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The Portland Observer

"I Have A Dream": Eighth Graders Go To College



Twenty-seven "I Have A Dream" eighth grade students from the Class I Project, left for a three week college experience at Whitman College on July 12th with their project coordinator Ada Reed-Tellis.

Dreamer participants were representatives of H.B. Lee, Ockley Green,

Whitaker, Beaumont and Tubman Middle Schools. Classes included Language Arts, Writing, Science and

Studio Art, taught by faculty of Whitman College and Portland Public Schools.

The project, is funded by Meyer Memorial Trust and Whitman College. Both Whitman College and the

IHad Foundation of Portland anticipate that the project will become an ongoing partnership and that the Summer

program will eventually serve as a model for similar effort around the country.

Celebrate Diversity

Oregon Association Of Minority Entrepreneurs

The Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs (OAME) will hold its monthly "Coffee and Issues" forum Friday, July 30, 1993, 7am to 8am at OAME/Cascade Plaza, 4134 N. Vancouver. The featured speaker will be Lina Garcia-Seabold from Tri-Met, discussing "Minority Utilization on the Westside Light Rail." The public is welcome. OAME will also unveil its 1993 Minority Business Directory. 249-7744.

Open House

Saturday, July 24, 1993 12:00 to 3:00 pm

Please join us as we celebrate our thirteenth year of serving the number one resource in our community, the children.

Our Open House will provide you, our supporters, an opportunity to meet Mariah Taylor, the woman whose dedication makes our organization possible. It will also give us an opportunity to thank you personally for your continued support.

Your \$20 tax-deductible donation, or any donation you can make, will provide desperately needed services to the homeless and medically indigent children in the Portland Metropolitan area.

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Boorstin Denounces Hyphenated Americans

(Historian Stresses Importance of Fostering a Sense of Community Among All Americans; Opposes Bilingual Education)

Denouncing the notion of a hyphenated American as "un-American," Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Daniel J. Boorstin declared, "I object to the belief that it is more important that we belong to some particular small group than to the human race."

In an interview to be published this Sunday in "Parade" magazine, Boorstin declared, "I believe there are only Americans. Polish-Americans, Italian-Americans or African-Americans are an emphasis that is not fertile." "There has been so much emphasis recently on the diversity of our peoples," he added. "I think it's time that we reaffirmed the fact that what has built our country is community and that community is not dependent on government. It's dependent on the willingness of people to build together."

Stressing the importance of this sense of community, Boorstin said, "The menace to America today is in the emphasis on what separates us rather than on what brings us together—the separations of race, of religious dogma, of religious practice, of origins, of language."

Asked about attempts to introduce bilingualism to American schools, Boorstin said, "I am against imposing language uniformity by law. Bilingual teaching tends to restrict opportunities for the very people who need the opportunity to enter the mainstream of American life."

"Broken English (is) perhaps the only thoroughly American language,"

he added. "If we had a native American language, we might have been more chauvinistic about it. But we have an imported language along with a population of imported people."

