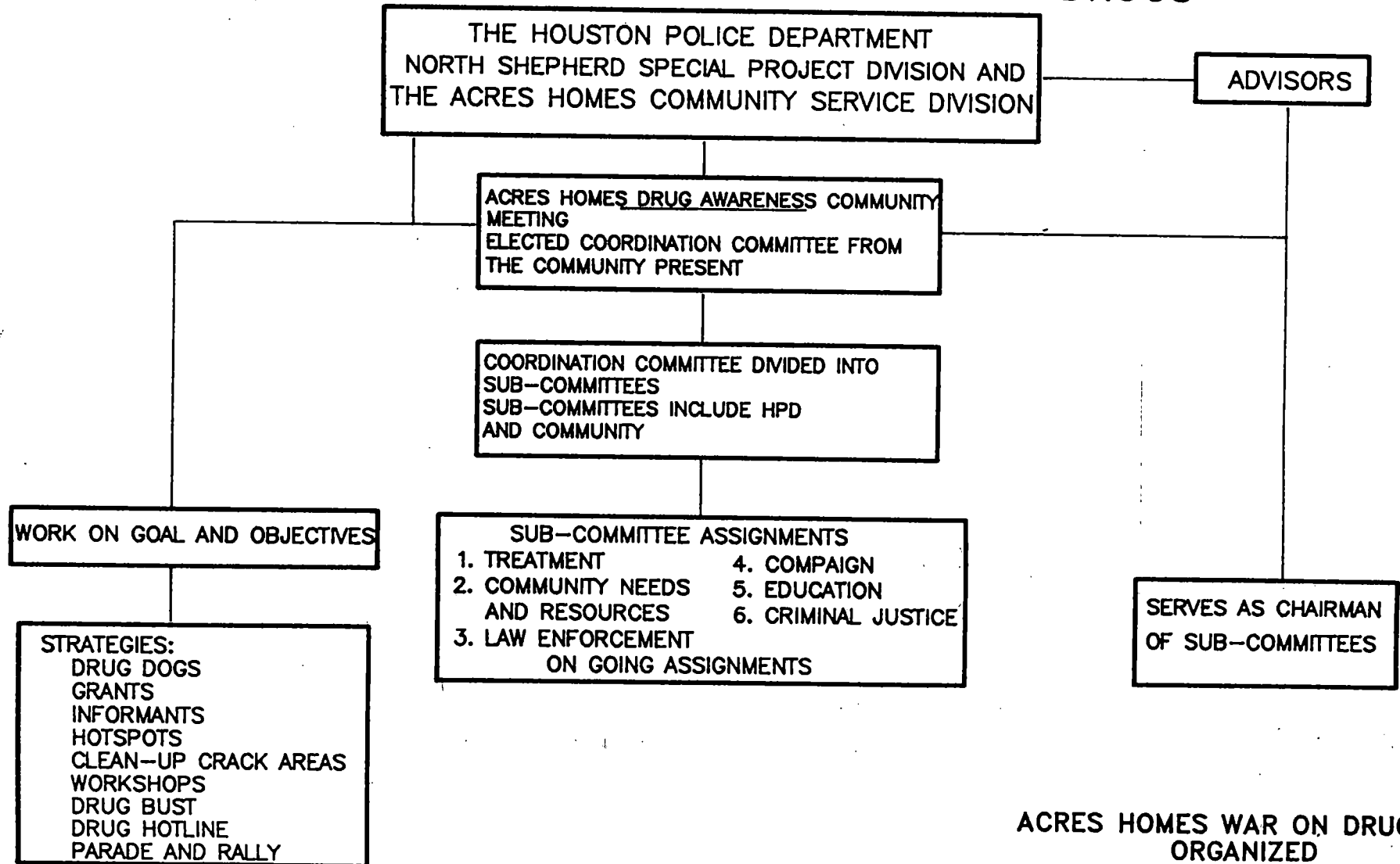
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Bennett tells clergy to lead drug battle

By R.A. DYER
Houston Chronicle

Calling the use of illegal drugs sin and idolatry, federal drug czar William Bennett Tuesday encouraged Houston clergy to provide leadership and positive role models for youths prone to drug abuse.

"If there is one issue (important) for churches and synagogues, it is the issue of drugs," Bennett told a group of more than 1,000 ministers at the George R. Brown Convention Center. "If this is not a sin, nothing is. If this is not idolatry, nothing is."

Bennett, in charge of writing President Bush's national drug policy, arrived in Houston as part of a whirlwind "Portland to Portland Trip" and will leave today for San Francisco, Monterey, and San Jose, Calif. He began his trip in Portland, Maine, and will end it in Portland, Ore.

Besides speaking to clergy members, Bennett also spoke with community leaders at a drug-ravaged northwest Houston neighborhood, addressed a Houston Crackdown rally at the convention center and appeared before the Houston Area Urban League at the Westin Galleria.

Bennett, director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, also met privately with the parents of Mark Kilroy, the University of Texas premedical student who was slain by a drug smuggling cult in Matamoros, Mexico.

And although Bennett applauded Houston's efforts to fight drug abuse, he made no mention Tuesday of providing the city added federal dollars to fight its street drug problem.

During his speech before clergy members, Bennett likened drug addiction to slavery and said it was an issue that both church and state could join in fighting.

"The state and church share . . . the notion that man is a creature endowed by his creator with certain inalienable rights, that the human soul thereby possesses dignity," he said. "But we know that the soul of the human can be robbed of that dignity. We know by our experience with drugs that human beings can themselves rob



Paul S. Howell /

The director of the Bush administration's war on drugs, William Bennett, top right, talks to community leaders, church offi-

cials and members of the Acres anti-drug committee during a stop day in a round of visits in the city.

See BENNETT on Page 10A.

Acres Homes: An Important Area of Greater Houston

Acres Homes, a community located approximately nine miles northwest of downtown Houston, at one time was the largest unincorporated black community in the South. While the first houses in Acres Homes were built during the time of World War I, development of most of the area began in the late 1930's. Blacks who settled in Acres Homes sought inexpensive land, low taxes, and a predominately agrarian lifestyle. Homesites in the community were commonly sold by the acre, thus, the name Acreage Homes was given to the area. Over the years, the name evolved to Acres Homes.

Currently, Acres Homes is a community that is unique mixture of the old and the new, the urban and the rural, commercial and residential. Its population is approximately 85 percent black, 10 percent white, 3 percent Hispanic, and 2 percent Oriental (Chinese, Vietnamese, or Asian Indian). The median household income of Acres Homes residents from approximately \$8,500 to about \$24,000.

In terms of land use, almost half of the land in the area is undeveloped; 41 percent of the land is residential property with nearly all of that in single-family housing and only 1.2 percent of the land in Acres Homes is multi-family dwellings. Commercial development comprises about 4.5 percent of the land use of Acres Homes with businesses concentrated along major thoroughfares in the community (North Shepherd, West Little York, Pinemont, West Montgomery).

Several factors point to the growth potential of the Acres Homes community:

- Vast amounts of low-cost undeveloped land throughout the community;
- Increased accessibility to and through the community via street improvements and road extensions;
- Proximity to Houston Intercontinental Airport.

During the next several years, it is expected that the area will attract new business owners. Recognizing the potential for further growth and development of the area, the Acres Homes Citizens Chamber of Commerce will seek to support the current businesses while providing assistance to prospective newcomers to the area.

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spects were being rounded up in the States, Britain and France. Late day, 40 of the 85 suspects were in Houston, four people believed to be Colombian nationals are charged in connection with the transfer of \$6 million to recover federal agents from February 1988, said Steven Hooper, special agent in charge with the U.S. Customs office in Houston. The suspects met with undercover agents in public areas such as restaurants.

Please see MAJOR A-14

Acres Homes anti-dope festival has thugs shook up

BY METRO NEWS BUREAU

A ragtag band strutting through the Acres Homes ghetto, as politicians paraded in a procession to Carver Park, highlighted a so-called show of strength in a war against crime last Saturday afternoon.

Politicians preaching sermons against the evils of dope displayed their para-military forces in scenes similar to the military show cases of Latin American banana republics.

It was not May Day in Havana, but April 9 in Northwest Houston. And the rhetoric and sermons spouting from the mouths of the politicians, along with the show of strength featuring Police Chief Lee P. Brown and his forces, were intended to send messages to the dope dealers that the good folks of Acres Homes are saying "no" to drugs.

The show even featured a display of machismo by a local TV reporter who boldly walked toward a so-called "dope house" with his chest out and stomach in. The dope underlords, if they ever stopped laughing, were expected to shake in fear and retreat to safer ground.

But when the show biz was over and the fanfares had stopped playing, it was poverty as usual in Acres Homes: a state-of-neglect that breeds not only despair, but crime and violence.

District "H" Councilman Dale Gerczynski coordinated the performance that included efforts by a state representative candidate to mock Rev. Jesse Jackson in a sermon on dope.

What was the message from

the weekend anti-crime festival in Acres Homes? One old timer put it best: "Nothing will really change."

He may be right. But, we must admit, it was a good show.



This week's CRIME STOPPERS report involves the burglary of a shooting range in Northeast Harris County.

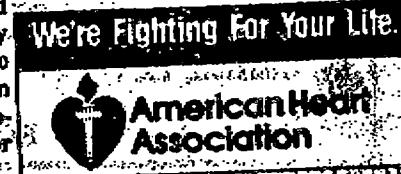
On Tuesday, February 9, 1988, a shooting range in the 11,300 block of the Eastex Freeway was burglarized. It was around 5:00 a.m. in the morning when the suspect or suspects cut the wires to the lights in the parking lot, knocking out all the lights around the outside of the building. They then backed up their vehicle to the front door, attached a chain around the burglar bars and ripped the bars right off the door frame.

They next forced open the front door. Once inside the building the suspects broke out the display cases and took several revolvers and semi automatic pistols.

They also took several rifles and machine guns from the gun rack. In over all 30 fire arms were taken, worth over \$20,000.00 dollars. The suspects are believed to be professionals, leaving Harris County Sheriff officials with very few clues to go on.

CRIME STOPPERS will pay \$1,000 reward this week for information leading to the arrest and charges being filed on the suspects responsible for this burglary.

CRIME STOPPERS also pays cash rewards for information leading to the solution of any felony crime. Call CRIME STOPPERS at 222-TIPS. Your identity will remain anonymous.



"I see a lot of (kids) and a lot of them are drugged out and I guess I get angry," Cain said.

Anti-drug effort builds

Continued from page 1
 early and are afraid to report things," Cain said.

"We need to give the elderly the assurance they can speak out."

"These people are ruining our young people's lives. We just don't know when it will end. Many of the people of Acres Homes don't have much money so the drug dealers have to be from outside the area," Cain said.

Willie Richards, president of the Garden City Civic Club, was busy at the parade and later helping with concessions and entertainment at the rally. He said a major part of Saturday's events was for educational purposes.

"We need to educate the area people what to look for (in recognizing drug problems). If I hadn't attended some recent workshops, I wouldn't have known what to look for."

"I didn't even know the parks were so bad in the area. I wasn't really aware of the problem until I got involved," he said.

