

**Black History Corner**

Sales of the Bad Album are over 19 million worldwide since its August 31, 1987 release. America has accounted for more than 6.5 million of the total figure.

The Bad album has achieved the #1 position on the charts of 25 different countries: Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Columbia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Holland, Hong Kong, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States.

Bad is the first album in history to generate five #1 singles. In fact, Michael Jackson has achieved nine #1 singles on the Billboard Hot 100 in the 1980s—more than any other artist in this decade. Those nine #1 hits are: "Dirty Diana," "Man in the Mirror," "The Way You Make Me Feel," "Bad" and "I Just Can't Stop Loving You," from Bad; "Billie Jean" and "Beat It" from Thriller; "Rock with You" from Off the Wall; and the 1983 duet, "Say, Say, Say," with Paul McCartney.

The first-ever Michael Jackson solo concert tour commenced in Japan on September 12, 1987. After 109 concerts in 15 countries, worldwide attendance through November 13, 1988 stood at 3,930,000.

Currently in progress: a set of nine sold-out Tokyo concerts due to conclude on December 26, 1988. Still to come: five sold-out concerts at the Los Angeles Sports Arena concluding on January 27, 1989. Final result: the largest grossing concert tour in history.

Michael Jackson's Moonwalk, his first book, released in April 1988, has been to the top of the best seller lists in the United States and the United Kingdom.

**Michael Jackson Fact Sheet**

Coming on January 10, 1989 to the home video market in America is Moonwalker, a 94-minute kaleidoscope of never-before-seen song and dance numbers and breathtaking special effects. The movie's centerpiece: "Smooth Criminal," a 42-minute film about friendship and the confrontation between good and evil. Among the new musical performances: "Leave Me Alone" (Michael on Michael and the media; recording previously available only on the Bad CD). "Come Together" (the Beatles classic), "Speed Demon" (a Claymation tour-de-force), "Badder" (a children's send-up of "Bad"), "Man in the Mirror" (a new concert-based version), "The Moon is Walking" (a tribute to Michael written and performed by Ladysmith Black Mambazo).

**How To Start Your Own Business Workshop**

The Small Business Administration, the service corps of retired executives (SCORE), the active corps of executives (ACE) are jointly co-sponsoring a beginning workshop on Thursday, January 12, 1989 (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

This workshop is designed especially for those thinking of starting their own business, or new in business.

Each subject will be presented by a practicing professional. Topics to be covered will be: Success and Failure Factors, Marketing, Recordkeeping, Making A Business Plan, Sales Promotion/Advertising, Point of Sale Selling, and Selecting the Legal Structure for Your Business. There is a question and answer period after each presentation. Also, free printed management aid kits will be provided for each attendee.

The January 12th, 1989, workshop will be held at the PGE World Trade Center Auditorium, 121 S.W. Salmon Street, in Portland. There is a \$15.00 fee (preregistration is required). For registration information, call the Small Business Administration at (503) 294-5211.

**Message To Community:**

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community-based groups. We realize that coalition building is fundamental to our mission and imperative to our struggle. It should be obvious to Black people, by now, that a fragmented community will only bring about fragmented results.

But the League must do much more despite its overtaxed resources. Although providing direct services is important, we must also begin to escalate our advocacy to impact those policies and institutions which are not responsive to the needs of Blacks and other oppressed people. Many of the social and economic gains made in the sixties have been reversed under the Reagan administration. And with the ascension of George Bush, Ronald Reagan's clone, to the presidency, we will probably continue to have "voodoo economics" and social policies that place blame on the victims of oppression. Only through the collective mobilization of all our resources and energy will we be able to change this dismal forecast.

With the assistance and support of other community groups and organizations, the Urban League will mount an advocacy program that addresses the systemic causes of the most critical problems impacting the Black community. Problems such as street gangs drugs and unemployment cannot be isolated from the impoverished economic status of some areas in the Northeast community. It is a known fact that oppressed communities are breeding places for crime, alienation and self-defeating and self-destructive behavior.

Much is being said about Black youth becoming an "endangered species," particularly as it relates to young males. This perception is no doubt true but if our youth are endangered...

**New Program ...**

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by laying down on each other. Inch for inch, Portland's African-American community is one of the most talented African-American community's in this nation."

**BODY CORNER**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The human face consists of 80 muscles and 14 bones.

Our faces are so manageable they can make more than 10,000 expressions. Of these, about 3,000 convey emotion of some kind.

There are six known expressions common to all human cultures. They are: anger, disgust, fear, happiness, sadness and surprise.

Congenitally blind infants who have no means of imitating faces of those around them, exhibit the same expressions as sighted children.

After having encountered and stored a vast number of faces in one's memory over the course of a lifetime, one learns to discriminate nearly 1,000 different faces.

Unfortunately, our ability to remember a face and its features as a whole is poor, our ability to recognize and discriminate a face is great.

