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this week it's time to travel to the English style city of Victoria on beautiful Vancouver Island. A great way to arrive is by the four hour cruise on the Princess Marguerite. It makes its way from Seattle up the Puget Sound and across the Strait of Juan de Fuca to show its passengers seventy-three miles of some of the most beautiful scenery in the country.

Once in Victoria, this majestic Canadian City with "Old English" charm is just about the right size to explore by foot. Old town sports renovations designed to bring back the atmosphere of turn-of-the-century Victoria. Visit the Parliament Buildings, where one beautiful sight to behold at night are the lighted parliament buildings. Stop for a rest and have tea at the Empress Hotel. This is a popular English custom.

Victoria is renowned for her multitude of beautiful gardens. The Butchart Gardens are known throughout the world for their incredible beauty - 35 acres, six gardens named Fabulous Sunken, Rose, Italian, Japanese, Lake and Stage Show Gardens. The shopping scene is one of the reasons for visiting Victoria. The city is noted across the continent as being the next best thing to a European trip for imported goods.

Exotic foods and delicacy are imported. If you enjoy antique shopping, Victoria is the capitol of the world antiques.

Though Victoria has a reputation for being a quiet town, there are many night spots that come to life when the lights come on.

Exciting food at top restaurants, outstanding educational and cultural facilities, beautiful gardens and scenery can be in romantic Victoria.

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by Minister C. Holland

Hello There--
Today I am going to relay some potent information to you which I feel has for some time been tucked away in your closet, and needs to be revealed before it's too late.

When is the last time you told your child that you care and love him/her? Don't you realize that due to the harshness of times; the state the world is desperately in along with the dope, alcohol, sex, T.V. and all other vices which are so out in the open now; that your child needs to be told on a continuous basis that you care. Unlike our generation where a child was afraid to commit such a treasonable act such as Rape, Cursing, Smoking of Marijuana, or even suicide, for fear of being beaten nearly half to death, the children of today cannot but deal with society as they see it to their senses of judgement. They endeavor to cope while they witness the degeneration of a maddening world with the only means at their disposal. And while they are coping in that almost impossible way (for their way sometimes leads to death or something worse) we sit on our haunches and completely give up or surrender to their desires and whimsical practices for fear of being rejected.

Well parents, don't think that you are doing them a favor, for you aren't. All you are doing is placing more fat in the fire.

Love hasn't ceased to exist. It has only been suppressed, and not only by a sick and troubled world, but by the parents also.

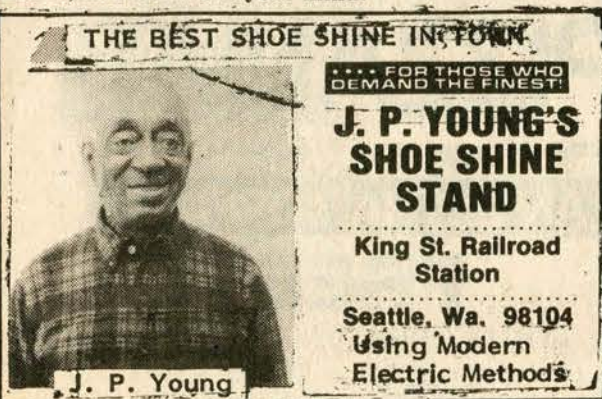
The responsibility of being a parent is astronomical in its quest, but you accepted the position, so live up to it as best you can, and that doesn't mean surrendering to your rebellious child.

Tell that child you care for him/her once in a while. Gain their confidence once again as you possessed it when they were infants depending upon you for everything. Make them feel loved and needed. Give them encouragement now and again, and be aware that if you fail to do this, you and only you are to blame, not the child.

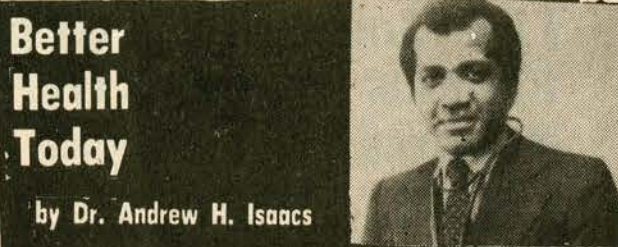
I have a 13 year old son who has been brought up on the word love, and nurtured on it so that he can also use the word and its meanings when he has his own children. If I cannot afford to send him to a movie or a dance, I simply tell him so, and in the process, I tell him I'm proud of him, and love him immensely.

