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Mr. J. B. Smith and wife, Charlotte

ECU Announces Smith Award to Outstanding Student in Education

By: Staff Writer

East Carolina University recently announced the establishment of the J. B. Smith Award to be given to a 1988-89 school year graduate of the University from its education department. More specifically, the award is designated for an outstanding student whose area of concentration includes either elementary or middle grades teaching.

Mr. Smith, affectionately known as "Bar-B-Que" by some friends and colleagues, is the principal of E. B. Aycock Jr. High School in Greenville, N. C. Before Smith took over the reins at E. B. Aycock, it had been infamously noted for its extreme violence and disciplinary problems. Since Mr. Smith has become principal, the city's only junior high school has enjoyed

productive, but educational progress without interruption. Before tackling the now non-existing ills at the school, Mr. Smith was principal of South Greenville School, one of the county's most highly rated schools for its commitment to educational prosperity for all students.

The mathematic scholar, educator, and community leader is married to a schoolteacher, also. Mr. Smith and his wife, Charlotte, who teaches Health and physical education have two children and reside in Greenville. The 'M' VOICE is proud to take this opportunity to salute and congratulate Mr. J. B. "Bar-B-Que" Smith for attaining such high accolades from his peers and fellow colleagues.

(Jim Rouse Photo)

We've Come A Long Way

By: Deacon James Vines

After I finished working for the day and the store had closed, I took off for the cook's house. It was a very warm night and a lot of people were sitting out on their porches with buckets or rags burning to keep the mosquitoes from biting and to make it more comfortable sitting out. I arrived there and found her sitting in the swing on her porch talking to the next door neighbor. I turned up the walkway and when I got to the steps I spoke and asked her how did she like the hot weather. She said she liked it because she didn't have to sit in the house all the time. She then asked me to come in and have a seat and sit and rest awhile until she came from the store which was not far from where she lived. She was gone for about five minutes and when she got back she kept going in the house and asked me if I would like to come. I got up and followed her into the living room where she pointed to the couch and asked me to sit down until she got back from the kitchen.

I sat there and listened to Gabriel Heater tell about how serious the war was getting and then she came back, sat down beside me, and said, "Now that I have finished my work, we can talk. Let me begin by asking you a question and you know what it's about. I didn't want to interfere but I am curious about what's been going on. I can't do my work in the kitchen for her asking me about how to get men to notice her. So I asked her what she meant and she just said, any man. And I asked her what did she want the man to do and she said just to get them to notice her. I am not ugly and I dress well but I just can't get some men to notice me. Then I asked why did she pick on the delivery boy and she said she just liked colored boys."

She stopped talking for a mo-

ment and got up from where she was sitting and went in the kitchen and after she had finished in the kitchen she came back and took me by both my hands and told me to promise her that I would never talk to that woman again, but I told her that it was my job to go there and that it was her doing the talking.

She said, "Well, you had better quit going there. Don't you think that I'm good enough for you? Although I am older but I've known young men to like older women." I sat there and listened to her for almost two hours before I had a chance to say anything at all and when I did try to say something she would cut me off and wouldn't let me finish what I was saying.

I finally got the chance to tell her that I had to go because it was getting late and I wanted to get some things from the store before I got home. I started to the door to leave and she asked me would I come again someday when I could stay longer and I told her that I would. The next day I decided to stay home and work on a very bad cold that I had and to get some rest, but I just couldn't stay in bed because I was worried about what to do about those women. So I sent word to the store that I wouldn't be in that day but I would be in the day after. I sat around the house until about 10 o'clock when I decided to walk out on the corner. There were several of the boys out there just sitting around doing nothing but talking and wondering if they would be caught in the draft. After I had been there talking with the boys for about five minutes, we saw a man on a truck selling melons and other vegetables, so we decided to chip in and buy a watermelon together. After we picked a nice big ripe one, we took it under some large cedar trees and cut it and began to eat it when one of the boys said,

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HOME GROWN BUSINESSMAN . . . Brother Sam Jones is the owner and general manager of Divine Carpet Cleaning Service and is ready and willing to assist you in spring cleaning. Here he is pictured with part of his staff--his family.

Settlement in Voting Lawsuit About Two Weeks Away

Lawyers for the Beaufort County Board of Commissioners and the plaintiffs in a voting-rights lawsuit have said that a settlement is still about two weeks away.

The commissioners' lawyer in the case, Michael Crowell of Raleigh, said in a telephone interview this week that the details of the settlement possibly will not be worked out until the board meets again May 23.

"We are still discussing the terms of the agreement with the plaintiffs' attorney," Crowell said. Leslie J. Winner, lawyer for the 11-member group that filed the suit against the county, said Thursday, "Completing the paperwork is a slower process than we thought it would be."

She and Crowell are having trouble coordinating their schedules, Ms. Winner said. But she said a settlement is "imminent."

The lawyers had indicated last month that they expected an agreement to be reached by now.

The suit was filed in U.S. District Court against the Board of Commissioners and the county Board of Elections a year ago by an 11-member group, the Concerned Citizens for Minority Affairs, headed by the Rev. David L. Moore of Washington. Its purpose is to establish a method of electing the commissioners that will make the election of a black more likely.

This is the first suit filed by the group. A suit against the Beaufort

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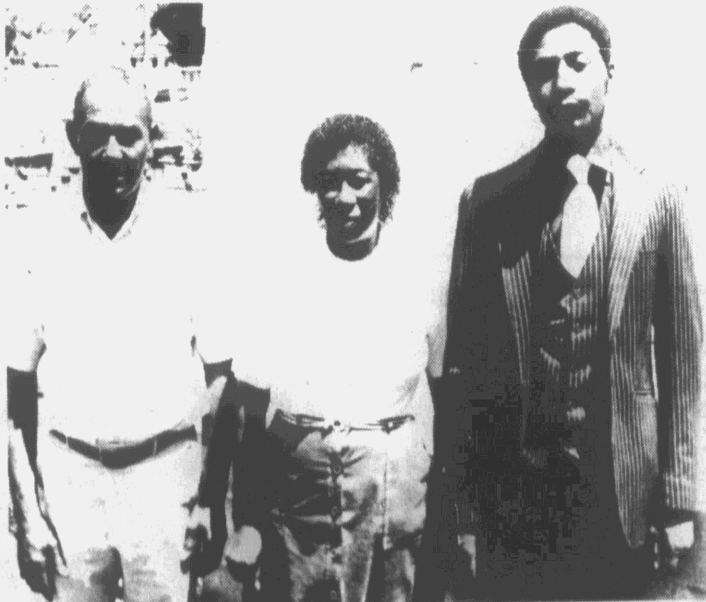
Pitt County gets first African American magistrate

Greenville native Russell J. Hemby has been appointed to become Pitt County's first African-American magistrate. A magistrate in Pitt County issues warrants for arrests and sets bail for alleged law breakers, among other things. Hemby could not be reached for comment.

The past master of Mt. Herman Lodge #35 is a 1971 graduate of J. H. Rose High and assumed his duties as magistrate May 1st.

The 'M' Voice salutes Russell Hemby!

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REVEREND JESSIE KEYS . . . And wife with Asst. Pastor, Carlton Keys at Mary Chapel Missionary Baptist Church.

(Voice Photo by Jim Rouse)

ADVANCE AUTO PARTS GRAND OPENING . . . Ray Davenport, left and Advance's newest store manager, Brother Preston Sutton paused during the Grand Opening of their new store on South Memorial Drive for our camera. They invite you to come on in and save!

(Voice Photo by Jeff Savage)

African American Funeral Directors Boycott Casket Maker

At a time when it seems as if discrimination on the basis of race in America has begun to diminish, the evils of bigotry are alive and lurking in darkness underground, literally. This time the victims of discrimination have banded together to effect drastic change. Who are these victims? You and your neighborhood funeral directors and morticians.

The National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association,

Inc. (NFDMA) is screaming foul against one of the nation's largest and most widely used casket makers because they have witnessed an inexplicable distribution of inadequate marketing strategies instituted by the coffin maker. The Batesville Casket Company, a subsidiary of Hillenbrand Industries, has been unsuccessful in conveying satisfactory explanations of their marketing behavior to the African American

group of burial professionals. While negotiations have been mainly unsuccessful, the NFDMA has maintained an open line of communications with Batesville's CEO, Mr. Robert H. Irwin and implemented its boycott of Batesville caskets. The group promises that if a mutual agreement is not met expeditiously, the selective buying initiative will expand to include other products and services of the Hillenbrand conglomerate.

Mr. Donovan Phillips, President of the N.C. FDMA and Prexy of Phillips Brothers Mortuary, Inc., a Greenville firm, said in an interview, "the way they have disbursed their funds for conventions and their hiring practices just do not appear fair and equitable . . ." as it relates to the amount of revenue generated by the "truly last surviving entity of the (Black) community in America" that has as its sole supporters, African Americans.

In a letter from NFDMA President Carlton C. Douglas to state presidents, Douglas urged members to return all financial contributions that were made by the (Batesville) casket maker toward conventions; solicit other (corporate) sponsors and to not buy any caskets or products made by Batesville as a show of unity with the position taken by the NFDMA. North Carolina is one of the states that have already adhered to and im-

plemented the requests from the national office. "This is a multi-billion dollar industry and a lot of that money comes from our communities and an equitable redistribution of those funds is not asking too much," says Phillips.

