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Baltimore priorities

It's magic. Mention the hallowed name of the Baltimore Colts and tears come to the eyes of many Baltimoreans and a wistful faraway look comes over their faces. That wistfulness is the basis of a recent agreement reached between Colts owner Robert Isray and the City of Baltimore.

The city agrees to drop its lawsuits against Irsay and to buy the Colts' abandoned training facility in Baltimore County for $4.6 million. In exchange Isray will pay $400,000 of the city's legal bills, return Colt memorabilia and vote for the NFL placing a franchise in Baltimore.

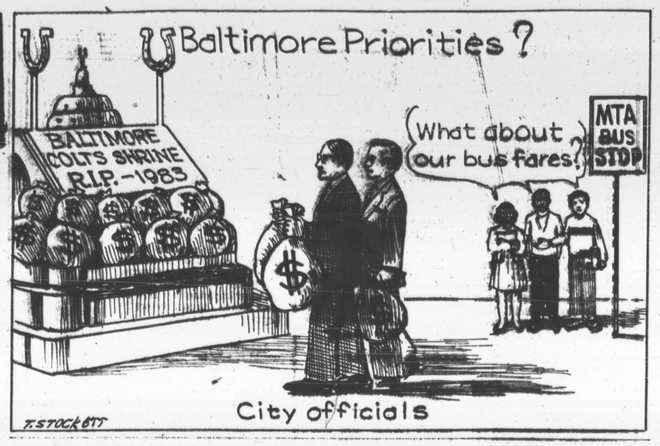
It would seem that a city burned as badly as this one has been by Irsay promises before would be less trusting of this man, but stranger bonds of trust have been forged before. Stalin, the paranoid dictator of the Soviet Union from 1928-1953 trusted the treacherous Nazi dictator Adolph Hitler more than he did his own people.

Certainly major league sports provide enjoyment for many people and provide economic benefits and prestige to a city, but there is something amiss in this city.

While the powers that be in the city scramble around to find sites for a new stadium and find funds to buy abandoned property in Baltimore County, school supplies are scarce, pupil transportation subsidies are threatened with reductions and neighborhood services for the poor suffer from staff cutbacks.

Is this city and many of its government officials so obsessed with vicarious sports thrills and nostalgia that it is willing to scramble to find money for entertainment, and that's all professional sports are to spectators, while basic necessities go lacking.

Baltimoreans would be wise to check the city's priorities. Ancient Rome collapsed because the Romans became caught up in bread and circuses and neglected the vital things and Baltimore could do the same.



Palm Sunday

This Sunday marks one of the more significant days on the Christian calendar of holy days, Palm Sunday. This day marks the beginning of Holy Week, the most joyous time of the Christian year.

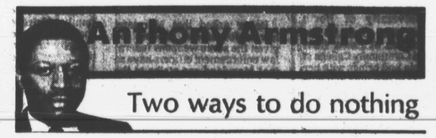
Palm Sunday is a celebration of Jesus of Nazareth's triumphant entrance into Jersualem to celebrate the Passover. As he entered the city, according to the Bible, cheering crowds made a welcome mat of plant material.

Tradition developed whereby Christians receive palm leaves or similar plants to symbolize the welcome that Jesus received in Jerusalem.

Another tradition developed whereby the palm was burned and the ashes rubbed on the forehead of the person to mark Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten Season.

Perhaps the most significant lesson of Palm Sunday is how quickly public opinion can turn against one. On Palm Sunday cheering crowds greeted Jesus. Five days later another crowd cried out for Jesus' crucifixion. Fortunately for Christians the story has a triumphant ending culminating in the celebration of Easter.

This Sunday, Christians around the world will celebrate the beginning of their Holy Week and it is certain that they will pray for peace to come to this troubled world. Hopefully, their prayers will be answered.



Anthony Armstrong

Two ways to do nothing

If you happen to be black and a politician to boot, there are two distinct horrors. One is that you do something that leaves a healthy chunk of your constituency mad-at-you and; the second is that you make yourself too scarce, or, in other words, the voters in your district don't see you enough.

