

Opinion

Court Volunteers Badly Needed for Youths

To the Editor:

There are many people in our community who are concerned about the status and future of our youth, for example Janet Taylor (*Chronicle* 4/8/93).

However, many people in our community who care have made a commitment to help our youth.

These people are volunteers with the One-on-One Program with Forsyth Court Volunteers. They give at least four hours a week for a year to help these first-time juvenile offenders and become friends, mentors, or just someone to talk with. They can help with homework, go to the movies, walk in the park, and be there to help kids explore options that they may not know they have. One-on-One volunteers expose them to activities that they haven't done before.

Many of these young offenders are from single-parent households headed by women. They come in all shapes, sizes and colors, but most are black males. All of them have great potential to contribute to our community and our country, given the proper education, guidance and support. To borrow a phrase from Delores Smith of the Urban League: "It takes an entire community to raise a child." Volunteering means giving back to the community.

I have spoken to many local churches and civil organizations about volunteering with the One-on-One Program at Forsyth Court Volunteers. We have approximately 55 young people on a waiting list who need volunteers, 35 of them are black males.

I challenge everyone who says they care about what is going on with our young people to do something to help.

Call me at 724-9923 and find out what you can do to help.

Belinda B. Williams
Forsyth Court Volunteers
Winston-Salem

Police Review Board

To the Editor:

I watched my last Board of Aldermen meeting last Monday evening with the conclusion of the discussion of the Police Review board. I take issue with those individuals in the black community who accuse everyone who doesn't look like them of being a racist. There are definite exceptions to the negative attitudes and racial intolerance espoused by Alderperson Larry Womble, Nelson Malloy, Vivian Burke, street preacher John Mendez



Rev. John Mendez
and his cult followers. Many, many African-Americans living in this city are not racists. Some of us would like to choose our associates on the basis of interest, not skin

color. Racism is wrong. It is immoral. This practice becomes sinful when so-called religious leaders and aldermen preach racial intolerance.

I also believe that some of the racism in this city begins with the Board of Aldermen who represent the African-American community in East Winston. This is very poor leadership. We cannot achieve interracial harmony in this city by treating others with hostility and contempt. I believe that there are others in this community whose lives are models that race is irrelevant. It would be wonderful if some of our church leaders would put greater emphasis on enhancing the spiritual life in the church instead of raising hell and cussing out white people every week. Yes, it is necessary to agitate against injustice, the Civil Rights movement was very necessary. We would not have made the strides that we have if it were not for the agitation of Martin Luther King and others. But this scenario taking place every other Monday night in City Hall Council Chambers must be changed.

Carol Harris
Winston-Salem

Help the Children

To the Editor:

First, I commend all single mothers, adoptive parents, godparents, neighbors, friends, widows, foster parents, reform schools, social workers, jailhouses, counselors, afternoon and summer youth programs, homes, schools, and churches for taking good care of our children when we were away.

My main intention is to emphasize to all men, whether you're a father or not, to be a good, positive role model for our children. They

are valuable pearls, seeds planted in mother's wombs and to be delivered by God's hands of love, direction, and leadership of nurturing love and righteous guidance. Nothing should be more important than that innocent child in the community, in your home, school, church, or right in your face and heart.

Men, let's stop neglecting our children the right to live and be complete! Give them the love, time, and respect. When we see the school bus early in the morning or in the afternoon, we automatically stop when it does. That's Good! Just slow down for them. Don't run over them! They need the time to

develop into citizens that many of us men and women didn't fulfill as we could have! It's too late, but our children are our future generation. Isn't that great?!!!

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Expression of Thanks

To the Editor:

We, the family of Ulysses

Alonzo Morrison, extend our sincere appreciation to all community members for the outpouring of



Alonzo Morrison

love and consideration. We take this opportunity to say thank you for the many and varied ways that showed Ulysses through his family that he was a blessing to us all.

And while Ulysses will never pass this way again, community members have demonstrated to his family that his unconditional caring, sharing, and loving did not go unnoticed, unadmired, and unappreciated by all with whom he interacted. Ulysses' senseless and untimely death brought all facets of our community together because his association, service, friendship, and love transcended age, economic, racial, religious, and social boundaries.

We greatly will miss him, and we are assured that his legacy to our

community is that "We Are All God's Children."

The Morrison Family
Winston-Salem

Animals Treated Better

To the Editor:

I am so glad that Los Angeles and the rest of the world can get back to normal now that the verdict has been handed down. I really don't know what the big deal was. If the animal rights activists had witnessed an animal being beaten like Rodney King was beaten, every waking moment since the first trial would have been spent picketing and protesting. It seems like we treat animals better than we do humans in some circumstances. I would hate to think

in that using that example, the verdict would have leaned more towards the animal. In this particular case, there are many people that still think that the officers acted in a proper way. I know that King had broken the law, in trying to flee from the officers, as well as, other speeding violations; but Koone deserves that kind of harassment. This was something that was experienced by brave Black men and women in the sixties with the civil rights movement. What concerns me is that if this incident were not videoed, we would have to take a black fugitive's word over four white officers. It really does not matter what happened before the 82 seconds of tape. All that matters is that we still have very good people in the world who are concerned about right and wrong; the tape would have never reached the media. We also have people in the world who are oblivious to the plight of anyone who has been treated in a malicious and unfair way. How can someone not see wrongdoing in King's experience? Something is drastically wrong with the moral fabric of our world when one human treats another human like this and a jury delivers an acquittal verdict. Everyone talks about having faith in the justice system. It's really difficult to have faith in our kind of system when things like this happen. King, definitely, was no angel. He had and still has his shortcomings. Then don't we all? But if you can look deep down in your heart and say that the police officers acted in a proper way, then you are part of the problem, that we have in our world, our race relations, prejudice, and morals are getting worse they're not getting any better. As far as this King case goes, thank God for civil right laws!

