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TERESSA COLEMAN  
...Born entertainer

## Lovely Teressa Coleman Is "Beauty Of The Week"

By Teresa Burns  
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Teressa Coleman is a born entertainer and her veins are filled with the desire to become a star. Presently the vocalist for the band Future Shock, Ms. Coleman is receiving ample experience to achieve her goal. It's easier these days for a person with multi-talents to be recognized. Ms. Coleman has this aspect under control, for she also knows how to act.

A striking Cancer, Ms. Coleman is determined, outgoing and reaching for a certain goal in life - characteristics some only hope for. But there is another side to the determined Ms. Coleman, the loving and caring side. "I like to be nice to people and to show them that someone cares. I also like to inspire as many young people as I can to believe in God." Her favorite person is her daughter, Patanzi. "I

love her. She's my reason for living. She makes me feel better when I feel bad." If our beauty could make a positive change in the world she announced, "I would make a better place for poor people to live and try to make everyone see how important it is to love one another." The daughter of Mary Lee Coleman and Orange Coleman, Ms. Coleman has two sisters and four brothers.

# Chisholm Tells Black Caucus To "Get Active"

## Reagan To Help Black Colleges?

President Ronald Reagan last week signed a new Executive Order to help strengthen black colleges. The signing took place at a White House luncheon for black college supporters. The new Executive Order, established to improve and protect black colleges, increases black participation in federally sponsored programs; mandates government-wide coordination to ensure full opportunities for black college participation in federally sponsored programs; and calls on the Secretary of Education to encourage private sector initiatives in assisting historically black institutions.

Under the order, President Reagan has directed Secretary of Education T. H. Bell to submit an Annual Performance Report on Executive Agency Actions to ensure black college participation in federally sponsored programs. This "report card" will be reviewed by the Cabinet Council on Human Resources, the Vice President and the President.

The President has asked Vice President Bush to work with the heads of federal agencies in conducting a special policy review to serve as a basis for all future planning for these educational institutions.

"We are gathered today because all of us want to nourish and protect an American institution that has served this nation well...the traditional black colleges and universities," the President said. "Hundreds of thousands of young Americans received training at these schools over the past 100 years, expanding their opportunities as individuals and laying the foundation for social progress. It should never be forgotten. See Reagan on Page 16



Across the South people are marching to defend the Voting Rights Act. Above, some 5,000 marchers recently in Montgomery, Alabama. (Photo by Eileen Hansen)

## Mayor Carthan To Lead Freedom Walk Here Saturday

By Eileen Hanson  
Special To The Post  
Can a black elected official get justice in the courts of Mississippi?

Eddie James Carthan, former mayor of Tchula, Miss., will be in Charlotte Saturday, October 3, to lead the Freedom Walk for the Voting Rights Act to raise support for the Tchula 7 case.

The Tchula 7 are a group of black officials from the heart of the Mississippi Black Belt who were recently convicted, fined and sentenced for exercising their authority as political officials.

The Freedom Walk in support of the Voting Rights Act and black political representation, begins Saturday morning at 7:30 a.m. at West Charlotte High School parking lot. Mayor Carthan will join Charlotte's Black Councilmen Ron Leeper and Charlie Dannelly in kicking off the walk, which is dedicated to the late Fred Alexander, Charlotte's first Black councilman and State Senator since Reconstruction. All Black elected officials have been invited

to join in the Freedom Walk, sponsored by the Charlotte Equal Rights Council.

"The Tchula 7 case is a living example of why we need the Voting Rights Act to assure that Blacks have political representation in the South," said Ted Quant, southern regional organizer for the Equal Rights Congress.

The Tchula 7 case began in April, 1980, when the local police chief resigned and Carthan, as mayor, appointed a temporary police chief, who was Black. Unhappy with Carthan's decision, a white Alderman decided he would take the law into his own hands and illegally appointed a white police chief.

A confrontation erupted when Mayor Carthan attempted to persuade the illegally appointed police chief to go home. The man, Jim Andrews, pulled a gun on Carthan.

