

# For our children

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Where are all the black men? Dead!, in jail or unemployed and unemployable.

Where are the real black men? How can you call yourself a man when your women and children are afraid to walk the streets, to play on the playground?

Young men, how can you disrespect your mother and grandmother and sister, your community, the children who watch you and try to do the same?

We must throw off this fear of these young hoodlums and take our communities back.

Our community leaders have been quiet too long. Where are they? A coward dies a thousand times, a brave man only once.

If I must die, let me die a brave, proud black man. Black men stand up and be counted. Your women and the world are watching you. What'cha

gonna do?

**Robert T. Greer**  
Black Men and Women  
Against Crime

## God help us

To the Editor:

May God help us all! My spirit is grieving for mankind and the world. My spirit is grieving for America.

What has happened? Why has madness and hatred become the Ruler? How can men pray for death and destruction and annihilation in the name of LOVE? Why has man turned away from GOD? What has He done but LOVE, forgive, show mercy, answer prayers, be faithful, give grace, bless, overlook fault and frailties, and much, much more. What has He done? What has the Creator done?

It is not too late to turn back to

Him. It's not too late to turn back to LOVE. Shalom!

**Valjean Griggs**  
Winston-Salem

## Patriotic poem

To the Editor:

*America The Brave*

America oh Beautiful  
Please bring our loved ones home.  
We pray for them,  
We cherish them,  
But they've so far to roam.  
America, America  
Oh listen to our plea.  
We're proud of you  
For fighting, for this  
Land of the free.

America, Oh Beautiful  
With war planes in the stars,  
Our liberty and justice  
Remember who you are.

America, America  
God will take care of you,  
Up in the air, or on the sea  
Our flag waves proud for thee.

America, Oh Beautiful  
Just hold your head up high,  
And you will see, the victory  
Just look out in the sky.  
America, America  
Our soldiers marches on,  
Their bravery and dignity,  
Will lead them safely home.  
**We Love You America,**  
**Sallie S. Douhit**  
Winston-Salem

## Community watch

To the Editor:

As most of you are aware, the Forsyth County Sheriff's Department is now headed by Sheriff Ron Barker. In the past, Sheriff Barker was instrumental in the development of 500 Community Watch Programs. He has currently reorganized the Patrol Division so that more patrol officers will

be on the street as of February 1. He has also appropriated funds so that two additional Narcotics Officers will be added to our department. These positions will assist in the ever-increasing drug problems that Forsyth County faces daily. We are very interested in our continued progress as well as any ideas and concerns you may have.

As we begin 1991, we are faced with updating our files. Please forward a copy of your Chairman's and Black Captain's names and addresses to me. Also, in an effort to keep the Community Watch Programs growing and our neighborhoods safe, we are always interested in new areas to cover. If you know of any adjoining neighborhoods with residents not covered by a Community Watch, please forward that information to me also.

The following is a list of some programs that the Forsyth County Sheriff's Department will be sponsoring in 1991:

•Feb. 10 - Feb. 16: First National Child Safety Awareness Week, with a display at Hanes Mall;

•May 13-May 17: Law Enforcement Week with a display at Hanes Mall;

•October: Red Ribbon Campaign, Anti-drug Campaign.

The Crime Prevention Unit is underway with the reinstatement of a Safety Haven program. This is a program whereby window stickers are issued to residents in our communities and established as a safe residence. Through education in the school system, children are able to seek refuge in these "Safety Havens" in an emergency or trouble situation.

We have received many new ideas from the citizens of Forsyth County. It is always encouraging to seek supporters of law enforcement in our communities. I look forward to hearing from, and meeting with, every one of you in the future.

Sincerely,  
**Sergeant Ralph Mason**

# Judge

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even-present movement by White racists to eliminate African-Americans or return to the plantations where the Massa has total control over their lives.

I cannot help but wonder: If Ms. Johnson had been of the White middle class would the judge not have tried a more rehabilitative type of punishment? Punishments, like community service, access to some type of rehabilitative program or just removing the children from the home.

What many people fail to see is that this is the purpose for which

Norplant was developed. It is not a liberating form of birth control but a way to effectively kill African-Americans.

If you give a young African-American female the pill or condom, there is no guarantee that she will use them. But if you insert Norplant in her arm, you can be pretty sure that she will have a long period of sterilization.

