

P E R S P E C T I V E S

By Professor McKinley Burt



If I tell you a grasshopper's a lawyer, look under his wing for a brief case!

I've always loved that famous boast by the "greatest", Muhammed Ali. I think you are going to find me right on target here as well.

Its that time of year again, time for me to provide you with some excellent sources for books, texts and guides--information that can make a difference whatever your job, avocation, business or area of study or lifestyle. All are obtained by mailorder with an average wait of fifteen days. The first group given, A, feature 'discount prices'. You will also find that many of these books are unobtainable in Portland at any price.

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"Homework Hotline"

Broadcast Begins

"Homework Hotline", expanded to four weekdays, on Monday, October 1, began its fifth season of live school-year assistance to students in Portland and east Multnomah County.

Produces by Portland Public Schools and Portland Assn. of Teachers, the Monday-through-Thursday series is cablecast from 4:30-6 p.m. on Channel 31 of the Paragon and TCI systems.

On Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, Portland teachers in studios at Jefferson High answer viewer questions telephoned to 280-5252.

Resuming October 17 and using the same number, the Wednesday programs produced by Multnomah Cable Access feature students from east county high schools answering questions in studios at Mt. Hood Community College.

An estimated 50-60 questions are fielded on the air or over the phone during each program, according to Jill Habernigg, coordinator of the T.V. Service Dept. for Portland Public Schools.

Gas Prices Level Off

The average price of gasoline in Oregon appeared to be leveling off this week, according to the most recent Oregon AAA fuel price survey.

The average price, which is an average of full service and mini service grades, rose 0.8 of a cent in the past week, the survey showed. The national average (for self service unleaded regular) increased by 2.1 cents per gallon over the same period of time.

Retail gasoline prices have been increasing steadily since the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait in early August. The last time prices leveled off was during the interval between August 8 and August 15.

The highest price found in this week's survey was \$1.719 for full service super unleaded in Portland. The lowest price was \$1.239 for mini service regular, found in Salem.

Prices are listed by grade below:

- FULL SERVICE
- Regular: \$1.352
- Unleaded: \$1.486
- Super Unleaded: \$1.550
- MINI SERVICE
- Regular: \$1.290
- Unleaded: \$1.310
- Super Unleaded: \$1.557

PCDC to Hold Auction

Port City Development Center, a non-profit organization that is designed to train adults with developmental disabilities in different types of productive work, will be sponsoring their Third Annual Auction, on Saturday, October thirteenth, starting at 7:30 p.m., to help raise funds for their facility. A preview of the items that will be auctioned off will be held beforehand, beginning at 6 p.m. Appetizers and coffee will be served.

The auction will be held at the Northwest Service Center, located at 1819 N.W. Everett in Portland, and a donation of \$5.00 per person is asked. For more information, please call the Center at 248-2235.

Stewardship to the Earth and its Environment

Dr. A. Lee Henderson



by Dr. A. Lee Henderson, Publisher

Every man takes the limits of his own field of vision for the limits of the world. —Schopenhauer

No longer can we afford to limit our vision, and thereby, constrain our conscience from stewardship to the earth and its environment.

We are too ready to give lip service to the necessity of Saving the Planet without advancing toward realistic goals to implement these objectives.

Our stewardship from within the heart of the A.M.E. Church is rooted in Genesis 1:28

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air; and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

We were given, by God, a Stewardship to the Earth and its Environment.

'Replenish the earth,' says the Lord.

How little attention have we given to that admonition, caught up in the civilized mechanics of plastic products, disposable rubbish that is not bio-degradable. Nuclear waste and infant diapers are partners to pollution that is casting a shadow of doom as dark as the prospect of the greenhouse effect which endangers mankind and the seas and the birds and the animal life that is part of our dominion...our stewardship.

Replenish the earth, says the Lord.

Recycling the end products of our material wealth will be long-range effective when each and everyone of us adheres to ecological guidelines circulated among us daily.

What we also need to 'replenish' our religious fiber and moral commitment to the word of Jesus, so that we take him at

his Word and apply all of his precepts to cleaning up our own act. Creating a person of integrity will go a long way toward guaranteeing the commitments needed to clean up the planet!

Stewardship implies service, and therefore we can obligate ourselves to discharge the service to earth and to our environment by allocating--time first to think, and then to act upon our planning.

Whether you are able to spare community time in addition to private home time, to the work needed, is entirely your choice. Yet I remind you that the choice you make will have a direct connection to the quality of survival ahead of us in this critical cosmic dilemma.

At home you can proceed to apply special considerations to things that you used to take for granted. You can't afford that stupidity any longer.

Intelligence is an obligatory choice in every household and office to safeguard us in the products we buy and the ways and means we discard them.

Stewardship demands that we 'Replenish the earth...' Stewardship demands that we contribute to the community action plans needed by organizing or joining those around us.

Stewardship demands that we charge our children locally to act with us as a biblical brigade bringing salvation of universal power to the ends of the earth...before the earth ends, not of God's doing, but our doing.

Stewardship demands that we re-invest our faith in God's will by willfully attacking man's willfulness which has brought us to acts of complicity in stripping the earth and stifling our air, killing off entire species of wildlife that God ordered us to 'Replenish...' in our dominion.

We have reached that dreadful dreadnought of discovery...disobedience has brought us, like the children of Israel, face to face with our own mortality, our own survival as a species.

Desecration of the earth and the environment shall be of our own doing. Devotion to the earth and the environment shall be of God's doing. 'Replenish the earth...' says the Lord. Stewardship to the earth and to the environment is our only salvation!



