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The American Experience

U.S. Army General Sherman once said "if we get rid of the buffalo we're rid of the Indians." In less than 50 years, the systematic extermination of the buffalo who once blackened the windswept plains helped white Americans win the desperate struggle over the last unceded territories of a once endless Indian domain. The American Experience presents an encore broadcast of *The Way West*, this month on PBS. Left photo: The Kansas Pacific Railway uses buffalo heads for advertising purposes to encourage people to go west. Right photo: Chief American Horse and the great Oglala war chief Red Cloud.

YMCA Black Achievers Program In Full Swing For Upcoming School Year

"Each One Must Reach One and Teach One," is the motto of the Black Achievers Program (BAP) of the YMCA Columbia-Willamette, and the program is doing just that. After one year of running on a trial basis, the program will kick-off its second year this September.

"Our mission," noted BAP Director Fawn McDaniel, "is to challenge African-American youth to reach their highest potential and achieve greatness." The central purpose of the Black Achievers program is to help African-American high school students set and attain high educational and career goals. To emphasize this, African-Americans who have achieved in the professional world are used as role models. Notes McDaniel, "through this program of one-on-one counseling, training, and exposure to the career world, students will be inspired to reach their highest potential."

The Black Achievers in Industry program was originally founded in 1971 by Dr. Leo B. Marsh and YMCA board member Carrie Terrell at the Harlem Branch YMCA in New York City. The Harlem YMCA sought to achieve its goal by creating a forum to foster an ongoing interaction between Black youth and Black adult role models. Since the success-

ful inauguration of the Harlem program, Black Achievers programs have been initiated in several other cities including Chicago, Washington, D.C., Atlanta, Detroit, Boston, and Louisville, KY. Regardless of the make-up of the individual BA programs, each shares the apparent goal of the first program founded in Harlem -- to help youth set high education and career goals through role models and examples of high achieving adults.

"The Black Achievers programs also attempt to counteract the influences of many of society's ills today -- teenage pregnancy, drug use and poverty," commented Michael Mangum, chair of the Black Achievers steering committee. "BAP give our young people a chance to challenge themselves, set goals for themselves and work toward a positive future."

Of a goal to serve sixty students during the first year, seventy-five Portland-area students were served. The goal, for the 1995-1996 school year is 150. Students from all Portland-area high schools are encouraged to participate. Field trips and tours of corporations, career days, job shadowing, mentoring, and hands-on learning are just some of the activities that Black Achievers

will have the opportunity to experience.

Students have fifteen expectations they must meet in order to be a Black Achiever. Of the fifteen goals, for example, students must stay in school and achieve a high school diploma or G.E.D., increase their G.P.A. by .5, make a verbal and actual commitment to the Program, and formulate career goals and work toward them. By meeting all fifteen cultural, career, and social awareness. In addition, the parents/guardians of the Black Achiever will be strongly encouraged to take an active role in the Program. Since the program will be facilitated through Portland-area schools, interested students should directly contact their high school counselor.

At the heart of the Black Achievers Program is an annual gala event that recognizes the adult Black Achievers from the business and professional community.

The Black Achievers Program of the YMCA Columbia-Willamette will host its recognition banquet on Thursday, September 14, 1995, at the Airport Ramada Inn. Corporations such as Portland General Electric, QG Investments and Bank of America will honor their outstanding employees.

Horizon Air Offers Lower Fall Fares

Horizon Air has announced an airfare sale for travel from all 37 cities it serves throughout Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, California, British Columbia and Alberta.

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Police News

Trend Sees More Arrests Of Juveniles

Arrests of juveniles for violent crimes will more than double over the next 15 years if current trends continue, according to a Justice Department report released Thursday.

The estimate by its Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention was based on arrest data from 1983 through 1992 and a projected 22 percent rise in the nation's youth population.

Attorney General Janet Reno said various steps, including full implementation of last year's anti-crime law, should be taken to stop young delinquents from becoming

career criminals.

Republicans in Congress have threatened to cut or eliminate many of the programs contained in the law.

"This report is a road map to the next generation of crime unless we do something now," Reno, who has long been concerned about escalating youth crime, said in a statement.

The Justice Department said the report represented its first comprehensive compilation of juvenile crime data.

Among other findings, the report said guns had been used in eight

out of ten murders committed by juveniles, and the number of gun-related murders had tripled between 1984 and 1991.

The majority of juvenile murders involved handguns, and youth handgun homicides increased five-fold from 1984 to 1993.

Teenagers were more likely to be victims of violent crime than adults over the age of 25, the report found.

Other studies have shown a clear link between child abuse and neglect and future delinquency and crime committed by an adult.

Corrections Leader Named Top Executive

The director of Multnomah County Community Corrections has been named Probation Executive of the Year by the National Association of Probation Executives and Sam Houston State University.

The award to Tamara Holden was presented last month. Holden is the first woman to receive the award which has been presented annually since 1989.

Holden has served in her current post Multnomah County since 1992. She has worked in the field of corrections for more than 20 years, with previous work in Utah Department of Corrections as director of field



Tamara Holden

operations and warden of the Utah State Prison's South Point facility.

Police Net Heroin, Make Arrest

A one-month investigation involving the distribution of heroin in east Multnomah County has resulted in the arrest of a Gresham man, according to members of the Regional Organized Crime Narcotics Agency and the Gresham Police Department.

Juan Tirando, 35, was arrested Aug. 21 on federal charges of possession with the intent to distribute heroin.

Police said they seized 363 grams of heroin during the search of his residence at 206 S.E. 188th, #33 in Gresham.

Tirando was lodged in the Multnomah County Justice Center. No bail was set.

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