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CITY OF COCOA
DISTRICT 1 TOWN HALL MEETING

April 16, 2019

The District 1 Town Hall Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at the Moore Center, 307 Blake Ave., Cocoa, Florida, as publicly noticed.

I. OPENING MATTERS:

Councilmember Goins called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

Present:	Jake Williams, Jr.	Mayor
	Brenda Warner	Deputy Mayor
	Don Boisvert	Councilmember
	Alex Goins	Councilmember
	Lorraine Koss	Councilmember
	John Titkanich, Jr.	City Manager
	Monica Arsenault	Assistant City Clerk
Absent:	Matthew Fuhrer	Assistant City Manager

Other staff members present:

Ed Wegerif, Public Works Director; Jack Walsh, Utilities Director; Jonathan Lamm, Deputy Fire Chief; Nancy Bunt, Community Services Director; Charlene Neuterman, Deputy Community Services Director; Samia Singleton, Economic Development Specialist; Rebecca Bowman, Finance Director; Tammy Gemmati, Administrative Services Director; Samantha Senger, Assistant to the City Manager/PR Specialist; Dennis Bunt, Code Enforcement Manager; and Mike Cantaloupe, Police Chief.

II. Meeting Topics

1. Citizen Participation/Topic Discussion

City Manager Titkanich introduced both Council members and staff members present. He provided a brief history of the Moore Center leading up to its restoration and announced that as of April 3, 2019 the Moore Center has been added to the National Register of Historic Places.

Councilmember Goins emphasized the importance of representing District 1 and the City of Cocoa as a whole and discussed the importance of everyone speaking their mind and sharing ideas. He shared a slideshow[1] of photos depicting his journey as a Councilmember so far.

Ms. Cheryl McDougall, Brevard County District 2 School Board Representative, talked about the importance of school resource officers as well as how to be proactive about mental and emotional learning.

Ms. McDougall shared that the School Board is trying to find a way to give teachers raises. She mentioned that teachers have brought various concerns to her attention such as the lack of respect that students have for their teachers, the lack of volunteers in schools and the lack of overall involvement from parents.

Additionally, she shared information about how to find out what's going on in Brevard Public Schools such as their website and the Brevard Hometown News.

Mr. Ed Wegerif, Public Works Director, shared updates on the Fiske Blvd. Streetscape Upgrade Project, the T-Dock and Day Slip upgrades and restoration in the downtown area as well as the Boardwalk Promenade. He pointed out that concepts are to come for the Boardwalk Promenade and they are trying to design something that will be resilient to hurricanes.

He added that the Peachtree Street Streetscape Project was recently completed and Public Works is working towards becoming ADA compliant in the downtown area by upgrading handicap ramps and repaving. Mr. Wegerif noted that staff is also examining stormwater in various areas to find solutions to flooding.

Furthermore, staff is working towards sprucing up the City's medians per the direction recently provided by Council. Staff is also waiting on a loan in order to move forward with the Joe Lee Smith Project. He pointed out that plans have already been submitted to the Building Department.

Mayor Williams inquired about the Pineda Project. In response, Mr. Wegerif explained that this is an approximately two million dollar project and the entire road needs to be redone but it is on his list of projects to be completed.

A citizen raised a concern about flooding in the Village. In response, Mr. Wegerif explained that FDOT has a project budgeted to clean out their pipes. He added that the pipes that belong to the City have been cleaned out in an effort to alleviate some of the issues.

[1]EXHIBIT A: Slideshow Presentation by Councilmember Alex Goins

Several questions were raised regarding stormwater flooding in other various areas of the City, one of the areas being Stone Street and Washington Avenue. In response, Mr. Wegerif mentioned that a retention pond is being considered as a possible solution.

Ms. Nancy Bunt, Community Services Director, discussed the Female Veteran's Village by Habitat for Humanity for which the City donated funds to help with down payment assistance. She mentioned that the City also donated lots for the Michael C. Blake subdivision that is being developed.

Ms. Bunt briefly commented on several other developing projects in Cocoa which includes the Cottages of Cocoa Village, Lakeside Palms East and Lakeside Palms West, extension of Adamson Creek, Cocoa Grand and London Cove. She also mentioned that there is a new escape room in Cocoa Village and the new Walmart Distribution Center is looking to develop a dry foods section which will open the door for more jobs.

Lastly, she added that the Development Agreement has been executed for the hotel in Cocoa Village.

City Manager Titkanich spoke in regard to meaningful opportunities and how it effects quality of life. Ms. Bunt mentioned that many of the manufacturing businesses in Cocoa struggle to find skilled workers seeking employment.

City Manager Titkanich added that Dr. Mullins and Ms. McDougall will be hosting a meeting in May for the public to attend. He discussed some of the programs offered in schools and pointed out that Cocoa has very intelligent students and great schools, however the students suffer due to the unfortunate ratings the schools have received.

Mr. Herb Hernandez, Cocoa Housing Authority, spoke of two vacant lots located by Dollar General and the idea of turning it into a Neighborhood Commercial use. He added that they are open to other ideas as well.

Michael Cantaloupe, Police Chief, discussed the camera registration system and the Night Op Program. He expressed the importance of the Enforcement and Maintenance Program at Provost and Prospect Park and how important it is for Police to have a presence in parks to keep the community safe.

He also mentioned the Community Watch Meetings which will potentially take place on Wednesday evenings. He pointed out several other programs such as the Internet Exchange Program, Victim Advocate Program, and the Drop a Dime

Program, as well as the See Something Say Something app and the Next Door Neighbor app.

Chief Cantaloupe noted that they are working with the City Manager's office to develop a Strategic Plan that will cover the next five years. They are also looking at having the first Police Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday, May 23rd. Additionally, he shared several ways of getting in contact with the Police Department. He also thanked the Cocoa PAL kids and Delores McLaughlin for all of their efforts.

Lastly, he pointed out that there are vacancies for V-cop positions if anyone is interested in applying.

Johnathan Lamm, Deputy Fire Chief, shared information regarding the importance of smoke detectors. He explained that the new detectors have been designed to work for ten years without having to replace the batteries. He pointed out that the Fire Department also has a free program to give and install detectors to those who do not have them in their home.

Lastly, Chief Lamm noted the new Fire Alarm Ordinance that was recently approved by Council and discussed nuisance alarms and fines.

In closing, Councilmember Goins thanked everyone for attending and announced two upcoming basketball tournaments that will be held at Fern and Prospect Park on May 17th and May 24th.

