

some articles, as we go on, which some of you will read. It demonstrates that there is a much higher use, numerically and proportionately, percentagewise, among white people than black people, a higher percentage of drug use among white students than black students. Then why all the knocking down of black people's doors and the filling of the jails with black people? Racism exists in this country, as it always has, and it will never be eradicated because it takes so many different forms. People will be discussing racism without using the term when they talk about legislation such as this, because we know where it's going to be enforced, selectively, as Senator Schmit correctly pointed out. I have seen it all the years of my adult life, the years before I became an adult. Police have never been viewed, by and large, as friends in the black community, they are occupying forces, and often they pose a greater threat than the ones they are supposed to be corralling. Do you think I would stand on this floor, coming from a community with a lot of problems, criticizing the police, if the police are doing their job? There is a black man who owns a McDonald's store in Omaha, he has a manager. There were a lot of young people on the lot, he wanted to clear them because they created a problem. Some of the people in the lot became very hostile and threatened him. Now a businessman is allowed to have a pistol. He pulled a pistol and ordered them off the lot and they left, because he had waited 25 minutes for the police to come when he dialed 911. When the police finally came, guess who they arrested? The black manager of McDonald's. And when the manager was trying to explain what happened, a white female cop came up to him, and at that point the owner intervened and told her, this is private property, leave my property. And he was threatened with arrest if he didn't be quiet. Now that's a black businessman, and this is the way people are treated by the police in Omaha. And who cares? I care, we care. When I told some of our friends in the media about Police Chief Wadman's son stealing credit cards and being caught dead to rights by the camera when he tried to use it, and how the World-Herald covered it up, they wouldn't print it. They wouldn't print it, but they'll print the names and ages of other young people who are accused of crimes. Then they want to strut and preen and present themselves as investigative reporters who print the truth fearlessly. I see these things, I store them away, and I don't forget. And when we face crisis situations, as confront my community now, it's necessary to bring them out, hoping that there are people in this body who have the power, through their votes, to help bring about programs that can deal directly with the problem. Maybe those