Both situations are worse for a black politician than stealing the public's money or being caught wrong, with someone other than a spouse.

Getting into trouble with black voters is a peculiar thing because it usually results from something that has precious little to do with one's effectiveness as a legislator, or as a constituent servant.

Why, I've known black politicians who found themselves in deep trouble, with the folks back home, because those politicians were seen with someone of another race.

Or the politician was deemed to have too much money (money, if you talk to his constituency, that had to be ill-gotten), or dressed too well, or for some other silly reason having nothing to do with the politicians' ability or record.

Fact is, the record of black politicians, good or bad, is among the last things many black voters ever get around to reviewing.

So, we have black politicians that can stay in office for decades, while doing nothing tangible to advance their district's interest and;

We have a situation where too many effective black politicians lose reelection simply because they have associates from another race, or because they "look too prosperous," or some other nonsense.

In real life, it seems that the success of the black politician is tied far more to style than it ever seems tied to substance. The key seems to be, "tell them anything and if you say it sweetly enough, you'll never have to back it up with any action, because no one is really watching."

Baltimore's black community has some of the best examples of style that worked and substance that didn't. The coming election promises to furnish still more examples, where we threaten the survival of effective politicians and reward the non-work of some do-nothing -but-style-well politicians.

In one example, we have had all the style rhetoric, and hoopla a people could ever want; but ask yourself this question, "what has the retiring Seventh District congressman done?"

Bet you can't answer!

In another example, remember back in 1982's election between, then, state senator Bob Douglass and the person who beat him, state senator Nathan Irby.

Senator Douglass was acknowledged by his senate colleagues to be one of, if not the most effective senator in state government.

His political skills, his ability to wheel and deal for his district were feared by some and respected by all; his tenure placed him in line for the chairmanship of the strongest committee in the state senate and, his considerable intelligence and energy made him a formidable force for the advancement of his constituency. He lost.

He lost, it was said, because he didn't "come around enough."

I make these points because black voters must begin to employ another set of measurements, to judge their politicians. That measurement has to be, "what have you done that's tangible and that helps me?"

In the opposite, we must stop giving people our political trust because they only say what makes us feel good for the moment. Further, we've got to discontinue disregarding otherwise good representation because those people don't fit our individual opinions about this or that.

In 1987's elections one candidate that might be caught in the style versus substance battle is one of the most powerful and most effective state legislators around. That candidate is Delegate Hattie Harrison.

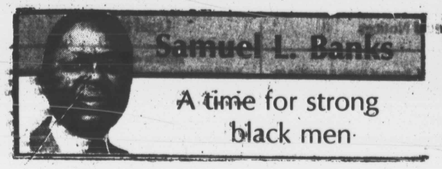
Hattie, as she is generally referred to, is seen as an effective legislator who, because of her tenure and committee chairperson status, is well positioned to continue what she has always done so well — bring effective results back to her district.

Yet, Delegate Harrison has what some (mainly Irby forces) view as a problem. Her opponents are trying to brand her with the label, "she's never around."

I find it very strange, however, that no one has dared challenge her record of getting things done. It is a record few legislators can match for political savvy, vision, and practical constituent service.

If Hattie isn't re-elected it will be because the merchants of style are able to convince enough voters, in the east Baltimore 43th Legislative district, that substance doesn't matter.

Hattie may not be a glamour girl but, we don't need that. We need leadership that affords at least one way to do something; we've had enough of two ways to do nothing.



Samuel L. Banks

A time for strong black men

It is demonstrably clear, given the monstrous lacerating outrages and continuing efforts to break the will and spirit of black people, black men in particular, that apologia is unnecessary in terms of the wretched and deteriorating condition of black men in the United States today.

While it is true that institutional barriers, predicated simply on race, have kept black Americans, men and women, in a subordinate status, the worst treatment has been meted out to black men.

