

# Bill Cunningham Doesn't Have Particular Favorite Designer

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He is not extravagant yet he refuses to wear jeans. He would like to be 6' 1" - 180 pounds; instead he is 5' 8" - 160 pounds. He will not wear certain colors because like a lot of us that grew up in the country, he remembers too well the stereotypes they produce (dice hanging from the rear-view mirror).

William "Bill" Cunningham, President and a partner of Hatchett and Cunningham Associates (a firm specializing in minority placement) was chosen to be spotlighted by the Post as one of its ten best dressed men. A graduate of Johnson C. Smith University, a retired military man and a bachelor, Bill Cunningham is an infectious personality who says he doesn't consider himself extravagant or anything of that nature; he simply loves clothes.

His is the very familiar story of having mostly hand me downs and never any variety as a child. Some people may reminisce for the old days but, "I never wish to be a child again" said Cunningham. However, deprived he may have felt as a child growing up, he has gone from rags to moderation rather than plenty.

Though he doesn't have a particularly favorite designer he does like items carrying the Johnny Carson and Geoffrey Beame labels. "My profession requires that I travel constantly throughout the country, I therefore have a tendency to know what people are wearing in the various regions," stated Cunningham, who likes to keep abreast of the latest styles.

Bill Cunningham will change his entire wardrobe every two or three years. In the interim he will see something that appeals to him and buy it though he usually makes his purchases from Karl Karesh, a tailor in Charleston, S.C. Cunningham finds that there are distinct advantages to having a tailor that is also a retailer, the biggest being that



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he, the tailor, is aware of both his body type and style preferences. A lot of valuable time and effort is saved by having someone that will make special purchases and have them on the premises when he arrives at the shop.

It is not uncommon to have a particular problem, real or imaginary, that tends to dictate the style or cut of a garment one is to wear. Bill Cunningham is no exception. A shorter than average man, Bill feels the necessity for not drawing attention to that shortness. He therefore feels that it is to his advantage not to wear anything that emphasizes his height. "A double breasted suit is out for me," he states. "The eyes are drawn in a horizontal plane thereby adding girth and further reducing the vertical illusion," added Cunningham.

It is a known fact that when you think you are dressed appropriately, self-esteem exudes from your personality. It is as if one goes through metamorphosis. "In my business personal appearance is imperative. "I stress to my clients that it is impossible to separate the personal from the professional when you are representing a company and their business. An employer is buying professional skills and personal appearance. It is impossible to separate the two now that there is a tight job market and employers have a choice of perspective employees," stated Cunningham.

In saluting Bill Cunningham as one of the ten best dressed men in Charlotte, The Post agrees that he is an example setter for both his clients, employer and the prospective employee.

# Amay James Center To Offer Home Service Programs

Amay James Neighborhood Center is offering home service programs this summer which began Friday, June 17.

The program started Friday, June 17 with a story hour sponsored by the public library. Story hour is held on Fridays from 3-4 p.m. and is opened to 30 kids. Story hour will run through August 26.

Teen dance classes, sponsored by Central Piedmont Community College began Monday, June 27 and will continue through September 7. These classes will be held every Monday and Wednesday from 2-3:30 p.m. for 15 teens, 16 years up. The cost is \$2.75.

Tuesdays, from 2-4 p.m. will be movie hour sponsored by the public library for an unlimited number and aged citizens. Movies will run every Tuesday through August 22. July 5 through 14 will host

powerful feelings classes sponsored by the mental health center for 10 adults. The class will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m.

July 7 through August 8 will host teen-age sexuality classes also being sponsored by the mental health center. From 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. 10 girls may attend these classes which are being held on Thursdays.

Sewing classes will be held 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning July 11. The cost is \$5 and materials free to Community Development residents. The class is open to 15 persons. Sewing classes are sponsored by CPCC and will run through September 21.

Also beginning July 11 are worry workshops, sponsored by the mental health center. These classes will be held on

Mondays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and is open to 8 adults. The workshop will end July 25.

July 12 will open sewing classes for 15 persons, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Sponsored by CPCC, the classes are 15 and materials free to CD residents.

