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AIDS hits especially hard in black and Hispanic communities

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AUSTIN, Texas — The tragedy of AIDS is magnified in minority communities, according to Surgeon General Dr. C. Everett Koop, who says the deadly disease strikes a disproportionately high number of blacks and Hispanics.

"And just to increase our sense of horror at this catastrophe occurring in the black and Hispanic communities, we suspect that the number of cases is vastly underreported," he said.

In a speech last Thursday to a joint session of the Texas Legislature, Koop warned that AIDS is a

threat to everyone, not just homosexuals and intravenous drug abusers.

"This is no longer an exclusive club," he said of the disease, which attacks the body's immune system.

Koop said the higher ratio of AIDS in blacks and Hispanics could be a result of higher intravenous drug abuse in those communities.

One of eight Americans is black, but one of four Americans with AIDS is black, according to Koop. One-fourth of AIDS victims in the nation are Hispanic, although the Hispanic population represents only one-twelfth of the overall population.

More than half the infants born with AIDS are black. About one-fourth of the infants born with AIDS are Hispanic, Koop said.

"Nearly all these children received the virus from their infected mothers either *in utero* (in the womb) or during delivery," he said.

"These pieces of information are all part of a total picture of a disease that is relentlessly reaching further and further into our society and we are practically powerless to stop it or even to slow it down," Koop said.

The surgeon general reiterated his now-familiar AIDS message, including his urging of monogamy as an AIDS prevention measure and the use of con-

doms for those who have sexual relationships with more than one person. Koop also called for increased education about sexual matters, including AIDS.

"Most schools offer this minimum kind of sex education sometime during the junior high or middle school years, and that's a good thing, although it might be a little bit late. I have urged the material be presented earlier, among 9-, 10- and 11-year-olds," he said.

"There's much more to human relationships than just good sex, and young people ought to be told about that. Everyone dreams of such a relationship. The novelists call it true love. The sociologists call it

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Townhouses to be built in E. Winston

By ROBIN BARKSDALE
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A local black developer will officially break ground for a new East Winston townhouse complex next week.

Andrews Heights, located off 10th Street past Rich Avenue, will consist of 64 units providing the same quality of housing available in other areas of town, said William H. Andrews.

"My conviction is to build quality housing," Andrews said in an interview Monday. "I'm building for people, not just for East Winston or any particular area. The main thing is that it will be quality housing and they will be the same (quality as) units that are on the west side of town."

Andrews retired from his job with the Housing Authority last year with plans, he said, to give something back to the community that he has always called home.

He said his townhouse complex will benefit the entire East Winston community.

"I prepared to come into my neighborhood, which is East Winston, before I retired," he said. "I made up my mind to do something in the private sector. My roots are in East Winston -- right there on the 600 block of Fourth Street."

Andrews said his parents instilled in him that "you do something for your community -- you don't stand back and wait for somebody else to do it for you."

Now he's ready to do precisely that. Andrews
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BLOCKED OFF



Above, Chip Grace of Grace Masonry works at First Assembly of God Church, the site of one of the company's privately contracted jobs. Some of the city's minority subcontractors say they aren't getting a fair share of the city's projects. A citizens' task force is holding a series of public meetings to discuss the issue (photo by James Parker).

COVER STORY

Minority contractors call for more dialogue

Views are aired at task force meeting

By CHERYL WILLIAMS
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THE time has come for white and minority contractors to sit down and hash out solutions to some of the problems faced by minority contractors, said one local black contractor in response to recent discussions of the city's minority contract program.

James Grace Jr., president of Grace Masonry and Construction Co. Inc. and the Voice of Minority Contractors, told a task force last week that minority contractors, majority contractors and city officials need to sit down and talk.

James E. Mack, co-chairman of the seven-member citizens' task force which is reviewing the city's Minority and Women Business Enterprise Program, agreed with Grace and said that such a meeting will be planned.

Under the city's current program, goals are set on each project depending on the components that can be subcontracted and the availability of MWBEs to do the work.

Last week's meeting was a public hearing which gave minority contractors a forum to voice their concerns.

The problems that minority contractors face, Grace said, are rampant. Among them are a lack of prompt payment and the fact that licensed contractors have not been able to get bonds or have not been able to get them in time to start work on a project.