The War on Drugs Committee plans to continue workshops and cleanups of

abandoned lots used for drug traffic.

The community has the full support of Houston Police Chief Lee P. Brown and his department.

A community-based effort is a characteristic of the police department's Neighborhood Oriented Policing, or NOP.

NOP is a style of policing in which police officers are assigned a beat and develop an interaction between the people who live and work in an area.

Goals of this policing are a mutual identification of the neighborhood and crime-related problems, and the development of appropriate solutions.

"As members of the Houston Police Department, we are assuming a role as part of the community, not apart from the community," Brown said.

"I believe there is no problem area decaying our city's neighborhoods where the community and police together can make a greater impact than in addressing the drug problem. "In Acres Homes, our strategies are beginning to make a difference," Brown said.

Those interested in more information on the Acres Homes War on Drugs Committee may contact 447-5733.

Chronicle 4/26/88 How to fight drug pushers

If the drug pushers are to be defeated, it will take the kind of spirit being shown at Acres Home.

A combination of citizen initiative, police perseverance and group activity is showing how pressure can be applied to clean up a neighborhood.

Law-abiding citizens grew increas-

ingly tired of the crack salesmen on their streets. They feared for their safety, and the lives of their children. Individuals felt helpless and threatened.

But instead of abandoning the streets and parks to the pushers, a War on Drugs Committee was formed. Two weeks ago, a parade was held to show unity. A park that was once a pusher haven is now the scene of baseball games.

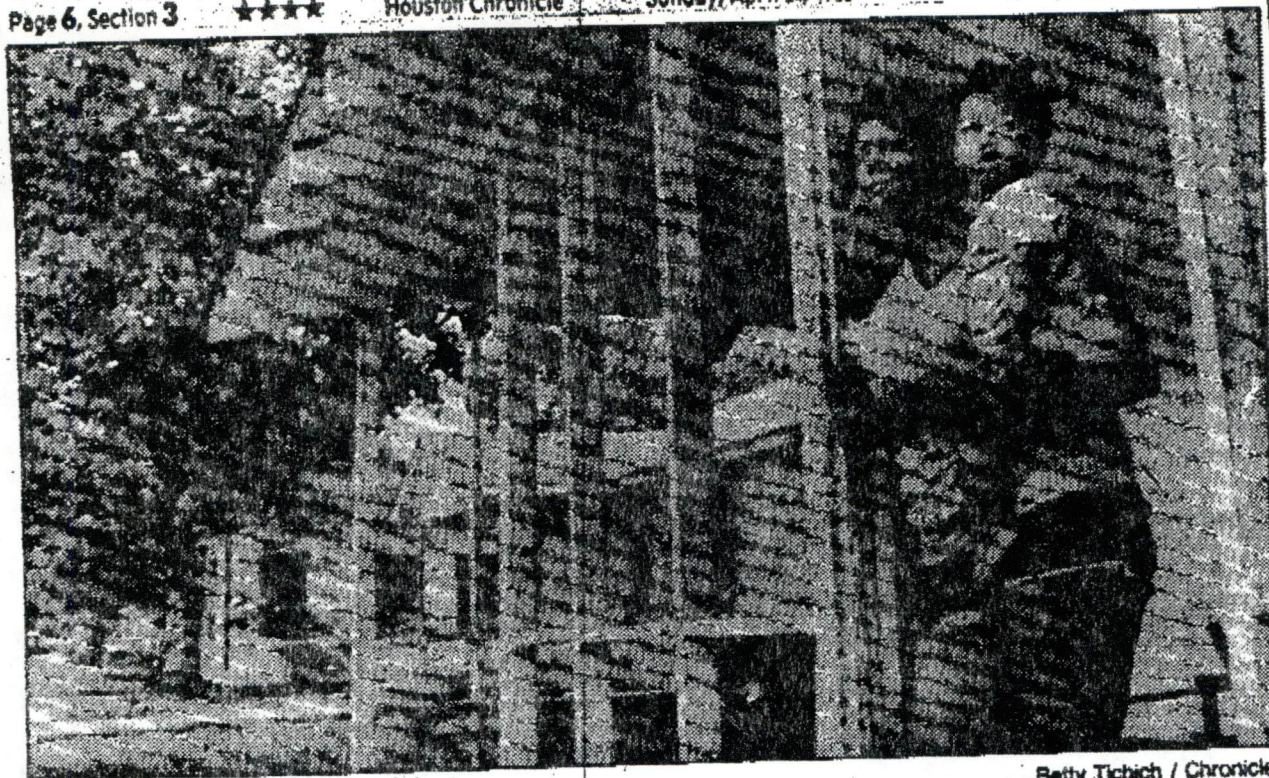
A Houston Police Department storefront center set up three years ago established community links and provided stepped-up law enforcement. The clergy is active and anti-drug information is being distributed.

Involvement to this degree takes commitment. It takes guts and pride. Our compliments to the people of Acres Home.

Briefly noted

Hawthorns put on a spectacular show this year. Even neglected shrubs made their owners proud.

Now we know it was mostly because of some freakish weather combination that might not occur again for awhile. The waxleaf legustrums are just as spectacular, and when that happens, you know you're not having an ordinary spring.



Betty Tichich / Chronicle

Dorothy Nix, with son Calvin Carlton Jr., stands on the porch of her Acres Home residence. She describes a living situation in which drug dealers work openly on the streets, soliciting business. She has warned her 14-year-old daughter to be careful just walking to the grocery store.

Residents stand up against drugs

Continued from Page 1.

"It's kind of like Vietnam because they know all the trails back here, and it's hard to keep up with them with all this (the equipment officers carry)."

"It's right out in the open," Bonasto said. "No shame about it. If they see us they run. They've got the advantage."

As they described the frustrating situation, a woman complained to the officers that a man who had just come down Williamsdell to buy crack had driven over her garbage can when he sped off without paying for the drug.

The woman nodded toward the man she had seen offer crack to the driver. "Just don't point," she warned. "I don't want to get shot. I don't want (my business) to get burned out."

Unless there is a hand-to-hand sale made, no arrest can be made. The officers continued their patrol to the 300 block of Conklin to run off a few dealers — all regulars on the beat.

Huston and Bonasto cruised the street, then gunned the motor and sped to a vacant house, where they jumped out of the car yelling for three young men to freeze. The

for the shooting," Nix said.

War on Drugs Committee Chairwoman Erma Scales is working to transform residents' feelings of helplessness into action.

"We are getting citizens involved and saying 'No, we don't want drugs in Acres Home,'" said Scales, who has lived there 40 years. She said the drug problem has been apparent to her for at least the past five years though she used to "turn her head."

Now she speaks of involving churches in the effort, cutting down overgrown vacant lots, handing out anti-drug literature to area children. And she gives high praise to "the storefront," the HPD community service station set up in 1985 at 8301 W. Montgomery Road.

Committee members like Scales act as liaisons between residents who feel uneasy dealing directly with the police on drug tips and the officers who staff the community center.

Community center officers check on elderly residents who have been victimized and meet with civic and business groups about crime prevention. They also do some resident counseling, said officer Donnell Carter.

Patrol officers and committee members say they have no intention of losing their momentum on the project now that they have made some headway.

In an ongoing effort to find new ways to win the war, officers are waiting for police Chief Lee P. Brown's approval of a plan to let officers patrol area parks in athletic wear with running shoes, and the committee members are encouraging residents and area clergy to attend Monday's 7 p.m. meeting at St. Monica Catholic Church, 8421 W. Montgomery.

Drug dealers pushed out of park, but not from

By ANDREA GREENE
Houston Chronicle

THERE ARE streets in Acres Home where users buy rock cocaine like they buy burgers at a drive-through restaurant — and with better service because young pushers actively compete for business by running up to every passing car and brazenly displaying their product.

Five years ago, kids this young — police arrested a 13-year-old peddler last week — would have been playing ball or riding their bikes in the streets, residents say. Today, many sell crack, the popular and cheap rocklike form of cocaine that has turned this area of old neighborhoods and churches

clapboard houses and tree-lined streets into a war zone.

Just a few months ago, the battle was between the police and the drug sellers, with the law-abiding citizens of this far northwest Houston community trusting neither side and disliking both.

"When we got there, the relationship between the police and Acres Home was not good," said Police Lt. Paul W. Dugger, whose officers patrol the Acres Home area. "We just didn't have any credibility there."

But as the problems and the violence associated with crack became increasingly obvious, police and residents formed an alliance. Two weeks ago, they launched a massive war on drugs with a three-fourths-mile-long parade led by

appropriately enough, a military armored vehicle.

The Acres Home War on Drugs Committee, formed in November at a community meeting with police, sponsored the parade and a rally at Carver Park on Dolly Wright, with the goal of reclaiming the drug-ridden park for children.

There have been softball and pickup basketball games ever since at Carver, a place where one nearby resident said she had not dared go at all during the several years she has lived there.

"Five days before the parade you couldn't have gotten in that park because of the drugs," said Dugger, who was instrumental in setting up the war on drugs committee. "Not only did the citizens not use the park, but the Parks and

Recreation Department maintenance crews refused to clean it without a police escort."

The workers had been threatened by dope dealers too many times, he said.

Partners J.G. Huston and A.J. Bonasto are two of the patrol officers who work one of five shifts to keep Carver under 24-hour watch.

"This park was full of trash and was totally disgusting, in my opinion," Huston said. "There'd be nothing but guys lined up here doing nothing but dealing drugs."

Pushers would stand on the sidewalk and sell crack to people as they drove through the U-shaped parking lot, Huston said.

Carver Park is an Acres Home success story, but drug deals are

still being made at nearby Lincoln City and DeSoto parks, as well as in vacant houses, overgrown empty lots and on street corners and dead ends.

Huston and Bonasto paused on their rounds at the corner of South Lane and Williamsdell to point out one of the vacant lots that officers of the North Shepherd police station cleared of chest-high weeds last summer to help eliminate escape routes for pushers.

The officers pointed out a large tree near the corner of Williamsdell and DePriest that dealers congregate under to give curb-side service to drive-through addicts.

"When they'd get caught, they'd run for the bushes," Huston said.

See RESIDENTS on Page 8.

Ex-officer convicted in drug buy

A jury convicted a former Houston police officer Tuesday of buying two rocks of crack cocaine.

Jurors in state District Judge Donald Shipley's court deliberated about 2½ hours before finding David N. Williams, 39, guilty of delivery of a controlled substance.

Williams was fired from his job as a patrol officer and has filed an appeal before the city's Civil Service Commission. He had been with the department since 1987 and now faces a possible prison sentence ranging from 5 years to life.

Williams was accused of buying the half-gram of cocaine from police informant Reginald Ross last Feb. 4 in a parking lot in the 6900 block of North Loop East.

Ross, who is serving time in the Texas Department of Corrections for drug possession, testified he gave Williams the cocaine in exchange for \$71.

The cocaine was found under Williams' car after he was arrested. Williams contended he was only lending Ross money.

Harris County Assistant District Attorney Jim Lindeman called Williams a "druggie with a badge and a gun."



