

Adam's Apology

Surely I cannot be solely blamed
for dousing the world in sin and shame
For causing women to cry out in anguish
over bearable joy they soon languish.
For being the downfall of all others,
sone sisters, cousins, husbands and mothers.
It was not my blunder judgement was without.
That God didn't throw us out with a whoop and shout.
He powerless, the one who should rule the earth,
While the mischievous one chuckled with mirth.
A sly devil is he,
the one who fooled Eve and me.
Mere mortals with no sense of perception,
who knew we would be the only exception.
by Amy Dial

Adam's Apology

But surely Eve cannot be excused;
The serpent in the garden tempted her.
How easy to give up freedom, as she had done
As the snake spoke his tempting words,
Surely an apple so sweet, can't be of such evil.
In one bite all was lost, the sin was committed.
First came Adam, than was created Eve
How was Adam to prevent Eve from an Apple?
Him being ruler over wife and family...
She knew that the tree could have been deadly
But knowledge she did not use before biting into sin.
God's own words warned them away from the tree
But sin had already been committed
Eve could not blame anyone but herself.
The small sin caused both to pay
Could not love be so strong?
To stand between Eve and the tree.
The earliest test that mankind did know, and Eve failed.
The weakest temptress whose strength did prove
In Eve's gracious hand she held the beautiful sin,
The sin been committed, A lesson learned too late.
by Kirk Blue

The Candle of Life

The candle of light burned for our life
is sometimes the thing that shines so bright.
But yet to our unexpected day do break
The strand blown out to soon do take.
The wax that runs from side to side
can be our sins that we make.
Sometimes the wax may run real slow
like a person who took that boat for row.
What do we do next, run and hide?
We ask for forgiveness from our Lord.
Someone who can comfort you whenever you're bored,
the one who meets our every need,
the one while on Earth, helps to plant a seed.
Accept him today and your sins he'll take.
by Ericka Cummings

"Life"

Standing alone, breathless upon a cliff,
Barefoot with the gravel under my feet.
The crisp air piercing my skin makes me stiff.
Depressed; for of life's feats I could not beat.
The sun falling behind the horizon.
Below the waves crash on the rocky shore.
What's left life when my work here seems done?
Saddened; the question burdens me even more.
The will to live is not sheltered in my heart.
Restrained form life and pressured to move on.
My life plays an insignificant part.
Emptiness; taking this last alone.
Leaving the light, now here I see darkness.
The price I paid for life now seems worthless.
by Telisha Lynn Oxendine

After Life

As I look back on that dreadful fall day,
I think of how things could have been diff'rent.
The day that I took my own life away
No more chances, it's too late to repent.
The sun falling behind the horizon.
Below, the waves crash on the rocky shore.
Feeling the regret, the damage is done
My soul will be haunted forevermore.
Being the last step that I took alone,
I couldn't face the feats I couldn't beat.
Now abiding in my eternal home
Amongst the fire, surrounded by heat.
The price, I've paid, no longer debt,
This eternal fate that I must accept.
by Gerren Maynor



**IF THEY
COULD
SEE YOU
NOW.**

You've made the commitment to carry forth the ideals of our founding fathers by serving your country. It's a decisive moment in your life, and it's one that you will never regret when you join the Air Force Reserve. The Reserve offers you an ideal way to put your patriotism into action without altering your day-to-day schedule. For a commitment of as little as one weekend a month and two weeks a year you will receive:

- The opportunity to serve your community and your country
- The skills and leadership experience to advance in your civilian career
- The latest high-tech training through the Community College of the Air Force