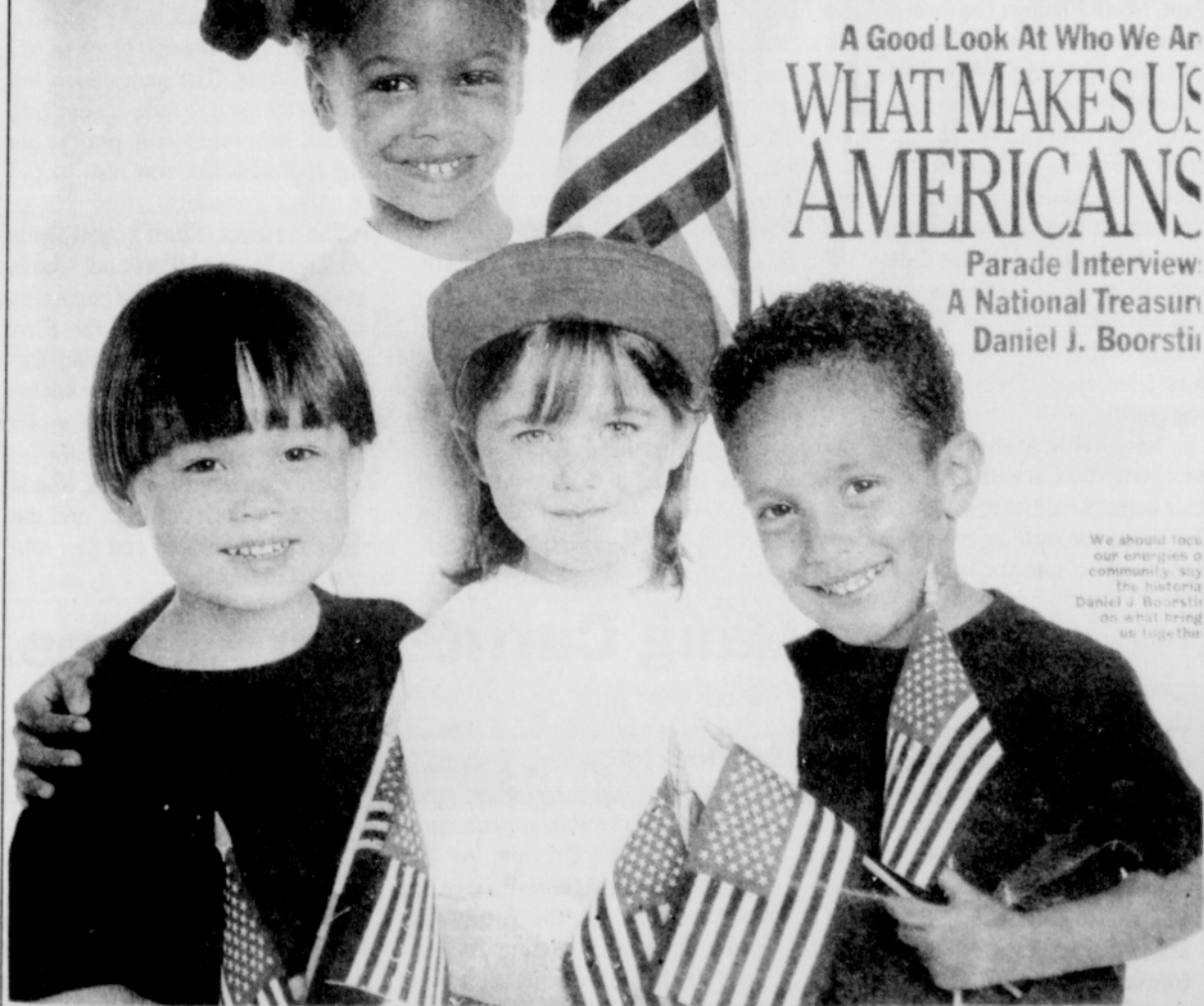
The son of a Russian immigrant, Boorstin said that immigration is an important feature of the American tradition and urged that we should continue to find ways to accommodate and provide opportunities for people from everywhere.

Discussing slavery and racism, Boorstin said we must put both into a broader historical perspective. He emphasized that while America's "only civil war" was fought partly to preserve the Union, it also was fought against slavery. "I think Americans continue to have a deep sense of guilt over the inheritance of the institution of slavery," he said. "But that guilt should not be embodied in our current institutions. We must give everybody a fresh start and not try to compensate for past injustices by creating present injustices."

"For us to try to crawl back into our roots would be a great mistake," he added. "I think we should seize this opportunity of sharing a great tradition. That is why I'd be wary of attempts to create ethnic ghettos. It's an abomination. We must try to come together and learn to share what we are lucky enough to possess."

The author of 20 books on the history of American and world civilization, Boorstin is also Librarian Emeritus of the Library of Congress, a title created especially for him through a special Act of Congress. He had served as Librarian of Congress for 12 years until his retirement in 1987.

PARADE



A Good Look At Who We Are
WHAT MAKES US AMERICANS

Parade Interview:
A National Treasure
Daniel J. Boorstin

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