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Will we ever move past race issues in the United States?

The ugly taste of racism still reeks in the hearts of men. Regardless of the progress that we continue to make as a human race there are still those that harbor racial animosity. At a Barnes & Noble in Coral Gables, Florida a display of President Barack Obama was placed in a window. In the middle of the display a book was placed with a monkey on the cover. During slavery and Jim Crow, African Americans were compared to monkeys as a form of racial degradation. During the Philadelphia Convention in 1787 African slaves were counted as 3/5 of human beings, better known as “The 3/5 compromise” thus perpetuating the comparisons to animals in the south. First the New York Post published a political cartoon of two police officers shooting a monkey alluding to President Obama, and

now once again another flagrant attempt to place us back in time was made in Coral Gables, Florida. A spokes person for Barnes Nobles claims that a customer got inside of the display case and placed the book on the mantel as a practical joke. Barnes & Noble has this to say *“Barnes & Noble would like to publicly apologize for what happened in our Coral Gables, Florida store. We believe that a customer played a cruel joke and placed an inappropriate title in the front window of our store, where we were featuring books written by or about President Obama. We want to assure our customers that the book placed by someone other than our booksellers was never intended to be included in our display and was removed as soon as we became aware of the situation. We are looking into it and are taking the steps necessary so that it does not happen again. From time to time customers will move titles from one area of the store to another. In this particular case, we do not condone whatever message may have been intended with the placement of this title in our Presidential display. It certainly was not part of our merchandising and we regret that we didn’t see the placement of this title immediately.”* Barnes & Noble bookstore has never been involved in any public racial epithets. However; this is an unflattering reflection of the mega bookstore. Regardless of who is at fault, Barnes & Nobles or some customer with a twisted sense of humor, one fact remains; that ugly scar of racism still has not healed in the souls of men.

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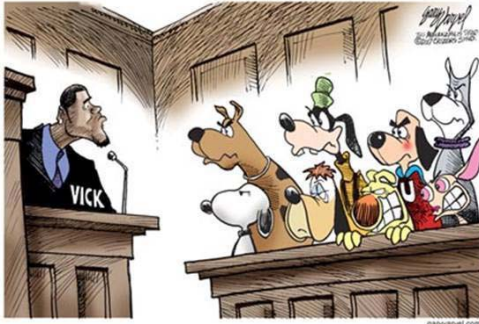


Zimmerman is a retired Lockheed Martin Vice President of product support. He worked at Lockheed for 35 years, and is a graduate of Texas A&M University. Zimmerman has always had a taste for politics. He has been an active participant in several neighborhood associations. He takes pride in the community in which he resides, so much that he has decided to serve the community that he has grown to love. On February 9th Zimmerman decided to take a stand and filed in District 3 as a council candidate for the upcoming May 9th election. Zimmerman has been in Fort Worth since 1964, and has seen the tremendous growth. He is the proud parent of two sons, and two grandsons. He has

also has been married for 42 years. “Chuck Silcox did such a great job staying in touch with his people and that is what I want to emulate as Chuck’s legacy” stated Zimmerman. Zimmerman has a particular concern about the city’s financial issues such as infrastructure, mass transportation, and gas drilling. If elected he plans to be a team player with his colleagues but plans to let the facts speak for themselves. Not only is Zimmerman a retired executive but has served in charitable organizations. He worked as a group chairman for the United Way for four years, and five years as a volunteer chairman for The March of Dimes. Zimmerman plans to keep the rooted relationships that former Councilman Chuck Silcox cultivated for 17 years. He wants to keep the baton moving with productive projects in his district, and keep his constituents involved in any upcoming projects. Housing development or economic development is not a forth right issue in District 3. The area comprises of, Camp Bowie, Bryant Irving and Hulen. Zimmerman will be an asset to the economy of his district. Zimmerman’s experience as an executive and business man will help his district sustain its lively hood during tough economic times. Jobs and housing are hot topics right now in the United States. The American people are looking for answers. The fears of being jobless and homeless are in the air. Therefore, the leadership in our communities is being taken very seriously. There has been a heighten interest in the political process. Voters are educated on the issues, and know more than ever about federal, state, and local politics. We are no longer dealing with an illiterate electorate. The voters in District 3 have a viable candidate in Zim Zimmerman; he has had a consistent life and is a known figure in his community. On May 9th voters in District 3 will have an opportunity to elect a candidate that truly cares about his community and has a sincere desire to serve the residents of his council district.

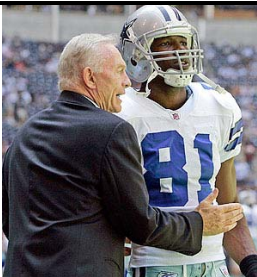


SPORTS Is Michael Vick coming to the Dallas Cowboys?



