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FORWARD TIMES

Moves Into Tenth Year With New Ideas

The year was 1960, and to borrow a phrase from a popular song, "It was a very good year."

John F. Kennedy was elected President of the United States. He was supported by a new Negro newspaper in Houston called FORWARD TIMES.

In Houston, many of our music lovers anxiously awaited January 28 for the appearance of Ray Charles and The Raelets at the City Auditorium. The "Last Angry Man," featuring Paul Muni was the flick at the Dowling Theatre and civic minded people were urging others to pay their poll tax before the January 31 deadline.

Houston had just entered a new year with the threat of an Asian Flu epidemic

ever present, but there was eager anticipation of good things to come.

The first edition of FORWARD TIMES was being written, edited, laid out, made, shot, stripped and printed and was ready for the news stands during the week of January 30.

Joseph Malcolm Willis, a tot, not a month old appeared on that first front page saying "Howdy Folks!" The auto license number of Willie Love (RR 689) a cab driver with six children appeared on page 7 and he won a prize.

Gene Robinson, Jr., now a FTimes columnist was nine years old, his sister, Michelle now a striking beauty was only eight years old. They appeared in a feature story with their

parents Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Robinson.

Vernon Chambers was a FTimes columnist in those early days, so was Betsy Johnson, the Epicureans held their twentieth annual dance and Chesty Barbara Harris was photographed as FTimes "Yummy of the Week."

Frank Rollins of the Rollins Jewelry Store and his wife were the subjects of a photo story and Julius Carter authored his first editorial, "Where We Stand."

A lot of water has flowed under the proverbial bridge since that very first edition which began as a dream and materialized at 218 West Dallas. FORWARD TIMES is now in its tenth

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