In a telephone interview with THE 'M' VOICE, Mr. Hari P. Close, Convention Coordinator for NFDMA, said "We spent over 140 million dollars with Batesville last year alone and we do not in-

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The tragedies in Central Park

Parks, like children, should be synonymous with joy and the beauty of growth. There was a time -- within my 63 years -- when music supposedly soothed (not aroused) the savage beast in every human. That was also the time when a man and woman had to produce a marriage license in order to rent an apartment and live together.

We are told that during the dark of April 19, 1989, a rap music lyric inspired some children to commit assault, rape and attempted murder in Central Park. Let us pray that "attempted" remains part of the charges.

It is important that the Manhattan Borough President, David Dinkins, emphasized that the crimes against the woman jogger were not racially-motivated. Nor do they appear to have been drug-induced -- unless you posit chemical powers to a cesspool lyric.

With regard to seeing the defendant's on television, confessions, we must await a trial or broadcast on television. Considering the questionable ethics

of some news organizations, the tapes could reach the tube as hijacked footage. What of the confessional content? Presumably, each will be legally admissible. Will the children make morally sufficient confessions implicating their parents?

When minors commit crimes, their parents are tacit co-defendants. That applies whether the parents live in Howard Beach or in Harlem. In spite of statutes enacted by legislators, there remains the commandment to "Honor thy father and thy mother!" Children honor, or dishonor, parents with deeds. That is universally true for the rainbow of human skin colors.

Genesis

Trying to be clinical about a society may be futile, but we always seem to ask ourselves diagnostic questions. Why? How? What? Who?

Was the genesis of Central Park and Howard Beach the product of the "consciousness-raising" sixties, the era when the parents of the Howard Beach and Central Park defendants were rebelling against

their parents attempts to instill values to live by?

Were the seeds of Howard Beach and Central Park planted -- like a terrorist bomb -- by Abbie Hoffman or H. Rap Brown? Should the credit go to the Ku Klux Klan or the Black Panthers? Who should be the Goddess of the disaster... Bernadine Dohrn or Joanne Chesimar? And the God... Meir Kahane or Louis Farrakhan? What entertainment superstars deserve medals? Is the winner the acid-soaked ghost of Janis Jopland or the marijuana-reeking presence of Bob Marley? Perhaps the affliction began with Lyndon Johnson's Utopian "Great Society," and progressed with Ronald Reagan's "Vanquish the Vulnerable" economics.

Isn't it strange how what was "Avante Garde" or "counter-culture" or "progressive" can degenerate into something ghastly?

Are the boys of Central Park the moral equivalent of the Greek letter fraternity brothers who "date rape" their way across our better college campuses?

During his lifetime, Adlai Stevenson often reminded us, "There is nothing new, only different."

The total Central Park atrocity defies rational explanation. And what the concept of "wilding"? Are parents completely disengaged? Don't they know that Tone-Loc's recording "Wild Thing" is a dominant influence on their children? If that is the situation, then Farrakhan's Apr. 23rd assertion to the New Orleans African-American Summit was ominous.

"With our increased birthrates," Farrakhan told the meeting, "the Black man and woman can actually breed ourselves into power."

No, not if the children of increased birthrates are permitted to propel themselves into penitentiaries rather than colleges. Society's public places are not playpens. Women's bodies are not toys meant to provide "fun" for ruthless criminals of any color. Perhaps, in the hell of his soul, Robert Chambers knows that as he remembers Central Park with every tick of the clock.

Train or visit

During the Great Depression era, the John Dillingers and Ma Barkers tried to pass themselves off as victims driven to crime only by poverty. (Some Blacks try to use racism as their sole justification for criminality). Hollywood found drama in misadventures, but industry-enforced rules prevented the glorification of crime; it could not be justified or rewarded.

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A common problem for young couples is disagreement over money. Many don't understand how difficult it will be to afford the lifestyle they want.

Teens still have misinformation about birth control, pregnancy, and other physical aspects about sex.

HUGGING, KISSING

It's hug time. It's kiss time. It's always time to stop whatever you're doing and give hugs and kisses to your toddlers, parents. It's also good for toddlers to see hugs and kisses between parents.

WHAT'S BUGGING YOU

Do you get the blahs on a rainy day? Clean out your closet, start a scrapbook, put those pictures in your album, plant a flower pot garden, plan and make a special meal for someone, hop around on one foot while you recite the "Pledge of Allegiance", paint each toe a different color, write that long overdue letter, rearrange the way your bedroom looks (get help with the heavy stuff).

1. Yelling at people does tend to kill the spirit in them. "Sticks and stones may break our bones, but words will break our hearts."

2. There is a sense in which we need to go home again--and can go home again. Not to recover home. But to sanctify memory.

3. Nature so works it that everybody gets a turn at getting what they deserve in one way or another.

4. Just be a man. Everybody has some secret goals in life.

5. You can't always get what you want but sometimes you can get what you need.

6. Everybody needs family and friends. You can trust a lot more people than you think.

7. Snow is God's way of telling people to slow down and rest and stay in bed for a day.

8. People who teach us, bless us, encourage us, support us, uplift us in the dailliness of life, we never tell them. I don't know why, but we don't.

9. People who think good thoughts, give good thoughts.

10. Women are smarter than men.

11. I must let go sometimes.

12. Every person passing through this life will unknowingly leave something and take something away.

13. It's never too late to fly.

14. Things come and go. People. Years. Ideas. Everything. "Sometimes the world seems like a fine place. Don't it?" To be human it is to know and care and ask.

The Mrs. Beatrice Maye Column



RETIREMENT

Sometimes instead of a new beginning, retirement initiates a gradual self-destruction. Alcohol can be the instrument of that destruction, a new emotional crutch that the retiree uses to cope with change (or loss) or an old habit someone is unable to break. The effect of alcohol in older adults is potent. Their tolerance is not what it once was. Many persons turn to alcohol to cope with aging.

BEWARE WOMEN

Women who have affairs with married men should be aware that a married man is not an available man. Never mind the fun and games and wistful thinking. The world is full of women who are hoping to snag a man any way they can. If he is married, they hope to pry him loose. They listen and pounce on any weakness. "Poor me..." or "Poor you..." or "Whatever works."

Nobody ever had a secret affair in any office. Anyone who thinks otherwise is a fool. The married man is looking for one thing and one thing only--SEX. A wife can tell if he is having an affair. No one has to tell her. He gives himself away.

REASONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUTS

1. To take a job (extra spending money).

2. Boredom.

3. Eagerness for means to finance a car of their own (remember the average age is 16).

In many cases parents agree to a job over school because it relieves household budget pressures.

THERE ARE FIVE KINDS OF

PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD:

Those who WANT things to happen.

Those who WAIT for things to happen.

Those who WATCH for things for happen.

Those who MAKE things happen, and

Those who WONDERED what happened.

Mayor Ed Carter

"A man is a slave to whatever controls him." 2 Peter 2:19

"A dog comes back to what he has vomited, and a pig is washed only to come back and wallow in the mud again. That is the way it is with those who turn again to their sin." 2 Peter 2:22

"Blacks", said Claudette Burroughs-White, President of the Greensboro Affiliate National Black Child Development Institute, conducted Wednesday through Saturday, April 20-22, 1989, in Raleigh, have few role models, face destructive pressures from drugs and peers and are not encouraged to set high academic goals. They do best, they said, when parents and teachers show a personal interest in their performance.

Other statements include, "I feel if my Mom had been there for me, like in elementary school. I would not have gotten into drugs", another said, "teachers fail to make learning relevant", still another said, "teachers do not expect as much from Black students", and another said, "black students feel like the only thing there is for them to do is work in the factory."

The conclusion is--our institutions, homes, and society are failing our children. There's the challenge--who's going to meet it.

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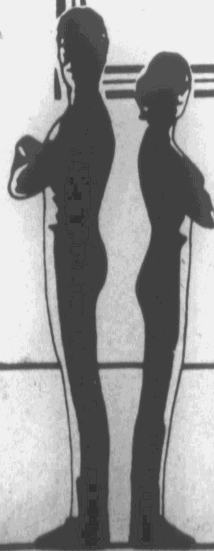
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The most modern, elegant way to wear a tie

By RENEE MINUS WHITE

Fashion & Beauty Editor

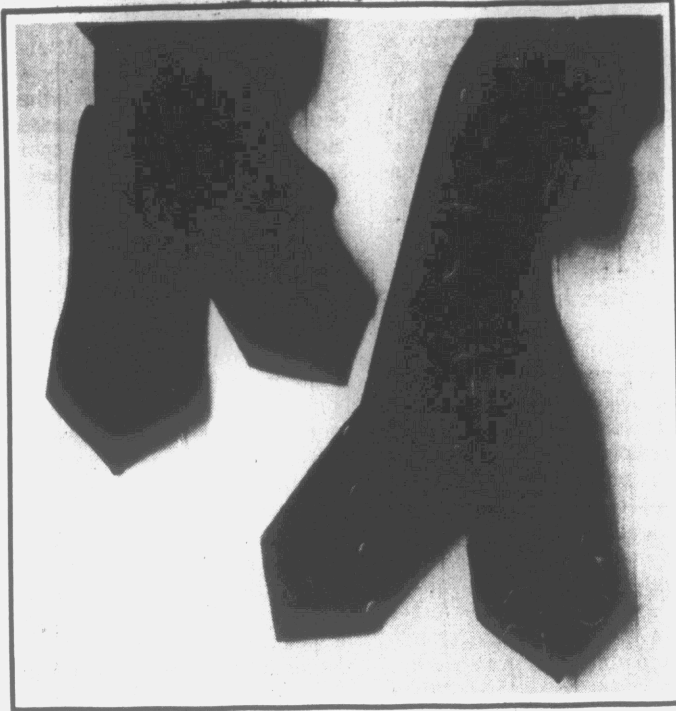
No matter how fashion fluctuates, neckwear for men has always been in style. From the Pharaohs of ancient Egypt who wore neckbands of precious stones, to early Romans who used wool or silk clothes to protect their necks from the cold, to the dandies of 1800s England who changed cravats three times a day, man has always had the urge to adorn his neck.

