

NASCD Selects New Director



Lynda K. Anderson, Executive Director

The National Association for Sickle Cell Disease, Inc., (NASCD) announced the appointment of the new Executive Director, Lynda K. Anderson by Xernona Clayton, Vice President, Turner Broadcasting System and Chair of the NASCD Board. "We have chosen the right person at the right time. Our new Director has the stamina and management skills that will take us into the 21st century," said Ms. Clayton.

NASCD is a Los Angeles based organization with nationwide community sickle cell programs which recently celebrated 20 years of providing education, research and patient services centering on the sickle cell conditions. Sickle cell disease is an inherited, incurable condition which primarily affects African-Americans.

Ms. Anderson has extensive experience in administration, public relations and the nonprofit sector. She has been vice president for special projects for the National Black United Fund, and public relations director for the Brotherhood Crusade in Los Angeles, CA. Until recently, she was co-owner and operator of a specialty shoe salon in Culver City, CA. Ms. Anderson brings to NASCD a varied and determined background.

"I welcome the challenge to direct this organization which pioneered an effort to identify and educate the carriers of a genetic disease. We are on the brink of the 21st Century, and I want to help us get to a time when we will no longer have children born with sickle cell anemia because their parents were unaware that they carried the gene for this condition," said Ms. Anderson.

Ms. Anderson succeeds Dorothy H. Boswell, who retired after leading the organization since its founding in 1971.

Tony Brown's Journal "Is The Press Helping Ross Perot Lie?"

Airdates: 7/10-7/16

Although Dallas billionaire H. Ross Perot did not object to the remarks attributed to him in 1988 by Dallas journalist Laura Miller, he now not only denies them, but question her professionalism and suggests that she had engaged in "flights of fantasy." However, Miller, now a columnist for the Dallas Observer, maintains that H. Ross Perot, the man who may be the next president, lobbied to have the Black and Hispanic communities of Dallas "cordoned off" so that police SWAT teams could conduct house-to-house searches for drugs and weapons.

On this edition, Miller repeats this charge and adds that the man now leading George Bush and Bill Clinton in the presidential opinion polls also wanted souped-up police helicopters with infrared tracking devices to root out drugs in the Black neighborhoods of South Dallas. Further-more, the Dallas journalist accuses the news media of "helping Ross Perot lie" by ignoring these "dangerous ideas."

*Depending on the date the program is aired in a specific market. Please check with the local PBS station for exact date and time.

Over-The-Line Softball Tournament Slated For July 11

Eugene Parks and Registration is accepting registration for an "Over-the-Line" softball tournament planned for July 11 at Ascot Park. Over-the-Line is an adaptation of softball which combines place hitting, power hitting, and fielding using a three-person team. Divisions include men's, women's, and coed teams. Entry fee is \$21. The registration deadline is Tuesday, July 7 at 5:00 p.m. For more information, call the Eugene Parks and Recreation Athletic office at 687-5333.

Oregon Expects \$4 Million Jobs Boost

Oregon's welfare-reform program is expected to receive an increase of about \$4 million during the next two years as the result of an amendment to pending federal law, approved today by the U. S. House Ways and Means Committee.

The funding will help Oregon provide job training to recipients of public assistance. Twenty thousand Oregonians are receiving training in the 1991-93 biennium under the state's \$62-million welfare-reform program. Welfare reform, or jobs, provides education, training and job-search assistance to welfare recipients.

The legislation provides for the allocation of previously unspent Jobs matching funds to the states. The Ways-and-Means-approved bill, containing the disbursement change, now goes to the House and Senate.

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"We have fought hard for this amendment," Kevin W. Concannon, director of the Oregon Department of Human Resources, said. "This correction in the law allows our state to receive its rightful share of unspent federal Jobs dollars."

Concannon testified twice in March before congressional committees on Oregon's success in training teen parents through its Jobs program. This

state leads the nation in educating teen parents.

Oregon congressman Les AuCoin was the state's principal advocate for the legislative change. "Oregon's Jobs program shows that welfare doesn't have to be just a life preserver," AuCoin said. "It can be a springboard to help people get back into meaningful family-wage jobs." Oregon Congressman Mike Kopetski also worked for the modification.

Prior to the amendment, Oregon was excluded from the allocation of Jobs funds because this state spends more for welfare reform than is qualified to be matched by federal dollars.

"Our superior commitment to welfare reform would have eliminated Oregon from receiving a share of unspent federal funds before today's legislative change," Stephen D. Minnich, administrator of the Oregon Adult and Family Services Division, explained. "This helps Oregonians keep faith with their commitment to welfare reform."

Anti-poverty advocate Bruce Bishop, legislative chairman of the Human Services Coalition of Oregon, praised the action: "Our organization has been advocating for months with state and federal officials to maintain necessary social service programs. We applaud the leadership that has gone into this. It is in Oregon's long-term interest that we continue these important services."

Foods: Not Always A Picnic

Barbecued chicken, baked beans, corn on the cob, potato salad, and watermelon. Summer is here and so are all the wonderful foods the season brings. However, some of these summertime treats need a little extra precaution from consumers before eating.

