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## Problems Of Missing Children

The problem of missing children has commanded wide media attention. The intense publicity has left parents concerned for the safety of their own children.

SecureAmerica Corporation offers a service called Secure 24 Child File which when implemented can greatly reduce the likelihood of such a catastrophe from ever occurring.

The service can be divided into three parts:

1. Crisis response center for the child.
2. Education of both parents and children about potential threats and how to react when confronted.
3. Identification file, providing a preassembled record in case of a child's disappearance.

The crisis response center is the most unique feature of the service, providing 24 hour toll-free access from which previously stored vital, perhaps life-saving, information can be relayed in times of crisis just by calling 1-800-USA-2400. Each child is provided with his own unique Child Find ID number which is printed on clothing labels along with instructions to call 1-800-USA-2400.

Anyone finding a lost child can simply call the toll-free number and SecureAmerica will immediately contact the parents, or in their absence other relatives or friends listed on an emergency contact list, and relay the exact location of the child.

A one-year subscription to this comprehensive service is just \$20 a year.

## NOW To Picket Republican Convention

On Saturday, June 23, from 9:10-30 a.m., the North Carolina National Organization for Women will picket the Republican State Convention to be held at the Raleigh Civic Center.

The purpose of the demonstration is to protest the anti-family, anti-women actions of President Reagan and Senator Jesse Helms and to show support for those women who faithfully continue to work for women's rights within the Republican Party.

State President of NOW, Johanna Eitin, will have a prepared statement at the demonstration and will be available for interviews with the press.

## TURTLE-TALK



Life is everlasting keep money I teeth and hair from ing out.



Miss Tammy Reed  
.....West Charlotte junior

## Tammy Reed Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Simmons  
Post Managing Editor

Actually it may be as long as a century before the United States elects a Black as president. But if she had her way our beauty, Tammy Reed, would place Jesse Jackson in that realm of leadership without a second thought. "If I could, I would replace President Reagan with Jesse Jackson right now," Ms. Reed commented. "As a leader I feel that Jackson is qualified to do the job. The selection should not be based on color, but on what he can do."

Ms. Reed, a junior at West Charlotte Senior High School, has convictions which are well-thought out. She is indeed glad that Harvey Gant became the Mayor of Charlotte. "The time is right for blacks to step out and show the world what they can do," she continued.

Born under the Zodiac sign of Cancer, Ms. Reed considers herself quite moody. Perhaps this is an indication of a temperamental artist. One who appreciates fine literature and who hopes one day to write unique and interesting fiction. "I enjoy English," Ms. Reed interjected. "My ambition is to become a professional writer. I have always enjoyed reading."

She also enjoys swimming and tennis. After high school graduation she plans to attend Bennett College but for the meantime she is concentrating on her studies, interests and extra-curricular activities. At West Charlotte she is a member of the Red Cross vice president of the VICA Club and is a member of the Marching Band.

She is also a member of the Junior Senate and vice president of the Explorers for Journalist Club. She has authored articles for their publications. Ms. Reed also works part-time at

## Burger King.

Her honors include Perfect Attendance award, Band award and awards in track and various other sports.

At Chappell Memorial Baptist Church where Rev. Wilson Mitchell pastors, Ms. Reed is a member of the Teens' Choir, the Intermediate Usher Board and attends some of the church's missionary meetings.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Gill, our beauty has one sister, Cynthia Legette.

Ms. Reed is a person who believes that attending churches is important.

## To Identify With

# Numerous Black Children Are Growing Up Without Any Positive Male Figures

By Loretta Manago  
Post Staff Writer

In a society where the number of single parents heading a household is steadily growing, many of today's youth are not receiving the type of support system found in households with both parents present or that the extended family offered.

Many black children, especially black males are growing up without any positive black male figures to identify with.

The Big Brothers-Big Sisters program of Charlotte is working to combat that problem. Although the United Way program seeks to match children of all races with positive adult figures, the agency at this time is particularly concerned with matching young black males with black adult males.

According to counselor

## AACCRP Surpasses \$500,000

(Charlotte, N.C.) The Afro-American Cultural Center Restoration Project announced pledges and contributions this week totalling \$557,000.

This new total was boosted by a \$200,000 grant from the Mecklenburg County Commission, which agreed to pay the money over the next two years. Prior to campaign treasurer Charles Blackwell's announcement of the County Commission's gift, total pledges and contributions stood at \$357,000. Campaign leaders say they will have to work even harder now to raise the remaining \$243,000.