I guarantee you that the results I see him achieving are proud results and I'll do anything to continue his happiness.

So tell them you care, and watch the rewards. If you feel that your child has failed you--look in the mirror, and check out your mind.



J. P. Young



by Dr. Andrew H. Isaacs

Dr. Isaacs welcomes questions. Address comments to THE FACTS Newspaper or call 725-2130.

The Pleasures Of Walking!

If you do not care for sports or games and cannot bear to commit yourself to even five minutes of daily exercise, all is not lost. A brisk, regular walk will do a great deal for your muscle tone, circulation, and general health. Instead of driving all the way to work, you might park a mile or so from your office and take your walk at the beginning and end of your workday. If you must use the parking facilities at your place of work, park in the area of the lot that is farthest away from the entrance to the building. In short, create your own opportunities to walk. This is only a modest amount of exercise, but it will give you a chance to relax a little before and after the pressures of the day.

We'll continue next week with a discussion on avoiding back trouble. See you then!

Jean Carlson
County extension Agent
Dollar Wise

Looking At Cancer Insurance!

The fear of cancer and concern over the high medical costs involved in treating the disease, have led many Americans to purchase cancer insurance. However, cancer insurance is generally not a Dollar Wise purchase for most people.

Insurance helps families and individuals deal with a financial loss they could not handle otherwise. But buying insurance, probable risk, costs of policies, potential loss and coverage should be considered.

The risk in this case is relatively low. In one year, one in 220 Americans develops cancer. For older persons, there is a greater likelihood of incurring larger medical expenses from accidents, strokes, heart attacks and other common illnesses.

Dr. Richard Carkner, Extension economist for Washington State University, recommends you first consider a good comprehensive policy which includes major medical. Major medical insurance provides protection against extremely expensive medical care regardless of the type of illness or accident.

When examining cancer policies, be sure to check for exclusions. Many cancer policies will pay nothing for ailments which are side affects or a complication of cancer. They may not pay for diagnosis, pathology reports, rehabilitation or check-ups after treatment. These expenses are often covered by a comprehensive policy.

If it is found that a cancer policy buyer had the disease when the policy was purchased, benefits will not be paid. In addition, a person with two or more policies probably will not collect full benefits from all the policies for the same illness. Usually one policy with good coverage is more beneficial than several small policies.

When buying insurance, compare the coverage of a comprehensive health policy with that of cancer policies. Consult with a reliable insurance agent when making this purchase.



by Leon Conley

Toms, cringe and hide your cowardly heads. Poison pen is back. Mounted upon his noble white steed, sword in hand, he searches for kinky heads to lop. Thought I had faded into the sunset, did you not? Who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men? The Shadow he do. That's a colored joke. Why don't you laugh the way you did when your white buddies told it to you. You rascal be forewarned that the time left is reduced. Things are looking up.

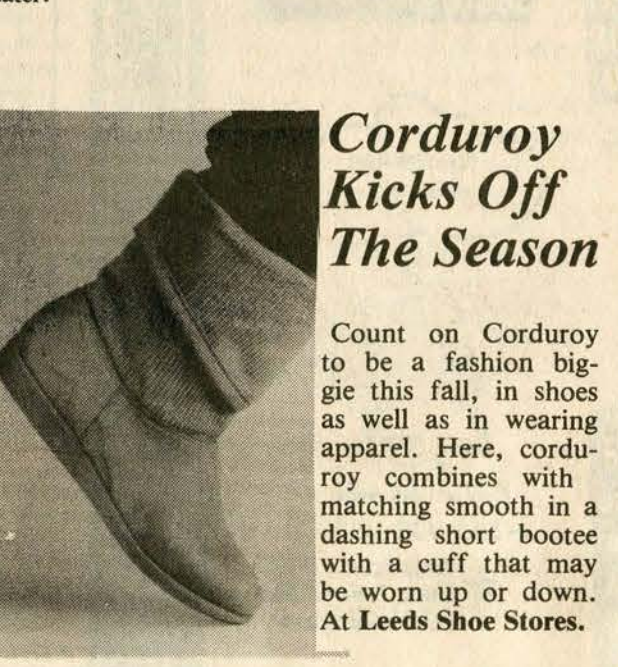
Old habits die hard. Think back to the time when black employment was confined to a white kitchen and wages were a few dollars and all you could tote. Who was it that grinned, scratched, and got over? Why you old chronoclast doesn't it make your heart bleed with longing? No wonder you spend so much time talking about the good old days.

