



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

By Professor McKinley Burt

More African American Reading; More Self-Esteem

First, let me cite a very excellent source of important, but reasonable books, inadvertently omitted from last week's list. Request a catalog from the "University of Chicago Press"; 1130 S. Langley, Chicago 60628.

My book, "Black Inventors of America", can be purchased at the Black Education Center School here at 4949 N.E. 17th (weekdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., \$14.95). Two additional sources for good reading are the "Looking Glass Bookstore", 318 S.W. Taylor and any of the B. Dalton outlets. The items appearing on a list I published two years ago proved so popular I am reprinting it here.

LOOKING GLASS: Thor

Heyerdal, *Kon Tiki* (documents that African voyages in reed and papyrus boats or rafts enabled them to migrate all over the world in ancient times); Peter Tompkins, *Secrets of the Great Pyramid*, Harper pubs. (The best book on the Great Pyramid, its history and mathematics); Frank Snowden, *Blacks in Antiquity*, Belnap/Harvard Press (Black history prof. at Howard U. documents the Black presence in Greece and Rome); Bernal, *Black Athens*, Rutgers U. Press (Establishes African Roots of ancient classical civilization); Van Sertima, *They Came Before Columbus*, Random House (Early Black cultures in the Americas).

LOOKING GLASS: Lewis, *Coal, Iron and Slaves*, Greenwood Pubs. (Documents the use of skilled slaves in the Colonial Iron Industry); Barbara Sewell, *Egypt Under the Pharaohs*, Putnam-Sons; Zaslavsky, *Africa Counts*, Lawrence Hill & Co. (Excellent survey of number systems, math and games developed by Africans). The following are ordered out of their "Dover" catalog: No. 22632-8, Erman, *Life in Ancient Egypt*, \$8.95; No. 235017, Budge, *Dwellers on the Nile*, \$6.95; No. 222548-8, White, *Ancient Egypt*, \$4.95; No. 23500-9, Carter, *Discovery of Tutankhamen*, \$6.95.

Be sure to write for a catalog from *Barnes and Noble Bookstore*, 126 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10011.

This is a very economical source for valuable books. Some you may wish to order immediately are No. 01482538, *Ancient Centers of Egyptian Civilization*, \$4.98; No. 1336445, *The Leyden Papyrus* (Ancient African Medicine), \$4.50; No. 01430552, *Queen of Sheba*, \$5.98; No. 01336437, *Ancient Egypt: Its Culture*, \$4.95; No. 1557545, *Ramesses II*, \$6.95; No. 1523877, *Africa: Her History*, \$1.00. Be sure to include \$3.95 for shipping and insurance.

Now, if you really want to treat yourself--or inspire a student in the family--order one or all of this three-volume set from the same company above: *Ancient Egyptian Literature*, \$9.95 each. Vol. I, No. 1238625, Vol. II, No. 1238633, Vol. III 1238641. What a surprise for those of you who thought that all that beautiful prose and poetry written by European authors throughout the centuries was original--in either style or content. Here you will find the ancient African basis for our classic poems, novels, plays, and even for the parables and declarations of many *Biblical Prophets*--all written thousands of years earlier.

If you know a Black teenager seeking a career in science or engineering, get these excellent minority-oriented career guides for free: *What it's like to be an Engineer*, and *Take it from Us--You can be an Engineer*. Write: Educational Communications, General Electric Co., Fairfield, CT 06431.

United Fund Campaign

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development through self-help.

There has always been a tradition of self-help and generous giving to deserving causes by the black communities of the nation. This support has come from the African American churches, sororities and fraternities; businesses, alumni association and many other groups--even school children. But in this age of high powered, computer-based charitable drives, minorities have found themselves hard put to compete with these widely publicized "Charity Machines".

The Black United Fund offers the black community a unique opportunity to make much-needed funds available to deserving organizations in this community--through an organization with a proven track record that knows and identifies with our specific areas of need. Be sure to sign up on your job. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

When you change your clock back to standard time this month, you could get more than an extra hour's sleep. By taking a few more minutes to change the batteries in your family's smoke detector and flashlights, you can also rest assured you and your loved ones are protected against home fires.

As a caring member of the community, the Portland Bureau of Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services also urges you to step beyond your home during the fall time change weekend, October 27-28, and check and change smoke detector batteries for a friend, neighbor, family or elderly or disabled person unable to do so.

