

NASCD Selects New Poster Child



The National Association For Sickle Cell Disease, Inc. is pleased to announce the selection of Ms. Patrina Laquis Davis as their 1992-93 Poster Child. The panel of judges consisted of five (5) well respected professionals who selected Ms. Davis from twenty one (21) young men and women, ranging from age 5-11, whose picture and bio was submitted by local sickle cell chapters throughout the United States. Patrina Davis is 5 years old, enjoys singing and dancing and has sickle cell anemia. Ms. Davis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Garfield, who also have two other daughter and two sons. Only Patrina has sickle cell disease, however, four of the other family members has the sickle cell trait. Patrina is a joyful, lively and extremely outgoing child who perseveres in spite of having sickle cell anemia. She is quite verbally expressive and will attempt any task set before her. Patrina's talents include, but are not limited to singing and dancing, activities which she both performs well and enjoys. Patrina is very intelligent, demonstrates leadership qualities

and gets along with her peers. Patrina auditioned for and was selected for a part in the play, "Tuxedo Junction" however, due to script changes, and older child was recruited for the part. Patrina is quite excited about her new role as the Sickle Cell Poster Child and intends to make this on of the best years of her life.

The North Central Alabama Sickle Cell Foundation, Inc. and its Executive Director, Sharon Lewis, chose Patrina as their entry for the National Sickle Cell Poster Child for 1992-93. Ms. Lewis is delighted with Patrina's selection and vows to assist the National Sickle Cell office in making this a memorable year for Patrina Laquis Davis. Patrina will be featured on the National Sickle Cell Poster; she will make personal appearances throughout the year, she will do a National Public Service Announcement; and, she will represent the organization at events as requested.

For more information about the 1992-93 Sickle Cell Poster Child or if you want information about sickle cell disease, please call 1-800-421-8453

New Bandages For People Of Color

Multiskins International has introduced "Multiskins" (TM), a new line of adhesive bandages that are specifically designed for people of color. Available in boxes of 30 brown strips, Multiskins blends more naturally with darker skin tones than any other first-aid bandage. Multiskins are sterile, have non-stick pads and are made in the United States. They are being sold at prices that are comparable to other adhesive bandages.

According to Amy Bryant, vice president of marketing, "Multiskins was developed to satisfy the needs of people of color who, until now, have been forced to wear bandages that were not designed for their skin tones. Multiskins, unlike other bandages, provides significant cosmetic benefits by allowing people of color to use a bandage that more closely matches their skin. We believe that Multiskins is an

exciting new item that will fill a void in the marketplace for such ethnically sensitive products."

Multiskins are currently available in several national drug store chains and wider distribution will be available soon. The company is also developing Multiskins in a broader variety of shades and sizes. "While the present bandage is appropriate for most people with darker skin, we want to fulfill the needs of as many people as possible," said Ms. Bryant. A light brown bandage is expected to be ready for distribution by the end of September.

Ms. Bryant also indicated that a promotional campaign was underway to introduce the bandages. "We know from our market research that there is a large demand for Multiskins; we just have to let people know that there is a more appropriate choice for their first-aid needs."

Gordly Sponsors parents Resource Fair; Saturday Event Bring parents And Programs Together

District 19 State Representative Avel Gordly will host a Parents Resource Fair Saturday from 11 a to 2 p.m. at Beaumont Middle School. The Fair will allow parents the opportunity to meet with representatives of a wide range of school-based and community programs available to our youth.

"It's rare that parents have the opportunity to see a number of these organizations under the same roof," said Gordly. "I want to let parents know what resources are out there as this new school year begin we can make sure their children are receiving every opportunity available."

Local services and programs in-

cluded include after school activities, parent support groups, cultural programs, family services, recreational activities, tutorial services, education programs, child care service public safety activities and back to school health and medical services.

"The best way we as parents can help our kids is to give them the tools, the guidance and the opportunity to make the right choices," said Gordly. "This Parents Resource Fair seeks to provide parents with some of those tools."

For more information, please contact Representative Gordly at 287-6843.

Young Professional Host Talk On "Career Development Through Quality Management"

"Career Development Through Total Quality Management" is the subject of a workshop to be presented by quality expert Lafayette Howell on Thursday, September 17th at 6 p.m. at the State Office Building, 800 N.E. Oregon St., Room 120C. The event is sponsored by the Urban League Young Professionals. Admission is \$2 for Young Professional members, \$3 for non-members.

Mr. Howell is responsible for training and implementation of total quality management for Consolidated Freightways, Inc. in Portland. He has trained more than 1,500 people in total quality management principles, which can be applied to any business.