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PARADE, RALLY TO BE HELD IN ACRES HOMES

The Acres Homes War on Drugs Coordination Committee, in conjunction with the Houston Police Department and the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, is sponsoring a 10:30 a.m. parade to Carver Park, located at 2300 Dollywright at Carver, and a noon rally Saturday, April 9, 1988, Police Chief Lee P. Brown announced today.

Community residents, members of church congregations, representatives of various civic clubs and businesses and others will meet with local officials, church leaders and celebrities at Antioch Baptist Church, located at 5902 Beall at Mansfield, starting at 9:30 a.m. to organize the parade. The parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. from West Montgomery and Beall.

The parade and rally are being sponsored to educate the community about the work that is being done and the work that needs to be done by residents, churches, businesses, agencies and others who can help eliminate the threat of drugs in the community. This community-based effort is characteristic of Neighborhood Oriented Policing or NOP.

NOP is the Houston Police Department's new community-oriented style of policing, which reflects a major shift in the structure of police service delivery and other specific activities within neighborhood beats, particularly the interaction between police officers assigned to a given beat and the people who live and work in the area. The desired results of this cooperative relationship are the mutual identification of neighborhood and crime-related problems and the development of appropriate solutions.

"The quality of life in Acres Homes is being destroyed by flagrant drug trafficking and the growing violence and theft associated with the drug problem in that area," Chief Brown said.

"At the rally, I, along with several guest speakers, will tell the community what they can do about the drug problem in their neighborhood," he continued.

"Police exhibits, information booths, gospel music, activities and refreshments will also be a part of this special day of education, fellowship and fun at Carver Park," he added.

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HEADLINE: If the U. S. drug czar has his way, no one involved;
in the narcotics trade - kingpin, small-fry, foreign or;
domestic - will be able to rest easy.

BYLINE: BY FRED BRUNING. Fred Bruning is a contributing writer of this magazine.

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... across the country took his suggestions seriously, Bill Bennett could show them how to get the job done. "I think the time is right, the public temper is right, and I think if we all move forward together, we can do it." The question is, will that dratted mobile ever hold still?

The North Shepherd sector was quiet. The usual kids were selling the usual \$ 10 and \$ 20 hits of rock, that is, crack cocaine, but no real fireworks tonight, a steamy Tuesday in July. Ed Rutland and Brian Carr had hotspot duty, looping up and down the dim, rural-looking streets of Houston's northside.

Bill Bennett would approve of hotspot patrol. You put a couple of cops in a car and send them into neighborhoods where drug trade is heavy. The cops stop motorists for committing even minor traffic infractions in the hope of harassing the crack clientele and discouraging local pushers.

"We disrupt the cash flow for the drug dealers," said Brian Carr, 32. "After a week or so, they go somewhere else." Carr and Rutland, 29, have no illusions about neutralizing drug traffic. At best, hotspot patrol helps secure a certain area - a street corner, an apartment building, a playground. It regulates locale, not sales. How might that larger task be accomplished? "I thought you'd ask," said Carr, indicating he had an answer ready. "Atomic weapons and first-strike capability."

Earlier in the day, Bennett had visited a part of the sector known as Acres Homes, where residents had wrested a park from drug dealers through a neighborhood watch effort. Bennett believes deeply in this sort of undertaking, too - people reappropriating public property, taking charge of their lives, showing the criminals who's boss. The symbolism is irresistible: an angry citizenry rising up against the forces of evil, the reassertion of what Bennett calls "moral authority."

"We'll be taking a long look at Houston," said Bennett during a speech that evening. "We want to learn from what happens here. Some city will plant a flag, saying, 'This land was reclaimed for our children.' I wouldn't be surprised if that city was Houston."

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It was the kind of pep talk every team needs when facing a redoubtable foe. A few hours later, as though in brazen response to Bennett's message, drug dealers were standing on side streets a few blocks from Andrew Winzer Park, assessing oncoming autos. The sight of a police cruiser sent the outlaws into the shadows but, Rutland and Carr said, the vendors would return for sure when the cruiser left.

Moral authority was sometimes difficult to maintain in the North Shepherd Patrol Division. You savored each small victory, the cops said. You learned ...

GRAPHIC: Color Photographs by Ari Mintz- 1) At Winzer Park, Houston, in July, Bennett meets with officials and residents who retook the area from drug dealers. 2) In a Portland, Ore., hospital's ICU, above, Bennett listens to a description of the treatment provided for premature babies born to addicted mothers. 3) At a Houston antidrug convention, right, twin torrents of civic anger and narcotics information greeted the drug czar on his cross-country tour. Photographs by Ari Mintz-3) The day after Bennett's visit to nearby Winzer Park, Houston Police Officer Brian Carr examines a crack pipe recovered from a stolen auto Carr and his partner stopped at 2 a.m. Their haul included the car thief, a crack-addicted prostitute, some of the narcotic and other drug paraphernalia. 4) Unshod Bennett makes a point to Terence Pell, his legal aide, near the end of cross-country tour. 5) Color Cover Photograph by Ari Mintz-Drug czar William Bennett

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A car crashed into a patrol car Thursday night, sending it over an overpass and into a bayou, killing the officer inside, police said.

'His car went over the guardrail and fell some distance, probably 30 feet at least, into the Buffalo Bayou, and he was dead in the vehicle,' said Sgt. Dale Atchetee. 'We don't know whether he was killed by impact or drowned.'

The officer was identified as Andrew Winzer, a four-year veteran of the department. Authorities said Winzer had been returning to the North Shepherd substation from a municipal court appearance when the accident occurred about 9:40 a.m.

Witnesses to the accident told police a car driving north on Louisiana ran a red light and struck the police vehicle, which was eastbound on Franklin.

The driver of the other car was not seriously injured and was taken to police headquarters for questioning, said police spokesman Dan Turner.

Divers retrieved Winzer's body from the bayou shortly before midnight.

The officer was the only person in the patrol car, said Atchetee.

ed offering me the stuff," she said. "When you're trying to stay away, that's when they offer it to you. I started smoking again."

She was drug-free less than a week.

SAN FRANCISCO

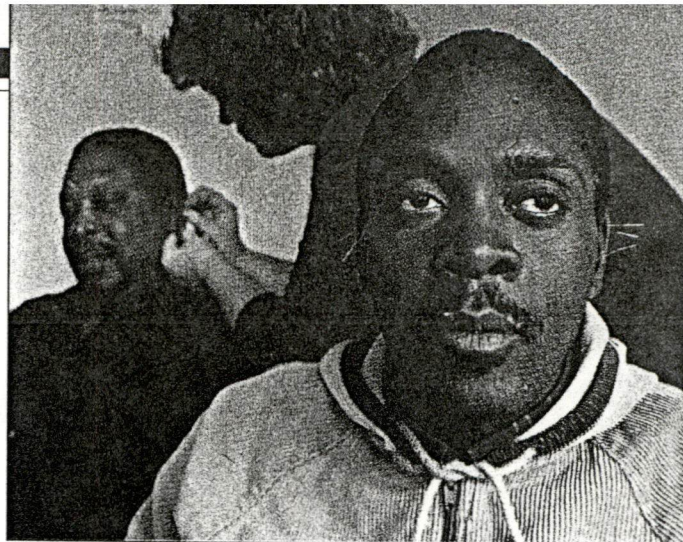
Monday, 1 p.m.

Leon Franklin and Larry Hughes arrive at the recently opened Stimulant Abuse Recovery Center for their daily acupuncture treatment. This is a very different setting from the Charter Peachford Hospital in Atlanta, but there is the same anxious tension in the air. The clients are almost all referred here by public agencies, often probation and parole offices. And they don't believe they're one bit better than Sam, who lost his business to crack.

"I was 13 when I started on dope and I've used everything," says Franklin, "but I ended up on crack and booze. You need the booze to calm you when you're wrecked on crack. The money you have left you use to bribe your kids. You don't want them to see you when you're out of your mind, so you give them money to stay outside."

No one is sure why poking needles in addicts' ears seems to lessen the symptoms of drug withdrawal. One theory is that the procedure stimulates the production of endorphins, natural painkilling hormones. Or it may just have a placebo effect, lulling the patients with the illusion something scientific is being done for them. The center's director, Tony Landrum, claims an 80 percent success rate using a combination of needles and counseling, vitamins and herbal tea, on more than 500 crack addicts at a previous clinic. By "success" he means that during and at the end of the treatment period, random urine testing showed that the addicts were no longer on crack. The more useful measure of success is how

It is an irony of the crack wars that some addicts, like these acupuncture patients in a San Francisco clinic, will turn to needles



JAMES D. WILSON—NEWSWEEK

many remained clean afterward. Many did, he suspects; but he had no funding to study that, and no proof.

HOUSTON

Monday, 5:30 p.m.

In the rundown, semirural neighborhood of Acres Homes, dealers stand in the shadows at the side of the road, flicking their lighters to attract the drivers who cruise by. After the weekend binges, business is slow for them tonight. Unfortunately, it's even slower up at George's Bar-b-que. The crackheads would no more waste money on barbecue than on a subscription to *The Economist*; and seeing them lurking in the parking lots discourages paying customers. "There's a lot of old people who live nearby," says owner George Clark. "They used to walk here and do their laundry across the street and come in for a sandwich. Now they never come out of their homes." Clark had been grossing \$500 a day before the dealers arrived in 1986; now good days are bringing in only half that. Houses across the street are vacant, the laundry is a

wreck, and if things don't improve by the end of the year the business Clark started eight years ago will be just one wreck more.

Meanwhile, the burglaries that follow the crack trade like syphilis follows armies forced Clark to keep his restaurant open 24 hours a day. He stands guard himself there this evening, and no thieves, and hardly anyone else, comes inside. His burly presence is intended to reinforce the warnings on the side of his building: "No loitering. No drinking. No standing on the sidewalk." One night when Clark wasn't standing there, someone showed what he thought of the rules by spraying the wall with machine-gun fire.

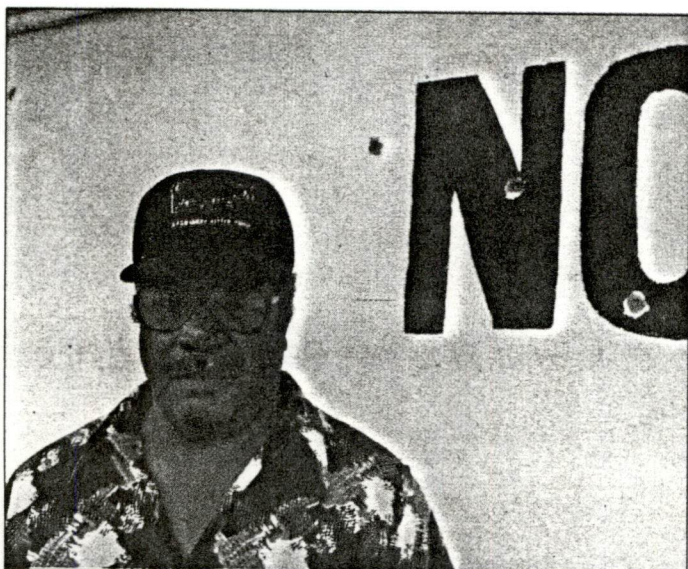
The people of Acres Homes still have faith in the police. Clark himself has been known to call for help 10 times a week. Anyone with a badge gets 20 percent off his food check. The Acres Homes Community Council sponsored a march last spring that led to a police cleanup of a nearby park, and the group now is considering what it can do to improve Clark's corner. Of course all the police can do is force the pushers to relocate. "We always say when we make a bust, 'Oh, boy, we're making a ripple all the way back to Colombia,'" says undercover officer Tony Paonessa. But all communities are the same: they regard a problem as 90 percent solved if it moves to the other side of town.

