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National Briefs

A.I.D.S. Patient Receives Award-Kimberly Bergalis, a 23 year old A.I.D.S. patient received a $1 million dollar award. This Florida woman claimed to have contracted the disease from her dentist, now deceased victim of A.I.D.S.

Concert Deaths-Three teenagers: Curtis Child, 14, Jimmie Boyd, 14, and Elizabeth Glaus, 19, were crushed to death during an AC/DC concert in Salt Lake City Utah on January 18. During this concert, the crowd surged forward and trampled the teenagers. Curtis' father is filing an $8 million dollar suit against concert promotors.

Student Guarantee-A new program which will provide employers with a guarantee or "warranty" for reeducation of high school graduate employees. This program, being tested in Md., Mass., Mo., Colo., Harlem , and other school districts will provide remedial course instruction to employees who are found to read, write, and calculate below a normal level. This "warranty" will be applied for 1-3 years after graduation.

Philadelphia-Teachers and school administrators are banned from wearing any religious garb or symbols on school grounds. If the school staff do not comply, they risk disciplinary action. This mandate was issued on January 9 by Albert Glassman, Superintendent of schools in light of controversy.

College Credit-Citibank, American Express, Chase and Discover are the leading creditors in the $13 billion credit market of college students. In 1988-90 the number of undergraduate credit increased 37%. Most students have an interest rate of 18.86% with a limit of $500. Obtaining credit has become relatively easy for students, with creditors waiving credit history.

Poll-A *Newsweek* poll states that 86% of Americans support President Bush's Middle East policy.

America's Finest

Who is Colin Powell
Matt Haney

General Colin Powell, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is our Presidentss senior military advisor. He is possibly the most powerful man from the Pentagon since Eisenhower. Under this commander's leadership, the military is regaining the respect that it has lost over the past two decades.

Colin Powell is a man with impeccable personal integrity. While other men scramble to be in the spotlight, General Powell tries to avoid the public eye. Two weeks ago U.S. News & World Report wanted to put him on their magazine cover, he encouraged them to put General Schwarzkopf on cover instead. In spite of himself, he ended up on the cover of both Business Week and U.S. News & World Report this past week, the press shows no mercy.

Colin Powell was born to Jamaican immigrants. His first taste of leadership came as a platoon leader in Germany. He obtained a degree from the City College of New York and holds an MBA from George Washington University. He is one of the few Joint Chiefs who have not graduated from West Point or Annapolis. Following Germany and college, Powell served as an infantry officer in two tours of Vietnam; while there, he was awarded the Bronze Star and a Purple Heart, both are testaments to his bravery.

By 1972, Powell had achieved the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and was working in the Office of management & Budget as a White House Fellow. There he caught the eyes of the future Secretary of Defense, Caspar W. Weinberger. When Weinberger came to power during the Reagan Administration, he put Powell in charge of weapons procurement, and soon after into the position of National Security Advisor. Powell was the first black to ever serve as the NSA; from that position he was instrumental in the development of many of our arms control agreements with the Soviets.

Today, Powell serves not just as one of the Chiefs of Staff for the armed services, but as the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. But, he is not a war monger as one might expect, he is a man who knows the military's role in National Affairs. Exactly one year before the commencement of Operation Desert Storm he delivered a speech in Vienna's Hofburg Palace. In the palace there were military representatives from 34 nations, including Gen. Mikhail Moiseyev of the Soviet Union (Powell's Soviet Counterpart). Powell did not talk of military strategies nor did he use elaborate charts or

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