

# Forum

## Schools that help troubled youth

WASHINGTON -- Millions of troubled teens are now drifting away from school and their main chance at a decent future.

Some turn up in class every day drunk or stoned. Some become parents before they are ready.

Others vent their frustrations on other students or teachers.

In too many cases, these problem youths end up as dropout statistics. But a growing number of schools are now creating new ways to both keep these teens in school and help them address their problems, according to the National Education Association, or NEA. Three schools that have made especially praiseworthy efforts are highlighted in the November 1987 issue of NEA TODAY.

In Wyoming's Natrona County High School, problem behavior is spotted by school staff, who are specially trained to recognize the signs of trouble in a student's life. The student is referred to a counselor, school nurse or teacher, who in turn

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By MARIAN W. EDELMAN

invites him or her to join a group of peers who are coping with the same problem.

These peer groups focus on tough issues ranging from drug abuse to growing up in an alcoholic family. The groups try to get to the root of the teen's behavior -- which often is pain or anger caused by serious problem at home.

Every year, a group of students at the Hornwood-Flossmoor High School in Illinois leaves the classroom for a camp in the woods. There, for a weekend, the teens meet in a large group to discuss such major issues in their lives as self-esteem, race relations, AIDS and peer pressure. The retreat gives every student the right to speak out and to have his or her opinion respected.

At San Antonio's Magnet School, 14- and 15-year-olds who

have fallen behind in school get a second chance to succeed. The classes are small -- 10 to 11 students -- and focus on the reading and math skills the students will need to get a good job.

Since many of these students come from poor families that often cannot give these youths the support they need, the school takes extra care to give the students individual attention, encouraging them to keep journals about their day-to-day lives.

Every young person needs someone who cares enough to try to confront and address troubled behavior that can hurt his or her future. We need more caring schools like these.

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## Jacob

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young people for jobs and provide pre-school learning experiences for disadvantaged kids.

While some low-income programs are slated to get small increases, they're nowhere near the levels necessary. And adding

to their budgets was accomplished by robbing other programs of desperately needed funds.

For example, the administration wants to cut Medicaid again -- this time, by \$413 million -- a step that will push more medically

needy people off the rolls and increase hardship.

So I see very little "moderation" in this "moderate" budget.

John E. Jacob is president of the National Urban League.

## Chavis

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Jackson has succeeded in a magnificent display which has unified Afro-American voters with Latino voters with progressive white voters with Native American and Asian-American voters.

It is now the hope of many across the nation that this revived spirit of solidarity and action will extend to the remaining state pri-

maries, particularly in Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and California.

Twenty years after the tragic assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., it now appears that a resurrection of the spirit of the Civil Rights Movement is taking place. In fact, Jesse Jackson's victories have taken the spirit of that move-

ment to new political heights. Finally the media and other political pundits have stopped asking the question: Can Jesse Jackson win? Jackson is already winning -- and as he wins, we all win.

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## Brown

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cover of the AIDS virus: "We don't need to panic about heterosexual transmission. It's not going to run rampant."

The truth is that the predicted AIDS epidemic should already be spreading among heterosexuals, especially in a hot spot like New York, if the projections on heterosexual transmission are accurate. "The truth is that the widespread plague we are awaiting in fear and anguish is not going to happen," says Bakos.

Among 40,051 AIDS cases in the United States, only 174 cases are attributed to heterosexual men,

and it is suspected that many of them are bisexual or homosexuals who are not telling the truth, according to Bakos.

However, they are not the only ones who are lying. Even the media, instead of focusing on drug abusers as the primary AIDS threat among heterosexuals and to avoid having sex with them; is telling heterosexual men and women to be afraid of one another.

"According to the Centers for Disease Control, 70 percent of the sources of infection for heterosex-

uals have been drug users. These users have infected their lovers or their babies.

"Forty percent of the new cases in New York City are not IV drug users. Eighty percent of the female cases in that city are IV drug users; and 80 percent of the children with AIDS are the children of IV drug users."

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## NCBEMO holds scholarship banquet

To The Editor:

The North Carolina Black Elected Municipal Officials, or NCBEMO, organization, which is made up of more than 250 members and is an affiliate of the North Carolina League of Municipalities, held its first scholarship fund-raising banquet Feb. 20 at the Benton Convention Center.

I would like to extend many thanks to all of our citizens who joined us and participated with their contributions, support and services in making our program a success.

Guest speakers were Mayor Johnny Ford of Tuskegee, Ala., and Mayor Marion Barry of Washing-

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academic scholarships. With the growing uncertainty of the economic structure in our country, we can no longer depend on the traditional avenues of financial assistance. It is imperative that we construct and create new resources to help make it possible for academically inclined students to enhance and broaden their educational opportunities.

May we continue to strive to improve the future of our world tomorrow by nourishing, through education, the young minds of our youth today.

We only had one person receive an award this year, but it is the objective goal of NCBEMO in the not too distant future to become fully endowed in granting more

Alderman Larry W. Womble  
President, NCBEMO

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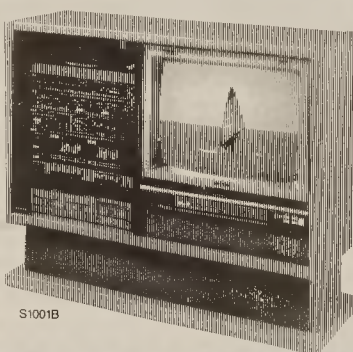
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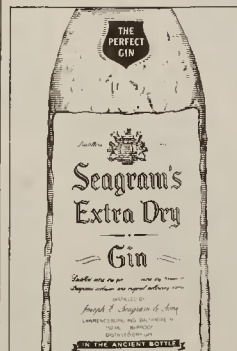
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