Around dawn on Tuesday, according to police, a young woman on her way to work is pulled into a vacant building by a man with a knife and raped, two blocks from George's Bar-b-que. A neighbor who heard her screams cornered a suspect; police identify him as a local man with a number of minor arrests. "Must be a crackhead," Clark mutters. Charged with sexually aggravated assault, the man is released in his own recognizance the following day.

BRONX, N.Y.

Tuesday, 9:50 a.m.

Judge Vincent Quattrochi arrives at the Bronx Criminal and Family Courts building, having been delayed half an hour by a



PHIL HUBER—BLACK STAR

Drug dealers are bad for a restaurant. George Clark keeps them out of his Bar-b-que near Houston, but hardly anyone eats there.

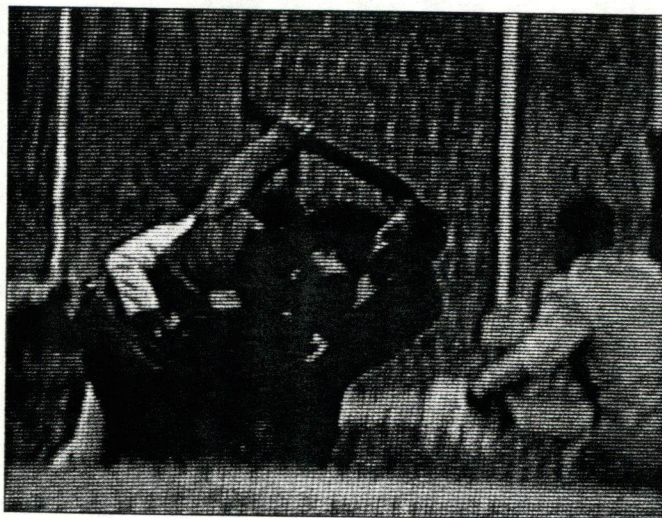
The cops have finally begun to accept them—but they're still dangerously prone to violence

The new drug vigilantes

■ Their menacing brand of quiet belligerence is a welcome if somewhat incongruous sight on the mean streets around Northeast Washington's Mayfair Mansions. It is one of the nation's most high-crime ghettos, but the dapper, bow-tied young men patrolling the neighborhood are out to change all that, slashing back at the drug trade that has all but strangled the impoverished, inner-city community. And for residents, that's all that matters: Pushers have fled to other areas of the city, the elderly no longer fear the night so much, and children play, once again, on the sidewalks. To most people who have lived in submission to the drug dealers for so long here, there is but one opinion of the young men from the neighborhood mosque: They are heroes.

From Manhattan to Miami, and in cities as varied as Houston and Los Angeles, similar scenes are being repeated this spring, as hybrids of Washington's do-it-yourself drug busters bloom in America's ghettos, and beleaguered police, unable to establish an effective presence, seem more and more willing to accept the unorthodox help. The Muslim presence, particularly in Washington and New York, is the most extreme example of citizen frustration over rampant inner-city drug districts. But it is emblematic of a growing restiveness in many urban areas with big drug problems. "We've told drug dealers," says Lillian Ray, a resident of the Grays Ferry section of South Philadelphia and one of the founders of the Direct Truth Anti-Drug Coalition, "that we're going to tear their kingdom down."

Where the Muslims are the most out-front groups, patrolling dark corners of dangerous neighborhoods late at night, other citizens' groups like Ray's have adopted less risky but still extraordinary strategies. In Houston last month, a crowd of about 1,000 people reclaimed Carver Park, one of three city parks that had become epicenters of street drug sales. In an effort to push drug dealers out, Houston police sought volunteers from the affected communities for the march.



A Muslim message: In Washington's Mayfair Mansions, Nation of Islam members in their trademark bow ties keep a high profile, top. Things got out of hand, however, when some members roughed up a suspected drug dealer, then attacked a television cameraman and a reporter filming the incident. Police, who have been working with the Muslims, made one arrest afterward

Most residents responded enthusiastically, and they say the effort is working in the 12-acre park, at least for now. "But police have to stay out [there] around the clock," says Ransom Craddock, who lives near Carver. "If they don't, the cars come in just like it's a hotel."

The ultimate response. Certainly, the impulse among many law-abiding inner-city blacks and Hispanics to take matters into their own hands is an understandable one. It is they, after all, who are most imperiled and frustrated by the drug scourge. And many residents of drug-infested neighborhoods feel that the billions of dollars the federal government throws at the problem (page 22) have little impact on their lives. "If the system fails," says Hubert Williams, former Newark, N.J., police chief and now president of the Police Foundation, a Washington-based research group, "self-help is the ultimate response."

Some self-help approaches to the drug problem, like the one at Mayfair Mansions, are succeeding. Such operations work because the Muslims, carrying nightsticks and walkie-talkies, are often ex-hustlers and local toughs who know both the streets and the drug dealers. Supremely motivated by their religion, based on self-reliance, discipline and black pride (in the Washington case, they are followers of Louis Farrakhan, who has been accused of anti-Semitism and reverse racism), the patrollers sometimes broadcast religious slogans from loudspeakers mounted on vans or cars. Just as important, they are willing to put themselves at risk to clean up their communities—and the pushers steer clear. In the Bedford-Stuyvesant ghetto, Muslims from the At-Taqwa Mosque, who aren't Farrakhan followers, have virtually driven drugs from the immediate area since their patrols, with police backing, started in January. "Those drug houses have remained closed," says Capt. Tom Baumann of Brooklyn's 79th Precinct, "since the Muslims began their patrols. We've never seen anything like that before." But when such groups take matters into their

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM TO CHRISS WINSTON
EDWARD MC NALLY ✓
ROBERT SIMON

FROM: SARA MALTBY *SM*

DATE: NOVEMBER 21, 1989

RE: HOUSTON PRE-ADVANCE FOR DRUG EVENT

Since it now appears we will be doing a drug event in Houston prior to the fundraiser for Phil Gramm, I thought I would share with you the information I got while on the pre-advance trip.

The President will tour and host a rally in the Acres Homes housing project, a low-income, predominately black neighborhood in Houston.

The rally, for the residents of Acres Homes, will take place in what used to be Carver Park and is now called Andrew Winzer Park. It is named after a former policeman killed in the line of duty in this area. It is expected about 3,000-4,000 community members will attend. This is the exact park where Bill Bennett spoke in July of this year. *July 3*

The park is a significant location also because it used to be the hub of activity for drug deals. One local guy called it "the McDonalds of drug dealers, people just drive-thru and buy drugs." The fact that it is safe and rid of dealers is considered a "victory" for the community.

At the time of the pre-advance, the plan was to have the President on a dais with members of the PAL squad. The Police Activity League (PAL) was formed a couple of years ago for 13-15 year-old kids as a outlet to keep them off and away from drugs. It is a basketball league with four teams and they will likely be in uniforms standing behind Bush.

Brief remarks are required and it has yet to be determined as to whether this speech should be teleprompted.

The anti-drug effort has been underway for about four years in this section and they've seen results. Two crack houses have been shut down and boarded up. This is part of what the President will see when he tours the area.

In addition, they have a DARE program in place, a fingerprint program for kids, and an annual anti-drug parade. They also have an anti-drug robot they use on various occasions.

They have numerous articles they can FAX to us for further use.

Open from basketball 1/2 ellipse

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November 15, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN G. KELLER, JR.

FROM: JUDD SWIFT

SUBJECT: PRE-ADVANCE TO DES MOINES, IA; DENVER, CO; AND
HOUSTON, TX

On November 13-14, 1989, Judd Swift conducted a Pre-Advance to Des Moines, Iowa; Denver, Colorado; and Houston, Texas. The following background and preliminary schedule is presented for your review. Please note that the drug events, while they are included in the Proposed Schedules, were conducted as a site survey only.

DES MOINES, IOWA

Background - Tom Tauke Event

Congressman Tom Tauke will challenge incumbent US Senator Tom Harkin in 1990 for the United States Senate. Tauke has been endorsed by the Iowa Republican Party, and US Senator Chuck Grassley, Governor Branstead. Tauke is targeted by the NRSC as one of the top challengers in 1990, with an excellent chance of gaining a Republican Seat in the Senate.

The President's visit to Iowa on behalf of Tauke will boost Tauke's name recognition in the state and will allow his campaign to raise approximately \$500,000 - \$800,000. Tauke's successful campaign will probably cost \$4 - \$5 million dollars. The visit itself will generate a great deal of positive publicity for Tauke's campaign - it will greatly raise his status as a challenger.

Congressman Tauke endorsed The President in 1980 and 1988. In both of those campaigns, Tauke served as Honorary Iowa George Bush for President Chairman.

Theme/Message Development

To heighten Republican Party Unity and assist in a victorious 1990 election.

PROPOSED SCENARIO - Tom Tauke Event

The President could arrive at the Des Moines Convention Center and proceed to the Staff Photo. Upon arrival, The President could begin participation in Staff Photo with approximately 45 major donors. Upon conclusion of the Staff Photo, The President, could depart the Staff Photo room and proceed to the Holding Room. After a brief hold, The President could depart the Holding Room and proceed to the VIP Reception Room. Upon arrival at the VIP Reception room, The President and Congressman Tauke could be announced into the room and proceed to the Toast Lectern. Congressman Tauke will introduce The President.

The President could give Brief Remarks (Talking Points 3-5 minutes) to approximately 400 people. Upon conclusion of Brief Remarks, The President could depart the VIP Reception room and proceed to the Holding Room. The President could depart the Holding Room and proceed to the Off-Stage Announcement Area. The President, accompanied by Congressman Tauke, could be announced into the room and proceed to the Stage. Congressman Tauke will make brief remarks and introduce The President for Brief Remarks. Upon conclusion of Brief Remarks, The President could depart the Stage and proceed to the Holding Room. After a brief hold, The President, could depart the Holding Room and proceed to the Motorcade for departure from the Des Moines Convention Center en route Des Moines Municipal Airport. There will be approximately 4,000 people for the main event. The backdrop will consist of a blue background with a Red and Yellow Banner with Tom Tauke's name. The Press platform will be 75 ft. throw, straight on.

Background - Homes of Oakridge

In December 1988, Margaret Toomey wrote a letter to Oakridge tenants about the drug problem in their community, and she called on the community to organize against drugs. The Homes of Oakridge is a seventeen year old federally subsidized, private, non-profit housing project. The community began by holding regular meetings, working with Police and they organized a march called "Up with Hope, Down with Dope", which was attended by over one-thousand citizens. Today there is a noticeable difference in the neighborhood due to the large community involvement of ridding their neighborhood of drugs.