What was once a functional garment has evolved into a statement of personal style. And through the ages, the mark of a truly distinguished gentleman has been the manner in which he tied his cravat. According to the pamphlet, "The Art of Tying a Cravat," published in 1827, a man will discover that the most critical and scrutinizing examination will be made on the set of his cravat, when he enters a social circle of taste and elegance. The pamphlet sets forth 18 different lessons on the subject.

Times haven't changed very much (although nowadays, there are far fewer than 18 knots to master). While modern man may choose from a variety of colors and fabrics for his neckwear, there is still an art to knotting it.

The fashionable man of 1989 will sport a tie with a small knot an elegant dimple in the fabric. The tie experts at Wemco, the largest neckwear manufacturer in the country, offer this advice for the man anxious to be in step with fashion:

(a) Look for a tie that is made of a natural fabric or a blend such as Wemsilk. (b) Make sure your tie has been cut on the bias. The tie will give when pulled gently from both ends. (c) Your tie should also be slip-stitched to endure repeated knotting and have bar tacking closing the tie back to make a perfectly centered point. (d) Then tie the tie with four-in-



HIGH SILK PRICES - Wembley's unique blended fabric, Wemsilk, is a fashionable alternative to expensive silk. With the trend toward woven designs, Wembley presents the Jeweled Jacquards. Influenced by the growing importance of black, these ties take it a step further: from left to right, a teal ground accented in black, grey and rose; a grey and silvewer weave with scattered white highlights; a dusty rose ground distinguished by black,

hand knot, pinching the fabric to create a dimple.

Art Deco prints are the rage today in ties with lightweight silk being the favorite in a return to the wider widths and smaller bottleneck of the Forties. Colors, especially purple, and textures created from woven fabrics and patterns without restrictions characterize fashion ties. The basic stripes and dots of yellow and red power ties are passe.

The life of your new tie depends largely on how you take care of it. Here are a few suggestions to help keep your ties looking like new. **TO ELIMINATE WRINKLING:** 1. Allow two or three days between wearings. 2. Never leave your tie knotted after you take it off. This could cause per-

manent wrinkling. 3. Hang your ties after each wearing and most wrinkles will disappear.

TO REDUCE STAINING: 1. Blot spills with a damp cloth and let dry, unless the tie is labeled wash and wear (Wemlon), it may require dry cleaning. To reduce wrinkling of all clothing, use a plastic bag over individual hangers.



THE BEST KEEPS GETTING BETTER . . . Brother Dallas Rhome, second from left, is a counselor for the Teen Parenting Program at Metropolitan AME Zion Church in Washington, Rhome is shown here with teens who participate in the program. Rev. David Moore, pastor, said the annual Teen Parenting Banquet, which was catered by Rhome, was a success. Dr. Julius Mallette, a Greenville physician, was the banquet's speaker. The program is one of the many vehicles Metropolitan uses to reach all members of the African-American Communities. The 'M' VOICE is proud to salute the Metropolitan Church family for its numerous contributions to eastern North Carolina.

Bethel Elementary SASA Club

The Bethel Elementary SASA Club (Students Against Substance Abuse) sponsored a visit to the school on May 5 by Phil Ford, assistant basketball coach at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Mr. Ford arrived at the school around 1:00 p.m. and visited the kindergarten through fifth grade classrooms. At 1:30 p.m. there was an assembly for sixth through eighth grade students in the auditorium. At 3:00 p.m., Mr. Ford met with the SASA Club members for an autograph session.

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This Week's Student Profile

Seven year old, Nicolette Megan Savage, was recently chosen as the "Student of the Week" at Belvoir Elementary School where she is a second grade student at the Pitt County School. Nicolette, whose teacher is Mrs. Burney, said she was granted this distinction because of her displaying qualities of a "good student." When asked what she thought were specific reasons for her being chosen, she stuck her finger into her mouth and began to rock and sway back and forth, as children usually do, and said, "I didn't get my name on the board and for being good." That answer ultimately led us to ask "what is considered being good?" She then astutely replied, "I finished all my homework, I helped other people finish their work and for getting good grades." which she says are A's, B's, and C's, but she received a D in reading because, "I didn't read any supplementary books."

Nicolette is the daughter of Mr. Joseph T. Savage and the grand daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene J. Savage, all of Greenville. She also says she is now reading supplementary books and one day hopes to become a police officer, a doctor, and a "superwoman!"

EDITOR'S NOTE: Do you know of anyone who is a student on any level, at any age at anytime? Please send a picture and a brief profile to: The 'M' Voice, Student Profile, 304 Evans Street Mall, Greenville, North Carolina, 27858.



NICOLETTE MEGAN SAVAGE

Pitt County School News

Odyssey of the Mind World Championships

Over 350 students in the Pitt County Schools participated in the Odyssey of the Mind program. Thirty-two of the teams

went on to the Regional Tournament held in Wilmington and seven of these teams placed either first or second in the

Regionals and went on to participate in the State Finals in Raleigh. The team from D. H. Conley High School placed first in the state in "Ye Gods" and is now eligible to compete in the World Finals in Boulder, Colorado in May.

In order to get to Colorado, the team needs our support. The plane tickets and room reservations must be made within the next two weeks. This expense is \$3,500.00. The total expense for the trip is going to run between \$4,000.00-\$5,000.00.

As many of you know, there is no reserve funding to support our state finalists. Participating in World Finals is one of the most meaningful experiences that a young person could ever have.

The Conley team is working very hard to raise their support, but they need our help. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Harry Jones at D. H. Conley High School (756-3440). Checks can be sent directly to Odyssey of the Mind Fund: D. H. Conley High School, Route 13, Box 230, Greenville, NC 27834. Let's all get behind this team and cheer them on to Boulder!

Farmville Central Area Challenges Grants

Foundation Director Linwood Mercer of Farmville offered a challenge grant of \$1,000 to the people in the Farmville Central Attendance Area to provide mini-grants in the 1988-89 school year for that area. Led by members of the Farmville Advisory Council and local members of the Pitt County Board of Education, the Farmville and Falkland communities raised \$3,974 to match the challenge grant three times over.

Bethel Elementary School will hold K-2 Festival

Bethel Elementary is holding a K-2 FESTIVAL DAY on May 26, from 9:00 until 2:00. This will be a very special non-traditional type of field day for the school. This will be a day where there is competition as well as cooperation where children have a choice whether to compete or not. The philosophy of the day is for each child to have a good time and feel good about what he or she does. This philosophy comes from the physical education program at Bethel Elementary called Every Child A Winner (Bethel Elementary is one of 8 national demonstration sites for this program). Every child will be a winner as there will be no 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place winners in any event. "Winning" will come with each child doing his or her best. Each event is planned to allow success for all children regardless of physical or mental ability. The children will move through all the events on their own, using self-discipline skills which are also a part of the Every Child A Winner program. Arts activities, storytelling sessions, musical entertainment, special treats, clowns and mimes have been added to enhance the activities of the day.

Volunteer Appreciation Day

The annual Volunteer Appreciation Reception and Community Schools' Celebration will be held on May 9, 1989 at 7:00 p.m. at Wahl-Coates School. Volunteers from throughout Pitt County have been invited to attend this special event. The theme, "Community + Schools = A Decade of Cooperation and

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Doctor's Corner

By Cynthia L. Doctor



Today, many women and men choose to parent children without benefit of marriage. Many such parents raise healthy, well-adjusted children, too. North Carolina is among the states that no longer allows a mother to randomly give a child his/her father's last name without the benefit of marriage. Many have said over the years, "What's a name, or is a name that important?" The plight of such children and the long term consequences for many such children include greater loss—that of life chances and benefits. The majority of the children do not receive any of the benefits ordinarily allowed to a child by its father. For example, these children cannot receive social security benefits from his/her father; cannot inherit from his/her father if the father did not leave a will; and usually cannot inherit from his/her father's relatives, if the relatives did not leave a will before they died.