The protest actions and resistance of black citizens in the 1960s and early 1970s for human dignity, manhood-womanhood and equity of treatment brought a transient relief and surcease from institutional racism and exclusion.

However, the mood and actions of the majority white society in our nation is away from equality of opportunity and parity for 28 million black Americans. The devastating effects of the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings legislation, disemboweling of affirmative action provide bleak evidence that black Americans, especially black males, are at risk.

High quality education and jobs are essential if black males are to become effective, responsible and accountable heads of families and households in Baltimore and throughout our nation.

In spite of all the rhetoric about women's liberation, which I fully support, the levers of power and influence in the American body politic are controlled by white males. Black men to an overwhelming degree, are left out of this process.

A patriarchial (male dominated) society is firmly in place in the United States with white males having predominant control over the levers of power. Black males, to a substantial degree, are outside of the socio-economic, political and educational mainstream of the body politic.

Consequently, the escalating family instability, deviant and criminal behavior and negative self-concept flow from the black male's historic impotence, dependency and marginal existence.

The burgeoning black penal population, primarily young black males, here in Baltimore and across the nation, has now reached scandalous proportions. Black inmates comprise over 85 percent of the penal population of Baltimore and over 60 percent throughout Maryland. The time is clearly at hand when the at risk status of black males must be ended for our salvation as a people in the present and future.

I suggest the following measures for immediate consideration and action in your community:

1. Insist on high quality education for all children and youths. Requisite monetary support must be provided by municipal leaders. Demonstrable excellence will not be in place where youngsters do not have textbooks and support services and teachers are lacking in supplies and equipment.

2. Insist on jobs for the jobless. We must not be complacent when 8.5 million of our fellow citizens are without gainful employment. It is pointless to talk about community tranquility and order when people are devoid of work and hope.

3. Greater involvement of church funds in programs of relief, education and tutorial activities and use of foreign missions or missionary monies at home. Increased emphasis, too, should be made by black churches, fraternities and civic leaders in terms of family counseling, drug and alcohol counseling and providing copies and networking skills to Black children, youths and adults.

4. Lower our rhetoric and develop action strategies and implement them for our survival. In short, we need to talk less and do more. By our "fruits" we shall be known.

5. Support the black press. The principle source of information about Black activities is through the Black media (viz., Jet, Ebony, black newspapers such as The Afro-American, Norfolk Journal and Guide, Tony Brown's Journal, Julian Bond's Black Forum, black oriented electronic media.) This coverage needs to be expanded and intensified. In view of the presence of a majority black population in Baltimore, there is no national reason why The Afro-American, with broadbased support, should only publish twice a week. It can happen here if you want it to happen.

We must disabuse ourselves of the hope of an earthly savior. We must become our own savior here on Earth. The time has come to cease whining and complaining if we only had Dr. King, Malcolm X, Roy Williams or Whitney Young, and others, and do for ourselves.

The watchword now for black people must be: Don't count on others; count on self to sustain and move forward our collective group interests. We should do this in the towering spirit expressed by Sterling A. Brown, poet-extraordinaire, in his memorable poem, "Strong Men":

"What, from the slums
Where they have hemmed you.
What, from the tiny huts
They could not keep from you-
What reaches them
Making them ill at ease, fearful
Today they shout prohibition at you
'Thou shalt not this'
'Thou shalt not that'
'Reserved for whites only'
You laugh.
One thing then cannot prohibit-
The string men . . .
coming on
The strong men gittin'
stronger.
Strong men . . .
Stronger . . .

You have the capacity to make it happen. Believe it and do it now.

AFRO SURVEY

What does coming of Spring mean to you?

Pramus Stokes — Karen Maultsby — Cindy Pullen — Wendy Murrill

This week the question to the man and women in the street is, "What does Spring mean to you?"

Pramus Stokes, 22, roofing, "Nothing. It is just another day. It is still just more days I have to go to work."

Karen Maultsby, 47, unemployed, "No. It doesn't mean anything to me. Actually, I like winter and snow and things. Cold weather is what I like."