Police departments have created a face recall system so that crime eyewitnesses can reconstruct a criminal's face. One such method is called Identikit which contains acetate sheets with 130 hairlines, 102 chins, 40 lips, 37 noses, plus an assortment of scars, glasses, age lines, beards and hats. By combining these pieces, crime victims and eyewitnesses have been able to provide law enforcement officers with a workable composite which may help apprehend a criminal.

Facial recognition is a distinctive nature of the human brain. A rare medical condition called prosopagnosia prevents people from recognizing faces; even their own face.

Eyes, noses, chins and eyebrows are also seen to be part of a bigger pattern. The human face is a highly specialized part of the body and no two faces are exactly alike. It is a living sculpture on which is played out our essential humanity.

gered—all Black people are endangered. The two perceptions are inseparable. Somehow we must restore in our youth those values that once served as the cornerstone for our struggle. But until we adults, our families, churches and other institutions exemplify these values, we should not expect Black youth to do otherwise.

Finally, because of the brutal and racially motivated killing of Mulugueta Seraw, some of us act as though racism has been reincarnated. The truth of the matter is that it has never died. However, we must not only be concerned with the racism that lurks in the streets wearing para-military clothing but also the racism that festers in the offices of businesses, corporations and other institutions. Institutional racism is the incubator that breeds other forms of racism. Until we abolish it, we will always have groups like the Skinheads venting their pathological behavior on those whom they despise.

As we enter 1989, we are confronted with hope and despair. Which one will dominate our lives depend on how much we are willing to commit ourselves to struggle. If we choose not to struggle we will languish in our despair and see a future generation bear the scars of betrayal, apathy and defeat.

On the other hand, if we dare to struggle we will leave a legacy that is inspirational, righteous and fulfilling. A Luta Continua and the choice is ours.

**A Luta Continua**

**Prologue**

In their struggle for liberation, many African countries rallied behind the slogan "A Luta Continua" Translated in English it means "The Struggle Continues." This slogan is also appropriate for Blacks in America because we, too, are still seeking our liberation.

**WOODLAWN SCHOOL COMMUNITY AND FAMILY OUTREACH PROGRAM**

*"Working together to bridge the gap"*

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4
<b>Jan.</b>	Family Outreach Inst. Ms. Alberta Philip Fri. Jan. 6, 1989	Family Outreach Inst. Ms. Alberta Philip Fri. Jan. 13, 1989	Family Outreach Inst. Ms. Alberta Philip Fri. Jan. 21, 1989	Family Outreach Inst. Ms. Alberta Philip Fri. Jan. 27, 1989
	Family Time '89 (African Cultural Enrichment) Friday's Rm. 135 Inst. Nyeyasi Askari Fri. Jan. 6, 1989	Family Time '89 (African Cultural Enrichment) Friday's Rm. 135 Inst. Nyeyasi Askari Fri. Jan. 13, 1989	Family Time '89 (African Cultural Enrichment) Friday's Rm. 135 Inst. Nyeyasi Askari Fri. Jan. 20, 1989	Family Time '89 (African Cultural Enrichment) Friday's Rm. 135 Inst. Nyeyasi Askari Fri. Jan. 27, 1989
<b>Feb.</b>	Married Couples Inst. Mr. Cottrell White Tue. Feb. 7, 1989	Married Couples Inst. Mr. Cottrell White Tue. Feb. 14, 1989	Married Couples Inst. Mr. Cottrell White Tue. Feb. 21, 1989	Married Couples Inst. Mr. Cottrell White Tue. Feb. 28, 1989
<b>Mar.</b>	Family Survival Skills (Divorce & Stepfamilies) Inst. Dr. Virginia Phillips Wed. Mar. 1, 1989	Family Survival Skills (The Extended Family) Inst. Ms. Joyce Harris Mon. Mar. 6, 1989	Family Survival Skills (Single Parenting) Inst. Ms. Betty Kemp Mon. Mar. 13, 1989	Family Survival Skills (Build Your House into a Home) Inst. Ms. Sandra Booker Tue. Mar. 28, 1989
<b>April</b>	Parents of Low Academic Achievers Inst. Dr. Sobomelin Tue. April 4, 1989	Parents of Low Academic Achievers Inst. Dr. Sobomelin Tue. April 11, 1989	Parents of Low Academic Achievers Inst. Dr. Sobomelin Tue. April 18, 1989	Parents of Low Academic Achievers Inst. Dr. Sobomelin (Teacher Seminar) Tue. April 25, 1989
<b>May</b>	Male Leadership (Role Modeling) Inst. Dr. Bill Flowers Tue. May 2, 1989	Male Leadership (Family Leadership) Inst. Dr. James Martin Thur. May 11, 1989	Male Leadership (School, Parent Involvement) Inst. Mr. Maceo Pettis Tue. May 16, 1989	Male Leadership Inst. Mr. Ken Berry Tue. May 23, 1989
<b>June</b>	Vocational Ed. Inst. Mr. Charles Hunter Tue. June 6, 1989	Vocational Ed. Inst. Mr. Charles Hunter Tue. June 13, 1989	Last Day of School June 14, 1989	Summer Vacation Begins June 15, 1989