Grace said there are also problems with getting loans from banks. He said that banks are not receptive to subcontractors, particularly if they are black.

Grace estimated that there are about three or four black general contractors in the city. "A few years ago, we had more than that," he said.

Grace told the task force that the city's present program of goal-setting is not working and that he supports setting quotas.

"Personally, I feel that it is needed," he said, "and I'm going to work very hard to see that we get it. The cities that I have studied that have them, like Atlanta, Ga., and Durham, they seem to be working. I think it would make us a more viable group of contractors and subcontractors."

Mack said that set-asides would be positive for minority contractors and that

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Lack of postal branch irks residents

By CHERYL WILLIAMS
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When Patricia Brown, an East Winston resident, wants to buy stamps, mail a package or purchase a money order, she has to go outside her community to the main post office downtown or to one of the postal stations in other areas of the city.

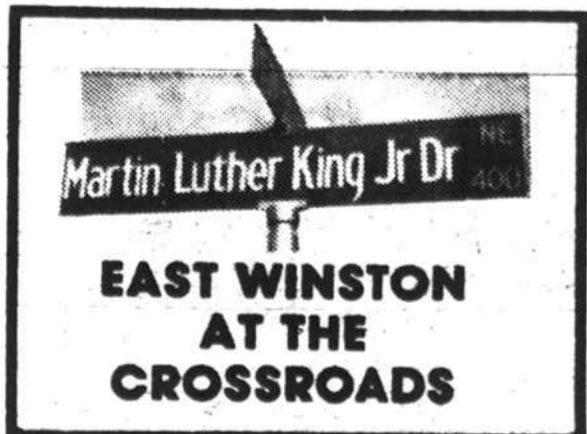
"It presents a problem," said Mrs. Brown, who lives on North Hampton Drive.

Mrs. Brown, who works at the East Winston Branch Library, said that she doesn't get off work until 6 p.m., by which time the service windows at the post office are closed. Parking, she said, is also a problem at the downtown post office.

"I was hoping we would get one (a

post office) over this area," she said. "I think it would be beneficial."

She said she has had library patrons ask her whether the library sells stamps. "They're assuming that there



should be a stamp machine somewhere in this area."

Tim Jackson Jr., chairman of the East Winston Area Plan Review Com-

mittee, said that locating postal services in the community was one of the recommendations that the committee made to the planning staff for inclusion in the East Winston Area Plan. "You have to drive out of the area for postal service," Jackson said.

Postmaster John R. Schoolfield said that the location of a postal facility is determined by the revenue generated by a particular area.

"When you're talking about a financed station, leased and staffed with post office personnel, then revenue plays a big factor," he said. "All areas do not generate a postal business."

Schoolfield said the post office periodically does studies to determine postal service needs. The studies are
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SPEAKING FREELY

Julius Chambers, above, the director-counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, delivered the keynote address at the local branch's Freedom Fund Banquet last weekend at the Benton Convention Center. The program is held annually to recognize outstanding members of the community (photo by James Parker)

WSSU alumni establish new scholarship

By CHERYL WILLIAMS
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A group of Winston-Salem State University alumni has established an endowed scholarship in honor of a former business manager at the university.

The scholarship is named for the late Andrew Issac Terrell, a business manager at WSSU for 32 years, who died Feb. 15.

Romie E. Avery, a member of the class of 1946 and one of the people who spearheaded the effort, said the idea to start a scholar-

ship grew from a conversation he had with eight other alumni after Terrell's funeral.

Dr. Velma Jackson, director of alumni affairs at WSSU, is working with Avery and the group to coordinate the scholarship. Her office will be responsible for informing alumni about the scholarship.

Avery, a retired educator, said that letters are being sent to alumni to solicit contributions for the scholarship fund.

"We hope that even if people don't get letters, they will respond," he said. "The interest from the contributions will be us-

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Drop-in sessions slated

By CHERYL WILLIAMS
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The city/county planning department has scheduled a series of drop-in sessions to get the community's response to the East Winston Area Plan.

The plan outlines the problems of the study area and gives short- and long-term proposals for alleviating them.

Ann Massey, a senior planner, said that five drop-in sessions have been scheduled:

• Monday, April 6, at Rupert Bell Recreation Center, 1501 Mt. Zion Place, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

• Tuesday, April 7, at St. Stephen's Baptist Church, 2071
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