**Call
1-800-257-1212**

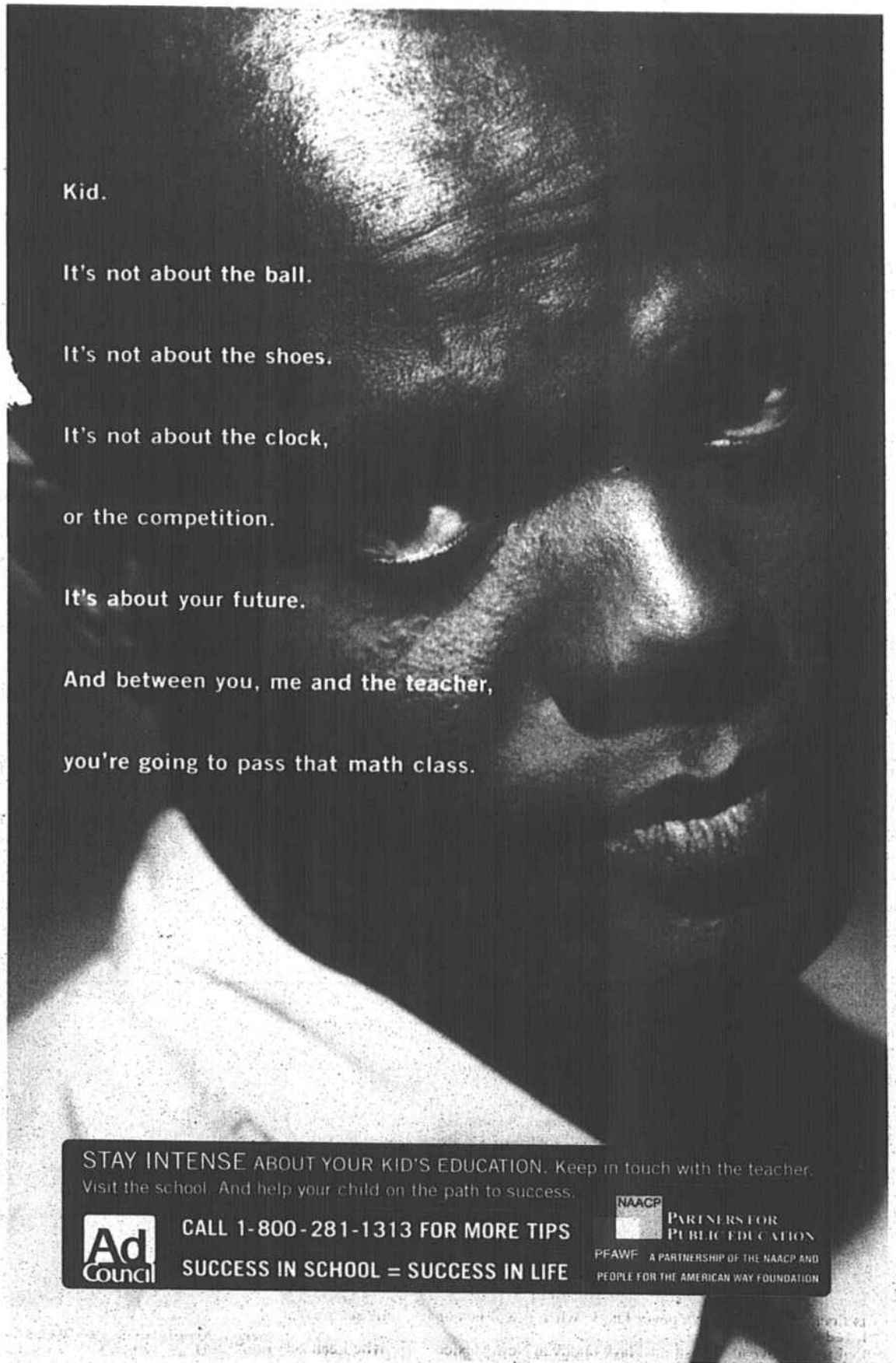


Visit our web site at www.afreserve.com



The ballet, it's believed, was invented by Baltazarini, director of music to Catherine de Medici.

Carolina Indian Voice
Call (910) 521-2826.



Kid.

It's not about the ball.

It's not about the shoes.

It's not about the clock,

or the competition.

It's about your future.

And between you, me and the teacher,

you're going to pass that math class.

STAY INTENSE ABOUT YOUR KID'S EDUCATION. Keep in touch with the teacher. Visit the school. And help your child on the path to success.



CALL 1-800-281-1313 FOR MORE TIPS
SUCCESS IN SCHOOL = SUCCESS IN LIFE



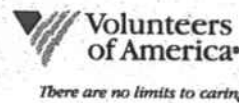
SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Neighbors Caring For Neighbors.

His smile says a lot about you.



Your gift to Volunteers of America brings smiles to the faces of individuals and families in need. Help us ensure that thousands of men and women in our community can lead happier, more productive lives.

Volunteers of America—
changing lives, restoring hope.
Please call us at 1.800.899.0089 or
visit www.volunteersofamerica.org.



There are no limits to caring.™

Merry Christmas to all our valued customers! Thank you for making our year a blessed one! May God's blessings be upon you and your loved ones this Holiday season!

Cynas Diamond & Jewelers
103 E. 3rd Street-Pembroke, NC 28372

THE LUMBEE RING



Keep Our Heritage Alive

"I came home on a Friday and was in church on Sunday."

"I feel like I was blessed. Southeastern Regional Medical Center caught the cancer in time. I tell you, I never felt afraid of anything at all. They were some of the finest people you ever met. I felt like I was in good hands. Right now, I don't have any problem at all. I give a lot of credit to Southeastern Regional Medical Center.

Anything I want to do, I can go do it."

Southeastern Regional Medical Center • Lumberton • 910-671-5000 • www.srmc.org