My partner told me about a Tom he met in a bar who was drowning his sorrow with cheap whiskey. It would appear that the Klan held a meeting and he wasn't invited. How could they be so cruel and thoughtless?

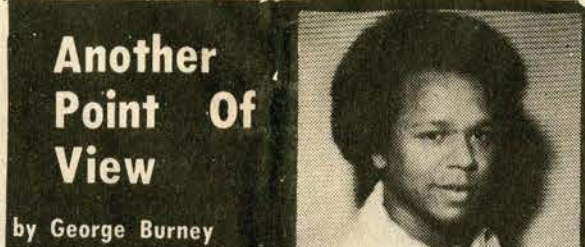
A Tom is a Tom is a Tom. You should have heard that conversation that I listened to between a white sales woman and a Tom. Grinning and agreeing was the order of the day. In my mind's eye were visions of Butterfly McQueen and Scarlet O'hara. Stephen Foster may have been right in his thoughts on "Old Black Joe."

Some courageous fellow ought to coordinate an Uncle Tom convention. Wonder how many would show up? Identification could be simplified by drawing up a questionnaire showing what most white people thought and concluding with the statement; do you agree, or do you disagree.

Cheer up, Toms, all is not lost. Grapevine has it that a new pill is about to hit the market designed to combat the neurosis associated with Uncle Tomism. Breathes there a man with soul so dead Who always to himself has said I hate this kinky head Later.



Corduroy Kicks Off The Season



by George Burney

E.R.A. FALLS SHORT

A ten year battle has finally rested the proposed Equal Rights Amendment was just three states shy of ratification and many people are still fighting to keep E.R.A. alive. And many of the amendments backers will strive to get the votes for the approval of this nation wide cause. The E.R.A. is equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex. Now that is just a small sample of what the amendment is about, however, most people don't understand what E.R.A. is about and most of the people that I have talked to were not in favor with the Equal Rights Amendment. A new ratification of the amendment began last week and many House Representatives and members of Congress will reintroduce the bill which hopefully will be more successful the second time around. Even with the help of national organizations like: AFL-CIO, YWCA the amendment was still in trouble because the last state to ratify was Indiana in 1977. So what caused the E.R.A.'s downfall? Well some say that men had a lot to do with it, the fear of a E.R.A. Amendment made some men break out in a cold sweat and some were confused about the whole thing not knowing if E.R.A. was for women only. And even to my surprise a lot of women are against E.R.A. saying that the amendment in a "sense" was trying to put women above men and not equal to men. This issue by itself has brought a lot of attention for women, but their victory has yet to be won. Now if the new ratification of E.R.A. falls this time around the chances of it ever passing are very slim. Commentary of this article are welcome--write to George Burney c/o FACTS 2765 E. Cherry, Seattle, Wash. 98122. Your letter will be considered for printing in THE FACTS.

JUNETEENTH BANQUET IS A SMASHING SUCCESS!



Left to Right: Members of the B.P.C.'s Advisory Board; Dorothy Moore, Betty Sneed, Kathy Black (Volunteer Community Activities Coord. & wife of B.P.C.'s Vice Chairman) and Fordie Ross (on far right), receive certificates of appreciation from B.P.C.'s Vice Chairman Tony Black (in the middle).

On June 12, 1982, the Black Prisoners Caucus at the Washington State Reformatory sponsored its Annual "Juneteenth" Banquet.

As always this event was a smashing success. Black residents and their families from all over the State were in attendance, with one thing on their mind - to CELEBRATE.....