III. **ADJOURNMENT:**

* **The Town Hall Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.**

Jake Williams, Jr., Mayor

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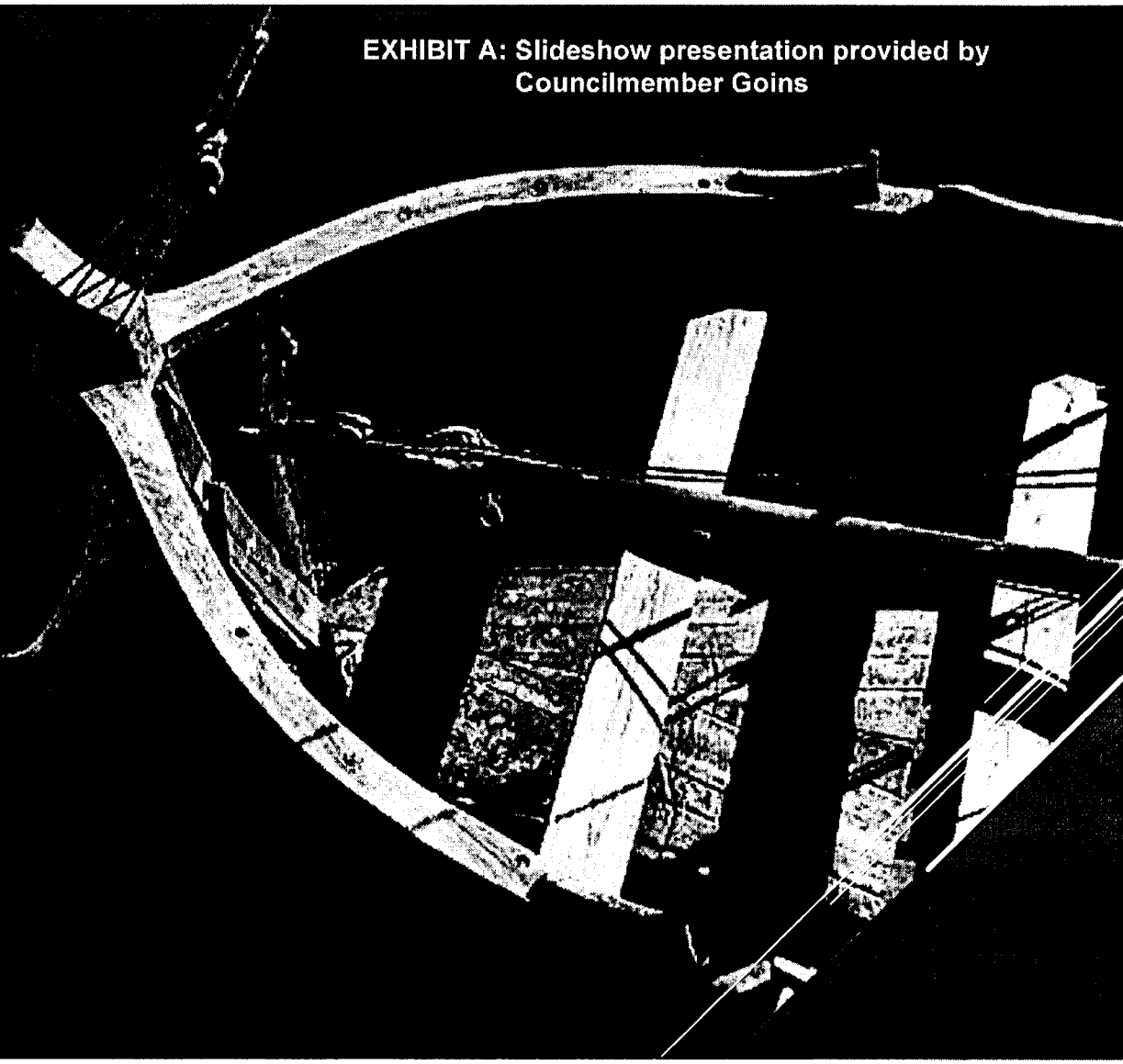
Carie Shealy, City Clerk
(Transcribed by Monica Arsenault, Assistant City Clerk)

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EXHIBIT A: Slideshow presentation provided by Councilmember Goins

