

Health

The Color Of Health: Part III

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Last week I quoted Dr. David T. Wasserman, a legal scholar at the University of Maryland, "The United States is planning a large-scale program to screen black children and treat them with drugs." An increasingly larger section of the national press, both black and white, agrees with him. Include in that group even the very conservative (but reputable) "Scientific American magazine".

Speaking of "conservative", we note which formerly loud voices in protest against this sort of thing are now strangely silent. This comes to mind as we scan key black newspapers around the country for signs of alarm. The signs are there alright, but increasingly mounted by white dissidents, not blacks--especially not by traditional, old line black organizations from whom one would expect a vigorous protest. And certainly not forthcoming from those no-longer-young, charismatic "Black Revolutionaries" of the 1970s.

An African American newspaper from the Washington, D.C. area had a letter-to-the-editor from a woman who suggested this falls in line with that old adage, "There is on one more conservative than a revolutionary grown old!" She further suggested that those astronomical college costs for educating their children are kicking them hard in the behind like the rest of us--and that in the same down-to-earth, if ironic sense, they are not about to jeopardize those good, conservative jobs by making "ole massa" too angry. They want to keep those attache cases, beepers and cellular phones, not to mention travel vouch-

ers. It was also advanced that "some are so far into bed with the FBI, it is too late for them to wriggle", a position resulting from an anticipation of large urban grants from the new administration to support "Community Policing" and other substantial establishment presence in black communities across the nation. This new unquestioning trust seems to boggle the mind as one recalls Edgar J. Hoover's vicious COINTELPRO program. As the congressional record reveals, both white and black FBI agents used this cover to wiretap, frame, slander and other wise harass civil rights workers and other "dissidents" across the nation. And some say this organization procured the assassination of Rev. King.

In any case, your best present source for reliable and factual information on the "who and how" of this reprehensible drugging of minority children and youth is the "Citizens Commission On Human Rights: (CCHR), a group formed by the Church of Scientology in 1969; "They prey on black children because these psychiatrists, educators and criminologists view the black community as an easy target." Again, the game is all about money, many tens of millions to support these "witch doctors" as I have detailed in this series--almost all coming from the nations top health agency while run by black Dr. Louis Sullivan. In Portland, concerned parents should call CCHR at (503)228-3279 about their children.

I am absolutely delighted that the people I've polled at my favorite medical center, Providence, have consistently over the years where I've devel-

oped youth programs there, unequivocally opposed the use of "behavior control" drugs on children whether in schools or in the community. We are about developing minds, not destroying them with "Ritalin or Prozac". I know that I promised to write about their use in the Portland School District but I had some things to work out with my lawyer. In the meantime I would certainly appreciate any letters or phone calls from parents or teachers who have relevant information.

One thing we notice about this great rush to establish a genetic basis for crime is the same type of idiocy that accompanied the hysterical attempts to "repeat" room temperature fusion experiments. The "first" experiment never happened, but greedy and fame-hungry scientists with more degrees than a thermometer rushed in where the most reckless of angels fear to tread--dreaming of "Nobel Prizes" or, at the very least, big grant money and university support. In the same manner our erudite medical scientists, educators and criminologists have completely ignored common sense (or morality) with their gene-happy antics.

A well-rounded idiot could perceive that a "crime" is an arbitrary and subjective concept, differing from culture to culture and from age to age. It may be one thing in a "hunting and gathering society" and something else in an industrial age. Laughing at a religious icon may bring capital punishment in one society and tongue-wagging in another. Now, how are the genes to know in which society their bearer is operating? (continued next week.)

OHSU'S Nursing & Medical Schools Ranked Among The Best

Graduate nursing programs at Oregon Health Sciences University are among the country's best, according to a new ranking by U.S. News & World Report. The report appears in the March 22 issue.

According to the survey, OHSU's nursing school ranked seventh nationally. Receiving top honors were the University of Washington, the University of Pennsylvania and the University of California at San Francisco.

The rankings were determined by questionnaires sent to deans and administrators at nursing schools that offer baccalaureate and master's degrees. The magazine asked respon-

dents to rank institutions based on reputation for their scholarship, curriculum, and quality of faculty and graduate students. The survey was conducted and compiled by the Washington office of Market Facts Inc.

"The ranking demonstrates the hard work and dedication our faculty has put into research, post-graduate education, curriculum revisions and support for graduate learning experiences," said Carol Linderman, dean of the School of Nursing. "I don't think there's another school in the country that has brought about change so quickly. It's spectacular to be recognized with this honor."

In addition to OHSU's Portland

and La Grande campuses, the School of Nursing is integrating state system higher education nursing programs in Klamath Falls and Ashland. The school also operates the rural Frontier Delivery Program in Enterprise, Baker City, John Day, Burns and Lakeview; the Rotating Master's Degree Program in Eugene, Medford and La Grande; the RN/BS Educational Advancement Program in Salem, Albany, Newport and Eugene with additional sites planned for 1993 in Coos Bay, Roseburg and The Dalles; and the Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program in La Grande and Klamath Falls.

Buck Medical Services Brings Health & Safety Focus To 1993 Children's Fair

Buck Medical Services announced their sponsorship of the 1993 Children's Fair. A tradition for many northwest families, Children's Fair features a variety of exhibitor booths, entertainment states, learning environments, parent parks, arts areas and recreational exhibits to educate and delight youngsters and parents alike.