Cindy Pullen, 35, law student, "Yes, Spring does mean something to me because summer is sliding in right behind it. Summer is fun."

Wendy Murrill, 26, law student, "Yes, Spring does mean something to me. It means that we can wear less clothes. But seriously folks, Spring is really just a fun time."

Helen Alexis, 23, unemployed, "It means nothing. At least I don't see anything yet. The feeling of Spring hasn't hit me yet. Wait until the flowers bloom."

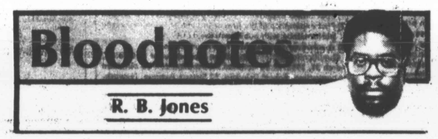
Rhonda Williams, 27, social worker, "Well, the weather is changing. It is getting warmer. You put off your coats. It is a beautiful time of the year. Flowers and trees are blossoming. Plus, my birthday comes—not that I look forward to getting older, but it is a time of celebration."

Terri Coles, 25, supervisor, "It sure does. It means nice temperatures and nice weather. Warm weather means that you don't have to hang around the house. Plus, that is when all the cute 'honeys' come out."

Yerette Richardson, 23, clerk, "Spring is a new beginning. It is full of color, excitement. You can do more things: there are festivals, traveling, going to the beach, and just enjoying outdoor life."

Helen Alexis — Rhonda Williams — Terri Coles — Yerette Richardson

Bloodnotes



R. B. Jones

Schaefer's foot stools

The Schaefer Campaign for Governor, otherwise known as The Rap Express, received the endorsement of a rather dubious group this week. Blacks for Schaefer held a press conference here at the AFRO Wednesday to announce their various reasons for endorsing King Willie Don I for governor of the state.

The group which boasts many of the names that were listed on the Blacks for Schaefer mayoralty campaign of 1983 is an interesting lot. It boasted a number of prominent blacks, "Godfather" and political kingmaker "Little Willie" Adams, graced the AFRO along with Osborn Payne, the Mickey D magnate, Grand poobah, mystical, ethereal potentate of the Prince hall Masons and man thought to be a figment of the imagination, Sam Daniels and the rapidly rising heir apparent to Clarence DuBurns' rather flimsy throne, Councilman Nathaniel McFadden.

Other notables were there as a sizeable legion of Schaefer devotees crowded into a room in the AFRO to announce their support for a man whose petulance, arrogance and highhandedness reportedly has legislators from the hinterlands of Maryland licking their chops for the chance to cut him off at the knees.

It is well known that many blacks are for Schaefer out of greed, fear and ignorance, but the greater question is is Schaefer for blacks?

A look at city government will give one the answer. Blacks for Schaefer brag that a large percentage of the city workforce is black. That is not to the credit of Schaefer.

In a majority black city with a civil service system that to hell may should but will always be the case. A treasured one in the mayor's chair would oversee a similar situation.

One must look at the upper echelon posts the most committed of chief executives to put their own people in. Kurt Weihe Dun II has not done well by the black community in that respect.

The Blacks for Schaefer fallout about all the jobs that have been created since Schaefer has been in office. What they have failed to mention is that there can be no claim that he created anything, and large state subsidies, federal revenue sharing money and large state subsidies.

The fallout could be about all the jobs there could be about how many of them are skilled or are service oriented jobs that offer room for advancement?

Is all that the Blacks for Schaefer and black people accomplished for them? What happens when the Schaefer mayoralty founders? What happens when all the menial jobs at the hotels and Harborplace and its inevitable clones dry up?

The king's boosters bragged about Baltimore's new image created by the Inner Harbor, as if the glittering waterside con game can mask the misery and decay in Baltimore's inner city and the poverty and demoralization of Baltimore's school system.

Does the king ever talk to the teachers who must contend with overcrowded classrooms, discouraged students, fear of violence, inadequate materials and lack of encouragement from the king and his servants on the schoolboard and the administration?

Allowance could be made for Schaefer's black servants if the man exhibited the least amount of caring for the majority of the people who inhabit his domain.