The festivities began at 10 a.m. and lasted until 3 p.m. The program had many highlights including disco by our own D.J. Mr. Tony Wheat, & live entertainment by our highly professional resident band "Silk & Steel". We were also fortunate enough to have special guest speakers from the Operational Emergency Center (OEC) to come up and show their concern and support. Ms Susan (Sneed) Love recited a most captivating monolog regarding the Black struggle. Mr. Fordie Ross spoke to us on the continuing problems we have endured over the years. As Director of OEC, and a man of great wisdom, Mr. Fordie Ross is well aware of the problems that befall us. We were also honored with the presence of Ms. Betty Sneed, who has assisted us along with Ms. Bernadine Salsbury and Ms. Dorothy Moore from OEC; they were all here in a show of concern and support of our people. But let us not forget to give a warm thanks with our hearts to the "Ladies of Zodiac" and Ms. Pat Peters for their offerings of food and the upmost support as they have this time and the years past.

Ms. Janet Williams, acting Community Resource Coordinator, did a beautiful job as the Institutional "Hostess". We (BPC) greatly appreciate her efforts.

During the program we held a Dance Contest which concluded with two winners; Mr. Robert King (Resident) and Ms. Patricia Coleman (Guest). The first place prize was a beautiful handmade Statue, done by our resident ceramics Director, Mr. Frank Sneed, Jr.

On behalf of all the members of the Black Prisoners Caucus and all the residents, we extend our appreciation to them and, all our honored guest and family members.

They made this day "Juneteenth" a day to be remembered....We would like to give a special mention to Mr. Gary Grimes our Executive Secretary & Treasurer, who did all of the proposal packages and prepared the necessary documents by bringing all materials up to date so that we could begin our function. Our thanks to Mr. Donald Ross, Chairman - Mr. Tony Black, Vice Chairman - Mr. Wayne Simmons, Inmate Services - and the rest of the Black Prisoners staff. We also thank Donald Zackery - Vice Chairman and Leslie Chatman - Sgt at Arms Chairman.

Again, we thank all of our guest and family members because "Juneteenth" would not be without you.

Mr. Ellis McDaniels
Public Relations
Mr. Larry Wilson
Advisor-Public Relations
Black Prisoners Caucus



by Jody McCrackin

Little Things That Mean A Lot

The world will little note nor long remember what was said there, but it can never forget what we did there on a quiet hillside in the city of Olympia last week. It was the Annual Meeting of Prince Hall Masons of Washington and Jurisdiction, who, in these times of economic difficulties, went about their business of pooling their limited resources and sharing them with the NAACP, the United Negro Colleges and High School graduates in the form of a half dozen scholarships. The few thousand dollars we were able to share with those institutions and youth are among the Little Things of which I speak. This money represented the equivalent of but a couple of dollars from each Mason in the State and Jurisdiction, and reminded me of just how wonderful and significant it would be if each Black person in this state or nation, if possible, would give a similar amount for the same purposes. Better still, suppose this giving of just two dollars could be duplicated also by the millions of White Citizens of good will and humanitarian concerns? Such Little things could enhance the educational and human rights programs of Blacks a thousand-fold. Few would deny that such enhancement is needed. Just as Black folks had begun to be accorded their rightful places in Governments, Businesses, Churches, and their communities, we find our Leaders devising every kind of scheme and excuse to threaten and otherwise undermine their very existence through their limitation of jobs and opportunities, and rendering it virtually impossible for some of us to entertain any thoughts or concerns other than that of sustaining life itself. This Nation's Leaders must never forget that we occupy this nation together. We must not let them forget that we are here and intend to remain here. They must constantly be reminded that those things which harm one race is also harmful to the nation as a whole. They must not be permitted to make this One Nation, Under God, without Liberty and Justice for all. Although we did not dwell to heavily on the negative when we met last week, Masons are never unmindful of man's inhumanity to man and often rededicate themselves to efforts to bringing meaning and purpose to more of this nation's Black families.

Stay with us.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR AND READERS:

July 14, 1982 I, who for 15 months have proclaimed my innocence of the unarmad Chuck's Market robbery, was finally granted a new trial by the Hon. Judge C.V. Johnson. Judge Johnson ruled substantial justice had not been done in my case, that is, I was not allowed to cross-examine the witness against me. Judge Johnson's ruling was based on the fact that witness Tina Hopkins lied throughout the prosecution.