With just 11 more days left in the campaign to raise \$800,000, Project leaders were optimistic of reaching their goal. But, they were quick to point out that they still need a lot of individual and corporate support to be successful.

Among the major pledges announced at the Project Committee's weekly reporting session was \$8,181 from Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools employees.

"We surpassed our goal and I am so very proud of our school employees who came through like

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Tom Russell (standing) dishes out birthday cake to fellow employees of Eckerds, Inc. In attendance were (seated clockwise) Debra Jenkins, Donnie Irwin, Boyd Wilson, Brenda Rutledge; (not shown) Terry Poage.

Rochelle Gillard; (standing) Russell and secretary, Jean Brannon; (seated) Lillie Campbell and Trannie Gilliam. Mary Mills also attended the party. (Photo By Bernard Reeves)

## Eckerd's Apparel Employees Fete Department Head

For his 38th birthday, Thomas Russell was given a birthday bash at McDonald's Cafeteria by fellow employees of Eckerds Apparel, Inc.

Russell is Distribution Center Manager at Eckerds, having worked with the company since 1979. He is married to Barbara and they have three children: Cori, Tommy and Christi. The Russell family resides in Matthews.

The party was organized by Russell's secretary,

Jean Brannon. Gifts were bestowed on Russell at the office. Cake and other extras were served at the party. "It was a very nice party," comments Brannon. "It was all very much appreciated by Tom." There were 12 employees present at the party.

Russell possesses degrees in Business, Leisure studies and Recreation obtained from Florida State University and Eastern Michigan University. He has coached soccer, T-Ball and basketball as part of

the Athletic and Recreation Association in Matthews.

The Russell family attends St. Stephens United Methodist Church in Matthews. Russell is a past board member and is active in the Expressions Sunday School class.

In 1977, Russell came to the Charlotte area and was employed as Assistant Manager of the Olde Providence Racquet Club. He had previously worked as a Youth Director and Recreation Director in Florida.

## Conference To Examine Other Issues

Special To The Post

Among the major concerns that the National Urban League will be focusing its attention on at its 1984 Annual Conference in Cleveland, OH, July 29-August 1, are the upcoming presidential election, the status of the black family, and the continuing crisis in the public schools.

With the theme, "Equity, Excellence, Empowerment," the conference will examine these and other critical issues through a series of plenary sessions, forums and special events that will feature a number of the nation's most distinguished speakers. The site of the conference is the Cleveland Conference Center.

The formal opening of the conference will take place Sunday evening, July 29, as John E. Jacob, President of the NUL, delivers his keynote address. This will be preceded earlier in the day by the annual luncheon of the Urban League Guilds, and a forum on the black family.

Dr. Andrew Billingsley, the former president of Morgan State University and one of the nation's leading experts on the black family, will serve as moderator for the latter.

The candidates of the two major parties will be invited to address the morning and afternoon plenary sessions on Monday, July 30. After each of the plenary sessions, a series of smaller forums will be held which will provide participants with an opportunity to engage in a dialogue with the presenters.

Among the areas to be covered in the Monday morning forums are Crime and the Black Community, and A Black Perspective on Educational Reform. Another forum will concentrate on successful techniques that have been used in getting out the young black vote.

The speaker at the Tuesday morning plenary will be Vernon E. Jordan Jr., former President of the National Urban League and one of the most knowledgeable spokesmen for civil and human rights in the country.

A special forum, "The New Breed of Mayors," will be presented on Monday at 8 p.m. Dr. Charles V. Hamilton, a nationally known political scientist and the author of several books on black political participation, will serve as moderator.



Big brother Doug Cunningham (right) affectionately shows "little brother" Corey Williams how to properly hold a football.

Claire Hunt over 65 percent of that number more black boys are available than

black girls. This plea for positive black adult males to step forward and to take an interest in the younger

generation is one Doug Cunningham answered seven years ago.

Doug Cunningham, vice-president of the Personnel

division of the NCNB Corporation is currently a big brother to Corey Williams, a 14 year old student at A.G. Junior High School.

It was television ads and other information that pricked Cunningham's curiosity about the Big Brothers-Big Sisters program. After a conversation with one of the counselors at the agency Cunningham knew that he wanted to become more involved with today's youth.

"My first match ended when my little brother moved out of the state," reminisced Cunningham. He met his second match, Corey through one of the young boy's school teachers.

"After Corey and I began our friendship I encouraged his mother to enroll in the Big Brother and Big Sister program." See BLACK On Page 5A