Baltimore has the highest concentration of poor people in the state, yet King Willie Don I has spoken out against anymore housing for the poor being built in Baltimore. Where are the poor supposed to go and how are they supposed to live?

The king does not seem to care. All he is concerned with is cramming another tourist trap or city haven for the wealthy down the throats of city residents.

It is understandable in the age of Reagan when ignorance, power and fantasy have combined with mediocrity to make a poisonous cloud that pollutes the political atmosphere.

Watching the Blacks for Schaefer was a pathetic sight. The same forces that have led the black community to disaster time and time again were represented.

The black bourgeoise in the 1980s is weak, ineffective and cowardly. They have no vision above the slop trough they eat out of and no ambition other than a bigger ration of slop.

That is why they can support a man who treats them as well as their black brothers and sisters with contempt. They have decided that it is better to be the footstool of King Willie Don I than to stand up and fight for black empowerment.

They have chosen to support a man who opposed rent control, despite ruling a city with a huge poor population needing relief from the ravenous greed of city landlords.

They have chosen to support black subservience to the status quo. History will neither be kind nor forgiving to people who are willing to betray themselves.

Letters

Dept. of Parks and Recreation

The reports of alleged sexual favors and cronyism in the Department of Parks is calculated to detract the public from the real issue.

Racial and sexual discrimination in the Department of Parks and Recreation is the central issue. I submit to you that since 1981 blacks and women have not been fairly represented in the upper levels of management in the Department.

In 1981, the federal court found that a black female proved that the defendants, The Department of Parks and Recreation of Baltimore and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City discriminated against her.

In showing discrimination, the plaintiff proved that although she was ranked one or two on the civil service ranking list in 1966, 1970, 1973 and 1976, she was not selected for an upper management job although whites who ranked 3, 4 and 5, three in those respective years were selected.

The court concluded that there was no showing of a business necessity to justify this discrimination.

Today, five years later, two suits are pending in Federal District Court alleging the same discrimination. Why should blacks and women not have the same opportunities that others have had in that department

Councilman Mfume is the only public official who has stood up to be counted among those who abhor discrimination. Where are the other councilpersons who were sued and found to be discriminating in 1981 Are they not concerned about such suits, in which their constituents are involved

Not one person has come forward to support Mfume. I am sure there are many who will send a message to your paper and the media in general on election day. We support courage and conviction.

EDWARD SMITH, JR.

Congress and the handgun bill

As a black parent I am apalled over McClure-Volkmer. Why is our Congress wasting valuable time and threatening to exchange the lives of present and future generations with a needless, frivolous law to relax curbs on the purchase of handguns? Where are their loyalties?

Don't they know that most of the people in this country stand to lose, and only a select few stand to gain if gun controls are relaxed?

Don't they realize that countless future generations of children will grow up in communities where fear is negatively affecting the lifestyles of everyone, young, old, rich and poor?

Young children are killed playing with guns. Teenagers are killed playing Russian roulette. Parents are killed in out-of-control family disputes, and the elderly are killed by gunwielding robbers accosting them in parking lots as well as in their own homes.

America has the most armed population, and the highest number of murders of any country in the world. We call ourselves a civilized country, but we still seem to prefer violent solutions to our problems, and we escalate this mentality every time we reach for our handguns to resolve conflict.

Our children have learned that it's macho to tote a gun ... they learned it from television, and from those ads sponsored by the NRA bragging about their position.

But our children are not fooled by the sloganeering ... they know that guns do kill people ... and that any law making it easier to get at guns inevitably threatens to increase the chances that they may be the next victim of an accidental or intentional handgun killing.

Congress! Don't do it! Rebuke McClure-Volkmer for the children's sake.

HELEN L. JOHNSON FORD DALE

Another threat to student rights?

By Clarence W. Hunter

Y'know it's a shame that double standards exist in this world. We cannot deny their existence because there are always going to be people in this world who think that one set of rules apply to one party and not to the other.