This year, a special project, project HOPE (Homes of Oakridge Prevention Effort), was implemented to make youth more aware of the dangers of substance abuse and gang behavior. The adult programs are also expanding with a greater emphasis on educational, vocational and career choices through Inner City Single Parent Vocational Program. This program assists low-income, single parents living at or below the poverty level. They also offer a number of programs and counseling to the children of Homes of Oakridge. The Homes of Oakridge is a perfect venue for The President to highlight the necessity for community involvement in the war against drugs.

Two of the programs that have had a lot of community participation and that have proven very successful could be visited by The President. The President could participate in a group discussion with approximately 15 - 20 children in an informal discussion setting, (either a circle or u-shaped). The children ages range from 5 - 15 years old, are both male and female and are racially mixed. The President's participation could be as Guest Speaker, followed by a Question and Answer Session with the President.

The President could also visit the Homes' Skill Center where the Youth Education and Work Program is operated for Homes of Oakridge residents and its surrounding communities. This program is an after school and summer program. The purpose is to develop values for productive work, provide a limited source of earned income, instill self-esteem, and encourage youth to become productive citizens. The Youth Education Work Program operates seven components consisting of Basic Academic Skills, Work Session, Mass Production, Choice Component, Workshop, Junior Apprentice and Mini-Store Component. The President could participate in two of these components. The first could be the Choice Component where youths receive hands-on instruction in five construction and two business occupations. They include, carpentry, electrical, plumbing, painting, dry walling, etc. The President could visit each work station where children will be working. The President could also view items made in the Mass Production Program. Here the youth work with hand and power tools to make items that are sold in the community. Some of the items include bird feeders, wooden picture frames, a Christmas wooden train, etc.

Homes of Oakridge has been assisted over the years by the City of Des Moines, Polk County, and numerous churches and charitable organizations. A new variety Center is being built. The corporate community has donated the land and raised over one million, six hundred thousand dollars for the Center. The Homes is now trying to raise funds to equip the Center.

Theme Message Development

We can create a visual here showing how community intervention with young kids can prevent future drug abuse.

PROPOSED SCENARIO - Homes of Oakridge

The President arrives Des Moines Municipal Airport, boards Motorcade and proceeds to Homes of Oakridge. Upon arrival, The President could proceed to the Church Basement where he could participate in a Group Discussion with a group of Children (Ages 5-14 years old). These Group Discussion Meetings are held twice a week and are called Boy-Talk and Girl-Talk. The objective of these Talks is to raise the children's self-esteem through positive dialogue. The President could be the Guest Speaker and then could participate in a Question and Answer Session with the Children. Following the Group Discussion, The President could depart the Church Basement and proceed to the Holding Room. After a brief hold, The President could depart the Holding Room and proceed to the Skill Center. Upon arrival at the Skill Center, The President could be met by Ms. Annette Dyer and Mr. Chuck Hoit, Teachers. Following the Greeting, The President could proceed to Tour the Individual Work Stations that some children will be working at. Following the Tour, The President could proceed to the Viewing Table and could inspect the products/crafts that the children produce and sell to the community. Following the inspection, The President could depart the Skill Center and proceed to the Holding Room. Following a brief hold, The President could depart the Holding Room and proceed to the Motorcade for departure from the Homes of Oakridge en route Des Moines Convention Center.

DENVER, COLORADO

Background - Hank Brown Event

Congressman Hank Brown is a candidate for the United States Senate. He is the only Republican candidate in the race for the nomination. The current Senator, Republican Bill Armstrong, is retiring, thus leaving the seat open.

The Democrats are involved in a primary situation with two candidates in a heated battle to become the Democratic nominee. The purpose for this visit is to raise appropriate funds for voter programs on behalf of Congressman Brown. Brown is currently the frontrunner in a General Election and with proper financing, Brown could remain that way. The fundraising goal for the event is \$750,000.

Theme/Message Development

To help further along the fundraising efforts of the Hank Brown for Senate and promote Republican Party unity.

PROPOSED SCENARIO - Hank Brown Event

The President could arrive Currigan Hall and proceed to Staff Photo room. Upon arrival, The President could begin participation in a Staff Photo with approximately 175 major donors. Upon conclusion of the Staff Photo, The President could depart Staff Photo room and proceed to the Holding Room. After a brief hold, The President could depart the Holding Room and proceed to the Off-Stage Announcement Area. Upon arrival, The President, accompanied by Hank Brown, could be announced into Main Room and proceeds to his Seat. Hank Brown makes brief remarks and introduces The President for Brief Remarks. Upon conclusion of Brief Remarks, The President could depart Stage and proceed to the Holding Room. After a brief hold, The President could depart the Holding Room and proceed to the Motorcade for departure from Currigan Hall en route Stapleton Airport.

HOUSTON, TEXAS

Background - Phil Gramm Event

US Senator Phil Gramm will face re-election in 1990. Senator Gramm, a former Democrat, will be highly targeted for defeat by the Democratic Party. The Democrats will spend a great deal of time and money trying to knock off Senator Gramm.

Statewide campaigns in Texas are second only to California in dollars necessary to run a successful campaign. Senator Gramm hopes to raise \$15 million dollars to fend off Democratic attempts to defeat him. The event in Houston will enable Senator Gramm to raise \$1.5 - 3.0 million dollars to reach that goal. The President's open support and endorsement of Senator Gramm will generate a great deal of positive publicity for both The President and Senator Gramm.

Senator Gramm's success at the "top of the ticket" in Texas will greatly assist other statewide Republican candidates (Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, etc.). Senator Gramm will share his resources with other candidates. Texas will be awarded for new congressional Seats in 1990, it is essential that Republicans win reapportionment process.

Senator Gramm is being challenged by State Senator Hugh Parmer (D).

Theme/Message Development

To assist in the 1990 elections and aide in Republican Party unity.

PROPOSED SCENARIO - Phil Gramm Event

The President and Mrs. Bush could board the Motorcade and depart the Houstonian Hotel en route the Astrodome. The President and Mrs. Bush could arrive the Astrodome and are met by The Honorable and Mrs. Phil Gramm, United States Senate. Following the greeting, The President and Mrs. Bush could proceed to the Holding Room. After a brief hold, The President and Mrs. Bush could depart the Holding Room and proceed to North Lobby. Upon arrival at North Lobby, The President and Mrs. Bush could be announced into Room and proceed to Toast Lectern. Senator Phil Gramm will introduce The President for Brief Remarks. Upon conclusion of Brief Remarks, The President, accompanied by Mrs. Bush and Senator and Mrs. Phil Gramm, could depart the North Lobby and proceed to the Holding Room. En route to the Holding Room, The Host Committee has requested that The President participate in a brief photo opportunity with some of the celebrities that have been invited to the event and who have supported The President during the campaign. These include Fred Travalina, Chuck Norris, Lee Greenwood, etc (Approx 5 minutes).

Upon arrival at the Holding Room, The President and Mrs. Bush could hold approximately 20 minutes so the guests from the Reception can be moved into the Astrodome. The President and Mrs. Bush could depart the Holding Room and proceed to Motorcade. Upon boarding, The President and Mrs. Bush could depart North Lobby en route Astrodome. Upon arrival at Astrodome, The President and Mrs. Bush could proceed to Off-Stage Announcement Area. The President and Mrs. Bush could be announced onto Stage and proceed to Seats. The President and Mrs. Bush could begin participation in Dinner/Entertainment. At approximately 8:30 pm, Senator Gramm makes brief remarks and introduces The President for Brief Remarks. Upon conclusion of Brief Remarks, The President and Mrs. Bush begin participation in viewing entertainment (Lee Greenwood will perform for approximately 20 minutes). The President and Mrs. Bush could conclude participation in viewing Entertainment, depart Main Hall and proceed to Holding Room. After a brief hold, The President and Mrs. Bush could depart the Holding Room and proceed to the Motorcade. The President and Mrs. Bush board Motorcade and depart Astrodome en route Houstonian Hotel. Upon arrival at the Houstonian Hotel, The President and Mrs. Bush proceed to Suite for RON.

The backdrop will be a blue drape (24 ft. high) with a huge American Flag meeting with the top of the drape. The flag will sufficiently hide the empty stadium chairs behind the stage.

POTENTIAL PROBLEMS

1. The Astrodome seats 62,000 people. As of November 14, 1989, the host committee has 3,500 confirmed attendees. They are expecting 7,000. We have impressed the importance to them of not having it look as if The President is speaking to an empty stadium.
2. Moving the 800 people from the VIP Reception into the Dinner is going to be a logistical concern for the Advance Team. This was discussed at the meeting and the host committee has agreed to do the following:
 - a. Send maps of the Dinner with their invitation so people will know where their tables are ahead of time.
 - b. The Head Table/Dais will be pre-positioned.
 - c. A professional Ushering service will be hired as well as a large number of volunteers
 - d. Waiters will be at every table - holding up the table numbers so people can find their tables easily.

3. Since this is The President's first political event in his home state since he has become President, we expressed a need to have an enthusiastic crowd for the arrival. The host committee has agreed to investigate ideas to get the crowd excited (i.e. a light show or fireworks - both are capable in the Astrodome).
4. Brad O'Leary was the Political Consultant who put together the Senator Mitch O'Connell fundraising fiasco in Kentucky. He is also putting together Senator Gramm's Houston event. Because of his history of putting together big and poorly planned Fundraising events, we recommend that a careful eye be kept on him.

Background - Acres Homes, Carver Park

Carver Park, located in the poor, predominantly black Acres Homes area, was one of Houston's hottest drug distribution centers. According to local police, 25-30 dealers operated in the park every day. In the Spring of 1988, the Mayor, Houston Police, local businesses and area residents launched a program to reclaim the neighborhood. On April 9th, a parade and rally featuring Mayor Whitmire, kicked off the program. Police opened a storefront office in the area, and Acres Homes War on Drugs Committee, a group of community volunteers, used local-business donations to create a comprehensive anti-drug program (education, treatment, neighborhood patrols, youth activities, etc.). According to the police, Ms. Erma Scales, President of the Acres Homes War on Drugs Committee, was the motivating force behind the movement. Her organization has inspired similar committees all over the city.

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The most successful achievement this community has done was reclaiming Carver Park. Dr. Ward, a community resident, gave the land to the community to use as a park. The Park however, was taken over by drug dealers and was not utilized by the other community members. It was literally a drive through drug pick up in that kids would drive into the park, buy their drugs and drive away, without even getting out of the car. Today, Carver Park is utilized by many of the community residents and is no longer the drug dealers domain. Thus, this is the best choice for The President to have a drug rally. It is an excellent situation for The President to highlight the enormous community commitment to working with the local law enforcement to push drugs out of their community. In order to get a large crowd, the local Police Department has suggested a flyer be mailed to local communities. A 30,000 mailing list could be obtained through Councilmen Dale Gorczyński.

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One of the Programs exemplifying the Community/Law Enforcement commitment to working together, is Police Activity League (PAL). These are 4 teams (13 -15 yrs old), who participate in basketball games with one another. These teams in their jerseys could be in the backdrop on the stage behind The President. Mrs. Erma Scales, President of the Committee and Ms. Theresa Spencer, active community leader, will also be on the Dais.