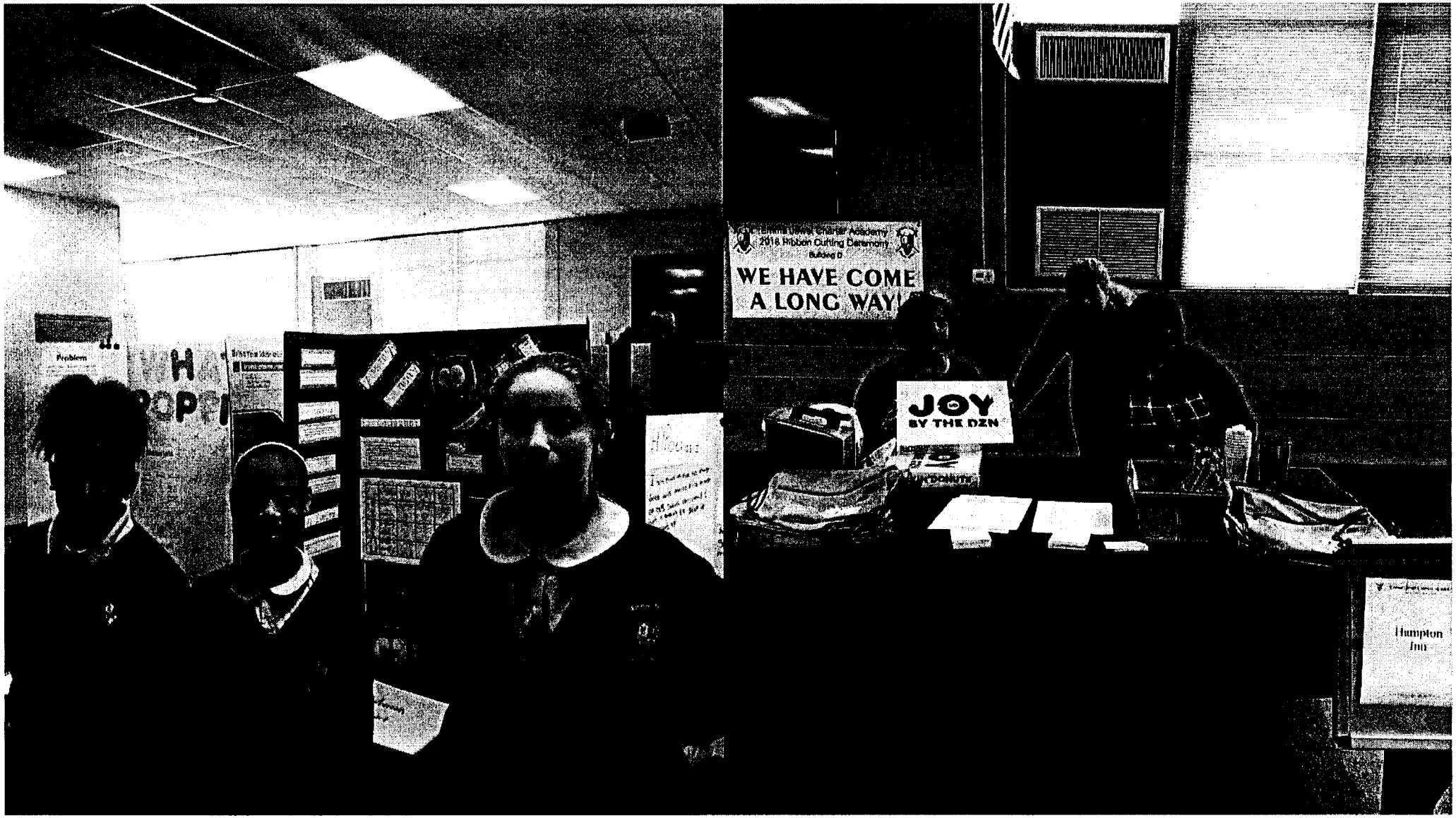
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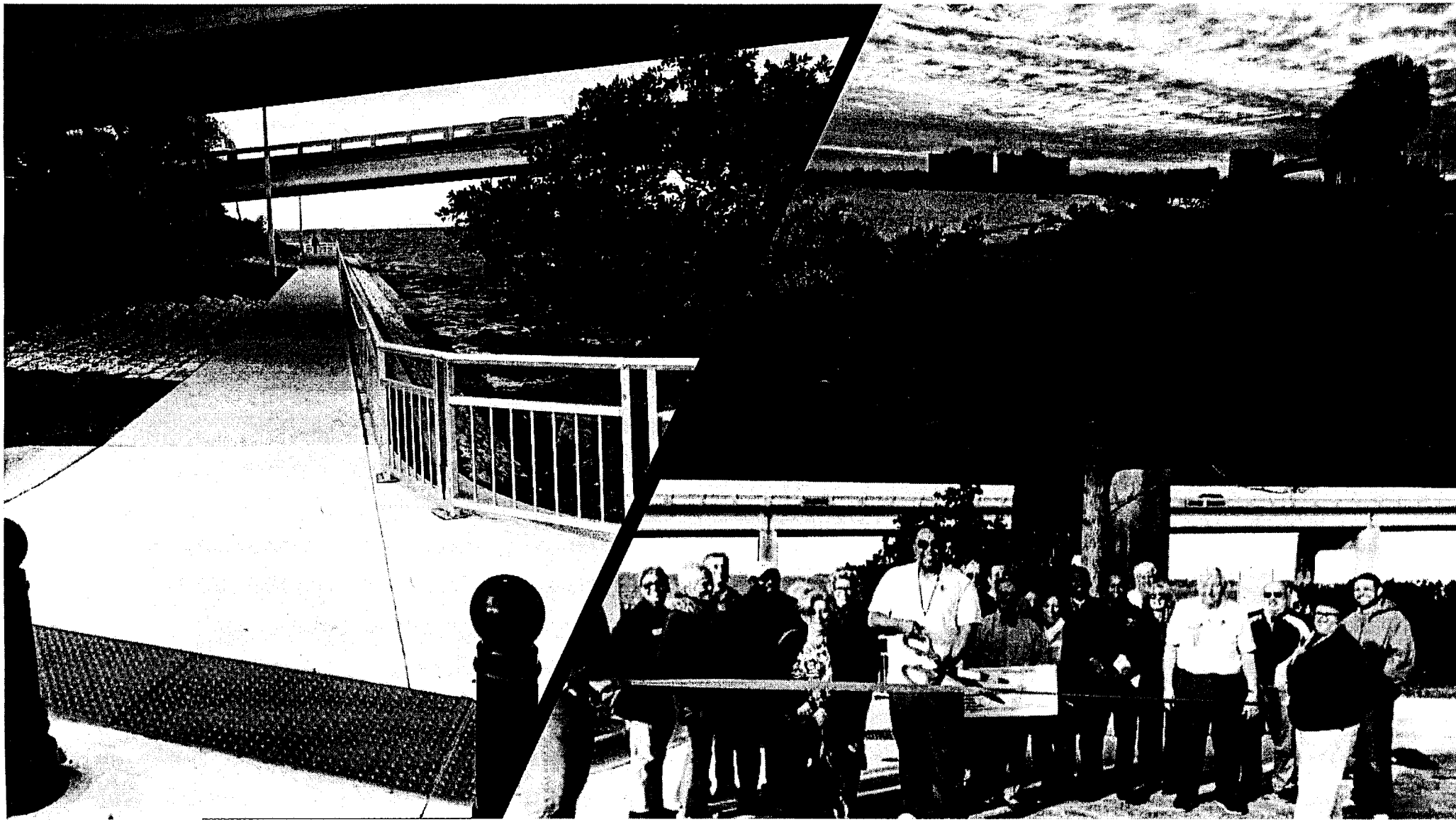
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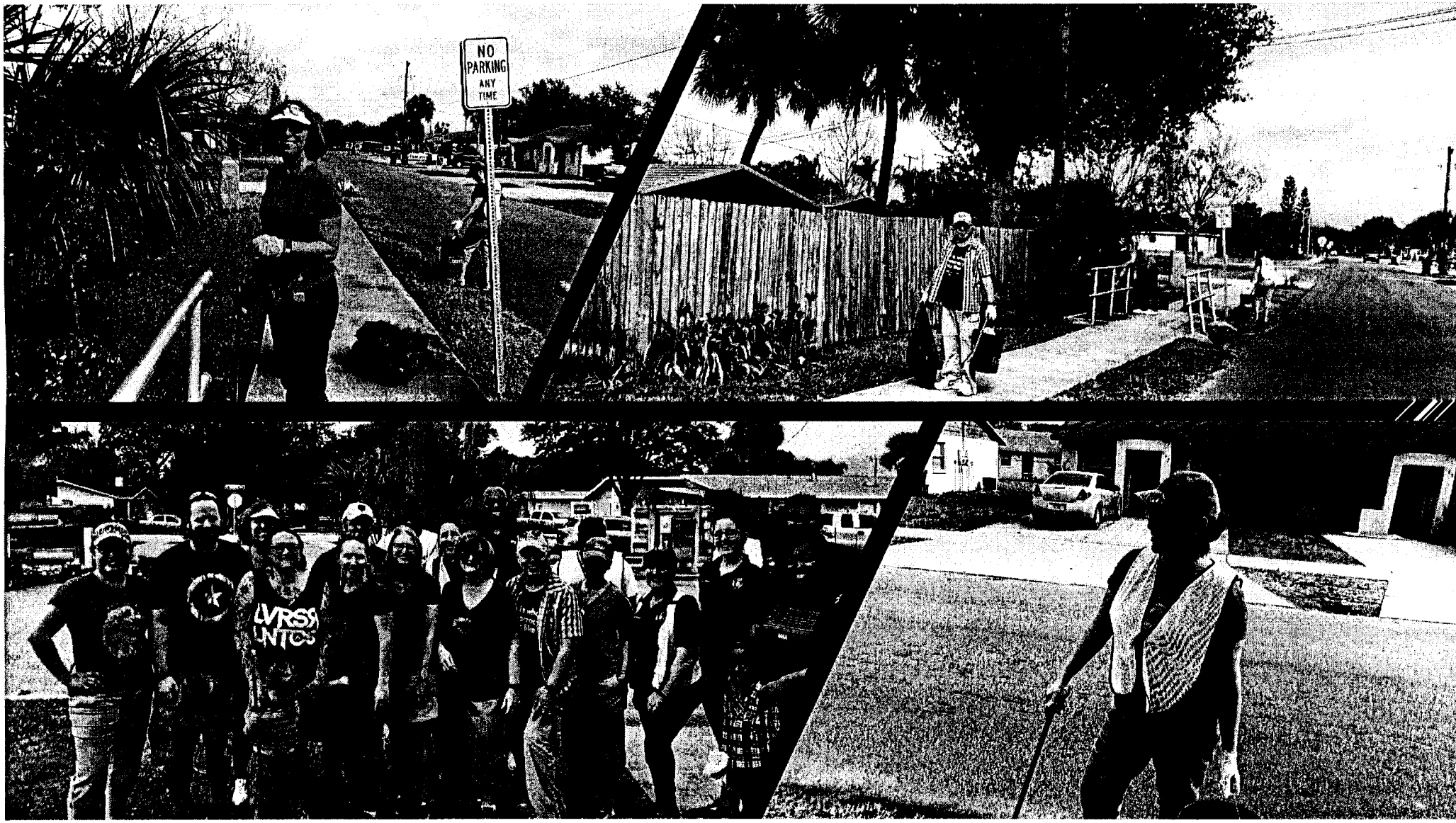
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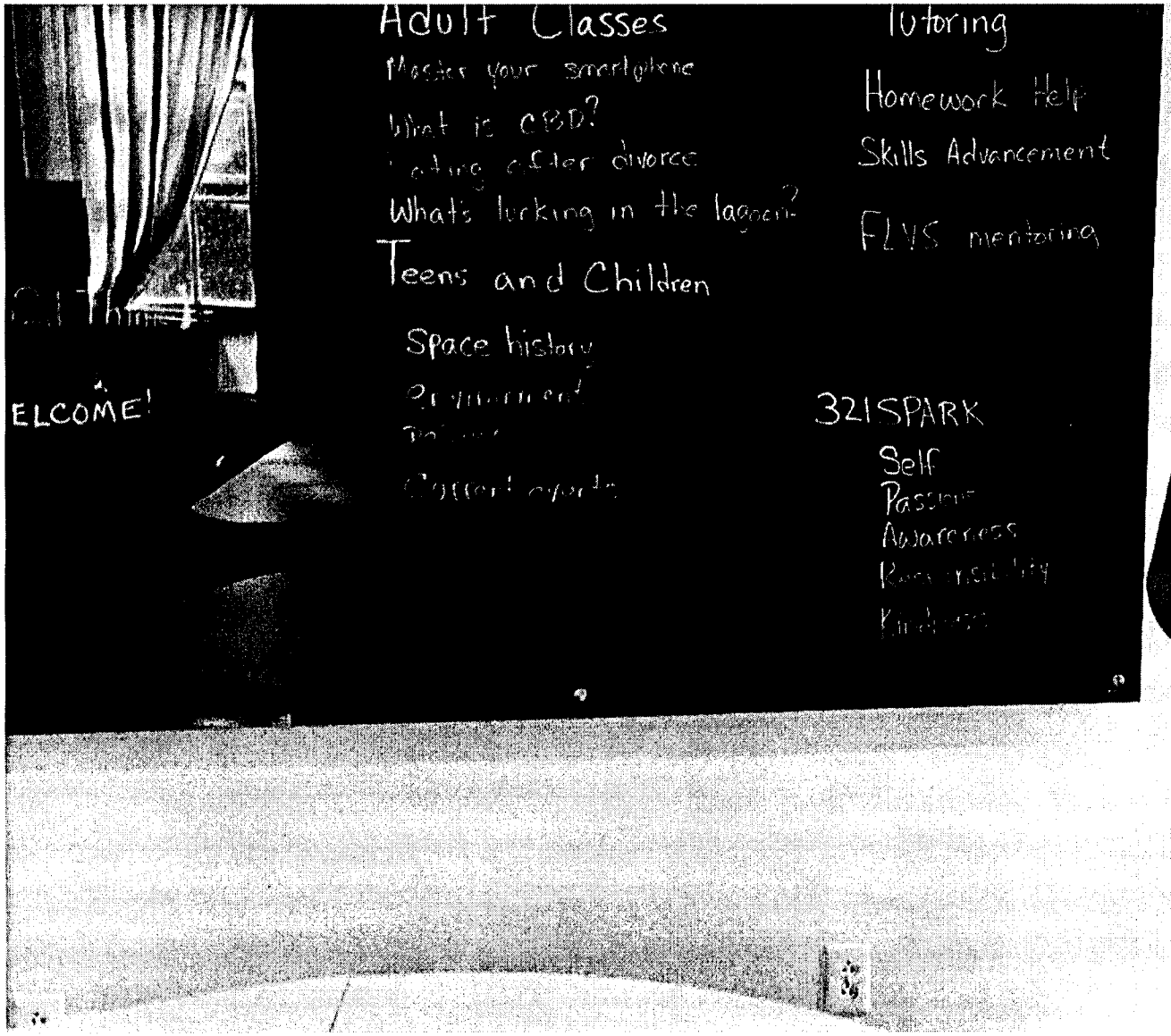