And—unfortunately—we have to accept the fact that the concept of double standards is and always will be taught to our children in the classroom.

Not a pleasant thought is it?

It was this particular thought that pretty much dominated my thinking over the last several weeks after the U.S. Supreme Court heard argument over whether the constitutional rights of a student were violated when he was suspended after giving a political speech at his high school.

It was in April 1983 that Matthew Fraser, a senior at a high school in Scanaway, Wash. gave a one minute speech on behalf of a candidate for student council president. He had been a last minute choice and he simply wanted to give the type of speech which would grab the student's attention and elect the candidate he was speaking for.

He got his wish but he also got suspended.

Y'see Fraser's speech contained what school officials called crude sexual allusions (minus the profanity) which set the auditorium on its ear.

Well, Fraser was called into the office and the next day was suspended for three days for violating the disruptive conduct rule established by the school.

They also had his name removed from the list of candidates for graduation speaker—an honor he won anyway through a write-in campaign.

Of course he sued and won when the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals agreed with the lower court that Fraser's constitutional rights had been violated.

So once again the Supreme Court is asked to pretty much settle the debate over the role of the public school in shaping the student's values and controlling their activities. The last time they were asked, they sided with the school officials, giving them board powers to search students suspected of carrying weapons, dealing drugs or violating school rules.

Don't ask me why they had decided to hear this particular case anyway.

The Bethel School District argued that it is part of the duty of a public school to educate students about "morality respect for decency and other things" and the 9th Circuit ruling does not give school officials the tools to do this.

The same thing was echoed by the Reagan Administration who in a friend of the court brief asked the court to—again—give the school officials the broad powers to limit student speech in order to "maintain an atmosphere of civility" or to transmit "basic societal values."

Oh, give me a break. That's not what they want, what they want is control. They want school officials to look out on the ass of students and tell them this is the way it's gonna be and anybody who does not like it can get the hell out.

And to hell with individuality too.

That's what's in trouble here. I won't say that Fraser's speech was inappropriate because I wasn't there. But from what I can tell from all accounts, school officials overreacted thus setting the stage for a precedent setting case and the changes that school officials will once again get an opportunity to exercise further control over the students under their case.

This case should have never come to court. If Fraser's speech caused disruption then school officials—knowing what kind of student he was—should slapped his wrist and gone about their business. But they had to use him knowing (I think) he was gonna take them to court.

Of course I'm not sounding the bell of doom by any means, but I think it should be known this is not about the question of free speech. What it is about is double standards, the threat to student rights and allowing the school officials in this country the broad powers which could very well lead to abuse.

I said the same thing with the school search and such abuse was uncovered, in a school district in New York.

So the only thing to do now is wait to see what the High Court is gonna do this summer when it gets around to ruling.

Hopefully the idea of double standards doesn't extend to a certain nine persons. The matter of student rights is what's at stake.

About school bus fare subsidy

I was not surprised that Mayor Schaefer could find the $350,000 needed to keep school students from having to pay an extra five dollars per week bus fare, especially after he came up with $4 million dollars to settle a deal with the Colts.

I also told the Board of School Commissioners two weeks ago, that cutting the subsidy from the students' bus fare wouldn't be a drop in the budget in making up a $2.6 million shortage in the school budget.

TROY BRAILEY

AFRO welcomes letters

The AFRO welcomes letters from its readers. Letters should be brief and must bear the writer's name and address. All letters will be given consideration for publication.

Workforce projects have been tested in 38 states

By Anne B. Turpeau

Workfare demonstration projects have been tested in various jurisdictions in at least 38 states since 1981. But there is scant evaluation data which indicate that workfare programs, in general, have (1) resulted in any statistically significant unsubsidized, bona fide jobs for AFDC parents (Aid to Families with Dependent Children);

(2) resulted in the development of any significant new work skills for recipients; or (3) demonstrated that the cost benefits have exceeded the costs of administering the programs.

The new bill introduced in February in the City Council would add the District of Columbia to the list of mandatory programs, but there is little indication at this point that the District's program would advance beyond the make-work concept.

