Kids Talk

Do you know this person?

He is the assistant vice president of the Commonwealth Edison Company of Chicago, the nation's leading nuclear utility. He is in charge of nuclear licensing and environmental activities. He was born in 1938 and is 51 years old now, (U.S. Department of Energy)

He is Cordell Reed.

Kids Calendar

Summer Camp

The Living Stage Theatre Company will conduct a Summer Camp for Children, ages 6-12, July 10 through 21. The two-week session will run five days a week for three hours a day, from 9 a.m. to noon. For information and registration form call 554-9066.

Children's Book Day

The Children's Literature Center in the Library of Congress is celebrating the 1989 Year of the Young Reader and International Children's Book Day, with a program featuring Antonio Frasconi, internationally acclaimed graphic artist. The event is scheduled for May 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Mumford room, sixth floor, of the Library's James Madison Building. Call (202) 707-5218 for information (call after May 1).

Nature Center Highlights

The sky's the limit at the Nature Center's weekend children's programs for ages 4-7 on Saturdays and Sundays from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. at Rock Creek Park in Washington, D.C. See the film "Animal Hide and Seek," experience the planetarium programs and go on a guided nature walk. Call 426-6829 for information.

Dancefest '89

Celebrate International Dance Week with a choreographer's showcase, and ethnic dance program and a children's dance festival Sunday, April 30 at noon in Glen Echo Park in Maryland. Call (202) 492-6266 for information.

Let's Explore:

Explorer's Hall, a small museum, has great appeal to children of all ages. All exhibits are concise, informative and easy to see. Located at 17th and M Streets, NW., Washington, DC., the museum — an extension of the National Geographic Society — is open Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. — 5 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. For information call 857-7000.

Summer program set for graduates

A Summer Transition Program for greater Richmond area black high school graduates will be hosted by J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College this summer. Participants will be required to attend a two day residential orientation and assessment program and complete seven credits within the five week summer session.

The program will be held from June 27-August 1, and any recent high school graduate from the service area is eligible to participate. Students who successfully complete the program will be awarded a $300 scholarship for fall enrollment at the college of their choice.

The deadline for receipt of applications is May 22. For additional information, contact Mary Williams, Project Directors, at 371-1789.

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Youth United

Students from the Howard University organization, Black Nia F.O.R.C.E., visited the Academic Enrichment Center Preparatory School to discuss the details of the recent protest on the university campus during which students unlawfully occupied the administration building for three days.

The college students explained to the children that some of the rumors they had heard about the demonstration were not true. They said that they were not opposed to the appointment of Lee Atwater, chairman of the Republican National Committee, to the board of the university because he was a white man, as some reports had stated.

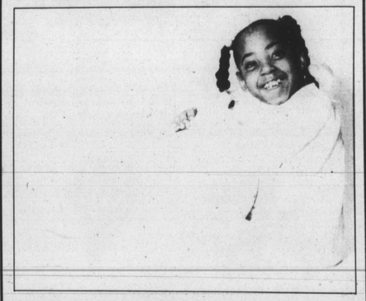
They explained that the Howard University students were protesting the fact that a man "who cared nothing about what happened to **them**" was elected to make big decisions for the school.

"Would you think it was fair if your mommy paid for you to live in a nice place and get a good education, but when you got there you had no hot water to take a shower with, you had no good food to eat, the people weren't teaching you the kinds of things you wanted to learn, and they kept making you pay more money?" asked members of Black Nia F.O.R.C.E.

The children unanimously agreed that such an arrangement would be unfair. They listened attentively and asked intriguing questions. They vowed to give their assistance — by offering food, blankets and moral support — should the Howard University students protest in a similar fashion and need their help.

The Academic Enrichment Center Preparatory School, 6119 Georgia Ave., NW., Washington, DC., is designed to meet the educational, cultural and social needs of the child through the preschool foundations, progressive lower school, accelerated elementary and the Summer Fun Camp. For information call (202) 829-2429.

