

Former Oregonian Heads

NABA

Ronald H. Leverett: former graduate of Boise Elementary School; Jefferson High School; Portland State College, B.A.; University of Oregon, MBA; former high school student body officer, athletic star in football, basketball, and track.

Ron Leverett is one of the founding members of the Seattle Chapter of the National Association of Black Accountants. He served as the Chapter's first president and held that position for two years. Ron was instrumental in the formation of the Accounting Career Awareness Program and has the position as Executive Director since its inception in 1981.

Ron has been active in NABA at the national level for eight years. He has served on various national committees, including the long-range planning, finance, and President's Advisory Board. He has held such national positions as the Western Region Vice-President and National Director.

Ron was the recipient of the NABA Seattle Chapter's Most Outstanding Member Award for two years, Member Appreciation Award, the Western Region Appreciation of Service Award, and at the 1984 National Convention was a national awardee of the Most Distinguished Service Award.



Seated (left) is Ronald H. Leverett

Ron has appeared on radio and television shows, and written numerous articles including "Barriers to Minorities in the Business School" and "Minorities in Accounting." He co-authored the NABA career guides, "Public Accounting" and "Private Accounting," and recently was profiled in the February 1987 issue of New Accountants magazine's article titled "Minority Networking."

Ron is a member of various professional and civic organizations such as the Washington Society of CPA, National Association of Accountants, Association of Black MBAs, American Accounting Association, East Madison YMCA Board of Directors, Lake Washington School District Affirmative Action Board, American Bridge Association, Washington National Business League, UNCF Board, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, and Mt. Zion Baptist Trustee.

NABA started originally in New York City in 1970 when Blacks entering the accounting profession quickly discovered that they faced many problems not faced by their white counterparts. Since its inception, NABA

has become a national organization with members—professional accountants and accounting students—dispersed throughout the United States. There are 45 professional chapters and 66 student chapters.

NABA does not exist to duplicate the efforts and achievements of other professional associations and organizations, but to create a solid base of dissemination of information to provide understanding, interpretation, and eventual dissolution of the unique problems faced by the Black professional in the world of accounting. As set forth in its constitution, the four primary purposes of NABA are:

- To assist and encourage members of minority groups in their effort to enter the accounting profession,
 - To stimulate acquaintances and fellowship among members of minority groups,
 - To provide opportunities for members of minority groups to increase their knowledge of accounting, and to increase their individual capabilities, and
 - To unite, through membership in the association, persons interested in enhancing opportunities in accounting for members of the minority groups.
- To fulfill its purposes, NABA presents programs or services for the benefit of its members, other minority groups, and disadvantaged businesses. These programs or services requiring the energies and participation of members at both the national and chapter levels include:
- Income tax assistance for low-income taxpayers,
 - Consulting services to minority businesses that are unable to afford such services,
 - Continuing projects to inform youths from minority groups of opportunities in the profession,
 - Technical seminars and lectures for members and others in the accounting profession,
 - Publication of "Spectrum", the organization's newsletter, to disseminate information of particular interest to members, other minorities in the accounting profession, and others in the business and academic community, and
 - Serving as a talent bank or conduit for the flow of job opportunities.

The theme for the upcoming year is "NABA . . . Financial Self Sufficiency: A Goal, A Commitment, A Reality." The primary focus of the Association's efforts for 1987-88 will be fund raising. This can be achieved by (1) increasing membership by 25%; (2) student programs; (3) increase the financial solvency of the Association by placing greater emphasis on national programs that have the greatest income potential, i.e. Life memberships, regional student conferences, and President and Century Club memberships.

Portland, Oregon, is a new professional chapter which became an official member at the recent National Convention held in Cleveland, Ohio. Rhonda Massey who works for the Internal Revenue Service, is the Chapter President. For information pertaining to the Association, call 221-3240.

Ron is a principle for Reed Peoples & Co. CPA's and a lecturer at Seattle Community College.

Ron is the son of Ulysess H. & Beatrice Leverett and brother to his two sisters, Rosalind Phoenix and Brenda Ford. He and his wife, Doris, have four sons and two daughters.

