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News For Young Post Readers



Heath Uses Athletics And Brains To Win Computer, Hornets Help Area Youth

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Any kid can play basketball, but it's a special kind of youngster that has character. Ray Wilson, sports director at the Johnston YMCA, says 10 year old Brian Heath is a young man with a lot of positive qualities.

"He's nice and neat. If someone has a hat cocked to the side and uses slang when they talk to you, it's easy to tell what kind of attitude they have. You can judge by a person's appearance," Wilson said.

Brian attended a summer basketball camp sponsored by the Charlotte Hornets, Harris Teeter, Apple Computer, and Coca-Cola.

According to Wilson this program originated in south Charlotte and stayed there until the Hornets decided the same opportunity should be offered to youth in the northern part of the city.

He was awarded an Apple 2GS computer as a result of a drawing.

Out of the 1000 youngsters that signed up for the camp only 65 were chosen to participate. These youths were interviewed by the sports directors of the YMCAs that hosted the camp.

The selection process was based on academic achievements, attitude, and overall behavior. Each of the 65 campers had their names placed in the prize drawing. Brian came out a winner.

His mother, Vernell Heath, said she has already taken two computer courses and has always taken an interest in basketball. "I tried to purchase one (a computer) at a yard sale but some one brought it before we did. I encourage them to be involved in everything they can. That way they'll have something to do and will stay off drugs," she said.

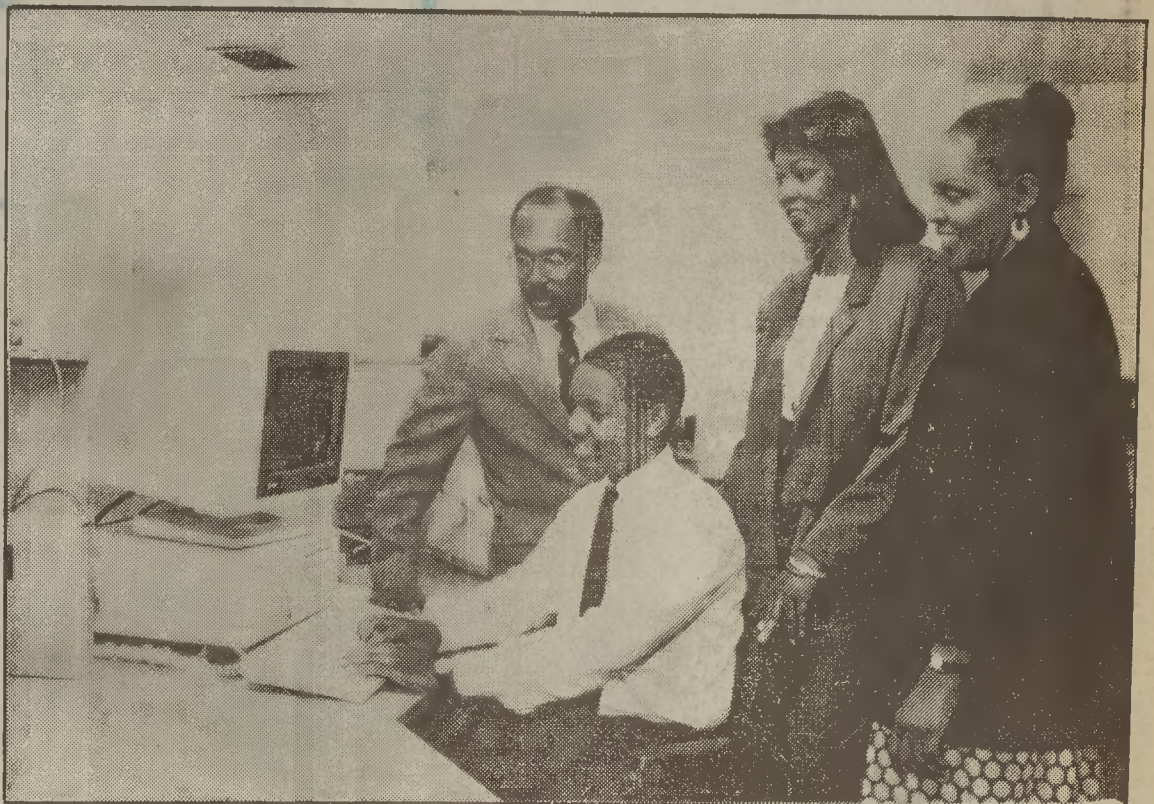
"I like to make up programs

on the computer. One day I want to play professional basketball. I want to play on the Chicago Bulls with Michael Jordan," Brian said.

Wilson said the kids learn more than just basketball. The Hornets talk to them about drugs and discipline. The kids also had access to 20 computers during the camp.

"When I told Brian he won, he jumped off the bleachers and yelled," Wilson said. The anxious grin on Brian's face described his happiness better than words.

"Tim Kempton, Mugsy Bouges, and George Shinn came. I wanted to see Kelly Tripuka. I'm really glad I won the computer," Brian said. There is a space waiting for the Apple in Brian's room.



Charles Reid, urban affairs director for Kraft General Foods (center) and Sandra Watson, Chicago United's director of employment and training, (second from right) recently toured the Information Technology Resource Center, a

work site for the job readiness program. Reggle West, a junior at Dunbar Vocational School and a program participant, demonstrates a computer program.

