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The California Affiliate of the American Diabetes Association (ADA) recently honored community leaders at the annual Community Leaders Breakfast in Los Angeles. The event recognized local leaders for their outstanding support of the "Black Church Diabetes Education Program." Among the participants from left are: Jasper Fullard, M.D., president of the Black Health Care Coalition in Kansas City and National Chair of Cultural Diversity for the ADA; actress LaWanda Page, "Aunt Esther" on the hit television series "Sanford and Son" and KCBS-TV talk-show host Truman Jacques, who served as master of ceremonies. Fullard delivered the keynote address and spoke about the impact of diabetes on the African American community nationwide.

From Oregon To Japan

OKI America Offers Local Students The Summer Of Their Lives
For the fourth consecutive year, OKI America, Inc. (OAI) offers local Oregon students a six week summer scholarship program to Japan through the Youth for Understanding (YFU) International Exchange. The scholarship is open to students living in the local operating commu-

nities of OAI and its Group companies. OKI Semiconductor Manufacturing Division in Tualatin is the local participant in this program.

To receive an application or information about the program, call YFU at 1-800-673-2728. Due to unprecedented interest, the original application deadline has been extended and YFU is now accepting

applications postmarked on or before January 6, 1995. Scholarship winners will be announced in April 1995. Last year, two students from West Linn won the scholarship. To request an interview with one of these local students, contact Erica Fishlin at 212/546-1208.

Federal Benefits For Veterans And Dependents

The 1994 edition of one of the Government's most popular publications entitled Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents is now available to all Veterans and their Dependents. Eligibility requirements, the important timetable for benefits, and where and how to apply for benefits are described in detail.

The location of all Veterans Administration National Cemeteries is also provided along with important information on burial, burial flags, and Presidential Memorial Certificates.

Other topics of interest to Veterans including discharge records, medals and awards, correction of military records, and the new U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals are described.

The new 1994 edition of Federal Benefits for Veteran and Dependents is a must for all Veterans and their Dependents. This popular handbook may be of particular interest to recent Desert Storm and Somalia Veterans. To Order: Send a check for \$8.95 payable to Federal Reprints to: Federal Reprints, PO Box 70268, Washington, DC 20024.

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A SWEET FAMILY AFFAIR



Pictured (left to right), with Dr. Height (center) are the following NutraSweet representatives: Lynn Polite, manager, Marketing Research; Jasper Tanner, marketing director, Diverse Marketing; Randy Jackson, vice president, Retail Sales; Kim Clay, manager, Diverse Marketing; and Grace Wilson, R.D., national health spokesperson.

Representatives from The NutraSweet Company travelled to the nation's capitol for the National Council of Negro Women's (NCNW) 1994 Black Family Reunion Celebration (BFRC). In its ninth year, the event serves as a vehicle to promote unity and strength within the Black family through public

forums, open markets and entertainment activities for all ages.

This year, The NutraSweet Company's support of the event included sponsoring the Family Values Pavilion, which featured fashion shows, musical entertainment and motivational speakers; and co-sponsoring the Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast, where attendees were treated to

gospel singing and inspirational remarks by Dr. Dorothy I. Height, president and founder of NCNW.

Equal Sweetener, Equal Measure Sweetener, NutraSweet Company, headquartered in Deerfield, Illinois. The NutraSweet Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Monsanto Company.

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fundraising environment in which we function."

As Vice President of Development, Dr. Buford will oversee the entire development operation, including corporate and foundation solicitation, individual giving, and fundraising events such as the Equal Opportunity Day Dinner.

At the UNCF, Mrs. Buford was responsible for day-to-day administration, as well as the development and implementation of campaign strategies for the organization's \$250 million drive.

Her duties included supervising

the major campaign units focused on corporate, foundations, regional and leading citizens and she also worked closely with board members, the board chair and CEO in every facet of the campaign.

Dr. Buford received a B.A. in English from Texas College, an M.S. in Education from the University of Kansas and a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from the same institution.

In the mid-60's Dr. Buford

worked as employment counselor for the Kansas City Urban League.

Founded in 1910, the National Urban League is a nonprofit social service and civil rights organization headquartered in New York City, with 113 local affiliates in 34 states and the District of Columbia. The mission of the national Urban League is to assist African Americans in the achievement of social and economic equality.

The Portland Observer celebrates Twenty-five years beginning Jan. 11, 1995 with our Martin Luther King Jr. edition.

Community News

for North/Northeast Portland

Lessons From Los Angeles, Did We Learn Anything?

By Prof. McKinley Burt

I'm happy to report that my two most recent series of articles produced more phone calls than almost any since those on AIDS: "The Bell Curve" (I.Q.) and "Keys To The Universe" (career/business experiences in the City of Angeles). In my estimation, at least, we deal here with the two most important factors affecting an entire race of people. Education and economics. But some questions must be answered.

