

Fifth Grader At Kenton Elementary Is Thankful For Awards



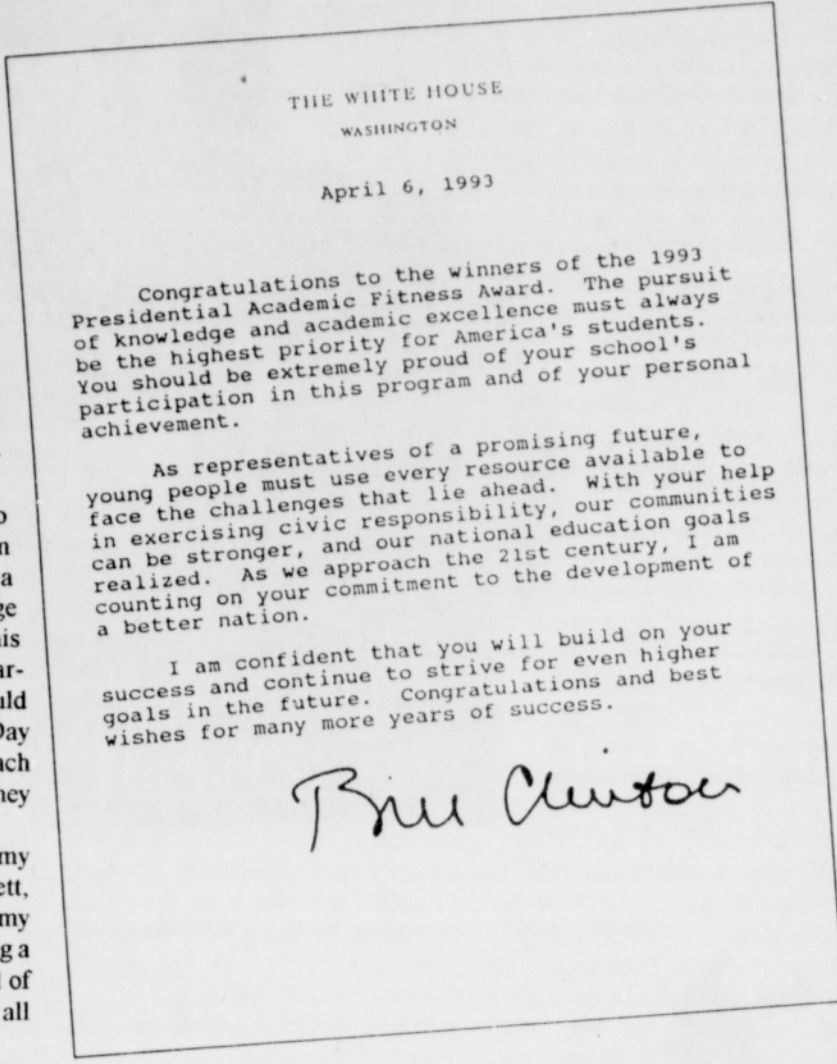
Tiffany James is eleven years old, born here in Portland Oregon. She has had a GPA of 3.0 for the last two years.

First I'd like to thank God who's the head of my life because He's the one who made it possible for the awards that I have received. I earned my awards by praying and asking God to be my helper and believing in myself that I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

My long term goal is to go to heaven and my short term goal is to be a judge not just a judge, but a God fearing judge so that I will be able to help this community to become God fearing successful people. I would also like to have a Christian Day Care Center, so that I can teach children about God while they are young.

I would like to give my mother, Lisa Lafaye Duckett, thanks for supporting me, and my teacher Mrs. Placenia for being a good christian teacher and all of the staff at Kenton School and all of my family.

Thanks, Tiffany James



Do Black Organizations Need Courses In Reading, Writing And Arithmetic?

by Professor McKinley Burt

One would think so according to the calls I've been receiving from readers--and from an inspection of articles appearing in the national black press. Last year I wrote that no longer would I continue as a member of or join any new African American group that did not have enough respect for its members to provide a timely financial statement (even when the law requires it).

Well, I held off thinking to give some of them time to respond to my not-so-subtle hint. Forget it! July, 1993 is at hand and there have been no such statements, reports or acknowledgements yet (except for fundraisers, of course). Now, we could pass this all off as a 'learning game' or a good plot for a comic opera--except that the entire situation is more at a tragedy rather than Comedy Store material. The economic and cultural scene for African Americans in many areas has fallen to bare survival levels.

There have been some acid comments from these quarters and from national columnists in respect to the number of college graduates on the staffs of many of these organizations. Apparently, there is no direct correlation between education and administrative abilities. We knew that already--remember the term "mother wit"--but then hopes springs eternal in the heart of the naive, or something like that. And besides, we spent all that time, money and sacrifice getting

these last two generations all them Degrees. Payback time?

The truth of the matter is that without commitment and a sense of ethical conduct, there will be no productive civic activity or commendable social interaction. Nothing will mitigate against the contempt some seem to have for their peers, brethren and associates. Perhaps we come down too hard, but many of the readers say that they are so exasperated to be treated almost like fools by smooth talking media fixtures who in an "Information Age" seem incapable of either practicing the art or employing the related machines in an effective manner; "We've supplied them the monies".

I understand folks, believe me. In just the last two weeks there have been some real weird reports like, "Most of our group are business people (?) and we've put on several affairs to raise money for youth activities. We have 'books', and account for all monies the treasury receives. However, different people get the tickets printed and there is no record of consecutive ticket numbers and to whom they were issued". There are many situations like this where there may be no "mysterious disappearance" or larceny; just inept nonsense. Hardly inspires confidence.