We launch this "neighbors helping neighbors" plea in an effort to reverse a recent trend linking a significant number of fire-related deaths to children and elderly, disabled and low-income people. Currently, as many as half of the smoke detectors in U.S. homes are useless because of old or missing batteries. Yet, a smoke detector with working batteries can double the chances of surviving a fire.

That is why we stress an annual battery change as the single most easy, effective and accessible way to reduce the number of fire-related deaths and injuries.

In doing so, we aim to snap a "no progress" trend in reducing fire deaths and injuries that has plagued much of the 1980s.

We hope the decade of the '90s brings a new age in fire safety awareness--an era characterized by an annual smoke detector battery change and fewer fire-related deaths and injuries.

We urge you to join in this effort by committing to this important fire safety practice. It's a habit that could save your life.

Sincerely,
Donald J. Mayer
Public Information Officer

TO CLARA PEOPLES With Love From Us All



Dear Ms. Peoples:

Thank you! Thank you from the very bottom of our hearts! For more than 35 years you have fed, clothed, and housed more of us than most of the recognized agencies combined. You did this without expected compensation, and many

times without thanks.

You put the brightness into Christmas, and added caring to Thanksgiving, with a sincerity that brought tears to the eyes of those in need.

With your cadre of volunteers, you "hustled" the food from the farms, donations from the community, and delivered to the seniors, the sick, and the shut-ins.

Your advocacy role on behalf of many in need opened the doors for food stamps, welfare, children assistance, medical aid, housing and clothing.

While Tuesdays and Thursdays are normally the days when you give out your food baskets, we know that if we show up on any day we will not leave hungry.

We know the role you have played in helping many public officials to get elected. We also know that many of these officials have chosen to ignore you when you sought help for the underclass.

We also know that many of the resources that your organization, community care provides comes from your own pocket.

Many of our sons and daughters thank you for diverting them from the gangs and drugs. They are also thankful for the special gifts and parties on birthdays and at Halloween.

We are amazed, (but not surprised) that illness (sometimes serious) was never a deterrent in your commitment when people needed help. We are aware that even your hospitalization did not stop the endless task of negotiating for resources. Always to the disgruntlement of your doctors and nurses.

Yes, Ms. Peoples, you are truly God sent and amazing. You have added true meaning to the word caring.

So from your new friends, we offer hope...from your old friends, we say thanks...and from all of us, we say we love you.

With Love...from Portland!

Carr Construction

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land. Knee injuries cut short a brilliant career.

In 674 games as a professional, Carr averaged 11.6 points per game and finished one rebound short of 5,000. He averaged 10.5 points in 35 play-off games and his career shooting percentage was a respectable .510.

January 1991 will mark his sixth year as president of Carr Construction. After his career in basketball ended, an opportunity to enter the construction business presented itself to him. "My family enjoyed this area and I saw a lot of growth potential. It seemed an easier transition to stay here than going back to Washington, D.C. and starting over," Carr said.

Although the construction business is extremely competitive, he enjoys the challenge. One of his biggest challenges is finding a capable workforce and keeping in through successive jobs due to the construction boom in Portland. All the good people can find jobs and the competition for carpenters and electricians is fierce, even though he has seen some slowing in the rate of construction dur-

ing the last year. "Things tighten up when money tightens up," he said, "However, it's still going at a good pace."

Another challenge is pacing the jobs the company has won bids on. After one project winds down, he needs to have another ready to take its place and the timing can be tricky. "Sometimes it's feast or famine and you have to be able to work quickly to find where there's a new construction project," Carr added.

Carr Construction handles both commercial and residential building and remodeling with 75-85% of their current work in commercial construction and 15-25% in residential. "Right now the bulk of our contracts is on the commercial side but I'm trying to get a handle on 1991. We might be doing more residential next year to pick up the slack," he said. Carr Construction has just completed remodeling an 80,000 square-foot retail building on 181st & Halsey and is currently remodeling a church in Northeast Portland, renovating a downtown hotel and the downtown Safeway store, and building parts of the new OHSU eye clinic and the new State Office Building.

"Our company is successful because we're good at problem solving," he said. "Service is the key to any business."

Carr is looking forward to the predicted growth in Northeast Portland and hopes to be involved in future construction projects there. "We're committed to involving minority and women-owned businesses on our jobs. We try to build lasting relationships with our sub-contractors and support emerging businesses," he added.

Both Kenneth and his wife Adriana are very active in community projects and work hard raising funds for organizations such as OMSI and the United Negro College Fund. "We're also involved with a lot of art and cultural organizations because they are very important for growth and stimulate the minds of young and old," he stated. The Carrs have 3 children, 2 girls and a boy.