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FOR INFORMATION: Contact Woodlawn School Community Agent at 280-6282

**Don't Let Your Boys Grow Up To Be Ol' Boys**

by Jamil Cheroovee

I'm inclined to believe, in order to reduce substantially the high rates of social problems among Blacks, we must gain control of how our boys make the passage from boyhood to manhood ... In America today, the term social problems has become synonymous with being Black. Blacks currently represent 12 percent of the U.S. population but are represented disproportionately among people experiencing social problems. For example, one in four (25 percent) Black babies are born to unwed mothers, 50 percent of Black families are headed by single women, 50 percent of the nine million working-age Black males are unemployed, 34 percent of Blacks (10 million live below the official poverty level, 49 percent of the men in the U.S. prisons are Black, the leading cause of death among Black males between 16 and 35 years of age is murder and the list goes on. These statistics do not reflect a healthy Black nation. Thus, the critical question that must be answered is: Why do Black experience higher rates of social problems than other Americans? Most people are quick to argue that racism (i.e., anti-Black attitudes) and discrimination (i.e., the systematic deprivation of equal access to educational and employment opportunities) are the primary factors contributing to the high rates of poverty, illegitimate births, crime, drug abuse and other social problems prevalent among Blacks. Indeed, it is impossible to explain adequately the social condition of Blacks in 1988 without referring to the way in which Blacks have been treated in America. American history clearly indicate that blacks were in Slavery for 250 years (1619-1865) and subjected to 100 years (1865-1956) of official and unofficial discrimination after emancipation. However, I seriously question those who argue that caucasoid racism and discrimination are the primary factors contributing to the high rates of social problems among Blacks.

I think that we put too much emphasis on caucasoid racism and not

enough on what we do to ourselves. Before we can be justified in accusing the other man, let us examine ourselves first. For example, when Black drug dealers encourage Black people to buy and consume drugs, is that the caucasoid man's fault? When Black criminals burglarize the homes of their neighbors, is that the caucasoid man's fault? When Black men refuse to provide for the emotional and material needs of their children, is that the caucasoid man's fault?

In thinking about the high rates of social problems among Blacks, I have become convinced that the most significant factor causing these problems is not caucasoid racism but boys and old boys masquerading as men. We have too many boys and old boys who think manhood is having sex with a lot of different women, making babies, getting high, being able to fight and living the good life without working hard. Attitudes such as these have produced a manhood crisis in the Black community. Moreover, we have a manhood crisis because too many of our boys have not been taught how to deal effectively with racism. Expanding access to educational and employment opportunities is not going to be enough to reduce the high rates of social problems among Blacks. Opportunities are conditions to be taken advantage of. Too many of our boys are entering manhood unprepared to take advantage of the opportunities available to them. Hence, what must we do?

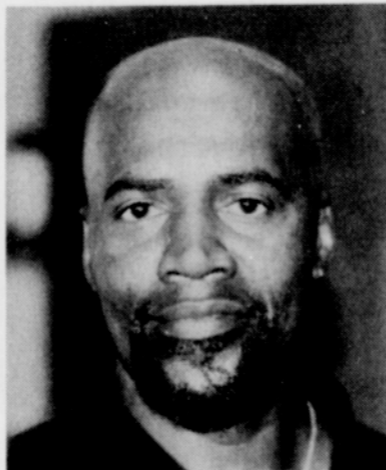
In order to reduce substantially the high rates of social problems among Blacks, we must gain control of how our boys make the passage from boyhood to manhood. Our churches and community organizations that match Black boys with Black men who define manhood in terms of studying and working hard, self-discipline and providing the emotional and material needs of their families.

If we are ever to progress and develop as a people, we must do everything that we can to prevent our boys from growing up to become OLD BOYS.



**Ms. Ada Reed Jackson**  
Community Agent  
Woodlawn Elementary School

Askari continued, "Ms. Jackson's program is just a glimpse of the type of self-help efforts we will witness in our community in 1989. My participation in the community and family outreach program provides me an opportunity to give back to the community. And ... if I spent the next 40 years giving to the community, I could never repay it for what it has given



**Nyewusi Askari**  
Cultural Enrichment

me—love, warmth, sharing, the opportunity to grow and on and on. It is these things and more that I will share with Ms. Jackson's program. Really, I will merely be passing on what has been passed on to me by African-Americans much greater than I!" Askari concluded.

The Community and Family Outreach Program will start in January and conclude in June. The Portland Observer salutes the efforts of Ms. Jackson, Ms. Linda Harris and program participants, including parents and children. We can never do too much to help each other. And, if Ms. Jackson's program is a glimpse of what will be happening throughout Portland's African-American community, we can look forward to a Productive Year!

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