But these are the 'little' people. From across the nation there are reports, or at least accusations against

some 'name' organizations of misfeasance and malfeasance. Again, a lot of this derives not from crimes or deliberate embezzlement, but from failure to carry out standard business procedures. I have said before that some of the "retreat, travel and seminar money ought to be spent on bookkeeping and management classes".

There are other deficiencies one should not expect to find during an age of "information explosion" and certainly not among those claiming to have a social commitment. What about those detailed yearly statements of receipts and expenditures that the government requires non-profit corporations to publish and/or have on hand. If this had been done we would know things like "The American Civil Liberties Union (A.L.C.U.) has been getting money from the "Tobacco Company Lobbyists" who have been employing former Bush administration officials to purchase votes against Tobacco advertising prohibition in Asian and African Countries (CNN & C-Span). What about America.

And what about your personal finances. I've put my lawyers on two local groups who have put my name on grant applications where they received monies and I have had no information before or after the fact. Better check out your friends. I want mine or a seat in one of those pretty foreign cars they drive. How about a couple of gold chains?

Gifford Pinchot National Forest Joined Local Groups And Sponsored Minority Youth Camp Out

National fishing week is an annual celebration designed to introduce people to joys of recreational fishing and increase public awareness of conservation of our fisheries resources. Gifford Pinchot National Forest employees joined forces with the NAACP, Willamette River Blacks in Government, Vancouver Trout Unlimited, Wind River Inn in Carson, and other local groups to provide urban minority youths with a unique opportunity. On Friday, June 11, 1993, about 30 inner-city youngsters and their chaperons camped out overnight in the Beaver Campground. The group also attended the Wind River Fishing Education Day held at Bass Lake near Bonneville Locks and Dam, the following day. Last year, 24 youths attended the camp-out and clinic. The camp out proved to be a success and

we decided to make this an annual event.

"As an African American female, a mother, and a Forest Service employee I knew this would be a wonderful way to introduce urban minority youths to the recreational opportunities that exist in the National Forest", said Carmen Saunders, public affairs specialist in the Wind River Ranger District. Last year we wanted to increase participation of non-traditional youngsters. We contacted Earl Ford, ecosystem staff officer in Vancouver and the rest is history..."

During the camp-out the youngsters spent the evening learning camp setup and environmental ethics such as: keep the forest clean, don't litter, the importance of clean water, and proper ways to build a camp fire.

"This was a great opportunity for

the Forest Service to provide a recreational alternative for our children that may stimulate them to consider careers in the natural resources", said Ford.

Ford also noted that they had a tremendous outpouring of support from groups such as Trout Unlimited who donated funds, caps, and other goodies. Wind River Inn in Carson, Washington; who provided fish and burgers for dinner, and the Northwest Land Management who provided the campsite, "I'm thrilled and overwhelmed with the responses from the communities", said Ford.

"Our clubs intend to be leaders in youth issues and we're proud to support NAACP efforts to share the joy of fishing to inner-city youngsters", said Jim Derry, Trout Unlimited.

Temple Treasures Garage Sale, July 10th & 11th

Attention all bargain hunters! It's a once in a lifetime gigantic garage sale July 10th and 11th, when the Portland Art Museum cleans house and puts up for sale 100 years of accumulated treasures and assorted good stuff. Find out what's been hiding in all those nooks and crannies in the Museum's North Wing, formerly the Masonic Temple. Items range from unique furniture pieces to dishes, of-

ice items to posters to (truly) the kitchen sink.

Muriel Walsh (estate sale professional) will price, display and sell all of the items. Food and beverages from the Broadway Revue will be available, and if live music will entertain you throughout the day. Any purchase of \$20 or more, receive a complimentary frameable art poster. Those who purchase a Portland Art Museum Family

Membership during the two day sale will receive a \$5 discount off the membership price. And receive a Russo poster with purchase of a Centennial Membership.

The sale will take place in the North Wing Grand Ballroom, 1119 SW Park Ave, Saturday, July 10th from 10am to 3pm and Sunday, July 11th from noon to 3pm.

Watch Ice Melt And Win Two Tickets On United Airlines

On Thursday, July 8 at Washington Square there will be a Square Too MeltDown at Square Too.

When will it drop? Who will guess the exact day, hour, minute and second? Where in the continental United States will the winner go? Find out the answers to these sizzling questions at the Square Too MeltDown!

The winner will receive two tickets on United Airlines. All you have to do is guess when a 150 pound block of ice, with a model airplane frozen inside, will melt enough to drop through a hole in the table on which it sits. This is your chance to go somewhere really hot with someone really cool. Entry deadline is Saturday, July 10 at noon

Employment Office Opens In Rogue Valley Mall

The Medford office of the state Employment Division announced the opening of an outreach office in the Rogue Valley Mall. The office is being run in cooperation with the Jackson-Josephine job Council, Rogue Community College, Southern Oregon State College, and the Rogue Valley Memorial Hospital. Customers may receive information on unemployment benefits and help in obtaining employment 10am to 3pm. Monday through Thursday, and 10am to 7pm on Fridays. Contact: Jean Work, 776-6060.

New JSEC Coordinator Hired

The employment Division has announced the hiring of Romulo "Ruma" Perez as the agency's new Job Service Employer Committee (JSEC) Coordinator. Perez previously held the post of executive director of Centro Cultural, a non-profit community organization in Hillsboro, and several positions with U.S. Bank. JSEC is a statewide organization made up of private employers who serve in an advisory capacity for the division. Perez will begin his duties on June 28. Contact: Michelle Kennedy, 378-3216.

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