That Los Angeles scenario was the stage for those incredible business experiences that still have some readers shaking their heads. Black and white, a number have said, "I

didn't know you knew how to do all that good stuff," and I have replied, there have been some folks quite determined that you should not know. Again, black and white, some still pursue their devious tasks - "blockers." I believe they are called. But rather than dwell on their insecurities and shaky games let us see what practical, programmatic skills and activities can be derived from that commercial experience so many of us had.

First, I would remind you of that "mind-blowing" book from which I quote so often, "Evidence of Progress Among The Colored People," by Richings, 1908 - the

brother who traveled the length and breadth of the country, documenting with interviews, photographs and county records the fantastic accomplishments that African Americans had made by the turn of the century: They had built (and owned) schools, factories, churches, hospitals, nursing homes, orphanages, cosmetic and clothing manufacturing facilities, pharmacies, law offices, you name it! All gone!

No I won't "stop the music," I want to emphasize the point until it hurts, until it hurts enough that African Americans will decide not to ever again waste, squander and dissipate a concentration of genius, wealth, ambition such as was assembled in

Los Angeles. Or the wealth of technology and machines developed by "Black Inventors," documented by the U.S. Patent Office and the Congressional Record.

It brings tears to my eyes when I read the current nonsense, "first black to do this, that or the other." Obvious lies considering the documentation I have cited here. And quite often promulgated by blacks (even educators) who often do not know better, or else feel that the knowledge would be adverse reflection upon their levels of accomplishment - or feel that the truth might provoke inquiry as to their qualifications and preparation to follow in such august footsteps.

Don't laugh, many of us are

frightfully insecure - forget all those degrees in many cases, all those ebony spin-doctors on television, the bombast, the rhetoric. Remember that in most cases it is the "first" college degree in the family; there is nothing Did wrong with ambition, but for the success of a people, much, much more is required. Or else, as in Los Angeles, the talented and gifted but unrestrained, unstructured and undisciplined will be unable to profit beyond instantaneous satisfaction (remember Model Cities). The few "movers and shakers" who still have theirs are gone and the ghetto mass remains, half citizens trying to survive, half gangs and worse.

I can remember when those of us in

my peer group thought we could "get on top of things" - young professionals who believed they were "bigger than the system." For instance, as we cited last week, blacks were unable to get bank loans for any venture which would compete with that genre of business enterprise which hired large number of blacks - these European-owned industries "are the new plantations." Thinking to beat the systems, a number of us went to the big black insurance companies. Nothing there, their capital went to finance new stores and shopping centers in black neighborhoods, for the same families of exploiters. Cinch money! Nobody seems to remember 1908. Nobody seems to want to stop, study and analyze, just ego trip. (To be continued.)

Soccer Coach Arrested For Sex Abuse

Detectives from the Child Abuse Team have arrested a 41 year old southeast Portland man for 3 counts of First Degree Sodomy, and 28 counts of First Degree Sex Abuse in connection with alleged sexual assaults on three juvenile males.

Two of the boys are eleven years old, one is nine. The alleged incidents occurred over the last three years.

Roger Dale Hughes, DOB 12-

08-52, was arrested on 11-25-94, at his residence.

Hughes has been active as a soccer coach in the Irvington/Laurelhurst Park area. Over the past five years, except 1994, he coached the Mighty Mites team in the Portland Youth Soccer League.

Two of the alleged victims were players on the soccer team coached by Hughes. Detectives are also investigating reports the Hughes coached other sports teams in the

past, such as baseball.

The investigation began after parents of one of the children contacted the Child Abuse Hotline on November 21st.

Investigators from the Multnomah County Inter-Agency Multi-Disciplinary Child Abuse Team are concerned that there is a potential that additional children might have been abused.

To facilitate an exchange of information between investigators and

parents of children who may have been at risk, there will be a meeting on December 2nd, 1994 at 7:00 pm at the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office. C.A.T. detectives request that any parent who had a child involved in a sports team coached by Hughes please attend this meeting.

Additional information is available by calling the Child Abuse team at 248-5249, or Detective Dave Rader at 248-5083.

Crime Stoppers Arson

Arson investigators from the Portland Police Bureau, Portland Fire Bureau, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, are asking for your help in identifying and apprehending the person or persons responsible for setting fire to a commercial building.

On Friday, Sept. 23, 1994, at 3:45 a.m., the Portland Fire

Bureau responded to a fire at the Postal Place mail handling service at 11124 NE Halsey St. The fire spread to other businesses in the same complex, and caused severe damage.

Evidence found at the scene, indicates the fire was ignited by incendiary devices, one of which ignited as fire fighters were entering the structure.

Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP.