

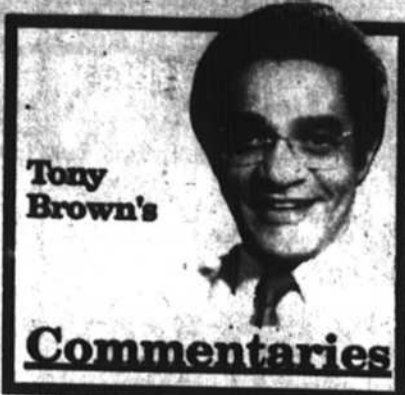
AIDS: The Scare - And Sell

"In the Next 10 Years The AIDS Plague Will Hit Your Neighborhood" was printed in bold, red letters on the outside of the envelope. Inside, was the most brilliant sales pitch, I've ever read. I say brilliant advisedly. Devious may be a better word.

For \$24.75 a quarter or \$95 a year for his financial newsletter, the author promises a "special report that will help you protect your personal and financial future." Tactic: scare and sell, in that order. Information has come to him by a second party in a secret tape ("I hope he doesn't get himself firebombed.") that "information is being actively suppressed by the government - state, local, and Federal." "If the public gets wind of it, there could be a panic," he warns. And "if the story doesn't get out, there will be panic anyway," he adds. The "evidence looks ironclad - we face a crisis of unimaginable proportions."

Now the scare phase heats up. "At least three million people are now carriers (of AIDS). 80 - 90% will be carriers the rest of their lives," the man writes.

"That means by 1993 somewhere in the range of 2,000,000 people will be dead or dying."



There are only 284,000 hospital beds in America. It doesn't take long to see that they will be full with just AIDS patients in the early 90's, the scare phase continues.

The AIDS "lentivirus" survives for a week at room temperature, is carried by a sneeze or cough, a dentist is leaving his profession ("I can't protect my patients. I can't protect myself. This job isn't worth dying over."), "we are facing the greatest public health danger since the flu of 1918, when half a million Americans died," etc.

The newsletter man says he can't put many of the details into print, but the "hot" interview with the unnamed man is available (he'll send it to you in a "plain brown envelope").

Now comes the sale. There are things you can do to minimize your medical risks, he advises. "But I'm not going to write about them. I'm not looking for a civil rights lawsuit."

I wonder who he has in mind? "Civil rights" sounds a little Black to me. AIDS is now being described as a Black disease. Therefore, why not package two fears for the price of one: AIDS and Blacks.

The "self-defense techniques" he promises on his tape will come with a subscription to his newsletter.

None of his statements are lies. They just re-arrange the facts. You could buy his newsletter and increase your fear, but you will not increase your knowledge of AIDS or what to do about the disease.

Next week, I'll introduce you to the man (including his address and phone number) with the most startling set of facts on AIDS you've ever heard and what you can do about them. And, maybe, the cure.

TONY BROWN'S JOURNAL TV series can be seen on public television Sunday on Channel 42 at 5 p.m. It can also be seen on Channel 58, Saturday, 1:30 p.m.

Letters To The Post

Rainbow Coalition Question On Target

Dear Editor:
A note of congratulations to your guest writer, Mr. Fess Bradley, whose article appeared in the August 27 edition of the Post. Mr. Bradley is on target. The

beauty of his editorial is that the questions asked have been simmering around in the minds of the grass root communities of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County for a very long time. Mr. Bradley elo-

quently posed the questions and answered them at the same time.

Sincerely yours,
James F. Foxx

Post Editorial Surprised, Pleased Graves

Dear Editor:
You really caught me speechless! I could not believe that you had identified me - insignificant me - as a community leader in your August 20th editorial.

I must agree with your insightful comment. I do not view myself as a community leader, but one who believes in doing what is right, and in my case, doing what is right in the best interest of children. More broadly speaking, I strongly believe it is our Christian duty to use our God given talents to improve the world and commu-

nities in which we live. Even a week later, I have difficulty expressing how I feel. Please accept my humble and sincere thanks for the compliment!

Sincerely,
Ellenor Graves

Son's Writing Impresses Proud Parents

Dear Editor:
We enjoyed reading "Thoughts for the Mind" in Thursday, July 30's Charlotte Post.

The article is by our son, Carl Blue. We are proud to see his writings in a paper. Thanks for allowing it to be printed.