Carr Construction is a full service construction company specializing in new construction and remodeling, both residential and commercial. The telephone number 274-9518.



CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS WEEKEND! Allene S. Roberts, second from right, Manager, Constituency Programs, Philip Morris Companies Inc., welcomes guests to the Philip Morris reception following the CBC Foundation's Twentieth Annual Legislative Weekend Awards Dinner at the Washington Hilton, Washington, D.C. With Ms. Roberts are, from left, Hazel N. Dukes, President of the NAACP, Bernard Foster, Publisher of "The Skanner" newspaper, Portland, Or., and Betty Adams, President, The Jackie Robinson Foundation. Philip Morris sponsored the Foundation's summer intern program again this year. The program provides college undergraduate students with opportunities to work in a Congressional office. The CBC's Weekend theme was "Memories of the Past--Visions of the Future". More than 15,000 persons attended the popular, four-day event.

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...And Justice For All by Angelique Sanders

Portlanders Expend Moral Energy in "Dignity and Diversity" March

Okay. I can admit I was beginning to have my doubts about ever writing an upbeat column: sure, there are ample positive things in my life, but are readers truly going to want to hear about the really great time I had the other night making pancakes for my friend Avery or how much I enjoy spending time with my roommate? It is easy to turn a column into a forum for personal ramblings, but if one wishes to keep readers entertained (and, hopefully, learning),

form, and the police were out in full force...indeed, even police helicopters panned for a profile).

Looking in any direction, a marcher could find hundreds of chatty, tense people with the expression in their eyes of hope, faith and being a part of an event--hopefully, a revolution of sorts--that would extend beyond an individual's somewhat limited abilities at making a change. "Diversity and Dignity" fit better than the march promoters could

go" to "No Nike, no KKK, no fascist U.S.A." People sported banners, such as "Fight big brother, not each other," a reference to George Orwell's "1984", a book about extreme political brainwashing, and "Keeping the Dream Alive" which proudly carried a picture of Martin Luther King. An Indian man called the government leaders "political pimps leaving you flat on your back".

A white-supremacist flag in an apartment window was pointed out by a

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the methodology that works best is to discuss situations the writer and readers share, such as politics; however, I have been less than thrilled with our political status lately.

I have good news of a political scope, however, and if you were unable to partake of the event, I hope my reconstruction of events will help to bring you there. My good news is that I have strong faith as to the outcome of the '90s, stemming from the "Dignity and Diversity" march on Sunday, which, even if you live in a cave, you've probably heard about.

Sunday was the perfect day for the march: you know how Sundays are, they unfold with a peaceful feeling of calmness, even if you work on a Sunday. Additionally, this truly was the calm before the storm, as Tom Metzger's arrival was slated for Monday, unleashing at least several weeks of inevitably tense events.

So, anyhow, the crisp Sunday air brought people scrambling to line up in a march-like manner, towards each other and away from the police (as even though no riots broke out, the inner instinct of most provides them with a defensive reaction to an offensive plat-

ever have known: while the televised news did not seem to present much of a culturally diverse feeling to the walk, the crowd showed quite a different view, all united with a similar goal for our planet: breaking down barriers and replacing hate and fear with love and acceptance.

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This was the last quietude the single-minded crowd shared: from this point the enthrallment of blocking city streets and halting the ignorant or uncaring took over. Chants took over, from "The people united will never be defeated", to "Gays, straights, blacks, whites...Same struggle, same fight"; from "hey hey, ho ho, homophobia has got to

marcher, and soon yelling and hooting was taken up in protest, as well as the cry, "Neo-Nazis have got to go". On-lookers would wave and smile to the moral paraders, and often join in. People passed out literature on various upcoming unity-themed events, and usual social boundaries, such as don't talk to strangers, were recklessly abandoned to the loving instincts of participants. A rally followed in the South Park Blocks, which exhibited a great emotional yearning for change. Later that night, the City nightclub (for gay youth) held a dance in celebration of diversity.

I thank everyone of my fellow Portlanders that was there to uphold the cause of love, and for those of you who missed it, I hope I've successfully conveyed the spirit of the march to you. Next time, I hope to see even more than the astounding 2500 participants...

My item is short and sweet: the upcoming election is full of substance-bearing issues and I hope absolutely every brother and sister will leap to the polls and make their beliefs understood. If you aren't registered, you've got only six days left. I'll present further election coverage as November sixth draws nearer.