

Another Dam Has Broken: A Flood Of Hidden Black Genius Is Released

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After three decades of determined assault on the gates of academic racism, I have achieved some new and important breakthroughs. I just received the following startling and well-documented revelations in a Fax from Dr. