

# Teen takes dog bite to save kids

## ▲ Amar King called a hero by friends, family

By JOHN HINTON  
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Amar K. King prevented two local children from being bitten by a neighborhood dog last week.

"My friends and family are calling me a hero," King said. "I'm not a hero. I classify myself as a person being in the right place at the right time."

King, a freshman at Piney Woods Country Life School in Piney Woods, Miss., was walking with his friend, Tamica Robinson

and her two children, along the 200 block of West 23rd Street last Wednesday, when the incident occurred, according to police reports.

A female German shepherd tried to bite Robinson's children, but King stood between the dog and the children. He was bitten once in the buttocks by the dog, whose name is "Lady."

"The dog had jumped over the fence into someone else's yard," King said. "I was blocking the dog until they got out of the yard. The children were hollering, but I wasn't going to let the dog get them."

Lt. Tim Samuels of the Winston-Salem Police Department said the dog was untied, and its attack was unprovoked. Robinson told police that the dog had attacked other people in the neighborhood.

King said he suffered a minor wound as the dog dug her teeth into him. He has been treated with antibiotics, but the wound is still sore, he said.

"I don't sit on my side a lot," King said.

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Amar King was bitten by a German shepherd while protecting Tamica Robinson's children.

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Michael L. Clements, left, assistant administrator at Reynolds Health Center, recently discussed procedures with the staff at the facility.



Michael L. Clements works through the system to improve health care.

## Clements works system to improve RHC service

By JOHN HINTON  
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When Michael L. Clements was a teenager living in Bronx, N.Y., he accompanied his mother to a local community health center, where they waited five hours to see a doctor.

"If I could do something to make it a little better for folks, I should do it," said Clements, the assistant administrator at the Reynolds Health Center. "I had to learn how to do that in a system."

Clements deals with complaints from patients at Reynolds Health Center, which include gripes about long waits to see their physicians.

The average waiting time for a patient to see a doctor is from 40 minutes to two hours at RHC, Clements said.

"There are times when a patient may wait longer," he added. "There are times when physicians are delayed."

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## West principal refuses to allow black students to wear Kente cloth

### ▲Peoples equates Kente cloth with KKK regalia

By JOHN HINTON  
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The principal of West Forsyth High School has refused to allow a black student to wear a Kente cloth with her robe at the school's graduation ceremony on Friday, June 7.

Principal Jerry W. Peoples said, "If we allowed her to wear those colors (the Kente fabric), and they offended someone, then a student could wear a KKK outfit. We would have to allow that too, wouldn't we?"

Hawanya B. Miller, 18, a senior at the school, has requested to wear the Kente cloth during graduation exercises.

Miller, who will attend Spelman College in Atlanta in August, said she has a right as a citizen to wear the Kente cloth.

"I pay taxes, and I vote," Miller said. "I should be allowed to celebrate my heritage on a day of greatness."

Peoples disagrees. "We don't allow anything on the white robes," Peoples said. "It is a uniform procedure. It hasn't been a problem."

West Forsyth will hold its graduation ceremony at 7:30 p.m. in the West Stadium on its campus off-of Lewisville-Clemmons Road. More than 350 students, including 30 African Americans, are expected to graduate.

Sue Carson, a spokesperson for the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools, said there is no systemwide policy regarding the wearing of accessories with graduation robes. Each school sets its policy regarding its graduation ceremonies.

James C. Miller, Hawanya's father, said her daughter and several other black students should be allowed to wear the Kente cloth.

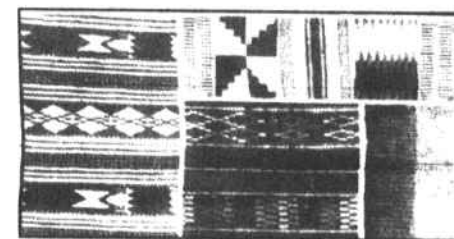
"I don't think it would make much of a difference," Miller said. "It's a pretty cloth. It's nothing disrespectful. It's no swastika or rebel flag."

Her mother, Jo Dowell, said she was proud of Hawanya for seeking permission to wear the cloth.

"This is her African-American heritage," Dowell said. "She should be able to wear the cloth."

Hawanya Miller and her father recently asked Peoples if she could wear the Kente cloth at the ceremony.

"He did not give me a solid answer," the elder Miller said. "He



This is the type of Kente cloth Hawanya Miller wanted to wear at her graduation.

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## Agnew scholar prepares for Harvard

By MAURICE CROCKER  
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With the appearance of shiny caps and gowns, pomp and circumstance, and teary eyes, it's evident graduation is near. Thousands of high school graduates will walk across a stage and embark upon a new journey.

For most graduates, the journey will include at least two more years of school. Some will seek employment, and others will join the armed forces.

For LaTonya Wright the journey will seem especially challenging, as she prepares to enter Harvard University, in Cambridge, Mass.

Wright, 18, from Winston-Salem, is a recent graduate of Salem Academy.

"I don't think it's hit me yet; it may hit me when I have to leave," Wright said.

Wright has been a student at the Academy since the ninth grade.

While at the Academy, Wright excelled in academics.

Although she says being accepted to Harvard is one of her greatest accomplishments, Wright has received numerous awards for her academic achievements.

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Kathy Agnew and her husband, Ray Jr., present Latonya Wright with the 1996 Ray Agnew Scholarship, as Wright's mother, Carlyn, looks on.

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