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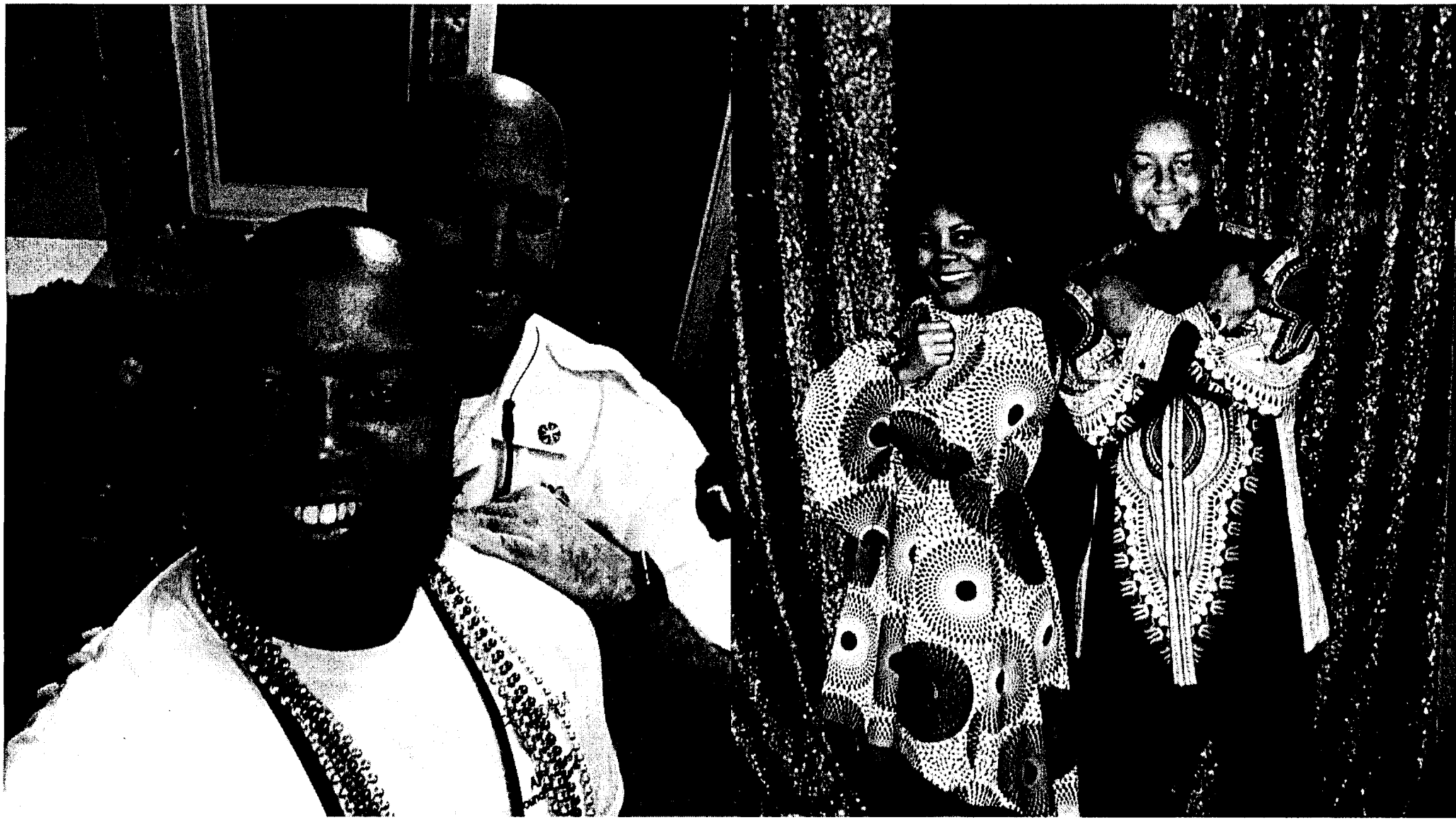