NOTE: Carver Park is now officially called Andrew Winzer Park because Andrew Winzer, local Police Officer, was killed in the line of duty in 1987. He grew up in the local community.

Theme/Message Development

This is a good example of the partnership between the community and the Police Department and how the solution to the drug problems in the community lies within the community.

PROPOSED SCENARIO - Carver Park

The President arrives Ellington Field, Houston, Texas and proceeds to board Marine One. The President could depart Ellington Field en route TBD Landing Zone. Upon arrival at TBD Landing Zone, The President could board Motorcade and depart Landing Zone en route Carver Park. Upon arrival at Carver Park, The President could proceed to Off-Stage Announcement Area and hold briefly. The President could be announced onto Stage. TBD will introduce The President for Brief Remarks. Upon conclusion of Brief Remarks, The President could depart the Stage and proceed to board Motorcade. Upon boarding, The President could depart Carver Park en route TBD Landing Zone. Upon arrival at TBD Landing Zone, The President could board Marine One and depart TBD Landing Zone en route Bayou Club Landing Zone. Upon arrival at Bayou Club Landing Zone, The President could board the Motorcade for departure from the LZ en route Houstonian Hotel. Upon arrival at the Houstonian Hotel, The President could proceed to the Suite for Private Time. The Press Platform would be at a 75 ft throw, straight on.

Carver Park provides no exciting visuals. However, the symbolism of the battle fought here to clean up the park and rid it of all the drugs, warrants a Presidential visit. We can create an effective backdrop by having a banner that symbolizes the community's victory against drugs. Furthermore, the Police League Activity (PAL) children could be in bleachers behind The President and the Dais would include black community members who have worked with the police, (i.e. Erma Scales, Theresa Spencer). We could also invigorate the event by bringing in some groups that participated in the War Against Drugs Parade.

These groups have no money. Therefore, if we do decide to do this event, DEA or William Bennett's office should be tasked with the budget.

Carver Park is very large. It could hold up to 10,000 people. Two to Five Thousand people is not unreasonable for us to attain in the Park.

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Finland became independent of Russia
(Independence Day)
U.S. destroyer Jacob Jones torpedoed off
Scilly Islands
1918 Americans entered Mainz, Germany
1920 Dave Brubeck, jazz musician, born
1921 "British Commonwealth of Nations" title first
used in an official document
Irish peace agreement signed
1922 English flag lowered for the last time at
Dublin Castle, Ireland
1942 British ship Ceramic torpedoed off the Azores
1958 U.S. launched Pioneer III
1967 Metropolitan Museum of Art announced that its
Greek bronze horse was a forgery
(New York City)

December 7th

Feast of St. Ambrose, patron of bees and
domestic animals
Start of a 2-day fair at Clitheroe, Lancashire,
England

43 BC Cicero, Roman politician, slain
521 AD St. Columba born
983 Otto II, Holy Roman Emperor, died
1254 Pope Innocent IV died
1545 Tocuyo, Venezuela, founded
1550 Barbara crowned Queen of Poland
1598 Giovanni Bernini, builder of St. Peter's
Basilica, Rome, born
1682 "Great Law of Pennsylvania" passed
1738 Verendrye, exploring French fur trader,
reached the site of his
National Monument in North
Dakota
1787 Delaware ratified the U.S. Constitution
1793 Mme. Du Barry, mistress of King Louis XV of
France, guillotined
1816 Juvenile Port Folio of Philadelphia ended
after four years of weekly
publication
1835 First railroad in Germany opened, Nurnberg
to Furth
1840 Illinois legislature first met in the new
capitol
1848 The Independent, New York City weekly maga-
zine, founded
1869 The News began publication in Indianapolis
1873 Willa Cather, author, born
1880 St. Josepha Rosello died
1887 Irving Crump, author of stories for boys, born

1888 Pneumatic rubber tire for tricycles patented
1894 Ferdinand de Lesseps, Suez Canal builder,
died
1896 Antonio Maceo, leader of the Cuban insurrec-
tion, killed
1911 Louis Prima, musician, born
1915 Eli Wallach, actor, born
1917 U.S. declared war on Austro-Hungarian Empire
1941 Britain declared war on Finland, Hungary, and
Rumania
Japanese planes attacked Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
Japanese troops occupied Shanghai, China
1949 Nationalist Chinese government fled to
Formosa, escaping the Communists
1965 Roman and Orthodox churches reconciled,
cancelling their excommunications
of each other in 1054
1969 Bodhi Day, Buddhist day of Enlightenment
Annual Holly Tour held in Baltimore, Maryland
1970 Start of Whirling Dervishes Festival at
Konya, Turkey
1971 Rube Goldberg, cartoonist-inventor, died

December 8th

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Feast of St. Budoc
65 BC Horace, Roman poet, born
877 AD Louis II, "the Stammerer," crowned King of
France
1626 Queen Christina of Sweden born
1644 Christina became the first reigning Queen
of Sweden
1708 Francis I, Holy Roman Emperor, born
1741 Vitus Bering, discoverer of Alaska, died
in the Aleutian Islands
1765 Eli Whitney, cotton-gin inventor, born
1767 Guiria, Venezuela, founded
1776 Washington and the American troops crossed
the Delaware
1787 La Purisima Concepcion Mission founded in
California
1828 Henry Timrod, "poet laureate of the Confed-
ercy," born
1840 Dr. David Livingstone sailed for Africa
1854 Doctrine of the Immaculate Conception
announced by Pope Pius IX
1859 American College in Rome, Italy, founded
1861 Bay of Naples shaken by an earthquake (Italy)
1865 Jean Sibelius, composer, born
1868 Jesuit church packed with worshipers burned
in Santiago, Chile

December 7

Holidays

Ivory Coast

Independence Day

Commemorates achievement of independence from France, 1960

U.S.

Delaware Day

(Delaware)

Birthdates

- 1598** **Giovanni Lorenzo Bernini**, Italian sculptor, architect, painter, designer; the *Father of Italian Baroque Style*. [d. November 28, 1680]
- 1784** **Allan Cunningham**, Scottish poet; close associate of Sir Walter Scott; edited Robert Burns's work, 1834. [d. October 30, 1842]
- 1801** **Johann Nepomuk Edward Ambrosius Nestroy**, Austrian dramatist, actor; leading actor of his time. [d. May 25, 1862]
- 1810** **Theodor Schwann**, German physiologist; developed the **cell theory of life**. [d. January 11, 1882]
- 1823** **Leopold Kronecker**, German mathematician; known for his work in algebra and theory of numbers. [d. December 29, 1891]
- 1830** **Judah Loeb Gordon**, Hebrew poet; the leading Hebrew poet of the 19th century. [d. September 16, 1892]
- 1841** **Michael Cudahy**, U.S. meat packer; founder of Cudahy Packing Co., 1890. [d. November 27, 1910]
- 1876** **Willa Cather**, U.S. novelist, short-story writer; Pulitzer Prize in fiction, 1923. [d. April 24, 1947]
- 1879** (Charles) **Rudolf Friml**, U.S. composer, born in Czechoslovakia; composer of several popular operettas. [d. November 12, 1972]
- 1888** (Arthur) **Joyce Lunel Cary**, British novelist; author of *The Horse's Mouth*. [d. March 29, 1957]
- Heywood Campbell Broun**, U.S. journalist, founder of the Newspaper Guild; the **Heywood Campbell Broun Award** is named for him. [d. December 18, 1939]
- 1893** **Virginia Kirkus**, U.S. literary critic, author; founder of **Kirkus Service**, which was later sold to the *New York Review of Books*. [d. September 10, 1980]

- 1894** **Stuart Davis**, U.S. artist; leading exponent of abstract art in the U.S. [d. June 24, 1964]
- 1910** **Vere Cornwall Bird**, Prime Minister, Antigua and Barbuda, 1981–
- 1915** **Eli Wallach**, U.S. actor.
- 1924** **Mario Soares**, Portuguese political leader; Prime Minister, 1976–78.
- 1928** **Noam Chomsky**, U.S. linguist, writer, political activist; father of **transformational grammar**.
- 1932** **Ellen Burstyn**, U.S. actress.

Historical Events

- 1767** **John Street Theatre**, America's leading theater until 1797, opens in New York City.
- 1787** **Delaware** votes to adopt the newly created federal constitution, thus becoming the first state of the United States.
- 1829** The custom of **suttee**, or self-immolation of widows on their husbands' funeral pyres, is outlawed in parts of India under the control of the British East India Company.
- 1835** **Steam locomotive** is first used in Germany when a railroad opens from Nürnberg to Fürth.
- 1842** **New York Philharmonic Society** is formed in the U.S.
- 1889** ***The Gondoliers***, a comic opera by Sir Arthur Sullivan and W. S. Gilbert, premieres in London.
- 1916** **Lloyd George** of Great Britain forms a war cabinet after the resignation of the Asquith coalition cabinet (**World War I**).
- 1917** **Battle of Cambrai** ends with the British losing much of what they had gained in the initial offensive (**World War I**). U.S. declares war on Austria-Hungary (**World War I**).
- 1937** **Romansch** is recognized as a fourth national language in Switzerland.

Religious Calendar

The Saints

St. Eutychian, pope. Elected 275. [d. 283]

St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan and Doctor of the Church; patron of Milan, bees, and domestic ani-

mals. Introduced Ambrosian chant. Obligatory Memorial [d. 397]

St. Diuma, Bishop of Middle Angles and Mercians. Also called **Dionia**. [d. 658]

St. Josepha Rossello, virgin and founder of the Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy. [d. 1880]

- 1941** Japanese carrier-based planes make a surprise attack on U.S. fleet at **Pearl Harbor**, Hawaii, destroying 188 U.S. aircraft and many ships and precipitating U.S. declaration of war on Japan. (**World War II**)
- 1945** American military commission sentences Japanese general **Tomoyuki Yamashita** to be hanged.
- 1965** **Pope Paul VI** and the Ecumenical Patriarch, **Athenagoras I** of the Greek Church, issue a joint declaration constituting an act of reconciliation between their two churches.
- 1971** A capsule launched from the Soviet Union's **Mars 3** space probe on December 2 makes soft landing on Mars.

BIRTHDAYS TODAY

Morgan Brittany (Suzanne Cupito), actress, born Dec 5, 1950.
Joan Didion, author, journalist, born at Sacramento, CA, Dec 5, 1934.
Chad Mitchell, singer, born at Portland, OR, Dec 5, 1936.
Little Richard, singer, songwriter, born at Macon, GA, Dec 5, 1935.
Strom Thurmond, US Senator (R, South Carolina) born at Edgefield, SC, Dec 5, 1902.
Calvin Trillin, author, born at Kansas City, MO, Dec 5, 1935.



DECEMBER 6 — Wednesday

340th Day — Remaining, 25

ALTAMONT CONCERT: ANNIVERSARY. Dec 6. A free concert featuring performances by the Rolling Stones; Jefferson Airplane; Santana; Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young; and the Flying Burrito Brothers turned into tragedy on this day in 1969. The "thank-you" concert for 300,000 fans was marred by overcrowding, drug overdoses and the fatal stabbing of a spectator by a member of the Hell's Angels motorcycle gang, who had been hired as security guards for the event.