To Be Equal

by John E. Jacob

LET'S DO A RECOUNT

The 1990 Census tried to count us all. But despite the Census Bureau's best efforts, it didn't. And it hasn't in decades. This year's undercount may well be the biggest in history.

In 1980 the undercount came to about 9 million people--or more than the population of eleven states. In 1990, critics say it will be a lot higher.

There's overcounting, too. But the overcount is a lot smaller than the undercount. And more of the overcounted are affluent--people with homes in different states, for example--while the bulk of the undercounted are poor.

The census also works against big cities, whose people are far more diverse and harder for census enumerators to reach.

Many large cities are home to undocumented immigrants who won't cooperate with census takers out of fear of deportation. They have large housing projects in which poor families double up and fear eviction. And they have many people who are simply not connected to the mainstream life and are not counted.

That's why New York and other big cities challenge the results.

New York was in the federal courts

trying to get the Census Bureau to correct what the city claims is the undercount of about 450,000 residents in 1980. And it will be back to claim a bigger undercount for 1990.

It's not doing this for the sheer vanity of adding to its official population figures.

Since the census population figures are used to help determine allocation of funds for many federal programs, the city estimates that the 1980 undercount cost it over \$600 million during the decade.

And it says a similar undercount in 1990 will result in a loss of \$900 million over the next ten years.

Also at stake is political districting for offices ranging from the U.S. Congress to local boards.

Since most of the undercount is in poor neighborhoods, that means the disadvantage lose the full political representation to which they're entitled.

The Census Bureau tries to come up with an accurate count by cooperating with community-based organizations and conducting media campaigns. Its enumerators tried to go to places where the homeless congregate.

But the techniques of headcounting and sending mail forms are no longer

effective.

The undercount persists, with tremendous damage to the financial and political life of large urban centers that are already burdened by disadvantage.

There has to be a better way, and there is.

Statisticians have developed sophisticated mathematical tools that can make population estimates that may be even more accurate than today's faulty nose-counting procedures.

Scientists make accurate estimates of the stars in the sky and the fish in the sea by using such mathematical modeling techniques. Larger corporations do the same to estimate market size and other key business factors.

So now its time for government to do the same with the critical census task of determining how many people live in our country and where they are.

A fair and accurate census count is an economic, political, and civil rights issue of the first magnitude. It's time for a recount--but not with the old methods that no longer work.

The government should go back to the drawing boards and assemble the best scientific tools available to develop a recount that no longer shortchanges cities and the poor.

BRENDA D. WILLIAMS APPOINTED TO GARLINGTON CENTER BOARD



Brenda D. Williams, who works in the human resources office of the Emanuel Hospital and Health Center, has been selected to the Board of Directors of the Garlington Center for Community mental health in North and Northeast Portland.

Williams, long active in the community, is a member of the Northeast Kiwanis. She has been a member of the American Association of Radiologic Technologists.

The Garlington Center, 4950 N.E. MLK Jr. Blvd., with an annual budget of nearly \$3 million, provides mental health services to adults and children in North and Northeast Portland.

GANGS (CRIPS AND BLOODS) BLACKS KILLING BLACKS

BY JOHNNIE M. BROWN

our young people killing each other. They are getting rid of our Black race every week. There is more of our Black race being eliminated. We are to help each other, not kill each other off of this earth. If we a proud Black race, we will have to let our young ones know. They seem to not understand that we should not kill our own people. We are supposed to love each other to the fullest. We should help each other out when ever possible. If our Black youth keep killing each other, who will be around to keep our Black race around?

We are also being called Black African Americans but, that doesn't seem to stop the killing of our own race. Our Black people are even attacking us walking down the streets and other places. When will this killing end? How many Black people will be left in the years to come? With all this killing you would think that our Black youth hate each other. Love is not in their minds at all. Why are our Black kids getting rid of each other? What's the point to the killings? It is a very bad thing for this to be happening to our Black young people but, it looks like we can not stop it. It will just keep happening until our youth come

to love one another like we are supposed to do. Maybe our young people are killing each other to feel important.

It is not safe to sit on the porch anymore. It is not safe to walk down the streets at night anymore. I just wonder what will happen next year?

Our teenage youth are wiping each other off of this earth like flies on the wall. They are making sure that there will be but a few of us left to carry on our Black race! A long time ago when I was a young person, the gangs back then just had fights with their fists, but these days the gangs have to use guns and knives. Back then the gangs proved who was the best man one on one, not three or four youths jumping on one person.

Sometimes I wonder what is our Black race proud of? Killing is nothing to be proud of. Most of us are parents and we love our children very much. We wonder if one of our children will turn out to be a gang member or not! They all learn the slang words so fast. My children surely know all of them and it makes me really afraid. They know all of the signs too! They also knew some of the young kids that have been killed.

Isn't there anything that we can do to help our Black youth out of this mess?

Prayer is one of the things that can help us and our children. Love is the other important solution to our problem. Being patient with our children can help them too.

Talking with our youths will help us to know what they want to do with their lives. We parents will just have to try harder to help our kids! If only our black youths could solve their problems over the things they disagree on. But, I know that is easier to say when they hate one another instead of loving one another! Hate is more easier to show than love. Some of our children do not receive love at home and that is why most of our children turn to the streets and to other ways of getting back at us parents. I admit that some of the parents do try hard to love and help our kids, and sometimes that does not help. But, we can always try to do our best for our kids. The kids that are in the gangs should be loved also.

If only we could get them out of the gangs, but sometimes they will not listen to us. But we should keep trying anyway. Our youth always need our help, at all times.

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