The immediate issue is how soon Prosecutor Norm Maleng will dismiss the prosecution for insufficient evidence and help me secure my rightful freedom. Because Tina Hopkins was led into and thorough her perjured testimony by prosecutor Fred Yeatts, I can never be fairly tried on these facts. Recently Hopkins told prosecutor Becky Roe Hopkins told Yeatts before trial Hopkins was using drugs, though Yeatts has continually denied such knowledge.

Though I have been legally exonerated, I still am in prison indefinitely and must convince the Washington State Board of Prison Terms and Paroles of the error against me. Obviously, I need and appreciate all support of people in the community to assist in undoing this wrong. My falsely-suspicious parole officer with the robbery detectives, in fact, began this long negative chain of events in my life.

Again, I am grateful beyond words to Mr. Beaver for publicizing my writings, and for the assistance of people who believe in me and understand the prejudices of the criminal "justice" system.

Sincerely,
Robert Grover



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by Isaiah Edwards

A Report To The People

This is True:
Prior to and after 1870 Black men suffered, bled and died in pursuit of a right to vote in America. The addition of the 15th Amendment to our Constitution which declared that,"the right to vote shall not be denied by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude." This erected new hope in the hearts of millions of Blacks throughout this nation, but this within itself was insufficient, and did not guarantee voting rights to every Black American due to States Rights. Many of our Southern States immediately began to set up road blocks, consisting of strenuous voter registration requirements for Blacks. These requirements set forth by some states were so rigid and ridiculous, they drew the attention of some just and honest men of Congress, who in 1965 authorized what is known, as the 1965 Voters Right Act, granting broad and expansive Voting Right to all American Citizens, outlawing the ungodly State's restrictions. But during this 97th Congress, Mr. Jesse Helms, A Republican Senator from North Carolina, with the aid and assistance of some of his Bollweevil co-horts, tried desperately to weaken this act with a watered down version of the 1965 Act. It had the blessings of Mr. Reagan, but there arose such a cry of opposition from the constituency that he, Mr. Reagan, had to back off!

And as a result, America still has a strong extension of the 1965 Voters Right Act. Now let every single individual prepare themselves, come November, to use this instrument (Vote), to nominate, and elect those candidates whom you know to be free of racial bigotry, remembering full well, that with your VOTE, you too, can strike a death blow to racial bigotry.

Until Then,
This is True.--See you next week!

Let The Youth Know

by Charlie James

I wish I knew her name..you see she stopped me one day, when I was 18 years old. I was walking pass her house on the way to class at the local Junior college in Michigan. She said, "Son, I don't know where you're going, but I've been watching you every day as you walk by, and you look like you are serious about doing something, and I like that."

I said,"thank you mam" and I walked on to class. That moment sticks in my mind because it was a special one of those many times in my youth, when an older person took the time out to say something positive. Especially to someone that they didn't know, but it gave me some inspiration to strive even harder for an education.

It's important for us to take a few moments with the youth and not just turn our heads and ignore it when they are doing something negative or positive. Let them know that their negative actions aren't cool or appreciated, but at the same time let them know when they are trying to do something positive.

It wasn't long ago, that the concept of the extended family was a major part of most Black Communities. Now we are at a point where parents don't chastise their children and don't want anyone else to do the job for them. Then when they do try to develop themselves and don't get any encouragement, they rotate towards the things that do get them some positive re-inforcement from their peers, and we are appalled when we find our children involved in teenage sex, drugs or shoplifting, and they are punished without us fully understanding the roots of the problem.

When a young man or woman is at that critical stage of thier development a positive remark can make all the difference in the world. Whether it comes from a stranger or someone you know doesn't really matter, what matters is that someone else recognizes what you are trying to do and give you some positive feed-back because of it.

I could have turned out differently if it wasn't for older men and women who sat me down at crucial junctures in my life, and re-inforced what my parents were trying to teach me. I owe a lot to a lot of nameless people, and maybe I can pay them back by carrying on what they started with me....This is Charlie James with the bottom line....Say Young Blood, Can I talk to you a minute!

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