

# Forum

## Stop N.Y. prison guard brutality

All forms of police brutality are abhorrent and objectionable. One of the most brutal forms of this violent law enforcement misconduct is "prison guard brutality." Prison inmates who are held captive in a closed prison system are vulnerable to the malicious and often violent retribution of sick prison guards.

turned on the mayor, the city and the law. These guards disrespected themselves and all the people of the city.

As soon as Phil Seelig, president of the Correction Officers

would beat a prisoner just to satisfy his own bloodthirst? Who will correct these "correctional officers"? Although it is nearly 20 years later, we still remember the Attica Prison massacre in upstate



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Benevolent Association, stood on top of a van and shouted, "We got just about everything that we wanted," hundreds of prison guards stampeded off the bridge and headed toward the prison complex. Ted Katz of the N.Y. Legal Aid Society's prisoners' rights project said that the prison guards appeared to be "very pumped up ... they were even flashing their guns ... and not exactly in a law-abiding frame of mind." After the prison riot was quelled, some prison guards, according to Katz, took inmates to the lobby of the North Unit, which has a 45-foot-long corridor. It was in that corridor where numerous inmates were "payback" beaten with nightsticks and clubs. Katz confirmed that "a long corridor wall on both sides is covered with blood."

Now we have learned that one of those beaten, 36-year-old Steven Glover of Harlem, has died. Although his death and the so-called "payback" beatings of inmates by the prison guards are being investigated by different law enforcement agencies, a nasty smell surrounds the whole affair.

What kind of a man in uniform

New York. The Riker's Island attack cannot be tolerated in New York City nor anywhere else in this nation.

The New York City Correction Officers Association is not "Benevolent" -- some of their members are psychopathic thugs who violate human rights under the color of the law with utter impunity. No wonder the recidivism rate is so high for prison inmates, given the institutionalized barbarity that they have to endure. Now is the time to once again declare: Stop Prison Guard Brutality in America and Throughout the World!

The prison guards responsible for the Riker's Island brutality must be brought to justice. Even the Emergency Service personnel were attacked by the prison guards to prevent the injured inmates from receiving emergency medical treatment. The New York City Correction Officers Violent Association is dangerous and a moral disgrace.

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## Rock group accused of assault on children

"I know all of that," he cried, "what are we going to do about it?"

This was the plea of a desperate parent fighting a seemingly hopeless battle against a disease for which there appears to be no cure.

There is a war being fought in communities across America, and the victor goes the minds and souls of our young people and our nation. These children don't belong to somebody else. They are ours.

They are not the targets of pleasures made by Saddam Hussein; just we become distracted by our own automobiles. Rather, they are targets of a sophisticated LBO, "a leveraged buy out" in which the true barbarians at the gates ride on musical Trojan horses conducting an all-out war to totally destroy their prey.

Who is doing the fighting? In this corner is the everyday, working, decent human being who is seeking to make the community a better place not only for himself but also for you, for me, and for our children. He believes in the values of hard work, education, and sound moral values. He saves money for a rainy day, and more often than not, he goes to church on Sunday.

In the other corner is none other than groups like the Miami-based 2 Live Crew, led by the fiery rap artist Luther Campbell. Their mission: To seek and destroy the black family by using the patriarch to destroy the matriarch and in the process, reduce both of them to the status of mere animals, thus rendering the union and its offspring totally incapable of sustaining itself beyond the most primitive levels of existence.

Here is public enemy number one, or whatever you want to call

The feeling of helplessness expressed by so many parents comes at a time when many in this country are also fighting for their lives against the AIDS virus. Right now, scientists have no cure for the disease. They know it's a virus; they know it when they see it, but they haven't been able to stop it. Here again, is the sense of helplessness.

Similarly, the black family is fighting a battle. There are so many threats to our children. They come in the form of childhood accidents, teen pregnancy, poverty, illiteracy, peer pressure, television, violence, the temptation to experiment with sex, AIDS, and, of course, the ubiquitous presence of

thought about their little minds and how they were made in the image of God and how groups like 2 Live Crew were actually trying to stone them to death, throwing rocks at children while hiding their dirty hands behind their backs.

But if you listen to Campbell, he will tell you that "his" 7-year-



### ON THE AVANT-GARDE

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drugs and alcohol.

Just as scientists have found it extremely difficult to fight AIDS because the mutating virus renders the body's own immune system vulnerable, so is it that Black America is finding it difficult to fight off the antibodies that are produced in its "own body," knowing full well that the mission of the antibody is to destroy the whole body.

Like many of us, it wasn't until a few months ago that I'd ever heard of the rap group 2 Live Crew or their album "Nasty As They Wanna Be." It appeared to me that this was yet another one of the debates argued by the ACLU over the use of a few nasty words being hollered over more mindless rap music. But when Benjamin Hooks, Spike Lee, and USA Today columnist Barbara Reynolds took a look at the actual lyric content of the album, I determined that this was not about free speech. It wasn't about racism. This was about whether or not somebody has the right to walk into a crowded theater and scream "fire!"

These so-called lyrics are an invitation by Campbell's cronies to violently attack black women. There is no other explanation. There is no other rationalization.

When I read excerpts from some of their "tunes," my mind immediately flashed to the little boys and girls that play every day on the playground at the Winston Lake YMCA. There they are in all of their innocence, protected by a cyclone fence, carefully watched by the women who stand nearby. I

old daughter can't listen to daddy's music. But what about the rest of the 7-year-olds in the world whose parents don't give a damn whether or not they listen to 2 Live Crew?

He is shrewd. This is a man who actually considers himself a hero, a business man, a man who, after he made his money, "gave back to the community." The nerve of this so-called cult hero.

While Campbell may pretend to be the "protector," his actual mission is to seek and destroy the black family. No matter how you phrase it, dress it, cover it, rub it, print it, or hide it, if you sell women on the street, you're a pimp. What Campbell and others like him are doing is "rapping" to the community by day and raping it by night. 2 Live Crew is a disgrace to the history and legacy of everything good that black folks in this country have stood for.

Sure, there is a lot of good going on in rap music, but everything that has a good beat may not be good to dance to or to live to.

No, I am not against free speech, and no, I am not being a prude. But as far as I am concerned, you don't have to be a prude to not want to see somebody come into your community, rape, pillage and destroy, and then, on his way out, leave a tip as if to say, "Oh, by the way man, here is a little something for the kids."

Keep it, Luther!

One can only imagine what the community outrage would be if this same album were written, produced and performed by non-blacks. Think about it. Why aren't we more angry about this?

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