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Will this meeting's coalition building and subsequent action, signal a new reality for Seattle's people of color?

Mrs. Ophelia Ealy captured this situation's seriousness. "This is not just political, this is a life and death issue," she stated. Ealy's son, Michael was killed by Seattle police over 1 1/2 years ago. "It took 85 days to get an inquest for my son,"

she noted. "This kind of delay is justice denied!"

In addition to the Police Firearms Review Board and the Coroner's Inquest Proceedings, the FBI has been called in to conduct an independent investigation.

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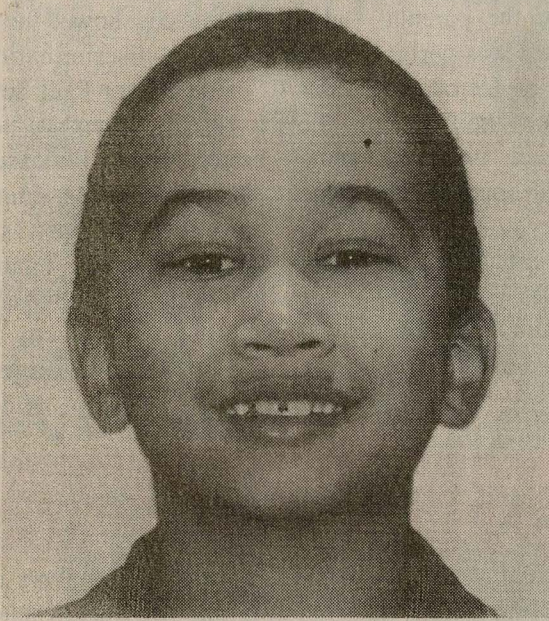
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Zane is a bright first grader with a strong imagination. His favorite school activity is drawing. Zane especially likes to draw animals and would someday like to animate cartoons of his own creation. He is even interested in building robots! To reach these ambitious goals, Zane plans to attend college and learn everything he can about computer animation and design. When he isn't busy dreaming up impressive new projects, he enjoys bike riding and basketball. With his drive and clear objectives, Zane is sure to find success wherever he directs his creative energy.

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Housing Audit

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"With a very tight housing market, this (the study results) is not acceptable at this point in time," said Schell. "Everyone deserves a fair chance."

The SOCR conducted the audit for educational purposes only, as a service to the community.

"Our goal is to increase compliance with Fair Housing Laws by publicizing the results of the testing program. The information gathered will help us provide guidance in fair housing practices to the public and to property managers and landlords," said SOCR Director Germaine Covington.

However, the SOCR will

conduct further testing in the future if properties which tested positive or inconclusive for discrimination in this audit do not show improvement. This may include filing charges based upon the results of future tests.

"We're allowing landlords to change their ways now, but in the future it will probably be a different story for non-compliance with fair housing laws," said Barbara Osinski, enforcement manager for the Seattle Officer For Civil Rights.

The SOCR will be working with the local housing community to combat housing discrimination by providing

training and information to property management employees and landlords.

During 1999, thirty-eight percent of the housing discrimination complaints filed with the SOCR were based on race, while sixty-four percent of all housing complaints occurred in Central Seattle.

"The majority of complaints from race-based discrimination are from African Americans and people of

African immigrant status," said Osinski.

In addition to educating landlords and property managers, the SOCR hope that more people will file complaints when they are discriminated against.

"We've discovered though outreach and interaction with the community that more discrimination is occurring than the actual number of complaints that we receive," said Osinski.

Summary of 1999 Familial Status Audit, showing test results positive for discrimination:

Test #28

- Testers spoke to same rental manager.
- Protected class tester quoted rent \$37 higher than control tester.

Test #44

- Testers spoke to same rental manager.
- Protected class tester quoted rent \$85 higher than control tester.
- Protected class tester told of one available unit; control tester was told of two available units.

Test #46

- Testers spoke to same rental manager
- Protected class tester told a unit would be available on January 12; control tester told of a unit available immediately (December 16)
- Protected class tester was given an appointment to view a model apartment; control tester was given an appointment to view and actual available unit.

Test #47

- Protected class tester quoted \$45 higher rental rate.
- Protected class tester not allowed to make an appointment; control tester was asked to drop by the same day.

DNA Tests Said To Link Former Slaves With African Kin

WASHINGTON (AP) - A team of geneticists at Howard University plans to offer a DNA test this summer that could link black Americans with African kin.

Geneticist Rick Kittles said today that he is still preparing the database for the comparisons, but expected the program to get under way in a few months.

There has been wide interest in this means of tracing people back to their homelands, he said, commenting that he has done DNA tests on "several hundred" people in preparing for the program.

Historical records are pretty consistent in showing the early slaves came from west central Africa, he said, locations of the

current countries of Ghana, Nigeria, Sierra Leone and Angola.

In Boston, Richard Newman of Harvard University's W.E.B. DuBois Institute for African-American Research, said: "It doesn't mean anything to know that some of my people came from Africa, but if I can pinpoint a culture, a religion and language, then it can strengthen my sense of identity and relationship with Africa."

The Howard University group would use a blood test that matches DNA sequences to samples taken from native African populations. The test could cost up to \$300.

Kittles, the 34-year-old geneticist at Howard who initiated the study, said the slave trade erased family histories, and, before the discovery of

DNA, nobody imagined that the stories could be rewritten.

"To a lot of blacks, knowing a little bit of the story is important," Kittles told The Boston Globe. "This will definitely contribute a lot to understanding the history of African-Americans."

Kittles said Howard University will be able to do two versions of the DNA test. The first looks at mitochondrial DNA, which is handed down, unchanged, from mother to child. The other uses the male, or Y chromosome, which is passed on from father to son.

Researchers then can compare test subjects with a database of more than 2,000 samples assembled from about 40 populations across western Africa, where the trans-Atlantic slave trade originated.

Kittles said his team is collecting additional DNA samples so they can expand the database and identify more African populations. The researchers also have collected a separate database with American Indian, Asian and European DNA to cross-reference genes that cannot be traced to Africa.

The geneticists said DNA tests in the study so far show that about 30 percent of the black men tested descended from Europeans on the fathers' side. The researchers said that was largely the legacy of enslaved women who were ped.

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