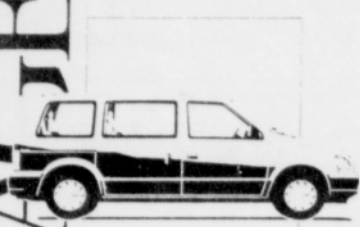


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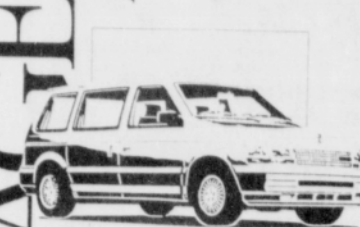
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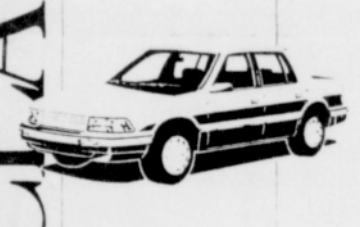


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## Memorial Day And The Black Warrior

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channels. Consequently, I think it safe to say that a considerable element of our "patriotism" is built upon a solid, common sense mindset that says, "Whatever the problems here, the rest of the world ain't showing me much" (of course, there also is the old adage, "a known devil is better than an unknown devil").

Nevertheless, we constantly find ourselves responding to rather vicious aspersions cast upon our courage and fighting abilities - and even our degree of participation in the wars and great battles waged in this country's defense (or depredations). This insult and denigration has been disproven as often and with as much factual documentation as has been the carnards about our intelligence and IQ. But such attacks must be continually met and defeated each generation, and after each war, because the insidious scenario developed by racists is primarily predicated upon their deliberate 'omissions' from media and history. And you will also note that the television coverage of Desert Storm parades and post-war ceremonies hardly reflected the disproportionate numbers of African Americans who manned the front lines.

One could say (and anticipate) that "nothing has changed" - not even from the accounts of the "Revolutionary War" in our history books. While we are presented passion-arousing illustrations of 'Washington crossing the Delaware' and of the 'Minutemen', they tell us nothing of the thousands of black enlisted men without whom Washington could not have made it that dreadful winter when thousands of whites deserted. Or that, even then, Washington

reversed his refusal to accept blacks across the board only when the British promised to emancipate any who would fight for them (Of course, the Mexicans fare no better in our history books, for it is seldom mentioned, if ever, that in a later conflict America would have lost had the Mexicans not tied down so many British at New Orleans and in the lower Mississippi Valley).

Then, of course, I have written in these columns of the famed African Freedom Fighters of the West Indies, Toussaint Louverture and Dessalines among others. That huge geographical segment of the United States obtained by Thomas Jefferson's "Louisiana Purchase" which doubled the size of the United States as it encompassed millions of acres from the Mississippi River to the Rock Mountains - is now part of America because those "black warriors" defeated Napoleon, producing a disillusionment that made him more than willing to sell out. These same West Indies Islands furnished Napoleon with the twelve great African generals who made his armies the scourge of Europe - and gave the U.S. Military its current Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, GENERAL COLIN POWELL.

Next week I will provide a Historical Calendar of the 'Black Warrior' that should prove useful for the student, teacher and public, not an in-depth review, but at least a starting point for further reading or research. Many of our younger generation may not know that President Bush barely touched the tip of the iceberg in his Black History speech on February 25: "A Tribute to Black Americans in the Armed Forces."

## PCC Skills Center and Partners Set Open House

The Portland Community College Skills Center and on-site companion programs, the Northeast Workforce Center, the Private Industry Council and the State Employment Division will hold an open house Monday, June 3, from 3 to 5 p.m., 739 N. Killingsworth Street. The public is invited to tour the newly renovated facility, the Fragmeier Building, a turn-of-the-century brick building adjacent to PCC's Cascade Campus.

The PCC Skills Center began operations last July on the college's Cascade Campus with \$600,000 in lottery funds, resource commitments from the Private Industry Council, the State Employment Division, the Oregon Economic Development Department, and \$700,000 from the college.

PCC president Dan Moriarty said, "The PCC Skills Center provides practical short-term training to get people into jobs as quickly as possible. We see it as an essential part of helping revitalize the urban Northeast Portland com-

munity."

The center's goal is to help create employment and training opportunities for residents in North and Northeast Portland. The program presently focuses on construction trades and business/clerical careers. Other technical fields may be added at a later date. Set up as open-entry and open-exit with a maximum 28 weeks of training, the program provides basic education classes, GED classes for those who need a high school equivalency certificate and life skills classes to participants also.

The construction trades students helped renovate the building, including drywall work, framing, and finish work on their classroom/shop. The construction work served as both a student project and a cost cutter for the center's remodeling.

The services at the PCC Skills Center are free to those who qualify.

Please call 240-5341 or 240-5342 for more information.

## Energy Department Issues New Efficiency Standards

The Department of Energy (DOE) has issued a final rule setting new energy efficiency standards for clothes washers, clothes dryers and dishwashers, to take effect in 1994. The standards are 14 percent to 30 percent higher than current standards.

Dishwashers, clothes washers and dryers use over 1.9 percent of the total energy consumed in this country. These new standards will cumulatively save an estimated 2.25 quadrillion Btus (quads) of energy by 2015. Furthermore, the standards will benefit the environment by reducing emissions associated with energy production and decreasing the need for development of additional energy supplies.

"This is a win-win outcome," said Secretary of Energy James D. Watkins. "In addition to reducing energy demand, these standards will save consumers money over the life of these ap-

pliances."

The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended, (EPCA) established energy efficiency standards for 12 major household appliances. Standards for clothes washers, clothes dryers and dishwashers became effective on January 1, 1988. EPCA also established two mandatory review cycles during which DOE is to consider making these standards more rigorous. The final rule, issued May 14, is the first of these two review cycles for dishwashers, clothes washers and clothes dryers, and will apply to products manufactured on or after May 14, 1994.

On August 9, 1989, a proposed rule was published in the Federal Register, putting forward a series of efficiency levels for each appliance. These levels ranged from the standard initially set in the act to the maximum level of efficiency as identified by DOE's engineer-

ing analysis.

In making its evaluation, DOE's Office of Conservation and Renewable Energy performed extensive technical and market research, including the development of econometric and engineering models of the likely energy and economic effects of each standard. According to the legislation, the standards must result in the maximum improvement in energy efficiency that is both technologically feasible and economically justified. The standards that were issued may result in slightly higher prices for appliances-up to 11 percent. However, any increase in purchasing price will be offset, generally in less than four years, by the reduced expense of operating these appliances, providing an economic benefit to consumers.

## "A Touch Of Elegance"

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participates in student government, National Honor Society, football and wrestling. Jenkins was elected as first vice president of Benson's student body. As an active member of Allen Temple CME Church, Jenkins is on staff for Children's Church and youth ministry. Jenkins will attend Florida A & M University and major in both business and engineering, with the goal of becoming an entrepreneur.

Pilot, the daughter of Charles Pilot and Barbara Pilot, is a senior at U.S. Grant High School. Integrating Grant's diverse student populace is important to Pilot, which encouraged her to join their Human Relations committee. Pilot is also a varsity cheerleader, honors student and participated on the track and field team. She attends Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church and is president of the youth department and vice president of the youth usher board. Pilot will attend Grambling State University and major in marketing. Her goal is to work in fashion design and merchandising.

We're getting into the graduation mode. If you have someone who has "made it" let them know how proud we are of them. Education is a precious tool. Let our young men and women know that we support them in their efforts. At least say Congratulations!

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