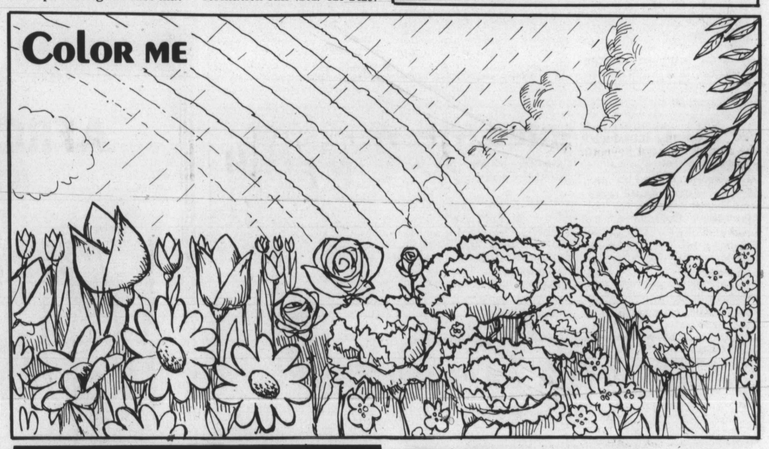
Fighting arthritis



Keisha, 8 years old, has been designated as the poster child for the Arthritis Foundation 1989 campaign. (Her mother requested that her last name be withheld). She represents the plight of 165,000 children in the United States who are plagued with the disease — some children as young as four or five months old have been diagnosed as arthritic.

Arthritis is a disease that causes the joints of the body — knees, elbows, fingers — to swell. It is a very painful condition for which there is no cure. Young victims of arthritis sometimes get a high fever that drains their energy and prevents them from playing like the other kids even though they need the exercise to remain healthy. In severe cases, arthritis in children can interfere with the growth of the bones. In other instances, a child may have one flare-up and never experience the pain again.

Color me



Puzzling???

April Showers Bring May Flowers

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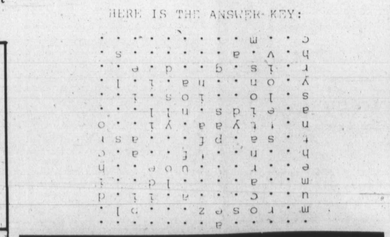


My Name is Cocaine

Beware, my friends, my name is Cocaine, Coke for short,
or the Rock...
I entered this country without a passport,
Ever since then I've been hunted and sought.

I'm more valued than diamonds, more
treasured than gold.
Use me just once and you too will be sold,
I'll make a school boy forget his books,
I'll make a beauty queen neglect her looks,
I'll take a renown speaker and make him a bore,
I'll take your mama and make her a whore,
I'll make a school teacher forget how to teach,
I'll make a preacher not want to preach.

All kinds of people have fallen under my wing,
Just look around, you can see the results of my sting,
I've got daughters turning on their mothers,
I've got sisters robbing their brothers,
I've got burglars robbing the Lord's house,
I've got husbands pimping their spouse.

I'm the King of Crime and the Prince of Destruction
I'll cause the organs of your body to malfunction,
I'll cause your babies to be born hooked,
I'll turn the most honest of men into crooks,
I'll make you rob, steal and kill
When you're under my power, you have no will.

I've destroyed actors, politicians, and sports heroes
I've decreased bank accounts from millions to zero
I'm a bad habit, too tuff for the man,
I've caused the law to invest in the battering-ram.

Well, now, you know, what will you do?
Remember, my friend, it's all up to you?
If you decide to jump in my saddle, you better
ride me well
For on the white horse of Cocaine, I'll ride you
straight to hell!

— Anonymous

Schools of the Week

Competes to Excel

HAMILTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

By Delfield S. Yoes, III
AFRO Staff Writer

Hamilton Middle School is aesthetically reminiscent of a perfectly preserved Norman Rockwell portrait.

With its intricate Gothic architecture, topped off with four gargoyles perched high above the schools front doors, Hamilton looks as though it has been trapped in a fifties time warp.

What's happening inside of the school may be a throwback to another time as well, when the United States was the leader in education around the world.

"We teach students to compete. If they can compete, they can survive," says the principal of Hamilton Middle School, Eugene X. Lawrence.

Competition and science are indeed big at Hamilton, as evidenced by their performances at several academic competitions around the state.

In March, Hamilton Middle School took first place in Maryland's, "Science Olympiad," held at the College of Notre Dame.

Their victory earned them the right to compete in the National Science Olympiad to be held May 20, at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

Earlier this month, Hamilton's "Odyssey of the Mind" team won the Maryland State Odyssey of the Mind Tournament held at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

This past weekend, Hamilton competed at the Morgan State University, "Science Fair." Seventh grader Jelani Ellington, who won the physical science division of the competition last year, eloquently introduced the awards banquet keynote speaker.