New to Children's Fair this year is the creation of theme areas, focusing on health and safety, science and technology, arts and entertainment, earth and environment, and sports and fitness. Buck Medical Services sponsors the Health & Safety Area and offers a wealth of intriguing and educational displays and demonstrations.

A Buck Medical Services ambu-

lance will be on-site to familiarize children with the vehicle and emergency medical procedures. In addition, CPR classes for children will be held daily during the Fair. Barney Buck, an automated mini-medical vehicle, will delight the younger children, milling around the Buck Medical Health & Safety Area and quizzing kids on 911 emergency calling. Stickers and coloring pages will also be distributed in the area.

According to Erin Forell, public affairs director for Buck Medical, the company's step up to sponsorship of the Fair reinforces their commitment to the community and to children. "It's very important that children understand the basics of EMS. Our goal

is to teach quick action response in emergency medical situations," said Forell.

founded in 1977, is based on the philosophy that children learn best through discovery. Each exhibit booth at the Fair offers a hands-on, educational activity for children to explore and learn at their own pace.

The event is scheduled to be held March 26-28 at the Portland Expo Center. For operating hours and other information, contact the Children's Fair office at 257-3301.

Buck Medical Services is the Pacific Northwest hub for Boston, Massachusetts-based American Medical Response (AMR). Buck Medical has been a part of the Portland metropolitan community since 1913.

Last Week The Article, *To Your Better Health*, was written by Ray Eaglin. A series of Articles will follow in the coming weeks.

How Asphalt Improves Board Sailing



The wind has been good for Gorge economics. It's been boom times for Hood River, thanks to 10,000 boardheads and their multitude of fans. Trouble is, where do they all stand when they bring their sails to land?

City officials have a keen interest in the sporting crowd. So they schemed and planned, then called about Oregon Lottery funds for port improvements. Board enthusiasts may not have understood the techni-

cal jargon, but they sure appreciated seeing what it meant. A way bigger parking lot, more beach, and... yes, a new building with excellent rest rooms and food concessions. All told, a \$600,000 project, about a third of it paid for by Lottery dollars.

And why not? Board sailing has brought the big time to a small town. For that they should be rewarded. The Oregon Lottery is just happy that where there was a wind, there was a way.



It Does Good Things

Ball Elementary Launches Accelerated Schools Program

Ball Elementary School celebrated the launching of its Accelerated Schools program. "It Takes a Whole Village to Raise a Child" was the theme of the event, which featured students burying a time capsule and a live pigeon release.

As part of the implementation of the Accelerated schools program, students, staff and parents recently created a new vision for the school that serves as the focus for future school improvement efforts. The vision is that "Our John Ball community honors diversity and challenges our students to succeed."

As one of three Accelerated Schools in the Portland School District, Ball uses Stanford professor Hank Levin's model for increasing learning among at-risk students. Accelerated Schools take a non-traditional approach to educating students who might formerly have been labeled "slow learners." Accelerated Schools have high expectations for all students and set deadlines for helping students excel. The program com-



bines relevant curriculum, powerful and diverse instructional techniques and creative school organization to

accelerate student progress. Clarendon and Sitton elementary schools also are Accelerated Schools.

Inner City Blues Festival-April 14

The Portland Rainbow Coalition is hosting the Fourth Annual Inner City Blues Festival on Wednesday April 14, 6:30 - 11:00 p.m. at the Texas 2 Restaurant and Lounge, 1708 N. E. Alberta.

This years event "Power And The Femmes Fatales" will feature the popular Paulette and Power Band and an impressive line-up of women artists. The Power Band consists of Sonny Hess on lead guitar, John Morrow on saxophone, Timmer Blakely on bass, and Boyd Martin on drums. Janice Scroggins, award winning keyboard artist, will join the band for the evening. The Femmes Fatales will be a stellar cast of local front women currently in working bands. Included are Paulette Davis, Linda Hornbuckle, Marianne Mayfield, Myrtle Brown, Kita Montgomery, and special guest artist, the Million Dollar Grandma, Mary Lockridge.

In addition to the fabulous Femmes Fatales, there will be a variety of Portland's best musicians per-

forming in exciting, rarely seen combinations. Guest artists will include award winning artists Peter Dammann of the No Delay Band and Jim Mesi of the Jim Mesi Band. There will also be a set with the recently re-formed Coupe De Ville featuring Brenda Cooper.

The master of ceremonies for the evening will be Paul Knauls, former owner of the Cotton Club and Geneva's.

Tickets are \$8.00 advance, \$10.00 at the door and may be purchased from Music Millennium, Jump Jump Music, Texas 2, or from members of the Portland Rainbow Coalition. A beans and rice entree will be provided with the price of admission and BBQ dinners will be available for sale by Texas 2.

Due to OLCC regulations no minors will be allowed.

Proceeds from the event will go to promote the ongoing activities of the Portland Rainbow Coalition.

For further information contact Jan Mihara at 232-7206.



Happy Birthday to our loving Freida Murray from your family!!

A MESSAGE BY THE COUNCIL ON FAMILY HEALTH AND THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION.
DIRECTIONS: Cough syrup won't help a cough. Antacid won't soothe an upset stomach. Unless you take them the way they're supposed to be taken. So read the medicine label. After all, drug companies don't write labels for their health.