The Urban League Young Professionals is an auxiliary of the Urban League of Portland created to provide a forum for networking, professional development and community service. For information contact 280-2600.

Local Teacher Helps Develop Award-Winning Workshop

Mr. Steve Carlson, Science Specialist for Portland Public Schools and an educational advisor to Northwest Natural Gas Company helped develop the company's award-winning educator's workshop on environmental issues. The program, "Environmental Issues Awareness," received the American Gas Association's Award of Merit, Education Category. More than 130 programs were entered in this year's public relations programs competition.

The award was presented at the American Gas Association's 1992 Communications Conference in Seattle this summer. Sixteen natural gas companies received Communications Achievement Awards from the association for their public relations programs during 1992.

Second Annual "Taste Of New Orleans" Reception During The Congressional Black Caucus Weekend In Washington, DC

On September 24, 1992, the Greater New Orleans Black Tourism Network will hold its second annual "Taste of New Orleans" reception during the 22nd Annual Congressional Black Caucus Legislative Weekend in Washington, DC. This event will be hosted by Congressman William "Bill" Jefferson and the Greater New Orleans Black Tourism Network, in cooperation with R Security, al Copeland Enterprises, New Orleans Tribune, and The Praline Connection.

This reception will host members of the National Congressional Black Caucus, as well as many national organizations attending the legislative conference.

This year's reception will be held in the Corner Stone Lounge at the Washington, DC Convention Center, 900 West Ninth Street NW, from 3 - 5PM. Attendees will sample authentic New Orleans food, dance to the sounds of New Orleans music, and toast with authentic New Orleans Hurricanes and Dixie Beer.

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Hepatitis B Vaccinations Urged For Oregon Newborns Immunizations Available At County Health Departments

Oregon infants born on or after April 15, 1992, will be eligible to receive hepatitis B vaccinations from local county health departments as part of a prevention strategy designed to control the spread of hepatitis B, according to David Fleming, M.D., state epidemiologist at the Oregon Health Division. A reasonable fee may be charged for the immunizations, but no one will be refused vaccine for an inability to pay.

"Early immunization is a vital part of our efforts to combat hepatitis B," said Dr. Fleming. "Early vaccination virtually eliminates the chance a child will become a carrier and unknowingly pass the disease on to others during adolescence and adulthood. In addition, preventing transmission of the disease during early childhood is important because of the high likelihood of chronic infection and chronic liver disease that occurs when young children become infected."

Hepatitis B is a liver disease that is spread primarily through blood and sexual contact. It differs from hepatitis

A, which is spread through contaminated food and water. No vaccine is available currently for hepatitis A. The Health Division, along with the Oregon Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Oregon Hospital Association, Kaiser Permanente Northwest, and the Oregon Conference of Local Health Officials, is recommending that each newborn follow a three-stage immunization plan to protect against hepatitis B. The plan calls for each baby to receive its first hepatitis B vaccination before leaving the hospital, its second dose at age one to two months, and its third dose at age six months.

"The vaccination schedule we are recommending is very cost-effective," said Dr. Fleming. "Immunizing an infant costs one-fourth as much as immunizing an adult. While the hepatitis B vaccine is also considered beneficial for older children and adolescent, our highest priority is infants. We strongly recommend that parents try to obtain hepatitis B immunization for older children through their own health care pro-

viders." The Health Division's new effort was prompted by a recent advisory from the Immunization Practices Advisory Committee of the federal Centers for Disease Control. The committee noted that hepatitis B cases increased 37 percent nationally between 1979 and 1989. In 1991, the Health Division reported 303 hepatitis B cases in Oregon, a rate of 10.3 cases per thousand.

"The recommended schedule for hepatitis B immunizations is consistent with our goal of ensuring all children are adequately immunized by their second birthday," said Dr. Fleming. The Oregon Benchmarks, a series of measurable objectives adopted by the 1991 Oregon Legislature, call for increasing the percentage of Oregon two-year-olds who are adequately immunized against communicable diseases to 78 percent by the year 1995, 90 percent by the year 2000, and 98 percent by the year 2010. Health Division officials estimated that only 63 percent of Oregon two-year-olds were adequately immunized in 1990.

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Notice of Intent

The Oregon Department of Transportation, Environmental Section, is seeking statements of qualifications from qualified consultants to analyze and document archeological, cultural, and/or historic impacts of selected transportation projects.

The selected consultant(s) will enter into a flexible services contract, and will be assigned work on a project-by-project basis. If you are interested in being considered, a Request for Qualifications can be obtained by calling or writing the Program Section, 307 Transportation Building, Salem, OR 97310; telephone (503)378-6563.

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