Let's love our children for a lifetime, regardless of the circumstances of their conception. Remember the cliché Mama's baby, Daddy's maybe? Well Mamas its time for us to make sure our children get what is rightfully theirs! Such action is not begging nor does it show a lack of pride on the mother's part. It in fact shows that mama is smart and can look beyond the small costs of milk and pampers in comparison to the expenses of high school college aged children.

Laws have created several ways that a child can be legitimated. Legitimation ensures (s)he will have all the rights of a child whose parents were married to each other. Initially the parents may marry before the child is born. The child is then automatically legitimized even if the parents marry after the birth of the child. Secondly, fathers may establish paternity voluntarily or they can be brought to court by the mother. Establishing paternity involves the father filing a petition with

the court saying he is the father. This can be an inexpensive process when done voluntarily or quite expensive if the father denies paternity. The expenses include blood tests and court costs. The Department of Social Services or an attorney can assist in this matter. Even if a father does not legitimize his child, he is still not relieved from his obligation to support the child. The Department of Social Services through its IV-D Unit can help locate absent fathers and assist in collecting support. Finally, a more complicated procedure involves gaining social security benefits, insurance benefits, workmen's compensation, or inheritance rights from a deceased father who did not file a petition or legitimation or paternity. More information regarding this procedure can be obtained from the local Social Security office.

How Concerned Should We Be About AIDS?
Acquired Immune Deficiency

is one of the foremost health concerns in the United States today. The Center for Disease Control in 1988 estimated that more than 1.5 million people are infected with human immunodeficiency virus, commonly referred to as HIV, which causes AIDS. Most of these people are unaware that they are infected and will therefore not seek early medical treatment. Victims of this disease include both children and adolescents. According to the Centers for Disease Control of the total number of reported cases of AIDS in this country between May 1986 and March 1988, black adolescents comprised 35 percent of the cases for youths between the ages of 13 and 19. Of those cases 17 percent were Hispanic and 46 percent were white. These statistics reflect only reported cases. There may be larger numbers of infected adolescents since many are not likely to seek medical assistance or testing for HIV and AIDS as will their older counterparts. Our growing teenage pregnancy rate in Pitt County makes us all aware that many adolescents in our community are sexually active whether they become pregnant or not. Parents must now be concerned with the possibility of the teenage members of their family becoming infected with HIV or AIDS.

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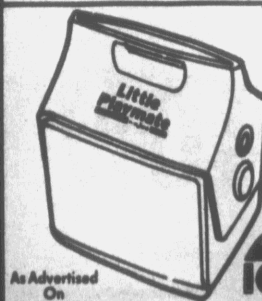


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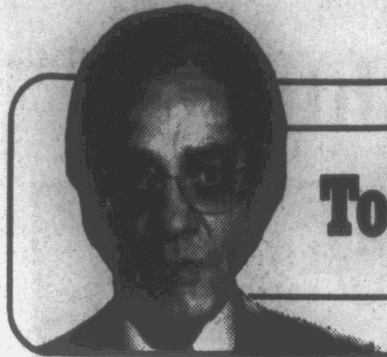
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Lucas Deserves Black Support

I am a paid life Member of the NAACP. I raise money on behalf of the NAACP. I love the history of the NAACP's struggle on behalf of Americanized Africans. I believe that Ben Hooks, its current leader, is a man of impeccable character. And I consider him a friend.

But I don't agree with the official opposition of the NAACP's leadership to the Bush Administration's nomination of William Lucas to lead the Justice Department's civil rights division.

There is very little about the politics of Jesse Jackson that appeals to me. There is very little substance, in my opinion, in the things that he says that do make sense. And his ego is so enormous to allow a goosy glimpse of his character. But on the issue of William Lucas' nomination, I agree with Jackson 100% for backing him.

At best, in my opinion, the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund's (which was sued by the NAACP to drop the "NAACP" part of its name) opposition to Lucas is blasphemous.

In the area of so-called "desegregation" of Black colleges, the Legal Defense Fund is clearly on the side of the enemies of the Black community who want our traditional institutions turned into White schools.

How this group of misguided liberal lawyers, a large number of who are White, can insert itself into deciding who will best represent the Black community is an insult to our intelligence.

Even though I disagree with the NAACP's position on this one issue (as well as busing for the purpose of integration), I respect the NAACP's role in our struggle as the premiere civil rights organization. I have one membership in the NAACP, therefore I have one vote — and one opinion.

My opinions also extend to the basic reason given by those who oppose Lucas: He is not qualified. Come on! The racists who oppose Black progress have over-used that one.

Was Bobby Kennedy qualified to be Attorney General when he was nominated by his brother, President John Kennedy? Bobby Kennedy's only experience was the result of his family's contacts in Congress.

These same civil-rights types did not raise the issue of qualifications about Kennedy because he was a White liberal. Which makes me suspect that they oppose Lucas because he is a Black Republican.

He's certainly as qualified to run the civil rights division as Dan Quayle is to be Vice-President; or Ronald Reagan was to be Governor of California or President of the United States; or Michael Dukakis was to be President. And he's more qualified to run the civil rights division than Jesse Jackson is to run the country.

Yet, none of these groups opposed Jesse Jackson — or is likely to — because of his lack of qualifications. And we know why. Jackson is popular with the masses of Blacks, first of all. Secondly, he is a Democrat.

If Lucas' opponents don't want to support a Black because he is a member of a political party they don't like, then let them say so.

But if they persist in opposing a man with his public office and administrative record and his character, and use civil rights as an excuse, they will damage their own cause and the rest of Black America.

I'm one Black person who supports William Lucas for this new job, and others who feel this way should let the members of the Senate who must confirm him know that these opinion leaders are not speaking for all of us.

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Should Blacks Join the Problem or Create a Solution

I've reduced all Black people in America to two groups: those who want to live on Massa's plantation and those who want to own their own.

In a week-long series in the *Los Angeles Times*, Patrick Goldstein

brilliantly documented the Hollywood system of racism in movies—how they create false White heroes at the expense of Black people; refuse to star Blacks in leading roles; exploit Black people psychologically and financially; and boast a flippant attitude of "So What?"

One quote by producer Rob Cohen defined Hollywood this way: "Hollywood is a White, male, college-educated, Jewish milieu full of ambitious guys who want to play out their fantasies..."

With that as a backdrop, Eddie Murphy and Spike Lee were highlighted as guest employees on the plantation (Murphy, the mega-star and Lee, the newcomer) in a nasty exchange of charges and countercharges.

Lee: "Eddie has made a billion dollars for Paramount (in only 6 years). Yet, I don't see any Black executives with real power at that place... Everybody he's got working there (at Eddie Murphy's own company) is related to him."

Murphy: "I don't need anyone telling me how much social consciousness I should have...I've done a lot for my people...I've opened the door for Spike and now he's throwing rocks at me!"

Two statements by the combatants, however, rang with undeniable truth.

Murphy: "It's their (the White owners of Hollywood) house... I'm just the brother of the moment."

Just as Hollywood used Sidney Poitier as the House Negro for my generation, Eddie Murphy is, by his own admission, the only one invited to dinner from his generation. If 30 million Blacks can vicariously enjoy Murphy's cars, houses, and swimming pools, that's the only way they're going to get them, Hollywood is suggesting.

In a jab at Murphy, Lee scored with this one: "Clout isn't just getting the best table at Spago's. How's that helping your people?"

Of course, one could ask Murphy and Lee how providing jobs for a select few on the plantation is helping the masses? Or, how does the \$1 billion that Murphy has made for Paramount help Black colleges or Black charities or the underprivileged Blacks? And how much of the \$200 million that "Coming to America" made from a mostly Black audience last year come back to anyone Black other than Murphy and some of his friends and employees?

And when Spike Lee boasts that his last film made \$16 million (the figure on the charts is much lower) for the White people at Columbia Pictures, how much of that did Black people get? Lee, who used to talk about film independence for Blacks, now stresses jobs for Blacks on the plantation.

The head of the Hollywood studio that Lee is now working for even believes that specific plans to hire Blacks is anti-White. Tom Pollock, the Chairman, said: "Affirmative action is hiring people because they are Black. We don't employ Spike Lee (who's directing "Do the Right Thing" for Pollock) because he's Black."

"They believe they can make money with me. And the minute they don't they'll get rid of me," Lee admits. At least he knows he's transient.

So why trash Murphy for being the most successful Black on the plantation? The only difference I see in Murphy and Lee is that Murphy is more successful than Lee at doing what both are trying to do—become part of the Hollywood system that means Blacks are no good.

I vote for a new system built by Black people for the liberation of Black people. I have no interest in joining anyone's racist plantation. My plan is Buy Freedom.

Space limitations will not permit my giving all of the details of how we can go about building a Black Hollywood, but I'll mail it to you in the new issue of my magazine (including the 50-year history of Blacks building a movie industry that collapsed because we wanted to integrate the plantation)—if you'll send \$1.00 in postage stamps to me at 1501 Broadway, Suite 2014, New York, NY 10036. Call (212) 575-0876 for larger amounts.

Money that Paramount will make from Black people this summer with Murphy's new movie, "Harlem Nights," (about \$100 million) or money from Lee's new movie (about \$16 million from Blacks if Lee is correct) that Universal will earn from Black people will not—I

repeat WILL NOT be returned to the Black community.