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Applauding Partial Justice

It has come to this: African Americans have been denied justice in America for so long, they welcome partial justice. That was the case recently when a crowd gathered outside the Los Angeles federal courthouse to listen to the outcome of the verdicts in the infamous Rodney King civil-rights trial. Only two of the four police officers who savagely beat King senseless were found guilty. But partial justice is a start, and it's more than African Americans get in this state. Forsyth County District Attorney Thomas J. Keith this week will presumably clear the police officers who bound and gagged Sheila Epps McKellar in a holding cell until she lost consciousness and ultimately died. Keith believes that cocaine in her blood is more relevant than police officers shackling a woman's hands and feet, stuff gauze in mouth and taping it shut and placing her face down in a holding cell.

Further evidence of why African Americans welcome partial justice was apparent last week in tiny Lenoir in eastern North Carolina. The Justice Department said it would not investigate the deaths of two black students who were stabbed to death by two white students during a high-school brawl. The white students were acquitted at their trial by an all-white jury. So yes, it has gotten to the point where African Americans applaud partial justice. It's better than what they've been seeing, which is no justice at all.

Remembering Beane, Morrison

Within the past three weeks, residents of Winston-Salem have mourned the deaths of two men because of senseless violence. The two — Bobby F. Beane and Ulysses A. Morrison — perhaps, never met and would appear to have little in common except that their deaths came at the hands of cowards who apparently have little regard for life. Beane and Morrison lived in different quadrants of the city, which for a place as polarized as Winston-Salem is like the distance from earth to space. One was white and the other black; one was a law-enforcement official and the other a custodian; one had a wife and children and the other was a lifelong bachelor.

But they had similarities, too. Both loved their jobs and from all accounts did them well. Both apparently reached out to help others — Officer Beane by offering protection to residents in and around Kimberly Park and Morrison for offering a ray of sunshine on cloudy days for the teachers, students and cafeteria workers at Hanes-Lowrance Middle School. Both will surely be missed by their respective families, friends and co-workers. These tragic deaths have left voids in the Police Department and at Hanes-Lowrance Middle School.

District Attorney Thomas J. Keith should approach both of these cases with equal vigor to dispense justice. And this city should begin to work together to stop these senseless acts of violence.

Credo of the Black Press

The Black Press believes that America can best lead the world away from antagonisms when it accords to every person — regardless of race or creed — full human and legal rights. Hating no person, the Black Press strives to help every person, in the firm belief that all are hurt as long as anyone is held back.

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A Government Of Lies in First 100 Days

Suppose Bill Clinton told you the water supply in Milwaukee is now free of the parasite, cryptosporidium, that has sickened thousands. Would you believe him?

I believed Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist when he made the announcement last week, but I wouldn't believe Clinton if he were standing on a cloud surrounded by angels.

Why? Because I've lost confidence in his ability to tell the truth. And why is that so? Because of the army of lies he's already told in the first 100 days of his administration.

Opinion polls also reflect this trend toward a lowered confidence in Clinton's truthfulness.

It would be impossible to list them all in this space, but his latest is the valued-added tax he said was 15 years away on top of the tax on the middle class, the largest tax increase in the history of the world, that he swore he would never do. He disrespects gays who, along with Blacks who get fouled early with the adoption of Bush's plan to keep the Haitians out, did more to get him elected than any other group.

A more thorough listing of his lies can be found in the May 1993 issue of *Spy* magazine. (212-633-

6550) called "Clinton's First 100 Lies."

But his biggest lie, and that's what it is, is that he has a "deficit reduction program" to restore the national economy by reducing the federal debt. That's a lie because even he admits that after four years of outlandish taxes, the debt will be bigger than it is now.

Not only is his so-called debt reduction plan a lie, but it is a dangerous lie because urban rot, poor schools, unemployment, poor health care, crime, broken families, racial warfare, etc. are all directly or indirectly linked to the fact that we are using \$200 billion dollars a year of money taken from working people to pay the interest on a \$4 trillion debt to rich bondholders all over the world.

No, Clinton, the Democrat, didn't start this financial nightmare. Democrat Lyndon Johnson did in 1963 and it has been continued by Democratic and Republican presidents, including Ronald Reagan and George Bush, ever since. And Democrats and Republicans in Congress have voted for pork shipped directly to their financial supporters at the expense of working men and

women who pay the bills and the debt presidents and members of Congress have run up since 1963.

Clinton's behavior is particularly dangerous because we can't afford another four years of the same (he did promise change) robbery by government fiat.

Extremely bothered by Clinton's dishonesty is David Broder of *The Washington Post*, probably the most even-handed columnist in the business. Broder makes Clinton's

"Fifty-seven cents is the portion of every dollar of personal income tax you and I" will pay on interest on this debt, Broder explains.

At the current rate, by 1995 it will take 85 cents of every dollar of personal income tax to pay wealthy people around the world the interest on the debt.

That's when America will be bankrupt and food riots will make the L.A. race riots look like child's play.



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deception crystal clear.

If everything goes exactly as Clinton plans, Broder explains, he will add nearly \$1 trillion to the debt that he's running up in the name of taxpayers and passing on to our children. "It does not count the additional hundreds of billions he plans to borrow from the Social Security trust fund," Broder wrote

A government of lies cannot solve real problems.

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