Carthan, assisted by six auxiliary police officers, managed to subdue Andrews. Both Andrews and Carthan swore out warrants on each other. The Justice of the Peace, who is

also Andrews' sister-in-law, followed up on Andrews' charges, but had Carthan's thrown out.

On April 21, 1981, Carthan and six co-defendants were convicted on charges of simple assault on a law enforcement officer. Carthan was given three years in prison for a crime that usually carries a penalty of a small fine. The six co-defendants were given suspended sentences of three years and fines of \$500 to \$1,000 each.

According to Carthan, "Our conviction is a clear attempt to intimidate and harass the Black community, and to enforce a century of unwritten laws that a Black man can't buck the white power structure and get away with it."

The sentences are on appeal. Recently the FBI brought two new charges against Mayor Carthan.

"This is another case of political assassination," according to Quant who is active in forming the Tchula 7 Defense Committee. "It is not an isolated incident, but part of a right-wing move to disfranchise Blacks in the South."

## School Children's Fate At Stake

Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm (D-N.Y.) Monday chaired a meeting of the Congressional Black Caucus Legislative Braintrust on Education.

As part of a day-long schedule of workshops conducted on the first day of this year's Congressional Black Caucus Dinner Weekend, the Education Braintrust meeting brought together over 350 black educators, community activists and elected officials from across the nation for a discussion of education issues important to black Americans.

In a statement to the Braintrust, Representative Chisholm called on the participants to "get educated, get organized and get active on these issues. Nothing less than the fate of today's and tomorrow's school children is at stake."

The three-hour session featured presentations by two panels of experts. The first, composed of Ms. Alice Baum - Executive Director of the National Advisory Council on Education of Disadvantaged Children, and Mr. William A. Blakey - Director of the House Subcommittee on Post-Secondary Education, was concerned with drastic cuts in federal education programs. Details were provided on reductions in government programs aimed at disadvantaged and handicapped public school students, as well as on the hardship black colleges and college students will suffer because of President Reagan's economic plan.

The second panel dealt with government support for private schools. Panelists included Dr. James Comer - Director of the Yale Child Study Center, Ms. Laura Murphy - Legislative Representative for the American Civil Liberties Union, and Dr. Willie Kimmons - Wayne Community College in Detroit.

Dr. Comer, author of the book "School Power," argued that tuition tax credits or vouchers would create a "two-tier school system that would institutionalize hopelessness." He suggested that we not write off public schools, and he said that "Rather than make an untested approach into national policy, we should fully exploit our knowledge about schools that are serving children well, and apply it to all schools."

In introducing the second panel, Representative Chisholm was also critical of the tax credit proposal. "A tuition tax credit subsidy for private schools would create a massive dollar drain from government income. I believe it is incongruous to propose a loss of \$4 billion in federal revenue at a time when the Administration is faced with fulfilling its campaign promises to cut federal programs, increase defense spending, and balance the budget - all to be accomplished during a period of high interest rates, massive unemployment and hard economic times."

## Congress Changes Law Governing AFDC Program

Special To The Post  
RALEIGH - The N.C. Department of Human Resources has submitted a proposal to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for a six-county Community Work Experience (Workfare) demonstration project.

This will require welfare recipients under the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program to work in schools and other governmental or private non-profit agencies to work off their welfare payments if the proposal is approved.

Governor James B. Hunt Jr. has written a letter to Richard S. Schweiker, secretary of Health and Human Services, endorsing the "Workfare" demonstration proposal requesting that it be approved.

"Our program objectives involve demonstrating the usefulness of combining the challenge offered by the Community Work Experience Program's work requirement with appropriate supportive services and the cooperation of public and private sector employers to reduce the size of the AFDC caseload. Our research objectives focus on documenting the results of this approach," Hunt said in his letter.