And the announcement, intended obviously to promote his new film, that Spike Lee is giving a \$5,000 film scholarship to Blacks is not recycling the \$2.2 billion that we spend with a racist White Hollywood.

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Unfair Beating of Adelaide Sanford on Her Aids Findings

One of the most savage and unfair beatings that I have ever seen administered in public is the one that Adelaide Sanford, a member of the Board of Regents of New York, is getting for repeating findings from studies on melanin—the dark pigment the body produces to protect the skin against damage from sunlight; it makes Black people darker than Whites.

Cynthia Jenkins, a Black New York legislator, wrote in a White newspaper that Sanford was one of the most "dangerous" Black leaders around. While she is accused by some Blacks of promoting racism, many Whites in the media are possibly twisting Sanford's scientifically valid statement about a connection between the amount of melanin in the body and drug addiction for their own purposes.

The *New York Post* said in an editorial that "her theory enjoys no scientific support." Alan S. Chartock, a White publisher, wrote: "It was a pretty stupid thing to say...there is no scientific study worth its salt that suggests any such thing."

The statement that expressed the epitome of self imposed arrogance, however, came from Dr. Ron Simeone, New York State's top drug abuse researcher and director of research for the state Division of Substance Abuse. Said this mountain of scientific wisdom: "If there was such a study, I would know about it."

Contrary to what the *Post* said, Sanford has no theory ("her theory") on a relationship of melanin to drug addiction, the world of science does. And for Dr. Simeone's edification, she quoting from a long list of scientific studies which have obviously escaped him and the media know-it-alls.

Therefore, I suggest to them the following information on the subject of melanin: (1) "Melanin: The Chemical Key to Black Greatness, The Harmful Effects of Toxic Drugs on Melanin Centers Within the Black Brain," Barnes, Carol, Houston, Texas, 1988 (2) Barr, F. E., "Melanin: The Organizing Molecule," Medical Hypothesis, Vol. 11:1, March 1983; (3) Edelshtein, L.M., "Melanin—A Unique Biopolymer," Pathobiology Annual, Vol. 1, p. 311, 1971; and (4) Eberle, Alex N., "The Melanotropins, Chemistry, Physiology and Mechanisms of Action," Basel, Switzerland, S. Karger, 1988.

To support Sanford's statement that "the melanin in the skin of children of African descent bonds with narcotics and causes the addiction," the following studies documents the relationship between melanin and drug binding: (1) Larsson, B. Tjolve, H., "Studies on the Mechanism of Drug-Binding to Melanin," Biochemical Pharmacology, Vol. 28, p. 1181, 1979; (2) Salazar, M. M., "Significance of the Interaction of Drugs with Melanin," Pharmacology, p. 3908, 1976; (3) Inga, R. M. J., "The Melanin Bindings of Drugs and Its Implications," Drug Metabolism Reviews 15 (5 & 6) p. 1183, 1984; (4) Baweja, R., "Competitive Binding Between Cocaine and Various Drugs to Iylnthitic Levadopa Melanine," Journal of Pharmaceutical Science, Vol. 66 (11), p. 1544, 1977; (5) Patil, P. N., "Cocaine-Binding by the Pigmented and the Non-Pigmented Iris and its Relevance to the Mydriatic Effect," Investigative Ophthalmology, Vol. 11 (9), p. 739, 1972; and (6) Salazar, M., "Binding of Dopaminergic Drugs by the Neuromelanin of the Substantia Nigra, Synthetic Melanins and Melanin Granules, Federation Proceedings, JVol. 37 (10), p. 240, 1978.

When they finish that, they can read my column ("We are Different, But not Unequal") of two weeks ago for more data on other physical differences between racial and ethnic groups which are due to "genetic pooling," the

constant recombination of the same genes.

These detractors of Sanford should also get a copy of *The New York Times* of April 6, 1989. It reported on new data that indicated that Blacks do not do as well as Whites with kidney transplants.

Blacks, said Dr. Clive Callendar, director of transplant surgery at Howard University Hospital, "are more genetically diverse than Whites and harder to match, and they more aggressive immune systems that are more likely to reject organs," the *Times* reported.

And last week, NBC-TV aired a program on Black athletes that said scientists have determined

there are anatomical differences between Blacks and Whites: Blacks have longer limbs, slimmer hips, denser skeletons and less body fat, and more fast-twitch fibers, enabling them to generate speed quickly and efficiently. Conclusion: An all-Black final in the men's 100-meter dash at the 1988 Olympics.

Moreover, if there were no genetic differences, how did the U.S. military develop a substance called valley fever, which, according to *Newsweek* magazine, is more likely to kill Blacks than Whites.

Perhaps it's not Regent Sanford's alleged fueling of racist

doctrine with a pseudo-science that her media attackers worry about. Rather, her attack on the state of New York's dismal performance in educating Blacks may be the real source of her problem.

New York State spends \$17.5 billion a year on education, but graduates fewer than half of the non-Whites. Because Regent Sanford wants to know why, a pseudo-White liberal media diversion could have been created to twist her words on melanin and destroy her reputation as a regent; which will undermine her legitimate concern about the education of non-Whites in New York.

This Way For Black Empowerment

BY: DR. LENORA FULANI

Fighting Back Against Systematic Child Abuse

Under a new California law which holds parents responsible for the criminal activity of their children, Los Angeles police have arrested the mother of a 17 year old suspect in a rape case on the grounds that she condoned his membership in a gang. The mother and her son are Black.

A New York City parochial school teacher whose students are mostly Black and Latino recently told an interviewer that the school curriculum places primary emphasis on language skills. The reason? "Many of our children come from single parent families," he explained, "and their mothers don't take the time to talk to them."

Sue Simmonds, a Black educator and community leader who holds a master's degree in elementary education from New York's prestigious Columbia University, is locked in a court battle with the city's Special Services for Children department; her kids were taken away from her months ago by SSC, which falsely accused this sister of child abuse.

The nightmare started when cops armed with shotguns and wearing bulletproof vests staged a midnight raid on Sue Simmonds' independent school in Brooklyn early last fall. The invasion was part of a harassment campaign which the city, siding with her landlord in a dispute over the school property, has been waging against her. Sue was thrown into a Rikers Island jail for five days. When she came out, her kids were gone — taken into SSC custody "for their own protection."

Sue Simmonds is not the only mother whose children have been taken away by the authorities — family courts, so-called child protection agencies and "special services" for children under the pretext that they were in danger at home. All over the country tens of thousands of our children are being plucked from their families on the say-so of judges whose court proceedings are closed to the public, shunted from foster home to public shelter and back again, transferred from one school to another — always new, rarely wanted or welcome, never "at home." Neglected, brutalized physically and emotionally, with no one to watch out for them or care about them, these children are systematically abused by the very institutions that are supposed to protect them.

It's no coincidence that most of their mothers are poor women of color. Poor families, and poor women in particular, come in for a big share of the blame from those who cry crocodile tears over the breakdown of the American family. It's the pious politicians, the professional "experts," the self-serving sermonizers and sales-hungry sensationalizers who, by blaming us, condone and help to perpetrate systematic child abuse.

We're so dumb, they say, that we let ourselves get talked into sleeping with men who won't marry or even support us; we're promiscuous sluts who don't care if we get pregnant because "the welfare" will pay; we're lazy, irresponsible, unloving and unfit mothers who don't look after our children or discipline them or teach them the right values, just as our own mothers didn't teach us (we're third and fourth generation welfare recipients, which proves it); we are the carriers and perpetrators of a "culture of poverty" that turns children into anti-social monsters. We don't have the moral right to be mothers, they say, nodding their heads in approval when the authorities come into our homes and walk out with our kids.

Last November Sue Simmonds' legal defense committee transformed itself into Com-

munities Organized to Stop Systematic Child Abuse. I am an active member of COSSCA. As a developmental psychologist, as a political activist, and as the mother of two Black children, I am deeply, deeply concerned about the systematic abuse of children in our society.

COSSCA is taking on a case of systematic child abuse that involves Native American children who attend the Diamond Valley School in Alpine County, California in the mountains just across the border with Nevada. All of the teachers at the school are white; more than half the children who attend are Indian. It's common for the teachers to call these kids "stupid," and hit them. Diamond Valley, which goes from kindergarten to the eighth grade, is the only school in the county — so parents have little choice but to send their children there. Desiree and Terrance Cruz, Washoe Indians, who have two children in the school, have been leading a community protest against the abuse that goes on at the school. In realization, local police officers have begun harassing them, and Mr. Cruz is in danger of being driven out of business. On June 1, COSSCA will issue a human rights report for Alpine County, exposing the abuse; a lawsuit if being prepared against the county by COSSCA attorneys and founding members Alvaader Frazier and Harry Kresky.

Thanks to COSSCA the Indian parents of Alpine County don't have to fight alone anymore to put a stop to systematic child abuse. None of us does. If you want to stand up with us, call Alvaader Frazier at (212) 956-5550.

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America goes wilding

BY: DR. LENORA FULANI

The racial that spews forth from every institution is the fuel that drives America — backward. Everywhere we hear the Black people, in particular young African-American men, are less-than-human savages.