ECUADOR: DAY OF QUITO. Dec 6. Commemorates founding of city of Quito by Spaniards in 1534.

FINLAND: INDEPENDENCE DAY. Dec 6. National holiday. Declaration of independence from Russia on this day, 1917.

GERALD FORD SWEARING-IN AS PRESIDENT: ANNIVERSARY. Dec 6. On this day in 1973, Gerald Ford was sworn in as vice president under Richard Nixon, following the resignation of Spiro Agnew after pleading no contest to a charge of income tax evasion. See also "Agnew, Spiro Theodore: Birthday" (Nov 9) and "Ford, Gerald Rudolph: Birthday" (July 14).

GERSHWIN, IRA: BIRTH ANNIVERSARY. Dec 6. Pulitzer prize-winning American lyricist and author who collaborated with his brother, George, and with many other composers. Among his Broadway successes: *Lady Be Good*, *Funny Face*, *Strike Up the Band*, and such songs as: "The Man I Love," "Someone to Watch Over Me," "I Got Rhythm," and hundreds of others. Born at New York City, Dec 6, 1896, died at Beverly Hills, CA, Aug 17, 1983.

KILMER, JOYCE (ALFRED): BIRTH ANNIVERSARY. Dec 6. American poet most famous for the poem "Trees," which was published in 1913. Kilmer was killed in action in France in World War I, on July 30, 1918. Camp Kilmer was named for him.

ST. NICHOLAS' DAY. Dec 6. One of the most venerated saints of both eastern and western Christian churches, of whose life little is known, except that he was Bishop Myra in the fourth century, and that from early times he has been one of the most often pictured saints, especially noted for his charity. Santa Claus and the presentation of gifts is said to derive from St. Nicholas.

BIRTHDAYS TODAY

Dave Brubeck, musician, born at Concord, CA, Dec 6, 1920.
Alfred Eisenstaedt, photographer, born at Dirschau, Germany, Dec 6, 1898.
Eleanor Holm, actress, swimmer, born Dec 6, 1913.
Thomas Hulce, actor, born at Plymouth, MI, Dec 6, 1953.
Walter Perkins, football coach, born at Olive, MS, Dec 6, 1941.

DECEMBER 7 — Thursday

341st Day — Remaining, 24

BELGIUM: LOVER'S FAIR. Dec 7. Arlon, Belgium. Traditional cultural observance. First Thursday in Dec.

CATHER, WILLA: BIRTH ANNIVERSARY. Dec 7. American author born Winchester, VA, Dec 7, 1873. Died New York City, Apr 24, 1947.

CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HOMES. Dec 7-8. Pella, IA. Five homes decorated for holidays by Pella Garden Club members. Open to public. Christmas tea at Pella Historical Village. Info from: Pella Historical Soc, Box 145, Pella, IA 50219.

DELAWARE RATIFIES CONSTITUTION: ANNIVERSARY. Dec 7. Delaware became the first state to ratify the proposed Constitution on Dec 7, 1787. It did so by unanimous vote.

IVORY COAST: INDEPENDENCE DAY. Dec 7. National holiday. Attained full independence, 1960.

NATIONAL FIRE SAFETY DAY. Dec 7. Founded by the National Fire Safety Council to promote fire prevention awareness. Sponsor: Natl Fire Safety Council, Inc, PO Box 378, Michigan Ctr, MI 49254-0378.

PEARL HARBOR DAY. Dec 7. At 7:55 A.M. (local time) on Dec 7, 1941, "a date that will live in infamy," nearly 200 Japanese aircraft attacked Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, long considered the US "Gibraltar of the Pacific." The raid, which lasted little more than one hour, left nearly 3,000 dead. Nearly the entire US Pacific Fleet was at anchor there and few ships escaped damage. Several were sunk or disabled, while 200 US aircraft on the ground were destroyed. The attack on Pearl Harbor brought about immediate US entry into World War II, a Declaration of War being requested by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and approved by the Congress on Dec 8, 1941.

SPACE MILESTONE: APOLLO 17 (US). Dec 7. Launched on Dec 7, 1972, three-man crew: Eugene A. Cernan, Harrison H. Schmidt, Ronald E. Evans, explored moon, Dec 11-14. Lunar landing module named *Challenger*. Pacific splashdown, Dec 19.

TUSSAUD, MARIE GROSHOLTZ: BIRTH ANNIVERSARY. Dec 7. Creator of Madame Tussaud's waxwork museum born at Strasbourg, France, Dec 7, 1761. Many of the wax figures she created are still on view at Madame Tussaud's in London. She died at London, Apr 15, 1850.

BIRTHDAYS TODAY

Gregg Allman, singer, musician, born at Nashville, TN, Dec 7, 1947.

Johnny Bench, baseball player, born at Oklahoma City, OK, Dec 7, 1947.

Larry Bird, pro basketball player, born at West Baden, IN, Dec 7, 1956.

Ellen Burstyn (Edna Rae Gilhooley), actress, born at Detroit, MI, Dec 7, 1932.

Thad Cochran, US Senator (R, Mississippi), born at Pontotoc, MS, Dec 7, 1937.

Martha Layne Collins, Governor of Kentucky (D), born in Shelby County, KY, Dec 7, 1936.

C. Thomas Howell, actor, born at Los Angeles, CA, Dec 7, 1966.

Jacob Kainen, artist, curator, born at Waterbury, CT, Dec 7, 1909.

Victor Kermit Kiam II, business executive, born at New Orleans, LA, Dec 7, 1926.

Tom Waits, singer, songwriter, born at Pomona, CA, Dec 7, 1949.

Eli Wallach, actor, born at New York, NY, Dec 7, 1915.



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A Presidential Tribute



George W. Bush
to



Winzer Park
December 7, 1989
1:00 p.m.

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Mark Willard
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 Church of God in Christ
 Progressive Baptist Church
 Acres Homes Store Front
 Advisory Committee
 Unique Nails
 Ben Wilson McDonald's
 Austin Clean-up Services
 All American Restaurant
 Repair Services
 Taco Bell
 Jethro and Laconia Cain
 Charity Production
 Over The Hill Corp.
 Acres Homes
 All Past Contributors and Supporters
Yvette Dolan
 Henry S. Miller/Grubb & Ellis
 The City of Houston
 Harris County
 State of Texas
 Citizens of "Houston",
 "Acres Homes", "Texas"
 Freeman Decorating Company
 Met Printing - **Ed Metoyer**, President,
 Information Cards
 and Official Programs

December 7, 1989

Presidential Tribute to the Acres Homes War on Drugs Campaign at Winzer Park

Agenda

11:00 a.m. Mags Open
 1:20 p.m. Posting of the colors, ROTC High School for
 Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice from (TBD)
 1:30 p.m. National Anthem Sung by Kandy Wiley
 1:33 p.m. Invocation - Rev. Ameal Jones
 Mt. Ararat Baptist Church
 1:35 p.m. Remarks by Councilman Dale Gorczynski
 —Introduction of the choirs from
 Booker T. Washington H.S. and M.C. Williams M.S.
 1:45 p.m. Thelma LaStrap and Introduction of VIPS
 —School Officials
 —Clergy
 —Community Group Leaders
 1:49 p.m. State Representative Sylvester Turner
 —Introduction of Elected Officials
 —Council Members
 —State Officers
 1:52 p.m. Booker T. Washington Band, patriotic songs
 Dwight D. Eisenhower Band, Hail To The Chief
 Director - Headset Greg Goodman, Band Director
 2:00 p.m. **Arrival of President George Bush**
 Offstage announcement of the President,
 Mr. Bennett, and Mayor Whitmire
 2:02 p.m. Mayor Whitmire welcomes President Bush
 and Mr. Bennett, introduces Erma Scales
 2:04 p.m. Erma Scales, President, Acres Homes War on Drugs Committee
 2:06 p.m. Mayor Whitmire recognizes Chief Brown, other VIPS,
 introduces Secretary Bennett
 2:07 p.m. William Bennett, Director, Office of National Drug Control
 Policy, brief remarks, introduction of the President
 2:10 p.m. **The President**
 2:20 p.m. The President concludes brief remarks
 and Mrs. Erma Scales introduces Father Tyson
 2:21 p.m. Benediction - Father Joseph V. Tyson
 St. Monica Catholic Church
 2:22 p.m. Mrs. Scales thanks the President and mentions gifts previously
 presented back stage
 2:23 p.m. The President departs Winzer Park en route to landing zone

Acres Home WAR ON DRUGS

September 21, 1990

Dear Friend,

The Acres Homes War On Drugs Committee and the Acres Homes community would like to extend our deepest appreciation to you and your company for it's continual support for our fight against drug abuse. It is because of the commitment and dedication of individuals and companies such as yours that allow us to continue our efforts.

These past three years have been very successful for the organization, as well as the community. Your contributions have allowed us to sponsor various youth activities and to open a drug treatment facility in the Acres Homes Community.

The organization feels that with your continual support, we will be able to win the battle on drug abuse. Once again thank you for your support, and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,



Erma J. Scales
EJS:dj

Acres Home WAR ON DRUGS

"THE COMMUNITY AND POLICE WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

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Greetings:

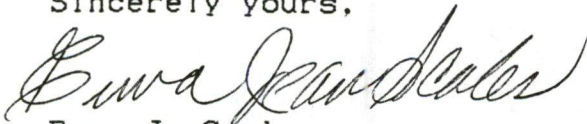
The Acres Homes War on Drugs Committee would like to thank you for your past support and participation, and again for your most recent support and participation. We could not survive if we didn't have your help.

As you know, the Acres Homes area was visited by President Bush on December 7, 1989 and the Acres Homes War on Drugs was given a Tribute from President Bush and Drug "Czar" William Bennett for being a National Anti-Drug Model.

We have recently opened a drug-counseling treatment center at 8111 Lawn Street, Houston, Texas 77091. Help will be rendered to anyone who needs us. We need to save our communities by reaching out to the people in these communities. Please come by and visit us. Our telephone number is 445-DRUG.

Thank you again.

Sincerely yours,



Erma J. Scales
Acres Homes War Against Drugs Committee
Chairperson

^{Bob}
**THE ACRES HOMES "WAR ON DRUGS" / ANDREW WINZER PARK
HOUSTON, TEXAS / THURSDAY, DEC. 7, 1989 / 2:00 P.M.**

**THANK YOU FOR THAT WARM INTRODUCTION. I'M
ESPECIALLY PLEASED TO HAVE TWO KEY MEMBERS IN MY
ADMINISTRATION'S FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS HERE TODAY --
SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY NICK BRADY AND OUR DRUG
CONTROL DIRECTOR BILL BENNETT. AND I WANT TO PAY MY
RESPECTS TO YOUR MAYOR KATHY WHITMIRE. **

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**AND THANK YOU -- ALL OF YOU IN THE ACRES HOMES
COMMUNITY -- NOT FOR STANDING UP TO GREET US TODAY --
BUT FOR STANDING UP FOR HOUSTON EVERY DAY. \\\ I
SHOULD SINGLE OUT FOR SPECIAL THANKS ERMA SCALES AND
THELMA LASTRAP FOR ALL THEY'VE DONE TO MAKE THIS DAY
POSSIBLE.**

**IT IS NICE TO BE BACK HERE. ACRES HOMES WAS A PART
OF MY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 20 ODD YEARS AGO.**

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IN FACT, THIS WAS THE HOME TURF FOR THE GEORGE BUSH ALL-STARS -- A WOMEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM COACHED BY MY FRIEND BOBBY MOORE, THAT CAME CLOSE TO WINNING THE CITY CHAMPIONSHIP. IN FACT, I'LL BET THERE ARE SOME ALL-STARS OUT THERE TODAY.