Rumors are flying rapid in the sports world. Will former Atlanta Falcon's quarterback Michael Vick return to the NFL, and furthermore who will he play for? In July of 2007 Vick was indicted for funding and organizing an illegal gambling dog fighting ring known as "Bad Newz Kennels"; on Vick's 15 acre property in Surry County Virginia. Vick suffered major casualties for

his actions. He lost millions in endorsements and was suspended from the NFL. Vick pleaded guilty to dog fighting and was sentenced to 23 months in federal prison. On July 20th 2009 Vick will be released from prison and will serve the rest of his sentence at home. Several NFL managers have agreed that they would like to see Vick return; however most are afraid of the backlash from the media and animal rights activist. It has been rumored that Cowboys owner Jerry Jones has had communication with Vick during his incarceration. Michael Vick is a very young and talented individual; that has paid his debt to society. Hopefully, he has learned from his deeds, and will get a second chance for redemption.



DALLAS COWBOYS OWNER JERRY JONES LET WIDE RECIEVER TERREL OWENS GO!

At the beginning of March Terrell Owens was released from the Dallas Cowboys and signed a 6.5 million dollar deal with the Buffalo Bills. Terrell Owens was known for his locker room comments; was cut from the team. Jerry Jones claims that the franchise wants to focus on Wide Receiver Roy Williams. Williams came aboard the Cowboys last season. Williams will have big shoes to fill. Last season he only had 19 catches for 198 yards. The pressure is going to be on Williams to produce without Owens. Owens constantly complained of not getting enough balls, and that the Cowboys needed better plays. Owens is a championship athlete with 2 Super bowl rings under his belt. Owens stats for the 2008 NFL season were 69 catches 1,052 yards and 10 touch downs. It will be very difficult for Williams to compete with T.O stats. Was letting T.O. go a smart decision? Sports critics have mixed reviews some say it was the best decision for the team while others disagree. Surprisingly, Tony Romo who left the season with his head down and pitiful stats still has a job. The NFL draft is on Sunday. The Cowboys will have to find someone to fill T.O. spot. Will the Cowboys make it to the playoffs in 2009? The season has not started yet, however once again the Dallas Cowboys are surrounded with drama which is a recipe for disaster.



President Obama talks about education



President Obama last week addressed The Hispanic Chamber, in regards to the subject of education. Obama warned parents about the growing number of illiteracy in the United States. "We can no longer afford an academic calendar designed when America was a nation of farmers who needed their children at home plowing the land at the end of each day," stated Obama. The United States is ranking lower in Math and Science

than some third world countries. Obama also stated that children should attend school longer and have longer summers, if they want to compete with foreign students for jobs in the future. Students from foreign countries in the United States out rank United States citizens 7 to 1. One of President Obama's solutions is to reward better teachers with better pay, and more charter schools. President Bush's No child left behind Act was a complete failure. Standardized testing has not improved our educational system. Teachers don't have the freedom to teach. Their curriculum consists of state mandated lesson plans. With all of the advantages that American children have, it is a shame that we once were the pioneers for education, now we could end up the field hands.

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Fashion



This month's fashion designer profile is Michael Kors. Michael Kors sleek sexy selection of dresses, accessories, and perfumes are in department stores across the United States. His spring line is very flattering with an ensemble of dark and bright colors, with an a-line symmetry. His clothes make any woman feel like a lady. Most of his collection has an air of class with a flare of seduction. His colognes are very floral, with scents reminiscent of fresh flowers. Unlike, most fashion moguls Kors is American and from the big apple "New York City." He studied fashion at the Fashion institute of technology in New York. Kors has boutiques in New York City, Beverly Hills, and Las Vegas. He is also a judge on BRAVO'S Project Runway. He has won several awards for his fashion apparels. Celebrities like Jennifer Lopes, Heidi Klum, and Gwenth Paltrow have worn Michael's collections at red carpet events. Michael has a collection of handbags, shoes, and men apparel as well. Michael has restored a confidence in fashion that has been dominated typically from abroad.



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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS Jessica Simpson weight



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Recently, actress and singer Jessica Simpson has been slammed in the media for her full figure. Hollywood has an unrealistic view of beauty at times. The standard of beauty tends to regulate what we perceive as attractive. Today's measurement of beauty is blonde hair, big breast, and a size 2 body frame. There are very few women that are born with naturally blonde hair, and



double "D" size breast. A figure of that stature will never be naturally on a size 2 female. Nonetheless, women for decades have tried to emulate this impression of beauty. Society tends to forget that the most famous blonde of all times could not blink into a size 2. Marilyn Monroe was adored by millions in her life time, and adored even more after her death. Monroe was a proud size 12. She was a full figured beauty with curves. To put it frankly; she had meat on her bones. She did not look like today's runway models, or cover girls. She had a natural healthy shape with a clarovasant sexy demeanor that made her an icon. Marilyn proves the point that thin has not always been in. The obsession with being thin has become an American novelty. Pharmaceutical companies and aerobic gurus have made a killing on our desire to fit the image that the media portrays as attractive. Plastic surgeons have made millions on artificial breast implants, again feeding on our sinful obsession of vanity. Perhaps one day women will realize that the standard of beauty should not be wrapped in ones physical appearance, but ones ability to withstand the test of time emotionally and physically. The old saying "beauty is in the eye of the beholder," has a deeper meaning than one would think.

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