

The Time Has Come

Dear Editor:

Two articles appeared in Ebony Magazine, ("Why Some Brothers Only Date Whites and Others;" Ebony January 2003), and another article about AIDS becoming a Black female disease, are very much related to a very dangerous condition that many Black Americans and Africans face today. That condition is AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) among Black women and men, and the rise of intermarriage and interracial sex with carriers of the AIDS virus who may be themselves immune to getting the AIDS disease, yet infect Blacks and others. This is occurring among some Black men and some Black women and although the media in some nations have investigated that issue, many in the U.S. refuse to deal with it.

Studies and research done in Africa show a correlation between the origins of AIDS in harbor, port and mining areas frequented by foreign males from Europe and elsewhere and their sexual relations with African women. Observations also show that from 1994 (when the Blacks of South Africa got the vote) to the present, AIDS has had a mysterious and unnatural spread over much of Southern Africa. Yet Africans are among some of the most sexually prudish people on earth, (people in parts of East Asia, Europe and America are the most sexually promiscuous and have the strangest types of sexual behavior on earth). This rapid spread of AIDS is especially true in places like Kenya, Southern Africa, Congo and elsewhere.

How did these males spread AIDS among African women? Were these males vaccinated and did the vaccine infect African women prostitutes in the harbor areas through sex with these males? Was AIDS spread through the vaccination for small pox and polio that occurred in Africa, the Caribbean, India, China and other

regions over the past two decades, or was the virus concocted and used by people and "health workers," who passed it on knowingly or unknowingly? Was AIDS spread through intermarriage?

In most of these cases where AIDS is suspected to have been caused due to having sex with non-African outsiders, there was no intermarriage between the White foreigners and the African women who were sexually exploited. However, the suspected passing of AIDS from Europeans to Africans has been compared by scientists to be similar to the passing of syphilis from the early European colonists to the American Indians and Black Australian Aborigines.

The increase in intermarriage (or exploitation) of American Indians and Europeans led to the destruction of the American Indians all over the Americas. In like manner, the Black Aborigines of Australia were also exterminated with the use of forced sex, alcohol and the passing of diseases from Europeans to Aborigines.

In Northern Africa, the number of people with AIDS is less than one million, while in sub-Saharan Africa, the number is said to be over 25 million. Why is there no great AIDS problem in Northern Africa? Is it because many Northern African nations have strict laws and taboos against sexual practices that may help the spread of AIDS, or is it because these nations refuse to accept "vaccines" and other medical handouts from the West that may be dangerous? —Paul Barton

Evolving File Formats Threaten Digital Memory

By: Anick Jesdanun
Associated Press

NEW YORK — You may have recently discovered priceless photographs of your childhood, yellowing but still tangible.

Your grandkids probably won't fare as well with your digital photos. The computer files may survive but the equipment to make sense of them might not. This era could become a "digital dark age" — a part of its collective memories forever lost.

At risk are your electronic tax files, your e-mail and music. Ant that's just for starters. Institutions, meanwhile, are grappling with ensuring the longevity of digital art, electronic court filings, online journals and much more.

"There's kind of a common misperception about digital lasting forever," said Howard Besser, director of the Moving Image Archiving and Preservation Program at New York University. "It comes out of the fact that a digital copy is a perfect copy."

Consider the fate of the British Broadcasting Corp.'s computer-based collection of photographs, writings and other snapshots of life in 1986, the 900th anniversary of the written English survey, the Domesday Book.

While scholars can still read the 1086 tome, the digital version needs customized software and hardware that are breaking down from old age, meaning records from just 17 years ago are rapidly vanishing. NASA's early space records are suffering a similar destiny, as Joe Miller discovered.

The University of Southern California neurobiologist couldn't read magnetic tapes from the 1976 Viking landings on Mars. With the data in an unknown format, he had to track down printouts and hire students to retype everything.

"All the programmers had died or left NASA," Miller said. "It was hopeless to try to go back to the original tapes."

Elsewhere, businesses haven't been able to read electronic records needed for lawsuits. Professors have lost old research papers. "Every now and then, a faculty member would come in tears having some boxes of completely unreadable tapes," said MacKenzie Smith, associate director for technology at Massachusetts Institute of Technology Libraries. "They've lost their life's work." To preserve old files, you have to do more than just move documents to the latest storage medium, such as the current CDs and DVDs.

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