I would like to know where the groups like N.O.W., Planned Parenthood, and NARAL stand on this issue. They are supposed to be fighting for a woman's right to gov-

ern her body. Is not this act, the denial of motherhood, a blunt violation of these rights? But yet we have not seen their representatives on the television declaring war on Norplant. But that is not surprising The Massa only wants the nigger to have the rights that he feels he/she should have.

I think it's safe to say that if a judge had ruled that a minority could not have an abortion, they would be screaming violation of rights. Could it be that they are only concerned with the rights that deal with elimination of African-Americans, not creation?

So why aren't they picketing Judge Broadman?

# Urban League's Seniors win award

For the sixth year in a row the Winston-Salem Urban League's Seniors in Community Service Program has won an award from the National Urban League for meeting its goal of placing senior workers in jobs in the community.

SCSP, which has been a local Urban League program since 1983, helps low-income workers, 55 and older, by training them in subsidized internships with public and nonprofit agencies until they have acquired marketable skills and experience and can be placed in subsidized jobs.

SCSP placed 20 of its 67 enrolled workers in 1990 into unsubsidized jobs, meeting the goal of 30 percent set by the National Urban League and qualifying the program for the placement award.

"Workers over 55 have a lot of untapped energy to give to the community," said SCSP Director Cleo Solomon. "Older workers are very dependable. They have positive attitudes and bring a lot of knowledge and experience to the workplace."

"The fact that we have won this award six years in a row indicates we are in a community that is receptive to hiring older workers," Solomon said. "We have educated our community to the benefits of hiring older workers, and now many employers call requesting older workers."

There are currently 72 senior citizens enrolled in



Receiving her award on behalf of the Winston-Salem Urban League Seniors in Community Service Program is (far left) Cleo Solomon, the program director. Making the presentation is William Haskins, vice president of programs for the National Urban League, and Janet Zobel, SCSP director for the National Urban League.

SCSP. For more information about the program, call Cleo Solomon at (919) 725-5614.

# Black progress

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demands of the Persian Gulf war, the federal deficit is expected to soar to more than \$320 billion in this fiscal year. Contrary to George Bush's wishful thinking, the added burden of the Persian Gulf war will increase the deficit, drive up interest rates and deepen the recession.

Vernon Jordan, the former president of the National Urban League once said that "when white America gets a cold, Black America gets pneumonia." That was Mr. Jordan's way of saying that when America goes into recession, Black people are driven into economic depression. With racism still a fact of life in America, African-Americans are still the last hired and the first to be fired.

The Black unemployment rate

is consistently two and a half to three times higher than that of our white counterparts. A disproportionate number of African-Americans remain unemployed and underemployed. And Black income is still only about 56 percent of that of white Americans — 18,000 for Blacks, 32,000 for whites.

The war in the Persian Gulf is unnecessary, and it is certainly not in the best interests of the vast majority of African-Americans. When the Black soldiers return from the hot and hostile sands of the Persian Gulf, they will find their racial kin still mired in poverty and despair.

Having seen their brothers and sisters disproportionately die on the battlefield, they will return home to

see disproportionate numbers of African-Americans dying in the wretched ghettos of this country from neglect and genocide born of institutional racism and disregard for Africans in America.

The very war they will return from will have drained vital resources away from the urgent task of eradicating hunger, poverty and disease in our communities. African-Americans are being called upon to fight in a war which will disproportionately affect Black communities across this country. White Americans may only confront the inconvenience of the cold. Black Americans will be forced to endure the damaging, even fatal consequences of chronic pneumonia.

suffer through.

This TBS TV Special is special.

Something else special during this special month of Black History is "American Black Eagles." This story of the first Black combat pilots, the Tuskegee Airmen, flies all month on "Tony Brown's Journal" on your local public TV station.

Now, there's a story on self-help.

dle-class Americans who use drugs," I said. I should have said "middle-class" and not "White middle-class."

My final advice on the TBS special was a practical proposal to build an economic infrastructure by recycling our money — our \$350 billion.

