

It is an old rule of thumb: Honey attracts more than vinegar.

That is the approach that the Greater Dallas Community Relations Commission will take in its attempt to shore up weak relationships between local police and minorities.

The commission wants minority residents to see the men and women in blue in a different light -- to accentuate the positives.

So the commission is developing a program in which minority residents can honor officers who serve and have contributed to the African-American, Hispanic, Asian and American Indian communities or who are "members of a race of color."

The commission will receive nominations from the public for officers who may be honored at the second annual Minority Community Law Enforcement Awards Program on Aug. 4. Further details will be announced later.

Planning committee chairman Paul Allen said the event "is an attempt to improve the working relationship between police officers and community members . . . to honor officers who see the value of working in concert with the communities they serve."

Nomination forms can be obtained at various sites including community centers and libraries or by calling the commission at 979-1989. ABOUT TOWN: Bernice King, youngest daughter of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will speak at the 20th annual Coretta Scott King Book Award breakfast during the American Library Association's Social Responsibility Round Table at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel Grand Ballroom.

Among those to receive awards are children's book author Walter Dean Myers of New York and illustrator Jerry Pinkney. Tickets, at \$20 each, are available until 4 p.m. Sunday at the library association's meal ticket desk in the Dallas Convention Center's Akard Street entrance lobby.

*Tim Brown of Dallas, the 1987 Heisman Trophy winner and a member of the Los Angeles Raiders football team, will tell youth to say no to crack cocaine and sign autographs from 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday at Edgar Ward Center, 3901 Holystone St. in West Dallas. The event is sponsored by the

West Dallas Community Centers Drug Education and Prevention Program. The program also offers free support group meetings for the families of people addicted to crack at 6 p.m. each Tuesday at the West Dallas Multi-Purpose Center, **2828 Fish Trap Road**. Call 637-6256 for information.

*The Coors Soulfest at 8 p.m. Friday in the Fair Park band shell will feature jazz musicians Bobbi Humphrey, who grew up in Dallas, Noel Pointer and Roy Ayers and his band. The event will benefit the Museum of African-American Life and Culture Inc. Tickets are \$10 and \$15. Call 787-2000, 787-1500 or 565-9026 for information.

*More than 200 African-American cowboys and cowgirls will participate in the annual Texas Black Invitational Rodeo at 8 p.m. Saturday and 5 p.m. Sunday at the Fair Park Coliseum. Miss Black Rodeo 1988-89 also will be presented Saturday. Proceeds benefit the Museum of African-American Life and Culture. Tickets are \$5 and \$10. Call 565-9026 for information.

*T. Garrott Benjamin Jr. of Indianapolis, host of Benjamin, a weekly show on the Black Entertainment Television network and, in Dallas, on KDTX-TV (Channel 58), will speak at 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday at St. Luke Community United Methodist Church. Call 821-2970 for information.

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