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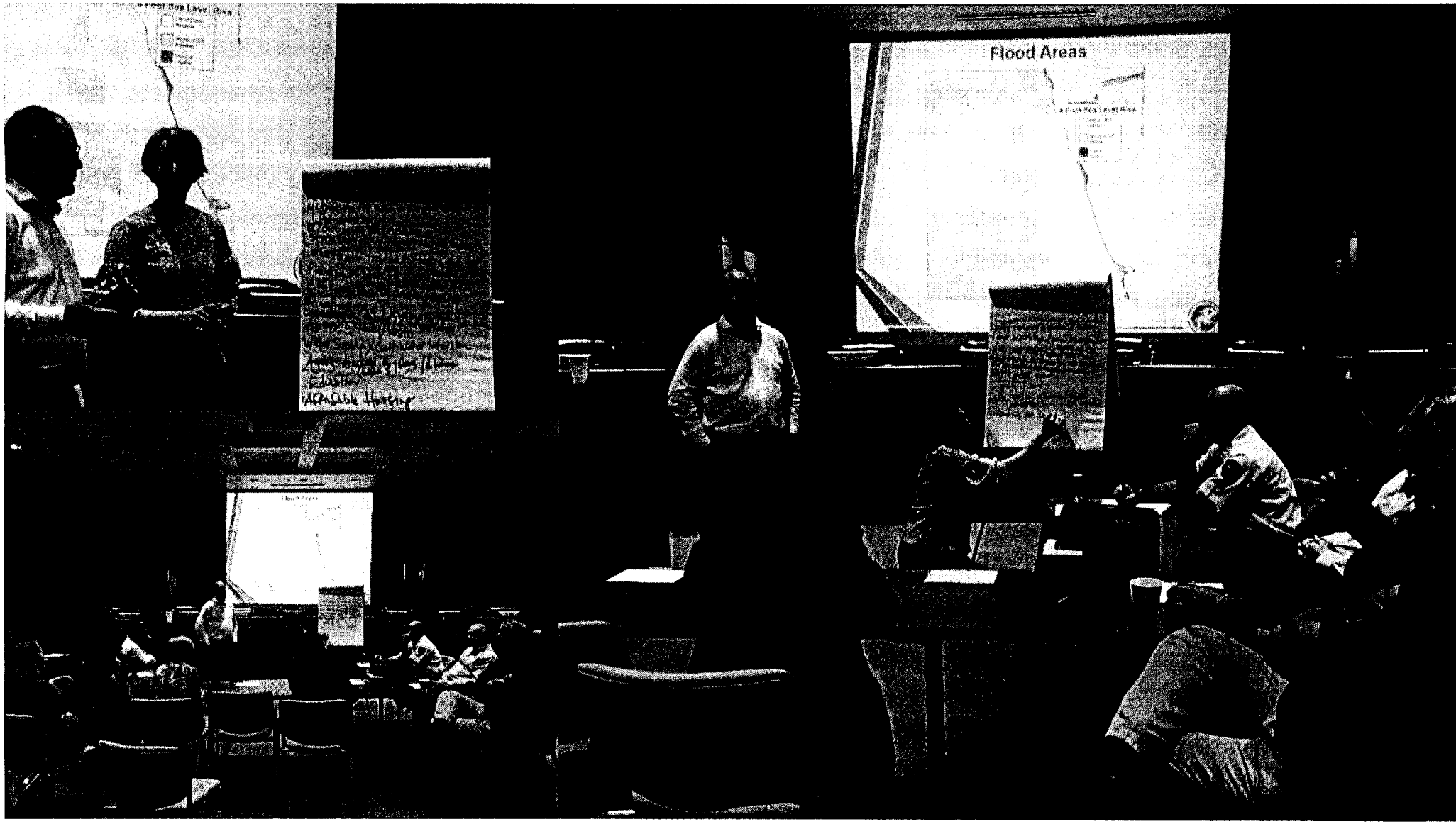



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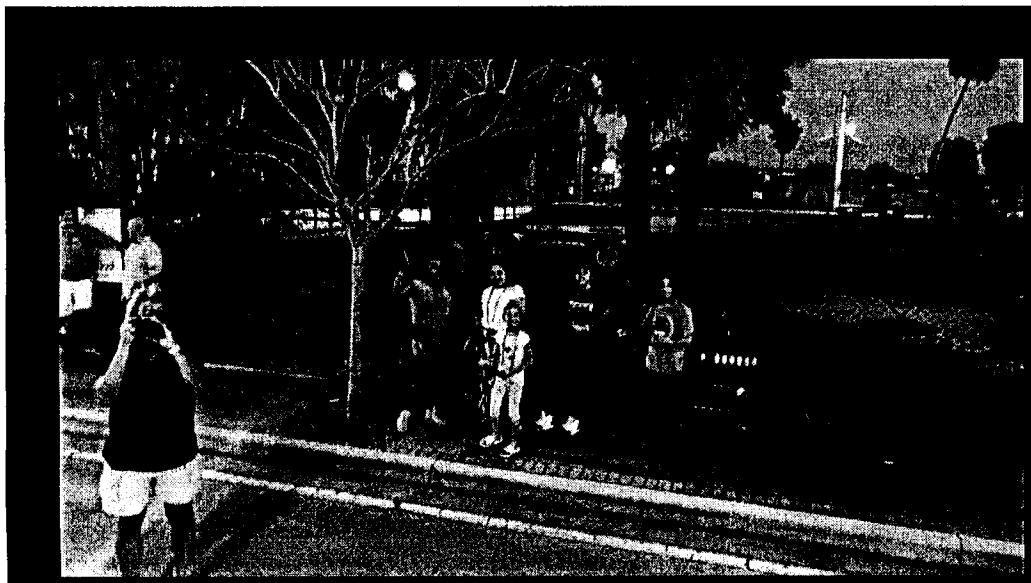