IT'S ALWAYS GREAT TO BE BACK IN TEXAS. AND ESPECIALLY AFTER THAT LITTLE STORM IN MALTA -- IT'S GREAT JUST TO BE BACK ON DRY LAND.

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THE TALKS IN MALTA REMIND US ALL THAT WE LIVE IN DRAMATIC AND EXCITING TIMES -- TIMES THAT PRESENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR GREAT AND HISTORIC CHANGE. THAT'S TRUE NOT ONLY IN EASTERN EUROPE -- WHERE PEOPLE ARE SEEKING FREEDOM TO TRAVEL AND FREEDOM TO VOTE -- BUT RIGHT HERE IN THE U.S.A., IN PLACES LIKE ACRES HOMES, WHERE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN HAVE USED "PEOPLE POWER" TO FIGHT FOR ANOTHER KIND OF FREEDOM. FREEDOM FROM FEAR. FREEDOM FROM CRIME. FREEDOM FROM DRUGS. \\\

AND, AS WITH THE NEW FREEDOM IN EASTERN EUROPE, FREEDOM FROM DRUGS ISN'T SOMETHING THE GOVERNMENT CAN GIVE YOU. \\ YOU'VE GOT TO TAKE A STAND. YOU'VE GOT TO "TAKE BACK THE STREETS." AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT YOU DID, RIGHT HERE IN WINZER PARK. ///

ACRES HOMES HAS A PROUD HISTORY. ONCE THE LARGEST UNINCORPORATED BLACK COMMUNITY IN THE SOUTH, ITS QUIET, TREE-LINED NEIGHBORHOODS WERE MAINSTREAM AMERICA, THE EMBODIMENT OF THE AMERICAN DREAM.

BUT IN RECENT YEARS, THE DREAM ON MAIN STREET HAS BECOME THE NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET, A TWISTED, BACKWARDS WORLD WHERE OUR CHILDREN AND OUR PLAYGROUNDS ARE TAKEN AWAY BY AN EVIL MENACE CALLED COCAINE, OFTEN IN BROAD DAYLIGHT.

BY 1987, 25 TO 30 DRUG DEALERS WERE OPERATING IN WINZER PARK. THE CIRCULAR DRIVEWAY BEHIND US AT CARVER AND DOLLY WRIGHT WAS SO CLOGGED WITH THE CARS OF DRUG-BUYERS THAT POLICE CALLED IT "CRACK-IN-THE-BOX."

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THAT'S WHEN YOUR COMMUNITY PEOPLE AND YOUR POLICE
CAME TOGETHER TO DECLARE A NEW "INDEPENDENCE DAY" --
APRIL 9, 1988. ONE THOUSAND PEOPLE SWEEP INTO THE
PARK. AND ONE THOUSAND PEOPLE SWEEP THE DRUG DEALERS
OUT. \\\

THEY HAVEN'T COME BACK. AND THEY BETTER NOT.
BECAUSE I'VE HEARD WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT YOU, THE MEMBERS
OF THE ACRES HOMES WAR ON DRUGS. THEY SAY YOU ARE
COMMUNITY-BASED.

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THEY SAY YOU ARE TOUGH. AND THEY SAY YOU'RE NOT AFRAID
OF ANYTHING OR ANYBODY. \\\

LOOKING OUT AT YOU TODAY, I BELIEVE IT.

YOU WERE UNITED. YOU WERE DETERMINED. YOU WERE
ANGRY. AND YOU WERE RIGHT. \\\

ONE THOUSAND PEOPLE TOOK BACK WHAT'S YOURS. TOOK
BACK YOUR PARKS. TOOK BACK YOUR KIDS. AND YOU NOT
ONLY PUT THE DRUG DEALERS OUT. YOU PUT PRIDE
BACK IN. \\\

TODAY, THE KIDS OF WINZER PARK ARE SHOOTING HOOPS, NOT HEROIN. AND THE ONLY "CRACK" FOUND IN THIS PLAYGROUND IS ONE OF MY FAVORITE SOUNDS OF SUMMER -- THE CRACK OF THE BAT.

YOU WERE AMONG THE FIRST TO ASSEMBLE AND RALLY AND MOVE FORWARD WITH A PLAN TO FIGHT DRUGS. YOU WERE AMONG THE FIRST TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE COMMUNITY'S FUTURE IS IN THE COMMUNITY'S HANDS. \\\

EFFORTS LIKE YOURS ARE A CRITICAL PART OF AMERICA'S BATTLE-PLAN, THE NEW, NATIONAL STRATEGY I SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS EARLIER THIS FALL. WE INVITED CONGRESS TO JOIN US IN A NEW, COMPREHENSIVE PARTNERSHIP WITH AMERICA'S COMMUNITIES. \\\

FIRST, DRUG EDUCATION. THE 1990 BUDGET HAS PROVIDED OVER A \$200 MILLION INCREASE FOR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PREVENTION PROGRAMS LIKE THOSE THAT HAVE PROVEN SO SUCCESSFUL HERE.

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WE HAVE GOT TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN TO STAY AWAY FROM DRUGS. WE HAVE GOT TO STOP ILLEGAL DRUG USE BEFORE IT STARTS. \\\

SECOND, DRUG TREATMENT AND PREVENTION. TOO MANY PEOPLE IN TOO MANY CITIES SIMPLY AREN'T GETTING THE HELP THEY NEED. THAT'S NOT RIGHT. AND THAT'S WHY THE 1990 BUDGET HAS BOOSTED SPENDING ON DRUG TREATMENT AND PREVENTION -- AND ESPECIALLY COCAINE TREATMENT -- BY ABOUT \$375 MILLION.

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AND THIRD -- FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT LEARN OR WILL NOT SEEK HELP -- WE HAVE A PLAN FOR THEM, TOO. BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO TAKE BACK THE STREETS BY TAKING THEM OFF THE STREETS. \\\

THAT MEANS PUNISHING THOSE WHO DO EVIL.

TO SOME EARS, THE VERY WORD "EVIL" IS EMBARRASSING, AN OBSOLETE REFERENCE TO OLD-FASHIONED ATTITUDES.

WE'VE ALL HEARD THE SUPPOSEDLY SOPHISTICATED ARGUMENTS THAT TURN "RIGHT" AND "WRONG" INTO EMPTY CONCEPTS, WORDS WITHOUT MEANING.

BUT THE PEOPLE IN THIS PARK KNOW BETTER. YOU SEE VIOLENT CRIME CLOSE-UP AND FIRST-HAND. YOU KNOW THAT CRIME -- AND CRIME-FIGHTING -- IS USUALLY A QUESTION OF RIGHT AND WRONG. GOOD AND EVIL. AND YOU KNOW THAT A COMMUNITY THAT CANNOT UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RIGHT AND WRONG CAN NEVER PROTECT ITSELF. \\\

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE WONDERFUL YOUNG KIDS BEHIND ME AND THE KIDS WHO HUDDLE A FEW BLOCKS FROM WHERE WE STAND, USING AND DEALING DRUGS? SAME NEIGHBORHOOD. SAME SCHOOLS. SAME HOUSTON. BUT A DIFFERENT CHOICE. OFTEN A CHOICE MADE BY THE PARENTS. AND ALWAYS A CHOICE MADE BY THE KIDS.

ROY DOUGLAS MALONSON SAID IT RIGHT HERE IN ACRES HOMES, THE SAME NIGHT I ADDRESSED THE NATION ON DRUGS.

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HE SAID: "THE BOTTOM LINE IS WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE A STANCE AND QUIT BLAMING OTHERS FOR THE PROBLEM. WE NEED PERSONAL ACCOUNTABILITY."

ROY MALONSON COULDN'T BE MORE RIGHT. ONLY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE CAN MAKE THIS CHANGE IN ATTITUDE. ONLY YOU CAN CULTIVATE CHARACTER AND A SENSE OF VALUES IN OUR KIDS. IT IS NOT A FEDERAL PROBLEM FOR WHICH THERE IS A SIMPLE FEDERAL SOLUTION. WE CAN'T DO IT BY LOOKING TO THE GOVERNMENT ALONE.

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BUT AS YOU HAVE PROVEN HERE IN ACRES HOMES, PARENTS AND TEACHERS AND RELIGIOUS AND NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERS CAN DO IT. YOU -- AND PROBABLY ONLY YOU -- CAN TEACH OUR KIDS RIGHT FROM WRONG. ERMA SCALES SAYS "WE NEED TO TEACH A SYSTEM OF VALUES. PARENTS...NEED TO SPEND MORE TIME WITH THEIR KIDS AND...GO BACK TO BEING PARENTS, NOT JUST BEING BUDDIES."

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AND ERMA, IT'S ALSO TIME WE WENT BACK TO TEACHING WHAT I LIKE TO CALL THE FOUR "R'S" -- READING, WRITING, 'RITHMETIC -- AND RESPECT. \\\

WHAT I HAVE CALLED THE "THOUSAND POINTS OF LIGHT" -- THAT GALAXY OF INDIVIDUALS AND INSTITUTIONS WHO LIVE NOT JUST FOR THEMSELVES BUT ALSO TO SERVE OTHERS -- IS REALLY WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE TODAY.

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EACH DAY AT THE WHITE HOUSE, I ANNOUNCE A DAILY "POINT OF LIGHT" -- AN INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP WORKING TO RID OUR COMMUNITIES OF DRUGS, HOMELESSNESS, HUNGER, ILLITERACY, LONELINESS AND SO MANY OTHER PROBLEMS. AND NOWHERE IN AMERICA IS THERE A GROUP MORE DESERVING THAN TODAY'S PRESIDENTIAL POINT OF LIGHT -- A BRIGHT STAR IN OUR NATION-WIDE BATTLE -- THE ACRES HOMES WAR ON DRUGS.

THANK YOU FOR DEMONSTRATING THAT EACH POINT OF LIGHT COUNTS.

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EACH POINT CAN MEAN ONE LIFE CHANGED. ONE LIFE SAVED.
BUT WE NEED THOUSANDS, THOUSANDS IN EVERY CITY AND
NEIGHBORHOOD. AND IF ANYONE WANTS TO KNOW JUST HOW
BRIGHT THAT LIGHT CAN BE WHEN A THOUSAND POINTS COME
TOGETHER -- LOOK AROUND YOU. LOOK AT THE HOME OF
STRONG HEARTS, CLEAR MINDS, AND INDOMITABLE WILLS.
LOOK AT THE PEOPLE OF WINZER PARK. \\\

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR WARM GREETING ON THIS DECEMBER
DAY. GOD BLESS YOU ALL THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. GOD BLESS
TEXAS -- AND GOD BLESS THE U.S.A.

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