Listen to what is being said about Harlem teenagers who are being questioned regarding rape and beating of the woman jogger in New York City's Central Park last week. "I don't know if it was out of control for these types of kids," said the chief prosecutor for the Family Court Division of the city's Law Department. "I think that kids like this," he said, "given what I would call their

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Political Shortages

BY: WALTER E. WILLIAMS

Courage, honesty, and just plain decency have always been in short supply among politicians, and today it's no different. But somehow we weathered the storm. Today, with government controlling over one-third of our gross national product and dictating many aspects of our lives, politicians have awesome power to do serious damage.

A hint of this potential was seen in the political response to ex-Klansman David Duke winning a Republican seat in the Louisiana State Legislature. In part, Duke's victory was a quotas in hiring and college admittance. Lee Alwater, chairman of the Republican National Committee, George Bush, and Ronald Reagan were the first to disavow him as a member of the GOP. Later on, other Republican and Democrat stalwarts chimed in with united voices of disapproval.

Here's the \$64,000 question that you won't hear asked at press conferences: Mr. Bush (or Mr. Alwater), since you repudiated Duke's political victory, won by his campaigning against race being used as a criteria in hiring and college admittance, does that mean you're in favor of race as a determinant for jobs and college admittance?

What do you suppose would be response to the question? I predict they'd rephrase the question, or at best give a convoluted answer, but not a clear yes or no. George may honestly think that race is an immoral criteria for deciding who gets a job or is admitted to college. But his political advisors may feel that a forthright statement against racial quotas may thwart the GOP's efforts to become "America's new majority party." If the president and his men, as well as other politicians, share Duke's stated position against racial quotas, isn't it dishonest or lacking in courage not to say so? And doesn't it smack of political deviousness to be against racial

quotas to curry favors with blacks while criticizing Duke?

We face a potentially perilous threat to social harmony when the Klan, Skinheads, and people like Duke get a sympathetic hearing and make recruitment or political inroads among people who are not active racists. If we look at some of the injustices of quotas that offend every standard of fair play, it is not too difficult to see how some whites can fall prey to racial charlatans. Honest and courageous politicians, as well as courts, should act now to defuse increasing racial polarization by taking a principled stand, stating clearly that race, as a determinant of who gets what, has no place in America.

Much of the foundation for quotas lies in President Lyndon Johnson's Executive Order 11246. Bush should exercise his presidential prerogative and rescind that order making it clear to the nation that racial discrimination in any form will not be tolerated. The elimination of racial quotas would help deprive racists of fertile grounds whereby they exploit the legitimate complaints of white people for their own agenda. Moreover, if congress disagreed with the rescission of Executive Order 11246, they could try to enact quota legislation and risk being run out of town on a rail.

Political courage, honesty and decency won't get us very far these days, but that's no reason for you and I to sit by idly while spineless politicians take us down the tube in racial turmoil. Black people should demand an end to racial policy that creates resentment with no offsetting benefit. Blacks can bet their rent money that when it becomes expedient, today's politicians, like those of the Reconstruction era, will jump ship. White people should make every effort not to fall prey to charlatans using resentment against quotas to promote their own racist agenda.

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Valerie J. Dixon has been named assistant vice president for financial services at Pitt County Memorial Hospital. She will be responsible for general accounting functions which include general ledger, accounts payable, payroll, contracts, and electronic data processing. Dixon, who also is a certified public accountant, will be responsible for the hospital's new cost management department, which oversees cost accounting and the budget.

A native of Pennsylvania, Dixon most recently worked with West Baltimore/Constant Care Community Health Centers, a health maintenance organization based in Baltimore, Maryland. She was responsible for cost and budget, general accounting, claims processing and accounts receivable.

Dixon says she is looking forward to developing a new cost accounting system for Pitt Memorial. Keeping costs in line is imperative to the hospital's ability to remain competitive, she explained. She added that cost accounting is especially important to meet the capital needs associated with the hospital's 143-bed expansion.

Dixon graduated magna cum laude in 1979 from Morgan State University in Baltimore with a bachelor of science degree in accounting. Following graduation, Dixon prepared for the certified public accountant examination, which she passed in one sitting. In the fall of 1979, Dixon began a five-year tenure with Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., a Big 8 ac-



VALERIE J. DIXON

counting firm in Baltimore. From a previous summer job at John Hopkins University, Dixon developed a keen interest in cost accounting. She says her interests expanded into the financial aspects of health care. From 1984 to 1987, Dixon was a full-time lecturer at Morgan State University in Baltimore where she taught accounting courses. She also opened her own business providing financial, accounting and consulting services to small businesses.

Dixon is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Maryland Association of Certified Public Accountants and the National Association of Black Accountants.

The Doctor's Corner

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Among adolescents, just as among adults, HIV and AIDS are transmitted primarily through sexual contact. Such sexual contact may be heterosexual (a person of the opposite sex) or homosexual (a person of the same sex) with persons with HIV or AIDS. Other means of contracting this disease for this population include contaminated blood or blood products through transfusions, and intravenous drug use. Two of these factors, unprotected sexual activity and drug abuse, make this population especially vulnerable to AIDS. Most teenagers are not using condoms although condoms provide some protection against AIDS transmissions. This fact remains although many teens know that condoms provide such protection, and that condoms are readily available. Further, drug abuse is widespread and increasing among adolescents. According to the U.S. Department of Education in 1987 more than 20,000 teenagers reported using drugs intravenously. Although the statistics for intravenous drug use among teenagers in Pitt County are not available, most of us in this community have been aware of the war waged against drugs by our local officials. The Greenville community must help our teenagers to become aware of the life-threatening implications of pre-marital sex and drug abuse. We must all—parents, educators, and others—wage war against AIDS.

School News

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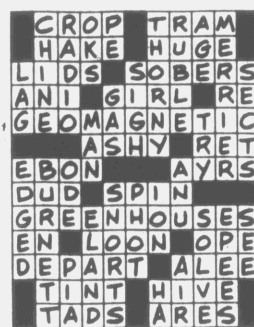
A Future of Opportunities" reflects ten years of service to the citizens in Pitt County. Guest speaker and entertainer for the evening will be Carol-Ann Tucker.

The Community Schools Program has been successful because of the strong support from government officials, school staff members, volunteers, other community agencies, and business and industry. This Celebration will be a special time to reflect upon the past . . . and dream for the future.

Bus Drivers Class To Be Held

There will be a bus driver class on Tuesday, May 23, Wednesday, May 24, and Thursday, May 25 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Wintergreen cafeteria. The instructor will be Mr. Bobby Congleton.

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This Way For Black Empowerment

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predatory nature, are people who, given the chance, would do something like this again. There really isn't any way to control them -- at least we haven't found it in the juvenile justice system."

Something very terrible happened in Central Park that night. But we cannot let sensationalizing salesmanship of the mass media and the pious hypocrisy of the politicians trick us into using our outrage at the dehumanization of this young woman as an excuse to dehumanize OTHER HUMAN BEINGS -- who because they are Black -- are violated and brutalized every day of their lives.

This is not meant to condone in any way what happened on that terrible, ugly night. But if we want to do something about it, we need to understand how it is that people -- young people like your children, like my children -- come to prey on other people. How is it we as a society, this country called America, is producing young people who go "wilding"? Who brutalize and terrorize to get their kicks? Or to prove their manhood?

I don't believe we can begin to address those questions until we understand that it is not only young Black men who go wilding. This is a wilding society. And wilding is a respectable activity -- when it is conducted by the white corporate owners of America. From Viet Nam to Grenada to Nicaragua, from Angola to the Philippines, all around the world and back again to the barrios and ghettos and reservations of this country, that savage gang of racist thugs prowl the earth raping, enslaving and killing not just for the thrill but for the profit of it.

while diseases like tuberculosis -- long believed to be eradicated -- are claiming new victims at a terrifying rate.

As the chairperson of the independent New Alliance Party, I am profoundly concerned with all forms of anti-social violence -- in the home, in the schools and in the streets. But I understand that if anti-social violence is to be seriously addressed then we can do nothing less than seek fundamental and radical structural changes in this city and this country. We must root out the bi-partism corruptors who thrive personally and politically on decadence and who hypocritically scream bloody murder when their own policies come back to haunt them. Our lives, and the lives of our children and grandchildren, are what's at stake.

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We've Come A Long Way (Continued from page 1)

"Here comes the law" and another one said, "We are not doing anything wrong, why should we be afraid?" So the police passed by us and went around the corner and came back and stopped and got out of the car and walked over to where we were and asked us what we were doing, and we said, nothing. The other policeman then said we were shooting dice and he wanted us to give him the dice so he wouldn't have to arrest anyone, but we still continued to tell him that we had no dice. Then the real tall one came over to me and said "Nigger, don't tell me no lie. Where are those dice, and I repeated again that we didn't have any dice. So he decided to leave but

before he left he turned to one of the other fellows and said that if they caught us shooting dice again they were going to lock us up and if we didn't get a job they were going to lock us up anyway.

I was very glad to see the next day, so I could go back to work, because I didn't want to go to jail for vagrancy.