The governor also indicated in his letter that it seemed to him that the long-term employment prospects of Aid to Families with Dependent Children recipients depend on very close coordination between AFDC program policies, the policies of pertinent supportive services programs, and the labor market activities of private employers. "Yet we do not have very much experience with the kind of close relationship that is possible

under the new Community Work Experience Program," he said.

There are 45 counties in the state who are already participating in the federal Work Incentive (WIN) program designed to find employment for AFDC recipients. This is a joint venture by the Employment Security Commission and county social services departments. All AFDC recipients who are not exempted are required to register for the WIN program in these counties.

## Reflections' Waiter

# James White Is "Something Special!"

By Loretta Manago  
Post Staff Writer  
If you've ever dined at the Reflections Restaurant, undoubtedly you've encountered a smiling gentleman who answers to the name of James Robert White. If you've had the double pleasure of having him wait upon you, then certainly you know the reason why White has, upon numerous occasions, received the title, "Best Waiter of Them All."

"I've always felt that you should let your job represent you and I've done that," replied White. It is this attitude that has made him the recipient of being called the "best."

In 1977 White was chosen "The Best Waiter in Charlotte" by the WSOC News Radio Restaurant Review. He was "Employee of the Month" at the Radisson Plaza Hotel during September of 1978 and a finalist for "Employee of the Year" during 1978. Last year in the CHARLOTTE OBSERVER'S "Perfect Waiter-Waitress Contest."

What White and his team provide for his customers



James Robert White...City's "Best Waiter" is prime service. "My team and I offer our customers a real unique experience in dining that they just don't get anywhere else," explained White. "When people leave, they leave happy because of my team and myself," and according to White that is the ultimate pleasure in his work.

The service White personally delivers goes beyond taking an order and delivering food. "I'm always myself," remarked White. "And I always try to anticipate the customer's

needs and what mood he's in," added White. "Once I know these things I take the mood from there and adapt the service to fit it," continued White.

For one who is so perceptive to his customers' needs it is not difficult to understand why White receives so much pleasure from his work. "I am able to show love and appreciation in an environment where it is acceptable. In return I get stroked," commented White.

But these strokes aren't the only thing White gets back; the people also come back. "People do return," spoke White. One couple who celebrated their 53rd anniversary dining at Reflections were so impressed with White, they made special plans to celebrate their 54th anniversary at Reflections and made certain that White would be their waiter.

White started his work in the restaurant business primarily to earn extra income for his family. Beginning as a dishwasher, within a year White had excelled to the position of

waiter at the Epicurean Restaurant. He left there and went to the Reflections Restaurant where he is presently employed.

Although at night, White functions as a waiter, during the day he is employed by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System as an elementary guidance counselor. In addition to these two demanding positions, White is employed part-time by the Carolina Trailways Bus Co. as a driver.

Where does one find time and the stamina to be a father, husband and hold three jobs and do them all well? White says the answer is "mind over body." "Mentally, I have developed a management system. I set goals and try to reach them because I firmly believe God helps those who help themselves," stated White.

A 1971 graduate of Livingstone College, White holds a B.A. Degree in History. In 1973 White earned his M.A. degree in Guidance and Counseling from UNC-Charlotte. White also holds a North Carolina

Principal's Certificate. Above all his achievements White is especially proud of a dental and nutritional program he developed so parents could teach their children proper health habits. He is married to the former Gloria Mile, an elementary school teacher. They are the parents of two sons, James Robert White II, age 10 and William Rodney White, age 8.

The son of Rev. and Mrs. Reid Ross White Sr., White is a native of Schenectady, New York. He has four brothers - Rev. William White, pastor of Little Rock AME Zion Church, Rev. Reid White Jr., Rev. Edward White, John Henry White, a famous photographer for the CHICAGO SUN TIMES (newspaper), and one sister, Ada Mae White Taylor, a high school curriculum coordinator and Black History instructor in Brockport, N.Y.

## Carnivals Set

The Charlotte Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor Halloween Carnivals at all recreation center locations from 3-5 p.m. on October 31.

## TURTLE-TALK



Whatever it is that keeps people from getting rich... most of us have it.