

Education

Education Is Power

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No amount of academic training is worth its salt if it does not prepare one for a position in the world of employment. Also academic training is not intended to be the sole source of preparation for life.

Therefore we propose to parents that they work closely with our several academic institutions (public schools, community colleges, other

colleges and universities) in order that our youth will receive the best possible preparation for life.

We, as parents, must begin early in the child's life to make positive suggestions concerning his/her preparation for the world of work. A discerning parent can and should be the child's best and first teacher. Without this early teaching from the parents, the child may be unable to relate to any kind of institutional setting.

Since gainful employment should be the end product of any educational endeavor, the educational institution should begin early in the child's school life to introduce the concept of work and to present opportunities for the child to begin thinking and studying for entering the job market.

An adequate education in a very well chosen field is a must in these days of high inflation and high unemployment. Prospective employers are looking for highly trained persons in their fields.

Blacks must be aware of the fact that

discrimination still exists in our land. Therefore, in order to be considered equal, we must be twice as good. The above sounds illogical, but until people in our "land of the free, and the home of the brave" realize that in the sight of God we are all on an equal plane, the condition will exist. We hope that men everywhere will soon realize the foolishness of "man's inhumanity to man", and begin to accept a person for what he/she is and not on the basis of the amount of melanin in the skin.

The need for adequate academic and/or vocational training has never been more obvious than today. With an industrialized, computerized society, the demand is for highly skilled persons who are able to do a job.

Blacks, more than ever, must prepare themselves for the job market. Young Blacks must be made aware of the fact that they must prepare themselves to take their rightful place in the field of labor.

BILLIE ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

N'YORK CITY - In the words of Dan Markus, speaking for Alive Enterprises, which handles the affairs of Teddy Pendergrass, the internationally renowned super-singing-star, "Teddy's recovery is un-

believable, and we are optimistic, because he's getting stronger as every day goes by, and his voice seems intact." Other signs that the popular delineator, who's affectionately referred to by millions of wax spinners as "Teddy Bear," is coming out of hibernation, is the report that he's not only recording an album in Philly, but the music for the soundtrack of a big flick as well. The career of one of the profession's top pop rhythm 'n' blues supergents was considered at an end after he broke his neck and damaged his spinal cord, which paralyzed him from the waist down, in an auto accident almost 17-months ago. The contact of his alleged self driven Rolls Royce and a tree, off a Philadelphia hi'way in the wee hours, is yet to be fully explained. The report that "For the first time he's getting feelings in his hands and legs," and that, "his body is defrosting," is the kind of news better called "A Miracle."...If the critics are correct in their assumption, then Billy Dee Williams and



Teddy Pendergrass

Stevenson Parker "Shooting Stars" will run out of skies before the ABC-TV network finds nites to present its case. The pilot film about two private eyes, caught few critical adjectives. It has been passed up for a



Billy Dee Williams

Sept. regular schedule bow and there's doubt that ABC-TeeVee will find viewing space for it in Jan...Those commercials, which have been made by Emmanuel Lewis, will be paying off big for him this fall. He will be the centerpiece of ABC-TV's major fall eye-magnet, "Webster." The series will co-star Alex Karras and Susan Clark as newly weds who inherit an 8-yr-old black kid whose name is "Webster." And there-in spins the tale that will unwind in the net's 8:30 pm. slot Friday nites. The producers over there said they were not inspired by Gary Coleman's success with "Diff'rent Strokes" on the NBC dial.

WRITE HERE & THERE -- Ex-heavyweight Champ Floyd Patterson decried that politics cost him his spot on the N'York State Athletic Commish. He backed loser Mayor Ed. Koch against winner Gov. Mario Cuomo. Well what did he expect, a job from the Mayor which is what he got. He has been added to a 5-member sports commission, chaired by former Gov. Hugh

Carey, whose initial job is to keep the N'York Jets from nixing the Apple for (N.J.) the Mosquito State...If you can not cope with the heat of the kitchen then check out Copeland's on Harlem's W-145 St. The menu is ample with a variety of mouth watering dishes. The atmosphere is warm and relaxing with enough waiters to provide impeccable service. It's really an oasis in a Harlem desert of fast foods. Check it out, your stomach will love your mouth for the adventure...Jim Lawson, who heads the United African Nationalist Movement, has upped the ante. He has asked the NAACP to back his demand for reparation and indemnification for all Americans who are descendants of slaves, of 100-acres and a tractor in lieu of 40 acres and a mule. I always knew being a Zulu would cost me...With everybody else cashin' in on his chips, Joe Wells, who really made chicken respectable, is about to open his once internationally known 7th. Ave. eatry where the fowl was the king, or queen, of the

midnite snack shack... Allegedly there was so much money in his Mount Vernon house the cops didn't count it, they weighed it. However they could count the minks, sables and kindred furs. They say he

only one is black... but wrote that: - "Misery is when you come back from the beach proud of your suntan and your pals don't even know you've got one."...STAY LOOSE...Billy Rowe is a syndicated columnist.

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deserve."

How widespread is crime by the mentally ill? Hard statistics are scarce, but all indications suggest it is substantial. Former mental patients have been found to have abnormally high arrest rates, and New York researcher Judith Rabkin reports that the

with crimes or convicted of crimes enter mental institutions. An estimated 600,000 of the mentally ill or retarded pass through detention facilities annually. "We're seeing a larger number every year," says Keith McKeown of the National Coalition for Jail Reform.

trend is "particularly pronounced in...violent crimes or cimres against persons." Each year 20,000 persons charged

Next Week: The Insanity Verdict. Part II. How easy is it to plead "insanity" unjustly and succeed in that effort?

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