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The story of Adam is the story
of life. Life is worth living to its
fullest. We are all unique. Each
of us is a personal thought from
God. He planned for our ex-
istence, and gave us all the essen-
tials to live life fully, happily and
righteously. No two persons on
earth are alike. Even if they look
alike, they are different. Every
one of us have within a talent
which we can use to make the
world a better place, not just for
ourselves, but for all the people.
It's our personal responsibility to
discover our talents, and develop
them. But this should be done in
accordance to God's will.

Adam, the first man, sinned in
the presence of God. He, who
walked with God and was per-
sonally taught by God, fell victim
to our greatest enemy. No, not
Satan, but ourselves. Satan is an
avowed enemy to us. But he has
no power over us unless we give
him power. But he knows our one
weakness. Believe it or not, it is
our freewill. Adam had always
obeyed God. He didn't have any
problems following God until
Satan made suggestions to him
that made him think he was
ready to go out on his own. As
soon as his foot left the ledge
however, he recognized his peril.
He found himself doing
something that God personally
forbade him to do, and realized
he had no way out without God's
help.

God's guidance can be com-
pared to the guidance of parents
to children. We guide our
children from our own ex-
periences. Warning them of the
perils that can overtake them
in the world. We instruct them
to the best of our ability, but there
comes a time when we must let
go. God could have prevented
Adam from sinning. But then He
would have interfered in Adam's
gift of free will. Adam had to
learn on his own the conse-
quences of disobeying God. Once
Adam knew the limits of his own
will, he could not remain happy
in the full presence of God. Just
as a child who has over-stepped
the limits set by his parents can
no longer feel comfortable in his
parents home, leaves as soon as
he is able, Adam, was no dif-
ferent. He immediately turned to
God for forgiveness, and God
forgave him, then sent him to
earth to become our first prophet.

Adam did not despair in God's
mercy. He knew that God would
keep his promise to send
guidance to the world. Adam also
knew that his experiences were
necessary, to help guide those of
his children who would be guided.
To teach them that there is no
greater will than God's will. No
better way than God's way. That,
my friends, is scripture in a nut-
shell. The Quran teaches that
Adam, and all of God's prophets
taught the religion of Islam, sub-
mission to God's will, and were
themselves Muslims, one who
submits his will to God's.

The example of Christ is an ex-
ample of submission. Christ total-
ly depended on God for his
sustenance and urged us to do the
same. In the garden of
Gethesmane Christ taught us
true submission. In this garden of
righteous and holy man came
face to face with his destiny. It
troubled him so, that he sweated
blood. It was not the agony of tor-
ture, or the death on the cross
that troubled Jesus. It was the
knowledge that he had been a
righteous man unto God, and
before his people. He had spoken
of God's mercy and love and
understanding. He had been a
shinning example, and no fault
could be found in him. How
therefore could this humiliating
death be justified in the eyes of
the people who knew and follow-
ed him. What fears would be
thrown in their hearts if they
witnessed a blameless person's
persecution and death. He knew
that God'd plans were always the
best, but he worried over the
innocent who would not find it
to understand. He asked
pass this cup away from me.
God answered his prayer.

Louis Gossett, Jr.: Brooklyn's World Ambassador

by Seli Groves

"One of the nice things about
being an actor," Louis Gossett, Jr.
said, "is that you not only get to play
all sorts of characters, you also have
a wonderful chance to learn so
much about the world and its
people."

Gossett, one of the three stars of
the rotating "ABC Mystery Movie"
series (Burt Reynolds stars as "B.L.
Stryker," Peter Falk as "Columbo"
and Gossett as "Gideon Oliver") also
feels that an actor not only has the
opportunity to learn — "but, through
the medium in which he works, he
can bring something to people as
well."

Some might say that was propa-
ganda; that it was putting selective
information into a format that seems
almost impossible to resist.

"Maybe it is propaganda in a strict
sense," Gossett said. "But if it's
educational — if it's positive — if it
enlightens and helps make people
think, then I believe that it's neces-
sary. I think that television and
movies have the capacity to lead; to
show the public what is happening
and where the world is going. And
that to be part of that is probably the
most important role an actor can
have."

Gossett's "Gideon Oliver" —
whose newest adventure of the
current season airs May 22 — is an
anthropology professor who moves
out of his Brooklyn classroom and
across the world in search of
adventure as well as academic
enhancement.

Lou Gossett, Jr. moved out of
Brooklyn to find a career that has
made him an international star. He's
a Tony winner, having done some 30
plays over 30 years as an actor. He
toted up seven Emmy nominations
for his work in various television
productions. He won an Emmy for
his role as Fiddler in the 1977
production of "Roots," and he
carried off an Academy Award as
Best Supporting Actor in 1982 for his
role in "An Officer and a Gentle-
man."

Louis commented on so-called
Oscar jinx: "You win an Oscar," he
said, "and you don't work. I hoped
and prayed that it wouldn't happen
to me, but it did. I punched doors
and kicked walls for a while, and
then the ball started rolling again."

And it hasn't stopped. When
"Gideon" goes on hiatus, Lou will go
back in front of the movie cameras
to do "Hoops," a film about basket-
ball in New York and how inner city



Louis Gossett, Jr.

kids look to it as that magic ticket to
college and, perhaps, fame and
fortune. Lou's wife, Cyndi James-
Gossett will also be in the film.

"One night last month was what I
call a 'Gossett Night' on ABC," Lou
said. "I was doing 'Gideon' and just
before my show came on, Cyndi was
doing a 'MacGyver' episode."

Like a lot of New York kids —
especially those who stood at least
6'4" in high school as he did — Lou
planned to go to college on a
basketball scholarship and, perhaps,
go into pro ball later on. But
somewhere during his high school
years he discovered the drama
department and he began appearing
in school plays. His English teacher
learned that the producers of a new
play, "Take a Giant Step," were
looking for a teenager to play the
lead. "A year later," Lou said, "I was
on Broadway."

He did get a basketball schol-
arship to New York University where
he studied pre-med. He also studied
drama outside NYU and continued
to get work on stage. In 1959 he

made an important decision about
his future. "I was invited to attend
the New York Knicks' training camp
out of NYU," he said. "But I was
already a professional actor; had
been since high school. I could have
played for the Knicks or do a play
called 'Raisin in the Sun.' I chose to
do the play."

In 1961, he recreated the role in
the film version of "Raisin," which
marked his debut as a movie actor.

He made his television debut in
"The Nurses" and later starred in
two series, "The Lazarus Syndrome"
(ABC) and "The Powers of Matthew
Star" (NBC). He played the late,
great baseball star, Satchel Paige in
the TV bio flick, "Don't Look Back."

One of his most important roles
was that of the courageous Egyptian
leader, Anwar Sadat. It was Madame
Sadat who asked for Gossett to play
her martyred husband.

World traveler though he may be,
Gossett admits that while you can
take the boy out of Brooklyn, you
can't quite take Brooklyn out of the
man.

"I like to remember," he said,
"what it was like growing up in
Coney Island, going to Mark Twain
Junior High and then to Lincoln High
School, and playing basketball with
other Brooklyn kids named Neil
Sedaka and Art Metrano and playing
baseball with a kid from Lafayette
High School named Sandy Koufax."

When he's not working, Lou
enjoys staying home. "People spend
fortunes trying to get to Malibu for
vacations and I live here in a canyon
that stays green 12 months a year
because everything is watered by
underground streams that flow
through the area. Across the way is
an orchid farm. I have about 45 fruit
trees. My aunt came out from
Brooklyn recently to visit me and I
have about 25 avocado trees and the
big, fat avocados keep falling to the
ground. Well, she looked at me and
she was angry and she said —
'You're letting all that to waste???'
Do you know how much they cost in
New York? Pick them up!"

"I tried to explain it would be a
full time job picking them up. I don't
think she bought that."

This June, Louis Gossett, Jr. will
be going back to Brooklyn for a very
special honor. "The Botanical Gar-
dens have a Brooklyn Walk of Fame
now, and I've been invited to put my

name down there along with the
names of Danny Kaye and Barbra
Streisand and others from the bor-
ough."

Louis and Cyndi have been mar-
ried a year and a half. They share
their home with his two sons, Satie
and Sharron. A firm believer in the
importance of a strong family struc-
ture, Gossett has no patience with
those who claim that all the wild
behavior of some of the young
people today can be traced to
poverty or broken homes. "Many of
these kids aren't poor; many come
from middle class backgrounds with
two parents in the home." What is
missing, he felt, was a sense of
common humanity.

"In any case, we can't afford to
ignore what is happening. We have
to educate our young people to
believe in themselves and to believe
they have a future that's worth
working for."

Gossett agrees that there has been
progress in the status of black
actors. "But we still have a long way
to go," he said. "Still, it is happening.
It's evolving — it's moving. And
that's important. You can't stand still
or you lose ground."

"But you move only as fast as the
day moves, as fast as the years
move. It's when there's enough
pressure in the forward movement
that the membrane holding you back
breaks — and you break through."

Gideon Oliver, the anthropologist,
would agree with Louis Gossett that
there's a major evolutionary move-
ment going on that encompasses all
the others: "The problems that affect
some of us really affect all of us.
This realization is bringing people
together. After all, pollution doesn't
just threaten whites or blacks or
Asians. It threatens us all. Bigotry
threatens us all. I believe we're
beginning to understand that we
need each other."

