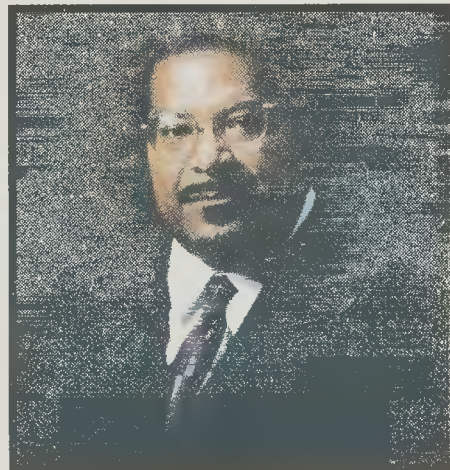


## TRUTH DELAYED IS NOT TRUTH DENIED

(The truth behind recent events in Haiti and what it means for Africa and the rest of the Caribbean Islands)

By John Mendez

Somewhere between 1769 and 1821, Napoleon Bonaparte is said to have uttered these words, "It is not necessary to bury the truth. It is sufficient merely to delay it until nobody cares." How true are Napoleon's words, particularly, as they characterize how



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major western nations like the U.S., France, Britain, and others are able to delay the truth from being discovered until nobody cares. This is especially true when the events to be remembered, has everything to do with the

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## ATKINS ACADEMIC ACADEMY HONORS MARQUIS DELAFAYETTE PITTS

*"We need to dream big dreams, propose grandiose means if we are to recapture the excitement, the vibrancy, and pride we once had."*

—Coleman Young

By Rodney Sumler

May 28, 2004, will be a momentous day for the eighth grade students at Atkins Academic Academy and for my family. That is



*Marquis Delafayette Pitts*

the day that the eighth grade class will celebrate the completion of their middle school studies, and a playing field at Atkins will be dedicated in memory of my uncle, Marquis

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## LOW COST MEDICAL PLAN NOW AVAILABLE IN TRIAD AREA

By John Raye

He is a board certified physician with multiple degrees and years of experience as a practicing physician but Frank Robinson is not your ordinary doctor. He wants to change the way people pay for medical care by charging less, not more for his medical expertise as a physician in private practice. And he wants you to stay well.

This good doctor is advocating an affordable, low-cost medical plan that is designed to help people who have no insurance or who have limited income options. That plan, an emerging concept in health care reform, is now available to Triad area residents, according to Dr. Frank E Robinson, M.D., and Director, Ferco Medical Associates.

The plan is specifically geared for people who do not have or cannot afford traditional health insurance. According to Robinson, the plan

provides quality medical care by eliminating costly red tape procedures and the administrative hassles of insurance.

"What we are offering is access to quality medical care through a discounted, cash-based medical plan that is fair and cost efficient to everyone," said Robinson.

Under the cash-based plan, deep discounts are offered for in-office visits, minor surgical procedures, complete physical examinations, and routine medical care for medical problems dealing with issues such as diabetes, hypertension, respiratory and urinary tract infections, prostate tests, obesity and other medical issues dealing with heart, kidney, liver and thyroid problems.

"Primary and urgent medical care is our specialty," he said. "But we have found that the cost of delivering quality medical care is most often eaten up by administrative and clerical costs which end up making the insurance



**Dr. Frank Robinson**

companies rich," said Robinson.

"By eliminating all the red tape, the excessive and time consuming paperwork, we are able to offer deep discounts for cash-paying customers and at the same time deliver better medical care and pass these savings on to our patients in the form of lower fees," Robinson said.

Born in Newark, New Jersey, Robinson is the quintessential renaissance man; a first generation college student who escaped the grinding poverty and crime-ridden streets of Newark by sheer will power and

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