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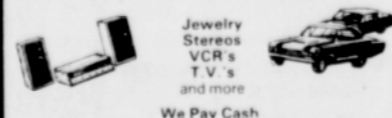
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Day Care Spaces Available In Teen Parent Project

by Steven Bailey

Thursday night, August 27, 1987, the advisory board of the AMA's (Albina Ministerial Alliance) teen parent project met to develop their 1987-88 agenda. Sub-committees on Fund Raising/Grant Development and Education were created, as well as general development of goals and needs for the upcoming year. The advisory board is a blend of professionals and "hands-on"-experienced members of the community.

Jackie Holms, "a past teen mother and mother of a teen mother," shares a common interest with others in the group: to help prevent future unwanted pregnancies, to educate kids about the reality of parenting, and to teach parenting skills.

Cordella Hopson spoke about having two sisters who were teen parents and ended up being "kicked out of the house".

Other members of the group supported the concerns of Cordella and Jackie with the emphasis on prevention and education as being a number-one concern.

Another side to the teen parent program is the day care services to free up mothers to finish high school. **There are still day care spaces available. Call 285-0493 for information.**

Other members attending included: Lanita Duke; Angie Richardson, R.N.; Gloria Phillip, of the Black Education Center; Faye Williams-Bell; Steven Bailey, N.D.; Cornetta Smith; and Barbara Taylor, Oregon Health Division.

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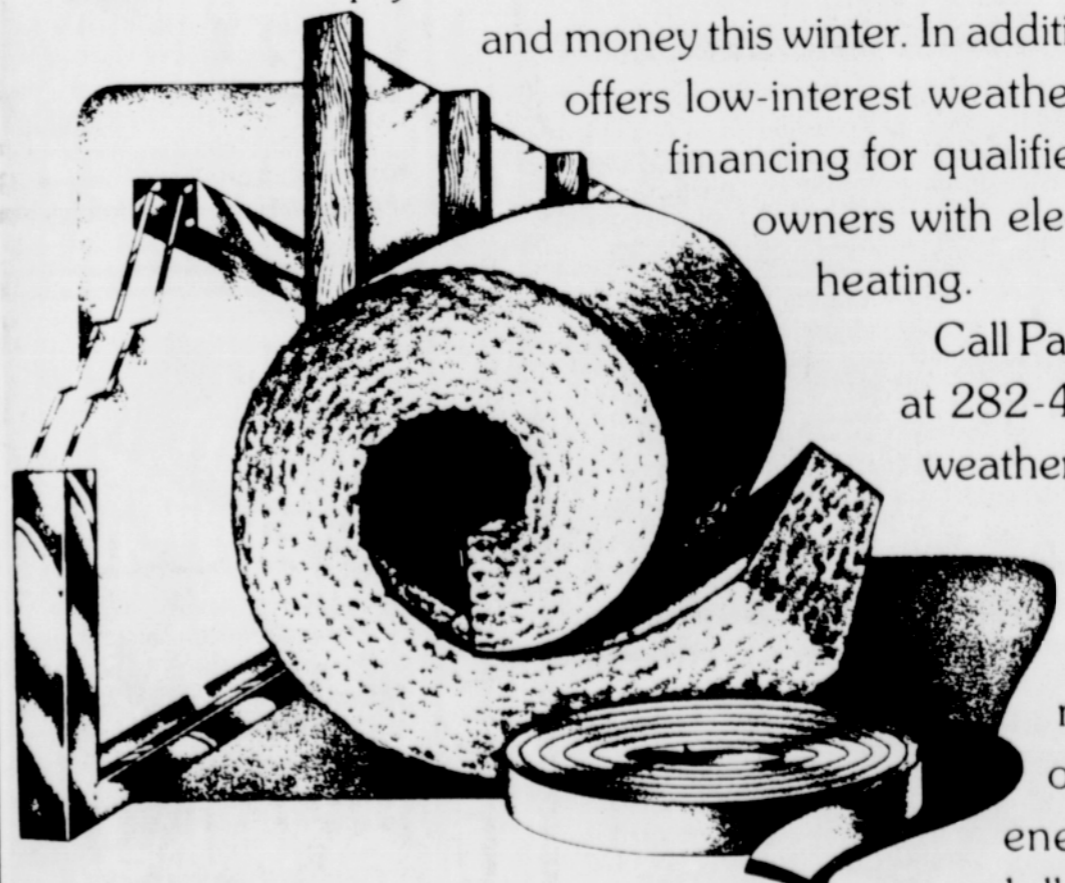
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