Tragedies in Central Park

(Continued from page 2)

The most memorable law-and-
order poster of those days was a
stark, black & white
photograph. It was of
Dillinger's name tag tied to a
toe of his bullet-riddle corpses in
the Chicago Morgue. The

Chicago Examiner caption
spoke volumes... "The end."

When it comes to parenting,
there is a military truism all ve-
terans will remember. "The
more sweat lost in training, the
less blood lost in battle." The
parenting corollary is, "Train
them at home or visit them in
jail." My father, an urban Mis-
sissippi-born corporation law-
yer, passed on his school princi-
pal father's guidance: "A hard
head makes a soft behind." My
grandchildren are learning that
from their parents.

It is not too late to assert
parental care, call it nurturing,
tough love or whatever. Child-
ren are precisely that, the sons
and daughters of specific men
and women. Parents are solely
responsible for teaching the
core values... self esteem, in-
tegrity and humanity. Those
values can be enhanced by other
family members, churches and
schools. The failure to absorb
(or the refusal to observe) those
values will be punished by so-
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Medical Weight Loss Systems reaching new heights in dieting

It seems as if there has been a "kick" to everything from fashions to foods in American lifestyles during the eighties. Some of the new ideas (or outlooks) have been met with resistance from some; open arms by others; and unyielding skepticism by most. Let's take for example an age old "condition" known as hair loss or simply going bald. No one really wants to be bald, supposedly, and therefore many have rushed to try that miracle antidote that will "grow you a full head of hair in 3 seconds!" After a while, the desperate for hair gave up and decided that they just had to live with being bald.

In some ways, efforts that the overweight have explored also seemed hopeless... until now. It appears that Medical Weight Loss Systems, a Greenville weight center, has the right idea. "I became so excited after my first week," exclaimed Ms. Yvonne Smith in a telephone interview. "I have tried every diet program there is... none worked for me," she said. Ms. Smith, who is employed in Pitt County by the Martin County Community Action, Inc. program was at one time, much larger than what she wanted to be and set out on her own to lose weight and only grew depressed and lost no weight, until she met Ms. Laura Segrave, the owner of Medical Weight Loss Systems.

According to Laura Segrave, manager of the Center, "... it is a weight loss center and concept based upon the philosophy of gradual weight loss through nutritional food menus and Behavior Modification." In addition, once the client (or dieter) is accepted by the Center "further encouragement and knowledge of weight loss is required through the attendance of at least three Behavior modification classes." The dieter must also, of course, "undergo screening of baseline vital signs," (including EKG,

urinalysis, etc.) 'which are all monitored by our staff physician.'

Weekly visits are required in order for the Center's staff nurses to check the dieter's vital signs, as well as other physical conditions. "I really looked forward to the office visits" says Ms. Smith. "The staff was so supportive and I could see and feel the progress I was making. I would recommend this Center to anyone who wants to lose weight and keep it off." "I didn't," she continued, "get depressed, hungry, or feel sick and I lost 24 pounds my first month and now I have lost over 100 pounds!" Yvonne exclaimed, "I feel great!" I tried all of the diet programs that I heard about and all they did was make me depressed, hungry, and I didn't lose any weight. This one (Medical Weight Loss Systems) works and I lost all the weight I wanted, too," she said.

"Overeating is a serious habit," claims Ms. Segrave, "that can only be corrected with constant support and encouragement. The Medical Weight Loss Systems' Center helps (a person) change (their) attitudes to certain foods and recognize the need for developing new and healthier eating habits. Feelings of fitness and vitality are rewards of becoming a program member," she said.

"Many people expect to be hungry, irritable, and short of energy while dieting. This is not so with our program. Many patients are surprised at how well they actually feel while following the plan. By the end of the program, they are convinced they don't have to starve and cheat themselves out of delicious meals to lose weight successfully," Segrave concluded.

The Medical Weight Loss Systems Center is located in Arlington Village at 610 Arlington Blvd. in Greenville. Could this be the plan for you — well, call to see by dialing 756-2611.

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LAURA SEGRAVE, LEFT, AND NURSE NEDRA WHITE REVIEW WEIGHT LOSS MATERIALS. (See related story this page) (Photo by Billy Walls)

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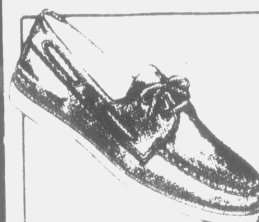
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16. Music note
17. Of terrestrial magnetism
20. Like ashes
21. Soak flax
22. Like ebony
25. County in Scotland (poss.)
26. Unexploded bomb
27. Revolve
30. Glass houses for tender plants
35. Half an em
36. Aquatic bird
37. Open (poet)
38. Go
40. Toward the lee
41. Slight color
42. Home for bees
43. Little children
44. God of war (Gr.)

DOWN

1. Backbone
2. Means of communication
3. Signs as correct
4. Hebrew letter
5. Full of thorns
6. Monetary unit (Russ.)
7. Grow old
8. More joyous
11. Loiter
12. A deep breath
13. Denominations
15. Fuel
18. Equip with men
19. Attempt
22. Bordered
23. American novelist
24. Poem
25. Breathes violently as a horse
28. Unit of illumination
29. Electrified
31. Antelope (Afr.)
32. Find the answer to
33. Fencing swords
34. Diocesan center
39. East Indian herb
40. Breeze
42. Exclamation

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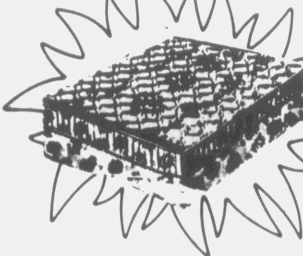
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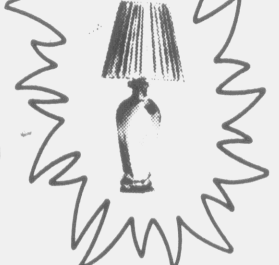
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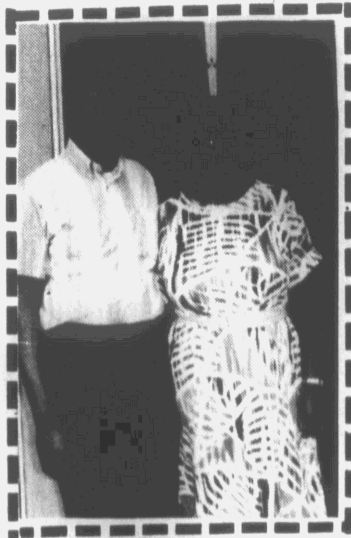
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receive a fair share of the mounds of dollars that Batesville is allotting for conventions, educations, scholarships...etc."

At the time this article was written, neither officials of Batesville nor Hillenbrand could be reached for comment. In addition to the demands for greater support of NFDMA programs and conventions, Close said that additional African Americans must be made to the roster of Hillenbrand employees in "decision-making" capacities, as well as, creating a position for Vice-President of Special Markets (focusing on the needs of the African American funeral directors and morticians and the families they serve).

The last meeting between the parties reportedly ended in a stalemate with heightened hostilities.

As president of the 1800 plus member organization, Douglas stated, "We urge you members to maintain the boycott, however, Batesville will have to come back to the table, for they must understand we are a part of the mainstream of this industry."

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BY: KARL W. HAMMONDS, MD

About 80% of children with AIDS received the infection before or during the birth process from their mothers. Prenatal infection is well known by health care providers. Most of these babies had at least one parent who was an IV drug abuser. Half of the mothers had no symptoms of AIDS, although nearly all of them had positive blood tests for HIV. About 17% of children with AIDS received the virus from various kinds of blood transfusions, particularly between 1979 and 1985. The major reasons for transfusions in these children were: prematurity (sick newborns), leukemia, anemias, and hemophilia. A few children with AIDS have undetermined causes (3%).

Even though HIV infection can have a range of effects, from no symptoms at all to serve life-threatening illnesses, most children will have definite health problems. More than 90% of young children with AIDS will show two or more of the following health problems:

- Failure to thrive (small size growth failure, poor feeding habits);
- Enlarged liver, spleen, and other glands;

- Pneumonia (often prolonged or repeated);
- Nervous system abnormalities (retardation, weakness, seizures, strokes, stiffness, brain tumors);
- Other repeated infections (ear, skin, urinary tract, meningitis, tuberculosis, hepatitis, herpes, thrush).

The outlook for these young children is not good, since there is no effective cure or vaccine. Each year, over half of them will die. Those who continue to survive from month to month will have repeated illnesses, supportive treatments, and hospitalizations, due to the conditions listed above. An excellent team of health care professionals is needed to assist these children and their families. The team includes sensitive and caring doctors,

nurses, therapists, clergy, counsellors, and social workers.

A Family Perspective
There are many issues facing Black families dealing with AIDS. The major issue is prevention of the disease, through avoidance of illicit drugs, safe sexual practices, and good general health. Special blood tests are available for anyone who is unsure of exposure to the AIDS virus. Careful selection of sexual partners and mates is of utmost importance. Getting to know a person's background, especially sexual and drug history, is sensitive and time-consuming. It is, however, well worth the effort, considering the life-threatening alternatives. Honesty and monogamy are paramount to successful intimate relationships.

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