Summer is the season for picnics and camping trips. That calls for some consideration when it comes to packing the food.

"I guess the utmost thing to consider would be refrigeration of products. Don't leave them out too long," says Jim Black, administrator of the Food and Dairy Division of the Oregon Department of Agriculture. "I go camping myself and we use a good old cooler along with ice blocks. There are a number of measures you can take to keep that temperature down."

Each summer, local health departments report outbreaks of food borne illnesses associated with products like potato and macaroni salad. In many cases, the salad sits on the picnic table in the hot sun for too long. The temperature is perfect for incubation of food borne organisms.

"Refrigeration again is your best safeguard with those kinds of products," warns Black, who says time is as important as temperature. "Don't just keep them for several days. Two or three days usually doesn't make any difference assuming proper handling and temperature. But beyond that, you may want to just throw it out."

Black repeats a popular motto among food safety specialists: "When in doubt, throw it out."

Another favorite summer food is now a new source of concern for some. Melons until recently have never been considered a problem. However, a salmonella outbreak in the northeastern U.S. last summer was traced to the consumption of cantaloupe that had been contaminated.

"We are surmising perhaps fertilization was the source, perhaps using

animal waste in the field," says Black. "Of course, melons are grown on the ground."

People don't normally eat the rind. The problems may have taken place when the knife used to cut the melon spread whatever organism was on the rind onto the part of the fruit that is eaten.

The best advice in dealing with melons is to wash the outside rind after you buy it using a brush for the rough exterior of cantaloupes. Watermelons have a smooth surface and don't need the brush but do need the washing. Black has some additional advice:

"If you need to cut into the melon and consume only part of it, then you should refrigerate the leftover portion. Again, refrigeration retards those bacteria that can make us sick."

Several other summertime foods are relatively safe and don't need the same kinds of precautions as melons. Most of them, like many fruits and vegetables, have a high acid content which also retards any organism growth. Those foods, such as apples and pears, can be kept out of refrigeration most of the time without any problem.

There is yet one more food safety concern for the summer. Black says cross-contamination should be minimized.

"Many times things are chopped on the same cutting board, for instance, that you cut your raw chicken on. Those raw products have organisms that could produce illness."

Black recommends a good cleaning and sanitizing of the cutting board after chopping up raw meat products.

Despite the warnings and precautions, summer continues to be a great time to enjoy food. With a little common sense, those foods can be safe as well as delicious.

For more information, contact Jim Black at 378-3790 or Bruce Pokarney at 378-3773.

Spike Lee Promises Advertising For Black Newspapers For His New Movie, "Malcolm X"



Motion picture producer-director Spike Lee, who recently completed filming his latest and most ambitious movie, "Malcolm X," told Black newspaper publishers here recently that he is demanding that Warner Bros., the film's distributor, advertise the movie in Black newspapers nationwide.

Speaking at a Prayer Breakfast, sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company during the 52nd Annual Convention of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) at the Hyatt Regency on the Inner Harbor, Lee also said that Warner Bros. would fly Black journalists from NNPA newspapers to New York for a "media day" prior to the film's opening. Delegates representing 205 publications that reach more than 11-million readers were present at the convention.

The publishers were shown a brief teaser of scenes from the film, which examines the life of the slain African American activist Malcolm X. The movie stars Academy Award-winning actor Denzel Washington in the title role and is slated for national release in

November, 1992.

Lee's announcements followed an impassioned address by featured speaker Rev. Frank Reid III, Pastor, Bethel A.M.E. Zion Church, who hailed the Black Press as "the social conscience of our community."

Reid said: "The legacy of the Black Press is a rich one. But the question that faces you today as journalists and as representatives of the African American Community is, how do we move from that legacy to liberation? Because one of the problems with romanticizing one's past is that if one is not acting on that legacy then it is meaningless, and all we do is walk through that history like it was a museum, observing it but never acting upon it."

Reid encouraged Black publishers to use their newspapers to communicate to the African American Community the importance of controlling its own economic destiny.

Reid cited the donations made by Bill Cosby, Oprah Winfrey, Michael Jordan, Janet Jackson, Prince, Peggy Cooper-Cafritz and Tracy Chapman that

enabled Spike Lee to complete the filming of "Malcolm X" as "a sign of the economic power that we too can act upon if we wake up."

The NNPA publishers were also treated to inspirational musical selections performed by members of the Bethel A.M.E. Zion Choir.

Sam Hall, Manager, Public Relations, Pepsi-Cola Company said: "Pepsi-Cola is pleased to continue its longstanding support of, and relationship with, the Black Press by sponsoring this inspirational and exciting breakfast."

"We are equally pleased to have provided a forum for NNPA members to hear the powerful message of Rev. Reid, and the important announcement by Spike Lee, two young men who stand at the forefront of their respective fields," Hall said.

Black newspaper owners have long complained that motion picture distributors generally send them many news and photo releases, hoping for free publicity, but the distributors have been reluctant to use paid advertising in Black publications to promote their films.

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