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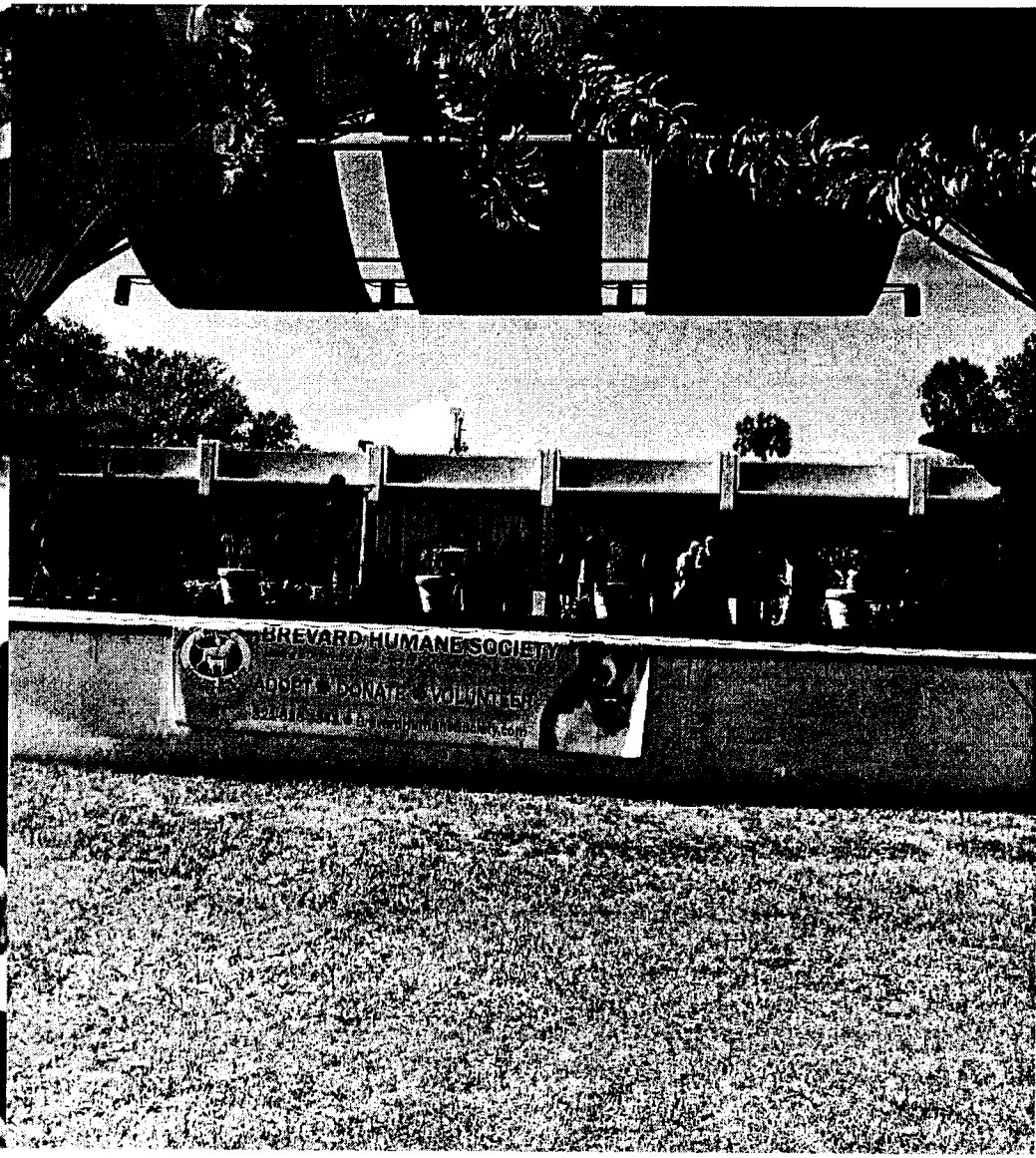