Sincerely,
Nelson and Georgie Blue

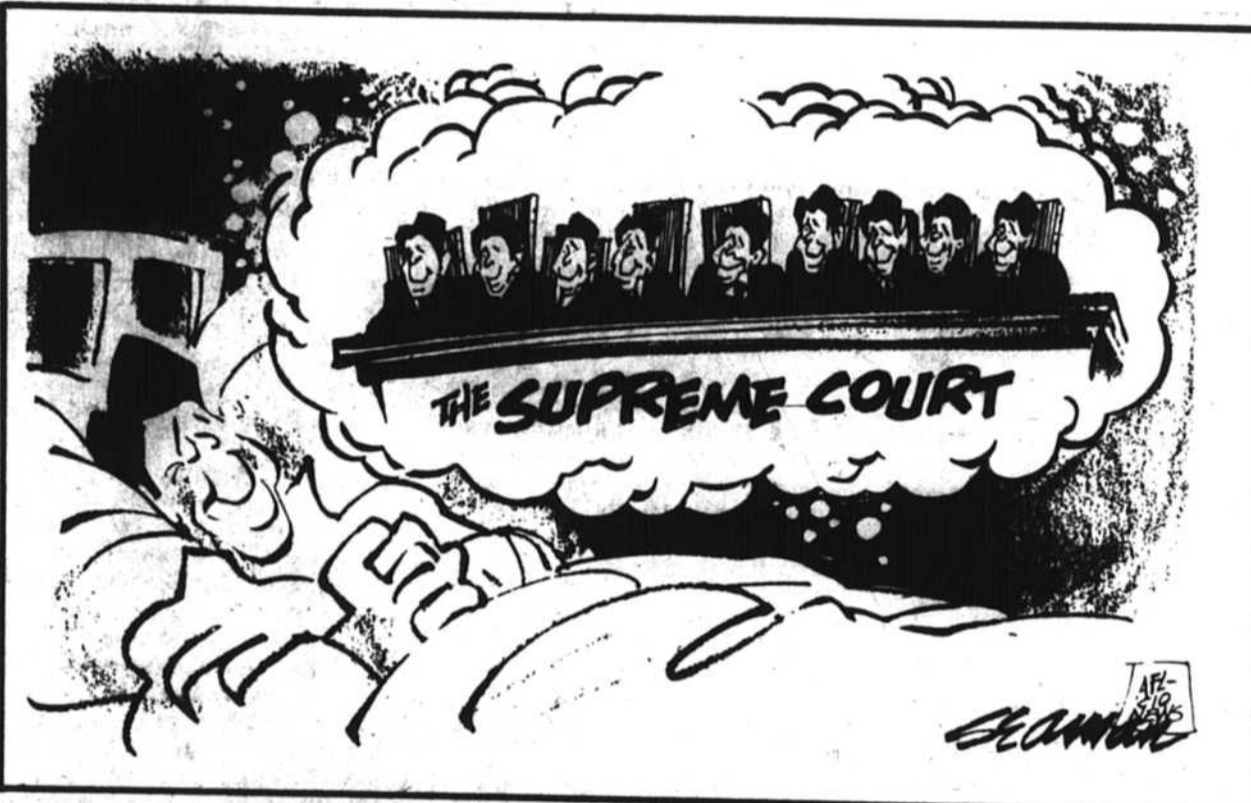
Readers Convey Anniversary Wishes, Future Success

To Gerald, Bob, and the staff of the Charlotte Post:
Congratulations on your 13th

anniversary and a job well done. May God bless your continued efforts.

Willie L. Johnson Jr. and
Thomasina Johnson

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Why So Sad About Coming Home?

Why am I so sad about going home this time?
Hometown.

There is something special about coming back home. About being in the same place where you became who you are.

Do you remember what it was like when you first came home after going away on your own - to college, or to get a job, or to serve in the armed forces, or to get married?

Remember coming back? Back to parents, friends, and familiar places. What could be better than going home again?

Back to your own bedroom. Back to your mom's special way of cooking and serving meals. Back to books and pictures and furniture and smells that somehow belong to you.

Home was always there, ready for us when we needed it.

A place to come and get our bearings when everything else



seemed so topsy turvey.

Why am I so sad about going home this time?

What connects us so strongly to our hometowns? Our parents, of course. But it is more than that. It is our friends--the ones we grew up with, and it is the places that were the center of our lives--the school, the church, the drug store, the playing field, the vacant lots, and the homes of our friends.

Slowly but surely the people change. Our friends and their brothers and sisters have moved to some other place. Even so, as long as we all keep coming back home we have our hometown which gives us some link with our friends.

We can come back to visit or stay a while--because our parents are there holding our place for us. Even if we seldom see our friends, our parents keep us in touch.

Why am I so sad about coming home this time?

Knowing that when a hometown friend's parents are gone, the links are broken. Their house is sold. There is no place to come. No one to keep us in touch. No place for them at Thanksgiving or Christmas at home. No reason for them to come home again. No home for them to come home to.

And, without them, coming home can't be the same again.

Fight For Democracy In North Carolina

The "Republican" monopoly over the federal election process and its stranglehold on democratic rights has had some alarming ramifications in the state of North Carolina.

