SPRING 2011

11 March
"Every human culture has folk remedies, professional knowledge, and professional care practices that vary. The nurse must identify and address these factors consciously with each client in order to provide wholistic and culturally congruent care." i

Madeline Leininger

18 March
“Health disparities are becoming a critical issue in health care around the world. US research indicates that members of minority groups [people of color] are less likely than Whites to receive needed services including medically necessary procedures.” ii

25 March
Percent of population in MI who live with a disability (age 21-64, non-institutionalized):
13.2%; in the U.S.-- 12.1%
3.9% of Michigan’s adults are permanently disabled, or 8.3 million adults nationally. iii

1 April
30% of individuals with disabilities in MI live below the poverty line,
25.3 % of indiv. with dis. in the U.S.live below the poverty line. iv

8 April
Nationally, infant mortality is a significant example of health disparities. In the US, infant mortality for African American infants is 13.9 deaths per 1,000 live births compared to 5.8 deaths per 1,000 live births for white babies. “In Kalamazoo County, the black infant mortality rate is 3.6 times higher than the white infant mortality rate.” vi

15 April
The individual who can do something that the world wants done will, in the end, make his way regardless of his race. vii

22 April
Approximately 50 per cent of prison and jail inmates reported symptoms that met the criteria for mania, 25 per cent reported symptoms of major depression, and 20 per cent reported symptoms that met the criteria of a psychotic disorder; yet, only 1 in 3 state prisoners and 1 in 6 jail inmates with a mental health problem received treatment since admission. viii

29 April
Maternal mortality rate for African American women is five times the maternal mortality rate for white women. ix
SUMMER 2011

6 May
A man's character always takes its hue, more or less, from the form and color of things about him
Frederick Douglass, American Abolitionist, Author, and Slave (1817-1895)

13 May
Society's accumulated myths and fears about disability and disease are as handicapping as are the physical limitations that flow from actual impairment.
William J. Brennan, Jr., Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, 1956 to 1990

20 May
"The moral test of government is how it treats those who are in the dawn of life ... the children; those who are in the twilight of life ... the elderly; and those who are in the shadow of life ... the sick ... the needy ... and the disabled." - Hubert H. Humphrey

27 May
"People get so caught up in trying to fix the person that they don't see the great diversity and benefits that the person has to bring to the rest of the world."
--Alison Seylor, who decided to have her son Alex, 11, who has autism, included in a classroom with other children his age rather than a segregated specialized therapy program (Jan 3)

3 June
"'Normal' is a useful word for medicine and psychology, but otherwise it is too abstract. When we decide what's 'normal' and what's 'not normal', it could be very dangerous."
--Award winning author and philosopher Alexandre Jollien, who has cerebral palsy and spent much of his life in an institution in Switzerland (Jan 10)

10 June
If you like peanut butter, give thanks to George Washington Carver, one of great African American inventors who developed this treat as well as 400 more plant-based products.

17 June
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24 June
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iii U. S. Census

iv U. S. Census