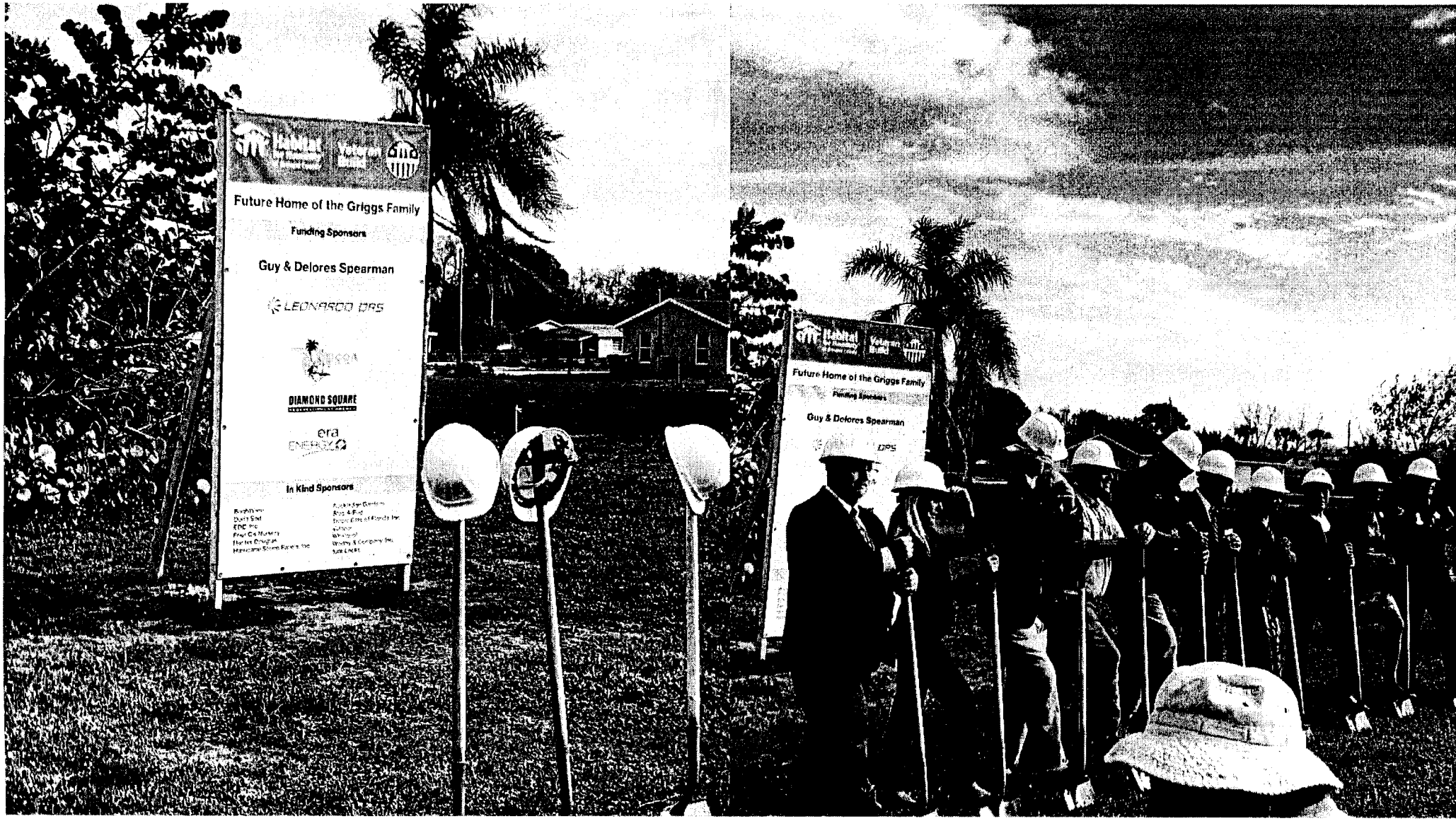



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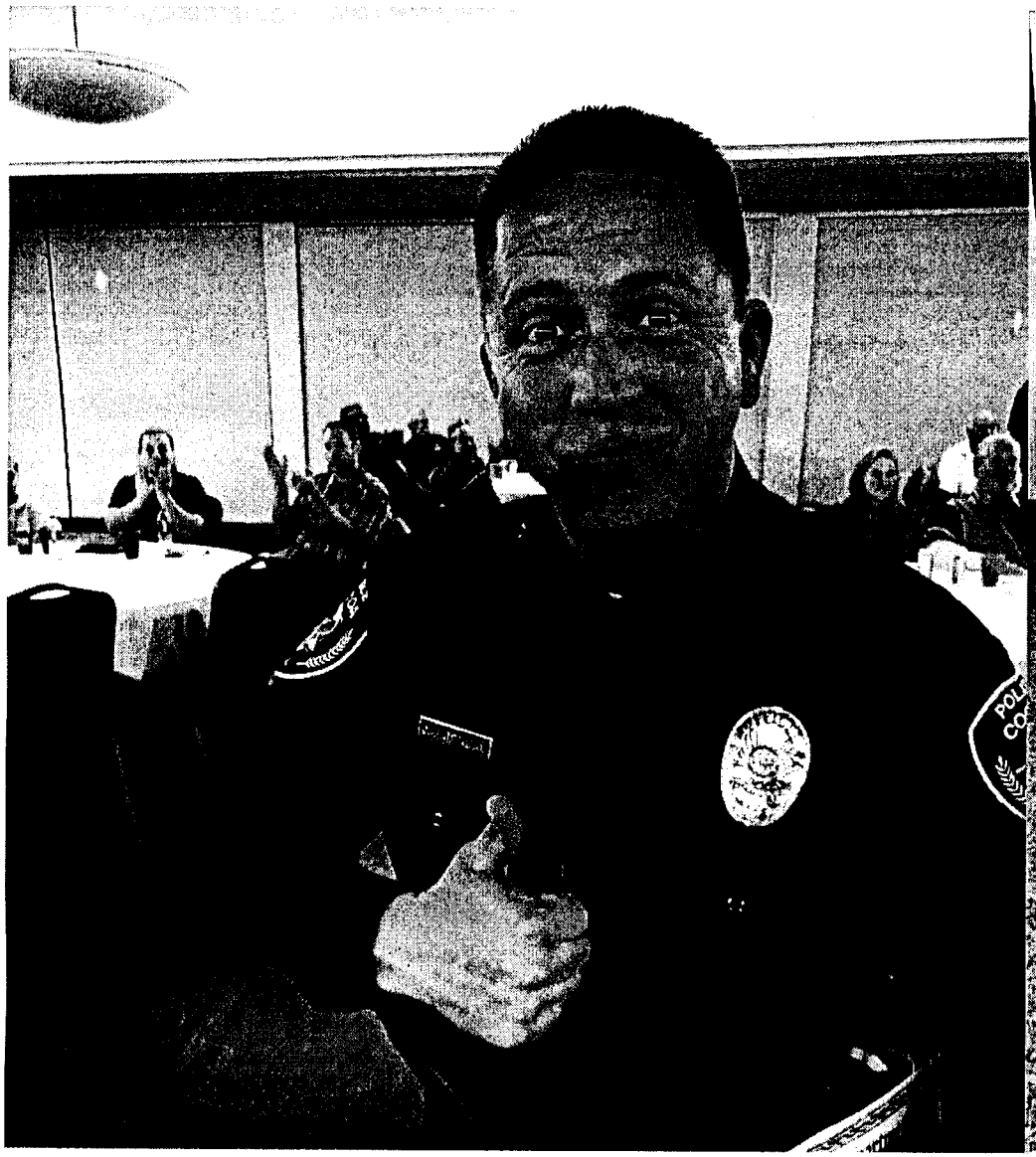

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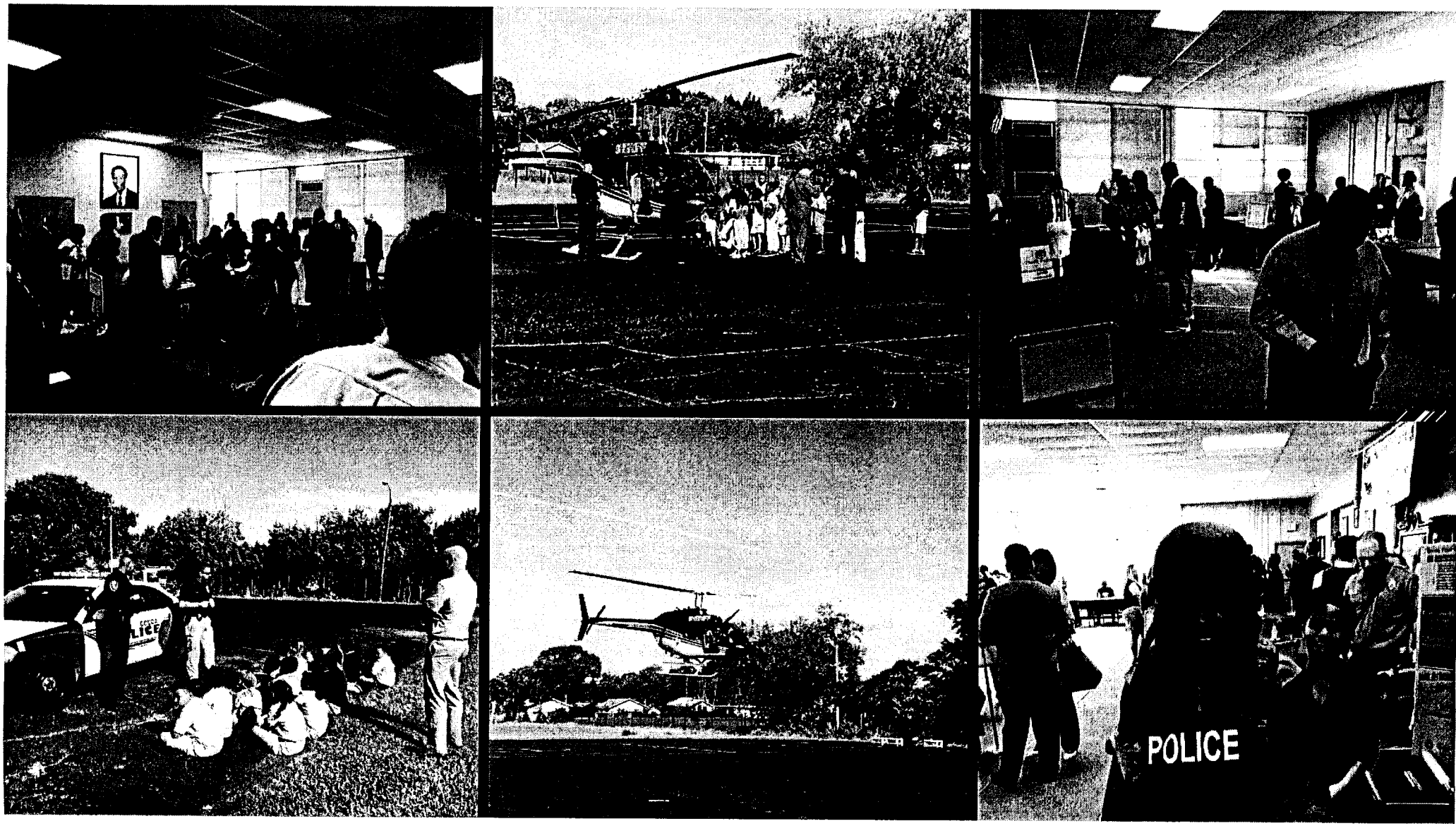