Teen sewing classes, sponsored by the home extension office will begin July 14. The classes will run through August 25 and will be held on Thursdays. As many as 15 teens may enroll.

July 15 will open crafts for senior citizens from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Craft classes will be offered on Fridays until August 26. Being sponsored by the Home Extension office, class limitation is 15.

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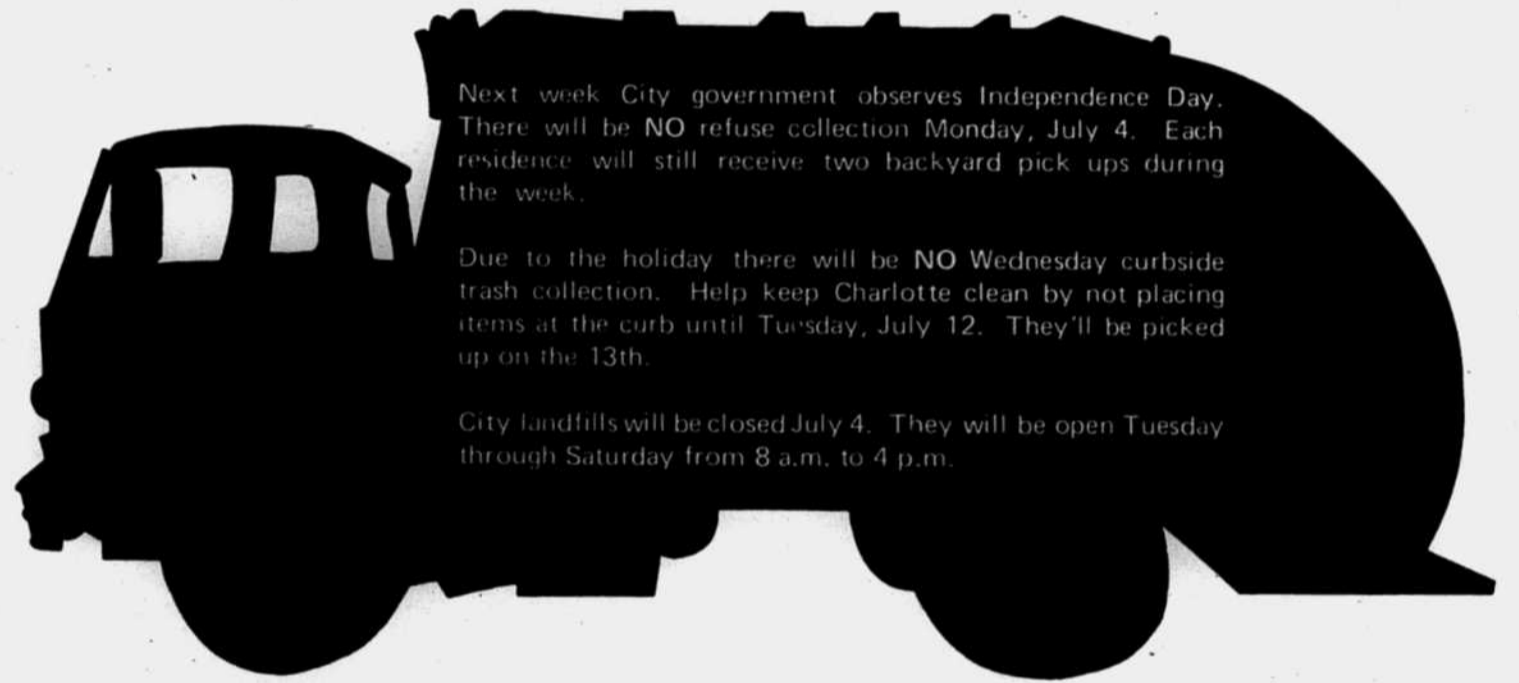
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Due to the holiday there will be NO Wednesday curbside trash collection. Help keep Charlotte clean by not placing items at the curb until Tuesday, July 12. They'll be picked up on the 13th.

City landfills will be closed July 4. They will be open Tuesday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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