

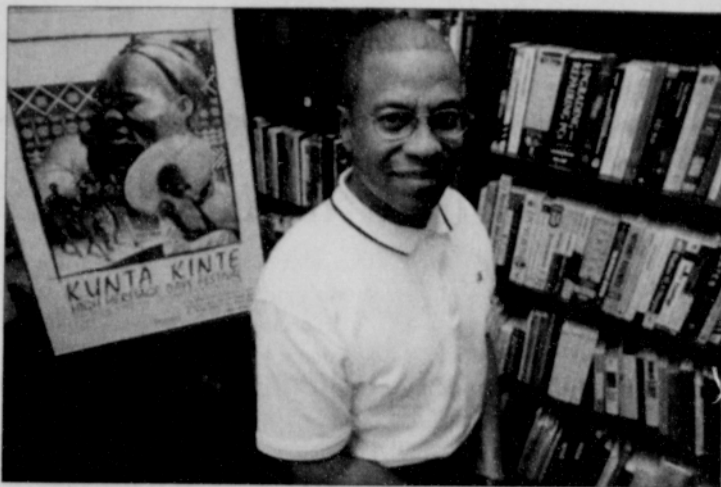
# Black Advocacy Group to Show Penitence Over Slave Trade

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — White marchers will wear chains on their hands and yokes on their necks while being escorted by black people, and everyone will wear T-shirts with a message of apology as a group of African and European Christians visits the United States this fall with a message of reconciliation.

The Lifeline Expedition will visit 10 U.S. cities, starting in Annapolis. The group's organizers say it is an effort to bring "reconciliation" and "healing" in Africa, Europe and North America through symbols of penitence.

"I believe that it helps, or potentially it helps, white people to think in a different way," said David Pott, who started the London-based organization to "reverse the damage" of the slave trade. It has held similar demonstrations in European cities linked to the 18th and 19th-century industry.

"We're not divisive in saying, 'Here's black, here's white,'" he said. "We're saying, 'We are brothers and sisters in our common hu-



Leonard Blackshear of the Maryland Kunta Kinte-Alex Haley Foundation is shown in his office in Annapolis, Md., Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2004. Blackshear is organizing a group of people to march in downtown Annapolis, Md. in a "reconciliation march" that will have white people marching in yokes as a penitence for slave trade. The march will take place in nine other cities as well. (AP Photo/Matt Houston)

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Annapolis' City Dock memorializes Kunta Kinte, one of 98 Gambians brought by Lord Ligonier into the narrow harbor in 1767 and sold into slavery. Kinte was also featured in Alex Haley's book and television

series "Roots."

Some people are uneasy about remembering a link to slavery, and the march plans have attracted attention from a neo-Nazi group.

The City Council voted 7-2 to waive the estimated cost of \$2,000 for police services and roadblocks

for the walk from the water's edge through the historic city to a statue of Thurgood Marshall, the first black U.S. Supreme Court justice.

But Mayor Ellen O. Moyer said she opposed the waiver because it was too early to know how large the Sept. 29 event will be and how much it will cost the city. Moyer, who is white, also disagrees with Lifeline Expedition's tactics, although she said she supports any group's right to demonstrate.

"I think it's a private matter," Moyer said. "The way that we all choose to reconcile issues that deal with man's inhumanity to man is private." Some people choose "good works, unheralded" to express concern for injustices of the past, she noted, and the city has had local groups that offered a dialogue on race relations.

The Kunta Kinte-Alex Haley Foundation is the local sponsor for the walk, working to raise \$75,000 with organizers in Europe to pay for travel and event costs for between 14 and 20 demonstrators.

Blackshear, who is black, said he shares a mission with Lifeline Expedition.

"Racism is a cancer eating away at the American soul," he said. "This activity is simply one type of chemotherapy that we are looking to apply to the cancer because we believe the patient can and wants to be healed."

Blackshear is looking for local volunteers to take part in the event and said local churches have signed on to help.

Moyer said the city had received inquiries from potential counter-protesters and she's apprehensive about keeping the event positive.

Pott acknowledges that staging such a demonstration in a U.S. city may bring a harsh reaction and said he is praying that things go smoothly.

The neo-Nazi National Alliance, based in Hillsboro, W.Va., wants Annapolis residents to protest the march. The group left 1,500 fliers last weekend at homes all over city, urging people to "Say No to White Guilt" and object to the city's waiver of expenses.

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My 14-year old daughter wants to date an 18-year old. The boy is a high school student and I've heard he's sexually active. I feel I can trust my daughter but I'm afraid she'll be persuaded to go all the way. How do I share my

feelings with her in a way she doesn't rebel and run into his arms? --Diane; Rock Hill, SC

**Dear Diane:**  
Talk with your daughter honestly and avoid hidden agendas. Share exactly what's on your mind and your fears and how the golden rule should be "Books Before Boys". Do your part as a parent to provide truth about teen pregnancy, AIDS and sexual diseases. Most importantly, share with her God's word about marital sex. She's going to make up her own mind anyway, but if you provide a strong foundation, she'll make the right decision.

**Dear Deanna!**  
I've been with a guy for 7 months and we express love for each other. I don't know if I love him as much as I did in the beginning. He doesn't show much affection anymore and things don't feel the same. He doesn't see any problems and ac-

tually wants to get married. I married before without love and it didn't work. However, I think matrimony is better than being alone. What is love and how should it feel? --Is it Love?; Portland, OR

**Dear Love:**  
If there's no excitement when together or sense of loss when separated it's not love—especially after 7 months. You should know this after you had a failed marriage that you went into with an empty heart. God is love and you must have Him in you in order to give, receive and experience love. As a couple, openly discuss your feelings and future direction. Matrimony isn't a joke and you should remember that you can do bad by yourself and you'll survive if you have to fly solo.

**Dear Deanna!**  
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got custody of the kids and you told her to get a job and pay the court ordered child support. The split wasn't her fault because she was busy loving her man and raising her children. --Anonymous; Toledo, OH

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