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by Thomas E. Mitchell, Jr.

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It’s a question teen pregnancy prevention and sexual health advocates have been trying to figure out ever since birth control and sexually transmitted infections (STIs) came into the picture. There’s no single answer that works for everyone, but there are some strategies that seem to be making a difference.

One approach is to make condoms more appealing to teens. This can be done by engaging with teens directly to understand what barriers they face to using condoms and then tailoring programs to address those barriers.

Another approach is to use media to promote condom use. This can include outdoor media, social media, and community-based campaigns that highlight the health benefits of using condoms and encourage teens to talk to their peers about the importance of using protection to guard against pregnancy and STIs.

Divorce & Resilient, a non-profit agency that engages in advocacy to address the health disparities experienced by LGBTQ people—especially LGBTQ youth in Wisconsin, believes it’s found the formula to make condom usage among teens to prevent pregnancy and STIs. That formula is a new program called “414-ALL,” which launched in December of 2016.

“For too long, we have told teens about the importance of using protection to guard against pregnancy and STIs,” said Ryan Lewis, who is now a pre-school teacher. “But we haven’t really shown them how to use it.”

The program uses condom automation, social marketing, and community engagement to make condoms more available, accessible, and acceptable for young people.

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Carmen-Kressel creative director Ned Brown developed the “414-ALL” message campaign, which takes into very basic boxes that 10 “Naughty Bags” (one of the slang terms teen come up with) are the way to go.

“We want our target audience to understand the program,” Brown said.

The public relations firm’s campaign focuses on two age ranges: 15 to 24 year olds (the group “414-ALL” is targeted with), and 18 years old and up (the target group of Carmen-Kressel).

Brown said the teen focus groups grew fed back to us on what they thought would work and we took it on the go in creating the poems to use condom.

Everything from vibrato colors, catchy names for condoms (as noted earlier in this article), and design styles for the stickers were the focus of the teens’ feedback.

“Even distribution ideas. Things that resonate with teens,” said Brown.

The Carmen-Kressel executive said she learned a lot from the teens in the focus groups, which met with Brown and other representatives five times in groups of 25 to 20 teens at a time, with sessions lasting up to two hours.

“We let them talk and let them talk. They give us a lot of input on using social media. We felt, using mobile devices. We don’t want to say it, but there is a lot of good stuff.”

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12th North Division alumnus to be inducted into school’s Athletic Hall of Fame on Oct. 21

The sixth Bi-Annual North Division High School Athletic Hall of Fame Awards Banquet is Saturday October 21st, at the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel, 11600 West Park Place.

This year’s headliner’s are the legendary James Beckman who is receiving the Legend Award, and the 1980 North Di

vision Hoos State Basketball Team.

The Athletic Hall of Fame was created to recognize and honor the outstanding achievements of individuals who have participated in interscholastic athletics at North Division High School.

This year’s Hall of Fame inductees include the following:

Jack Hughes 1949

Barbara Johnson

Davey Perryman 1982

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Milwaukee’s George Hamilton was a notable Black movie actor

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On the big screen, Hamilton portrayed a buccaneer, loyal court attendant, house servant, high priest, janitor, waiter and a concerned grandfather. And he always was dignified.

One of his best parts was as the court attendant to a hard-line judge (Fredric March) who, himself, stands trial after confessing to killing his terminally ill wife in 1948’s controversial “mercy killing” drama, “An Act of Murder.”

Perhaps Hamilton’s most memorable role was as the grandfather of a missing, five-year-old Black girl in “The Well” — a powerful examination of race relations and White mob violence in an uneasy, racially mixed small town.

Hamilton provides a calming presence to his daughter (Maidie Norman) and her husband (Emmett Nunnery) distraught at the disappearance of their daughter, as racial tension among residents summers and riots come into a full-fledged race riot. The marvelous Black cast also includes Alfred Grant, Elzie Emanuel and Bill Walker.

“The Well” was based on true incident in a small, Midwest city in which sympathizing and understanding fi-nally overwhelmed hate between the races. And it accu-rately portrays the period in which segregation ruled much of America.

A seminal film in race relations — replete with raw anti-Black epithets — “The Well” speaks volumes about crowd psychology and unfounded rumors. Filmed in stark black-and-white, it was considered dar-ing at the time for depicting the humiliation of segrega-tion, racial conflict and White mob psychology prior to the tumultuous 1960s.

In it, young Carolyn Crawford (Gwendolyn Laster) falls into an abandoned well in an empty field after being seen in town with a White man (Harry Morgan) — the mining engineer nephew of a leading citizen (Harry Kelley). Following Morgan’s arrest on suspi-cion of kidnapping the child, armed White mobs form as Kelley vows to break him out of jail and drive all of the Black people out of town.

The White sheriff (Richard Robey) tries to contain the burgeoning, vitriolic race hatred sparked by gossip, which evolves into unbridled violence by both sides. In the suspenseful conclusion, Robert lets Morgan out of jail to use his expertise to try and free little Carolyn, who is still alive but can’t be easily removed. The whole town — Black and White — literally gathers at the scene at night to watch in silence.

Helped by Black and White townsfolk, Morgan is lowered into the well, and with difficulty, rescues the girl. As she returned to her family Hamilton, the grandfather rejoices — a touching scene typifying the movie career of Milwaukee’s George Hamilton.—Milwaukee native Richard G. Carter is a free-lance columnist

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Alexander Durtka
President and CEO of the International Institute of Wisconsin

display this year. There will be a group of Masai from the African nation of Kenya, and representatives from the Milwaukee Public Museum.

Hones on Fri., Nov. 17 are 2 p.m. – 10 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 18; and 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. on Sun., Nov. 19.

Advance tickets will be sold for $10 each, with family four-packs for $36, and available for purchase online at www.folkfair.org. Admission at the gate will be $12 for adults, $8 for children ages 6 to 12, children under the age of five will be admitted at no charge.

Those 62 and over will be admitted for $6, and all military personnel with a military ID card will be admitted free.

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