

The battle of a two-pound baby

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Every baby, regardless of race, deserves an equal start in life -- beginning with prenatal care that starts in the first three months of pregnancy.

Until our nation assures this care to every mother, our public officials must be constantly reminded of the costly, painful, unnecessary suffering of many

tiny babies that often results from our current neglect.

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1988: Year of politics, year of drift

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made by passage of the Civil Rights Restoration Act, which closes a glaring loophole that allowed discrimination. And another loophole was plugged when Congress passed amendments to the Fair Housing Act -- amendments which, for the first time, endow authorities with enforcement powers.

where they live in metropolitan areas." The study highlighted continued segregation in suburban housing.

has been to slow, too many have been left behind, and we're moving backward.

In 1988, there was a continued drift to a split-level society and continued indifference to the need for better health care, housing, education and job opportunities for minorities and the poor.

remains -- with typical black income frozen at about 56 percent of white income. And for all the publicity about school reforms, most experts agree that reform is bypassing the inner-city schools that need it most.

So 1988 was a year of business as usual, a year that started with high hopes and finished with little real change.

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That such action was needed is demonstrated by a University of Chicago study released in November, which concluded: "Blacks remain highly segregated no matter

In 1988, the 20th anniversary of the Kerner Commission report led to a re-examination of changes in race relations over the past two decades. The grim conclusion was that the Kerner report's warning that America was sliding into "two societies -- separate and unequal" was coming true.

Clearly, the pace of progress

The one major change in social policies -- a new welfare law -- fell far short of the necessary overhaul of the welfare system. The income gap between blacks and whites

We may become AIDS suckers

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grams, misinformed and misled, albeit not typical.

Maybe the black journalists should ask the CDC experts about the new and questionable focus of cancer research. The viruses being developed in the "war on cancer" are the same ones developed in a biological warfare lab: lethal viruses (maybe, the AIDS virus) that prefer humans, and against which humans have no immunity. That's a strange way to research the cure for a disease.

and caused contamination of the World Health Organization's smallpox vaccine, used later in Africa, Haiti and Brazil. You can read the details and the "scalar electromagnetic" healing cure for AIDS (a vaccine is not possible) the Russians allegedly already possess, in "AIDS Biological Warfare" by T.E. Bearden; call 1-800-548-3198.

with that theory, read "AIDS Biological Warfare." Right or wrong, it is one of the most remarkable books I've ever read.

Warnings to use condoms and not to be promiscuous and to avoid drugs are good advice -- period. But good habits won't help much if we're being contaminated intentionally with biological weapons.

Twenty years ago, this kind of thinking would have been insane. Today, it is the new reality.

Better yet, what about the announcement at the American Association for the Advancement of Science's annual meeting that biological weapons (which is what the AIDS virus may be) "can be targeted against specific ethnic or racial groups"?

Most Americans and Africans who question the ridiculous African Green Monkey lie, because of Soviet disinformation, are convinced that the CIA poisoned Africa and its own country. Before you settle in

T.E. Bearden responds to the Green Monkey-business by explaining that the infection rate of AIDS in Africa had to be assisted and "vastly speeded up by some outside mechanism" -- something like an "AIDS-contaminated vaccine and a mass inoculation program." Normal contact between humans, he writes, could not account for the infection rate.

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the Environmental Affairs Department, supports an oil recycling program for Forsyth County but has been unable to find a site for the collection tanks, which would be provided free by a Pennsylvania company.

There seems to be a real misconception about the risk of liability if the tanks leaked or hazardous materials other than oil were poured into them. Carrie Wehling, an EPA lawyer, stated in the article that property owners have little to fear if the oil is picked up by a licensed contractor. Mecklenburg County, which has an oil recycling program, has never been sued or had any problems, and other cities across the nation have successful programs.

Public misconception or ignorance must not cause us to drag our feet on a project that has the potential to make a significant impact on the quality of our environment and virtually no cost to the taxpayer. The Journal's article has helped to inform and alert the public to the situation. Now it is up to the citizens of Forsyth County to take action and lend their support to this worthy project.

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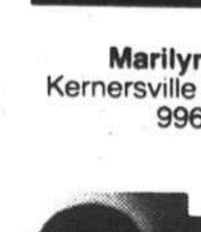
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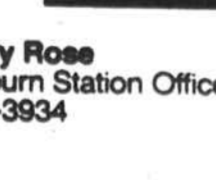
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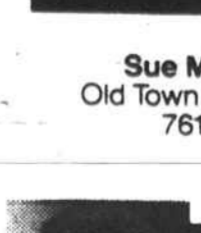
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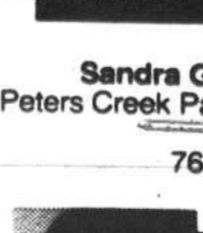
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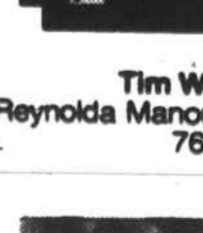
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