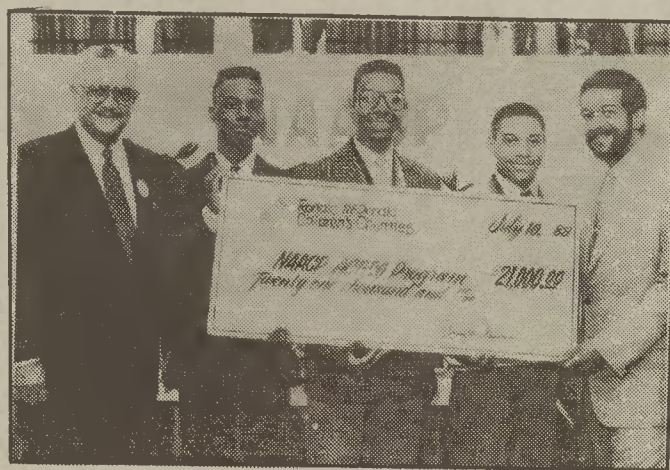
Anti-Drug Heroes Help Say No

Here come The Drug Free Kids. Five youthful crime fighters dedicated to the goal of a drug free America.

These teen crime fighters represent five of the nation's largest ethnic groups - Native American, Black, White, Hispanic and Oriental.

Child actors will be selected to portray this new generation of drug busters. Carroll Midgette created the concept and is taking steps to promote the super heroes nationwide.

She hopes that this idea will help discourage young children from experimenting with illegal drugs.



National ACT-SO chairman Vernon Jarrett, far left, joined Percy Lewis, vice president of the Southeastern Michigan McDonald's Operators Association, far right, in presenting \$21,000 from Ronald McDonald Children's Charities to the top 12 ACT-So students during the recent NAACP national convention in Detroit.

Mc Donald's Hands Out 12 Scholarships

More than 1,000 black youths entered the national ACT-SO (Afro-Academic Cultural Technological and Scientific Olympics) finals but only the top 12 walked away as grand champions.

They shared a \$21,000 prize which was presented by Ronald McDonald Children's Charities (RMCC).

Students can get scholarships for humanities, sciences, visual arts, and performing arts:

"We hope the scholarship funds will serve as a motivator for these students in their pursuit of academic excellence," Ken Barum, director of (RMCC), said. The students had to compete

on the local level. 20,000 students total competed for the scholarships on a national level. In keeping with the olympic theme of the contest the students were awarded gold, silver, and bronze medals for their entries. To add to their winnings the NAACP gave \$1000.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Cubic meter
- Spar
- Stop watch
- Prize
- Reddish-yellow
- Tardier
- A peer
- Exclamation
- Pronoun
- Epoch
- Total
- Bone (anat.)
- Travelers to work
- French river
- Plant of aster family
- Ribbonlike flags
- Behold!
- Property (L.)
- Wag (Scot.)
- Erbium (sym.)
- Perform
- Fad
- Coronet
- Name
- Biblical name (poss.)
- Pains
- Erase (print.)
- Demonstrative pronoun

DOWN

- Not fresh
- Island (Malay Arch.)
- Welcomer
- Clarinet part
- Blunder
- Arctic dogs
- Absent
- Held a court session
- Shakings
- Stylish (colloq.)
- Drone
- Cottage cheese
- Metallurgic rock
- Road topping
- Envelop part
- Little islands
- Having a history
- Encouraged
- Eyes amorously
- Web-footed birds
- Asian inland sea
- Wealthy beverage
- Malt
- Make lace edging

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Answers

9C Sabena, PanAm, SAS, Delta, United, Aerflot, Braniff (center word), Eastern Thai, Piedmont, Laker, Air France, Finair, Air Canada, Quantas, National

BLACK FAX QUIZ

- Who is credited with teaching Frederick Douglass to read?
- Where did Dr. Daniel Hale Williams practice medicine?
- Name the film in which Eartha Kitt first sang "C'est Si Bon"?
- Who was the coach of the Atlanta Baptist College baseball team in 1909?
- What was the title of the play produced and published by Leroi Jones in 1964?
- What Memphis street was immortalized by W.C. Handy?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

- New York
- Two
- We Shall Overcome
- Tampa Bay Buccaneers
- William Wells Brown
- Chicken George

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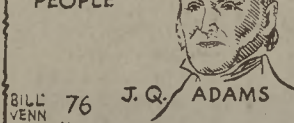
Cuckoo, Jay, Warbler, Duck, Oriole, Heron, Lark, Ringlet (center word), Cardinal

Goose, Wren, Starling, Owl, Vulture, Osprey, Waxwing (center word), Swallow

The DEBUNKER

By John Harvey Furbay, Ph.D.

THE PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES HAVE NOT ALL BEEN ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE



Although in the United States the Chief Executive is chosen indirectly by the majority of the electorate, there have been Presidents who have not been so elected. Thomas Jefferson and John Quincy Adams were chosen by the House of Representatives, in accordance with the Constitution when they failed to obtain a constitutional electoral majority over their opponents. George Washington was elected by electors who were chosen by the State Legislatures and not by the people



"STOP TRYING TO CONFUSE ME BY PAYING ATTENTION!!!"