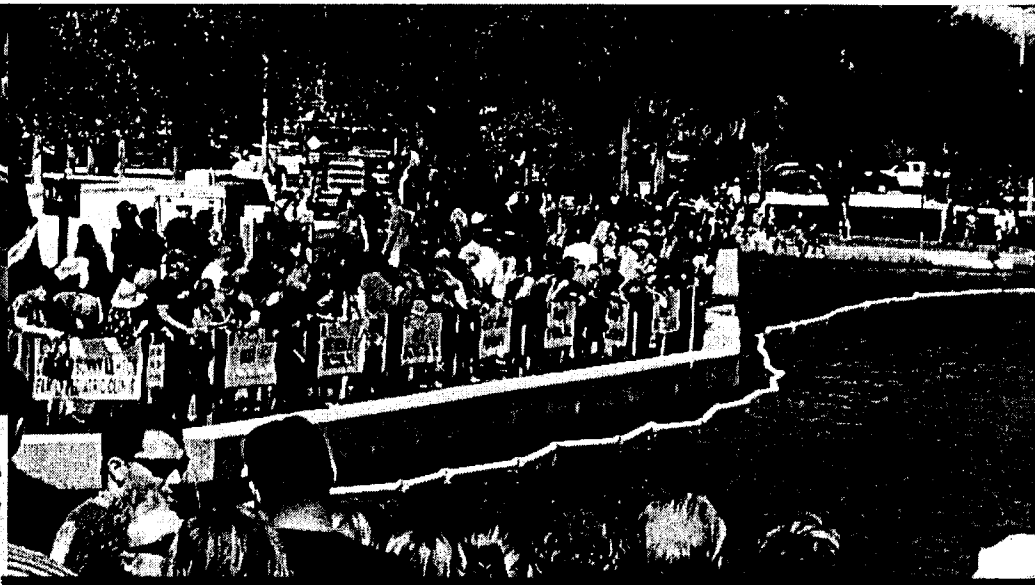


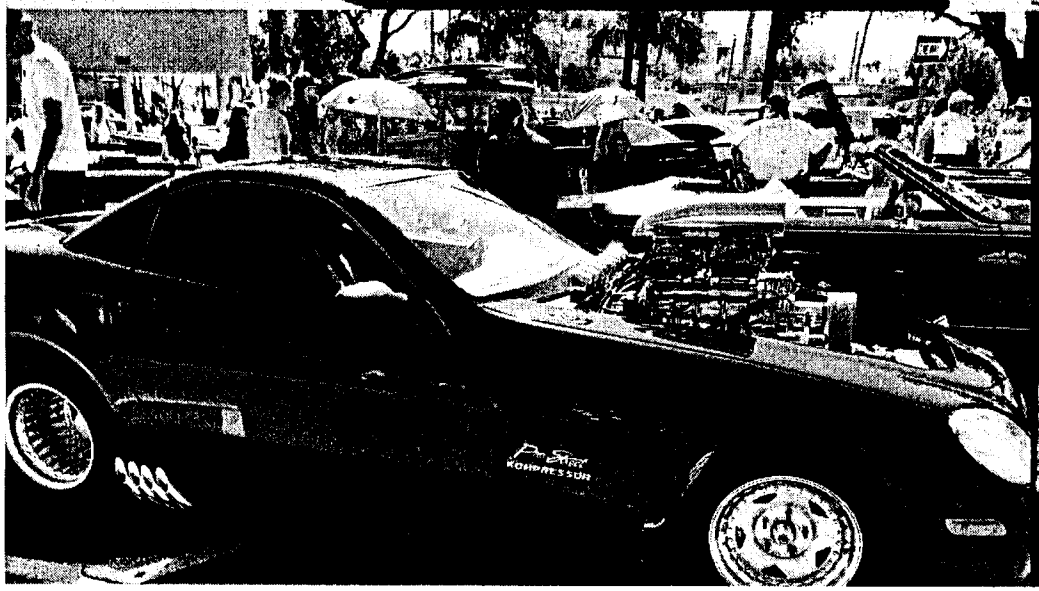

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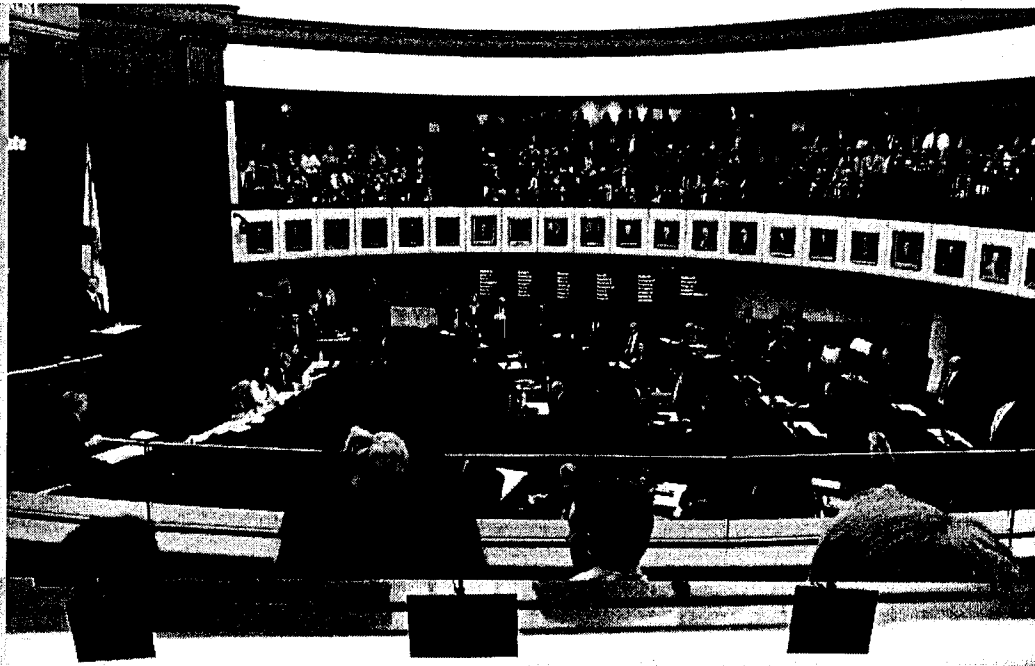





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