What started out as a petitioning drive to put the independent third party, the New Alliance Party, on the North Carolina ballot for the 1988 Presidential election has turned into a battle with the political and business establishment over the use of public thoroughfares to accomplish that task.

In over a dozen shopping malls, volunteers and members of the Black-led, multi-racial party have been told to leave by mall owners and supermarket managers claiming that they are trespassing on private property. According to the state courts, the owners are legally within their rights, even though the effect is to make the already arduous job of getting on the ballot excruciatingly difficult. Is this a violation of First Amendment guarantees to freedom of speech? I say Yes.

These volunteers, in the tradition of the freedom riders of the Civil Rights movement, have traveled to North Carolina from five states to collect thousands of Petition signatures to place an independent Black candidate on the

ballot. This is no easy task. North Carolina has some of the most rigorous election laws in the country, requiring that independent and third party candidates, which often have few resources at their disposal, collect nearly 45,000 valid signatures to qualify for the federal ballot. This, combined with a five cent filing fee for each signature, is a staggering requirement. And it's meant to be that way, because the Republicans and Democrats who control the state legislature and the election laws want to maintain their stranglehold on the ballot. This is how the state's good ol' boy political machine violates the spirit and letter of the U.S. Constitution, which guarantees freedom of speech to all Americans.

What can be done? The volunteers have taken their case to the public - the "court of last resort" in our American democracy. Television stations have carried film clips of the harassments and New Alliance Party Attorney Gary Sinawski has been calling community leaders throughout the state, asking them to lend their name to a letter protesting the exclusionary practices of Durham's big business community. And the community has responded. Among those agreeing to join in the protest were Mundy Carter of the War Resis-



tance League, which is holding a national convention in Raleigh this weekend; John Marshall Killmanjaro, publisher of the Carolina Peacemaker; Nat White, President of the Raleigh-based Hayti Development Corporation; and Faydens Hatch, President of Today's Woman, an organization representing Black women in the area.

People who have signed the petitions are now being contacted, informed of the harassment and urged to contact supermarket and mall owners to express their concern at the infringement of the rights of an independent party to do the necessary work to appear on the ballot.

We must fight back with the demand for democracy from the grassroots.

Conyers Urges Meese Removal

STATEMENT OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS CALLING FOR RESIGNATION OF U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL EDWIN MEESE, III
Friday, August 7, 1987

Following the testimony of the attorney general before the select committees on the Iran-contra affair, the growing allegations of improper conduct in the Wedtech scandal, and the GAO report issued this week concluding failure to follow federal ethics regulations, it has now become clear that under the present leadership, the Department of Justice has lost the appearance of professional competence, high ethical standards and independence that it needs to function as the chief law enforcement agency of the United States. Accordingly we think it appropriate that, and we call upon Edwin Meese, III to resign from his post as attorney general.

Among the failures of the attorney general evidenced in the select committee hearings on Iran-contra indicating poor administration of the department during the Iran-contra affair and the subsequent Department of Justice investigation into it include:

--the failure, despite clear evidence of criminality, to initiate a criminal investigation until after the inquiry was completed on November 25, 1986 and substantially after the memorandum indicating diversion of funds to the contras was discovered on November 22, thereby allowing essential documents to be destroyed;

--the honoring of requests to administration officials already under criminal probes to delay criminal investigations into illegal contra support activities because principals of those investigations were

involved in the sale of arms to Iran; and --the failure to take steps to see that the statutory obligation to notify Congress of the Iran arms sales was fulfilled, following the attorney general's approval of a January 1986 finding on those sales which specifically postponed notification to Congress with the now stated understanding that such a notification delay would last no longer than approximately three months.

--the series of misleading and incorrect statements made in the attorney general's November 25, 1986 press conference when accurate facts were either in his possession or readily accessible, as detailed in the *Washington Post* on July 30, 1987.

There are also well documented claims that the attorney general has ignored credible allegations of illicit contra support activities, public and private, for over one year prior to November 1986.

In addition, and notwithstanding whether an independent counsel may find criminal wrongdoing in the alleged use of personal influence to gain White House support for the military contractor Wedtech, the continued failure to comply with Ethics in Government Act requirements regarding financial disclosure by executive personnel, and other ethical matters being investigated by the independent counsel, have compounded questions raised about the attorney general's independence, standards and commitment to impartiality in the conduct of office.

Taken together, these matters have created the impression of professional competence and ethical standards inconsistent with public office, especially that required of the nation's chief law enforcement officer. Because this im-



Rep. John Conyers

pression will continue to compromise the day-to-day functioning of the Department, we therefore call upon the attorney general to resign.

- JOHN CONYERS, JR.**
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BARNEY FRANK
Chairman, House Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Law
GERRY SIKORSKI
Chairman, House Post Office and Civil Service Subcommittee on Human Resources
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