

# PRIME 6

(Continued from Page 1) critics, parents will keep children in neighborhood schools that provide convenient access and better learning environments.

Critics have also questioned the legality of the Phase II proposal. According to U.S. Supreme Court mandates, educational facilities are geared towards equality and parity in ethnic demographics. Since the 1950's landmark decision, Brown vs. The Board of Education, educational ethnic parity has been at the forefront of the civil rights agenda. The decision outlawed racial segregation for educational opportunities. The "Separate-But-Equal" justification used by school districts throughout the South to validate school segregation was taken to the Supreme Court by then NAACP attorney Thurgood Marshall.

Marshall's argument against

the traumatizing effects of segregation on African American children where underscored by huge disparities between facilities and funding. In 1930 for example, South Carolina spent 10 times as much on educating each white child as on each black child. While significant strides have been admittedly made towards equality, discrepancies are apparent when Westside

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None could handle the suffering and human rights abuse of racist whites. In comes the black woman.

Working fields, tending the master's children and hidden lust, did little to her pride and spirit. Black numbers actually multiplied during this unrelenting persecution. By the end of slavery, blacks actually outnumbered the whites in the slave bound south!

So today, to say that black women shouldn't be having children is laughable! Yes, we need to watch unwanted pregnancy as much as any race, but only a fool would want to stop the production of his own kind! Do they only want to see white children born in America in the 21st century? I don't think so!

The true organizer of the strength in black power; princess of the earth, from alpha the first hour; a God given gift, forever your beauty will shower; a most precious thing, you rare black flower!! peace...

schools are explored.

With the grand opening of H.P. Fitzgerald Elementary, the immediate perception of success is derived from the Prime 6 initiative. This perception, however, excludes 8 other Westside Prime 6 schools which fall far below Fitzgerald's model example. CVT Gilbert, Kemit R. Booker, Kit Carson, Mabel Hoggard, Matt Kelly, Jo Macky, Quanna McCall

and Madison Elementary School provide the remaining base of the Prime 6 structure.

Yet another criticism of the Phase II proposal comes from the major adjustments currently taking place within program schools. Teachers have in certain cases been unable to discipline children from Black backgrounds. Some have reportedly

requested transfers and broken into crying outbursts when faced with unruly students. One elementary reportedly lost over half of their staff to transfers when the initial Prime 6 plan was announced. Racial sensitivity training provided by the district has been said to be totally off-base and ineffective. Overt racism by Black and White par-

ents alike who have openly requested a racial preference for their child's teacher. A culture shock of overwhelming proportions has left some principles without options.

After one year of the model program, district officials will discuss during next week's special meeting whether Prime 6 is ready for "Prime Time".

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