The reason behind the success? "Our staff is very dedicated. They're excited about their jobs and their excitement motivates these young people," explains Lawrence.

Science teacher, Norma Boyd who coordinates MESA, (Math, Engineering, Science Achievement), a program that is used to encourage minorities and women to enter careers in Science and Math, exemplifies the dedication and commitment of Hamilton teachers.

Boyd like some other instructors, arrives at the school early in the morning, leaves at night and is, "a very hard worker," says principal Lawrence.

Science is not the only thing happening at Hamilton. The school does well in all areas academically, they possess good sports teams and an exceptional music department.

Hamilton's music department, led by Alvin Wallace, has one of the best music programs of any middle school in the city according to Lawrence.

Eighth grader, Stacey Dickens and seventh grader, Michelle Leak both received high honors at a state music festival held at College Park.

The entire band has won several statewide competitions as well.

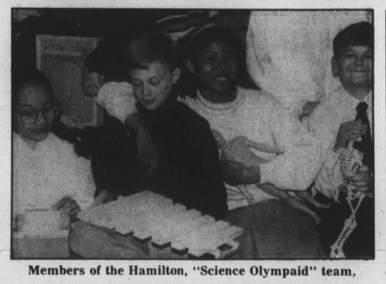
Despite all of Hamilton's achievements and awards, Lawrence says he is most proud of the school's diverse population.

Out of Hamilton Middle's 1,221 students, 68 percent are non-white, very representative of Baltimore City's population.

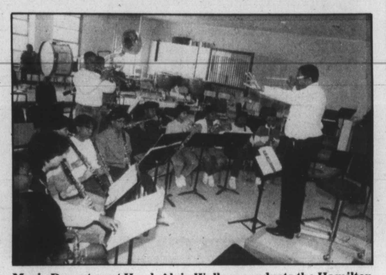
"We have a young man who escaped from communist China and a young woman from Poland," says Lawrence.

Fostering a competitive spirit in young people at the middle school level and getting them excited about their educations is working at Hamilton Middle School.

It could work at other middle schools around the city as well.



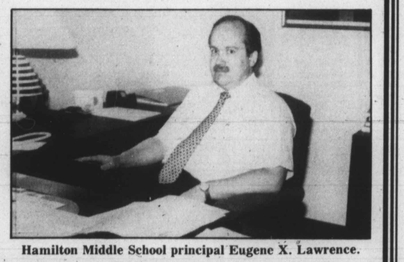
Members of the Hamilton, "Science Olympaid" team.



Music Department Head, Alvin Wallace conducts the Hamilton band.

Seventh-grader Michele Leak and Eighth-grader Stacey Dickens.

MESA coordinator, Norma Boyd.



Hamilton Middle School principal Eugene X. Lawrence.

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Career Awareness Day at Gilmor

By Delfield S. Yoes, III
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Gilmor Elementary School understands that it's never too early to begin preparing young people for college or careers.

Earlier this week, Gilmor, located at 1311 N. Gilmor Street, held a Career Awareness Day.

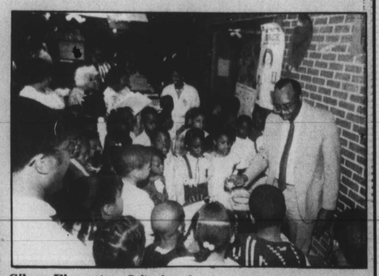
The theme for the activity was, "Challenging Students to Face the 21st Century-Work World."

Representatives from the National Teachers Association, Westinghouse, Coppin State College, Morgan State University, Baltimore City Fire Department, Baltimore City Police Department, the Clergy and several other organizations, companies and businesses were in attendance to lend their expertise.

The two goals of Gilmor's Career Day were to make students aware of the vast variety of occupations in the work force today and to demonstrate to young people that their current educational experiences are related to their possible future careers.

According to Gilmor's principal, Henry Wolpert, the students were, "Very responsive to Career Day, especially when the professionals interacted with them in the classroom."

Now that words like entrepreneurship and empowerment are becoming popular concepts for the 90's and beyond in the African-American community, Gilmor's Career Awareness Day was right on time.



Gilmor Elementary School students participate in its school's "Career Awareness Day."

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