A successful work program for welfare recipients appears to include these elements: a significant commitment of dollars for skills training, job search training, and educational program components; work supports, such as licensed child care and transportation; and adequate local government staff support and resources.

Nevertheless, the Community Work Experience included in the District's proposed legislation does not require skills training or hire of recipients and there is no support for educational programs for recipients.

Waiting lists exist for slots in licensed homes and child day care centers. Add to these deficits the fact that the District has a very high unemployment rate for persons in the under 30 targeted age group.

The most positive assessment which has been made of workfare programs seems to be that up to one half of the women assigned to work off their benefits are under the impression that they have a job, and their self-esteem is thereby raised.

The harsh reality is that they have been assigned to slots where they earn no wages; receive no social security or retirement coverage; have no eligibility for unemployment compensation; accrue no sick or vacation time; are barred from an opportunity to join a union or to organize; and have no access to a grievance machinery.

Some of the abuses of the programs are startling, as in New York where laid off city workers on welfare were assigned back to their old jobs to work off their benefits. At least one judge has ruled that they were "not workers."

Angient theory and practice, clothed as welfare reform, seem to apply here: welfare benefits constitute a personal debt to the state, a debt which is to be paid back through servitude of the recipient — usually a mother of several children. In other times, this was known as peonage.

Only the Massachusetts program appears to claim that any significant numbers of welfare recipients are finding jobs that lift their families above the poverty level.

Yet, even in Massachusetts, which is experiencing a "boom economy" in some geographic areas, gains for women are less than for men

An analysis was conducted by the New England Regional Office of the American Friends Service Committee at the end of the Massachusetts Employment and Training (ET) program's first year of operation.

The report found that males were placed in jobs at a rate much higher than their representation among central recipients. Males, also, received jobs paying a substantially higher hourly rate than females who found jobs.

After approximately one year, in full time employment, Massachusetts recipients were scheduled to lose their eligibility for medical, their housing subsidy, transportation and child care vouchers, and food stamp allotments.

The report found that almost 30 percent of the women placed by Massachusetts ET took part-time jobs rather than suffer loss of their entitlements.

They could not "afford" full time employment because the loss of specified benefits meant they would have to commit few dollars, maybeall, to cover the loss of benefits, and thus their deeper into poverty.

ANNE B. TURPEAU

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Child Watch

By Marian Wright Edelman
President, Children's Defense Fund

Spreading the word about teen pregnancy prevention

What sparks your concern about an issue? Chances are, you read about it in a newspaper, a magazine, see it presented on television or hear about it on the radio. The media is a very powerful educator and, utilize the techniques, it reaches all age groups.

As part of a long term national effort to prevent children having children, the Children's Defense Fund recently launched a media campaign designed to create a national climate of concern about adolescent pregnancy. CDF aims both to make more people aware of teen pregnancy and prompt them to become concerned personally about the problem, and how it affects them.

To this end, CDF has developed a range of educational resources on the teen pregnancy issue, from television spots to brief brochures to posters to transit ads. Here are some of the resources now available, along with suggestions as to how you might be able to use them to help educate others in your community.

Print Media. Posters, transit ads and billboards are available. Your club, church, or community group could help raise funds to sponsor this kind of advertising in your home or city. Please contact CDF.

Reading Material. To help provide other readable material on the teen pregnancy problem, CDF has prepared a number of different publications.

For those who are ready to do what they can to prevent teen pregnancy, CDF has put together a short booklet called "Preventing Children Having Children: What You Can Do." This booklet tells the facts about our nation's teen pregnancy problem, rebuts myths, and gives some first steps every one of us can take to help address this problem.

These publications are all available now. To find out more about the TV and radio spots or print media and to obtain approval to use them, contact Maggie Williams at CDF, 122 C St., NW, 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001. To order either of the Clearinghouse reports, send $4.00 to CDF. For a copy of the booklet, send $2.00 to CDF. Prices include first class postage.