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Gum Disease

Dentists make a habit of warning patients about gum disease and the damage it can cause, including being the primary cause of losing teeth. But some people do not heed warnings, and others don't go near a dentist where they would be reminded of them. So, you may be doing your family a favor if you clip and save this list of the seven danger signs of gum disease:

- Any changes in the way the teeth meet when biting down.
- Gums seem to be "shrinking away" from the teeth.
- Teeth becoming loose for no apparent reason.
- Bleeding gums when brushing and flossing teeth.
- Inflamed, soft or swollen gums.
- Pus coming from around the teeth, when pressure is applied.
- Bad breath.

Any one of these signals could mean gum disease is present and in progress, but there can be other causes too. The only way to be certain is to visit your dentist and let him examine the suspect areas you have discovered by being alert.

When plaque is not removed daily, by proper brushing and flossing, tartar forms, and this can force gums away from your teeth, allowing pockets of infection to form between the teeth. Left unattended, such conditions can destroy the supporting bone under the teeth, and be the cause of having to remove some or all of the teeth.

Allowing one's self to be unaware of what is taking place in his own mouth is similar to ignoring a red traffic signal; it could prove to be dangerous.

For your own and your family's sake, watch those mouths!

For Two Performances

"The Wiz" Coming To Ovens

NBC critic, Leonard Probst stated it very well: "The Wiz" is cleverly conceived and enormously funny...The best adult-children's entertainment to reach Broadway since "The Magic Show." "The Wiz" is black magic, sassy, original and a trip worth taking. "The Wiz" is coming to Ovens Auditorium for two performances Friday and Saturday, November 14 and 15th at 8 p.m.

And what a hit "The Wiz" is! The winner of seven Tony Awards including Best Musical and Best Musical Score, "The Wiz" is playing to standing room audiences on tour everywhere.

"The Wiz" is a contemporary musical treatment of L. Frank Baum's "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz." William Glover, Drama Critic for the Associated Press stated his enthusiasm in contemporary hyperbole, "The Wiz" is a wow! Even Judy Garland fans can cheer. A jiving, colorful, jovial musical. In contrast to much of Broadway's recent offerings, the music from "The Wiz" is happy and upbeat - a compelling reason for capturing the Grammy Award's coveted Best Album of the Year Award.

The nationally touring stage production appearing here will contain all of the production elements so beloved in the Broadway production including the irreplaceable dog Toto. It will mark the Broadway musical debut of Lydia Jackson, the former Miss Black America who just concluded a Las Vegas engagement with Tennessee Ernie Ford. Originally written by William F. Brown with musical score by Charlie Smalls, this all new national touring production of "The Wiz" will be produced by Barry Singer of Kim-Todd, Ltd. in association with Broadway Productions' Dyke Spear, Executive Producer who will be handling tour direction and promotion. Spear

and Singer have become North America's most active producers of touring Broadway attractions. Their joint efforts have culminated in national tours of "Hair," "Oh! Calcutta!" and "Grease" in over one hundred and seventy-five American and Canadian communities during the past five years.

Reserved Seats: \$12.50, \$10.50 and \$8.50 at the Charlotte Coliseum Box Office, most area Sears stores, Statesville Travel, Belk Monroe, Cone Center, UNCC. Call 332-4606

to charge tickets on VISA or MasterCard. Mail check payable to "The Wiz" c/o Charlotte Coliseum, 2700 E. Independence Blvd., Charlotte, N.C. 28205. Enclose stamped addressed envelope. Family Discount: Half-price for family members 17 and under when purchased with adult tickets. Call 332-4606 for Group Sales Information.

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