And speaking of practical, the TBS Black History Month Special is more than the static, unrelated offerings the public so often has to

# Special

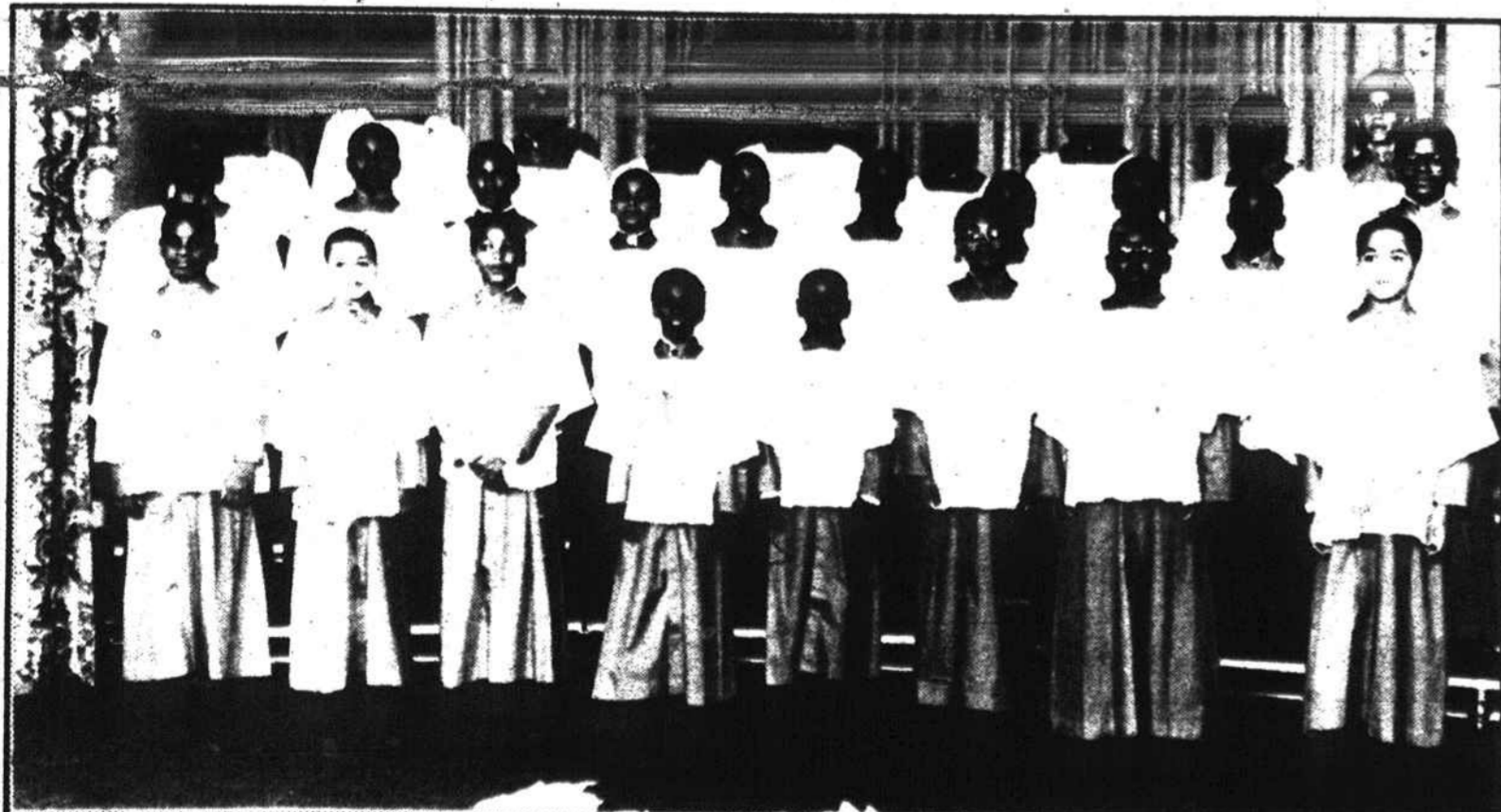
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Shirley Chisholm keeps all of us honest on the TBS Special, as she usually does: "The role of Black leadership in this country is to instill values and leadership, not give laconic discussions."

Susan Taylor urged "each of us to get involved." Lee Brown admitted that "there is no war on drugs."

I disagreed. "There is war on young people who sell drugs. There is no war, however, on White mid-



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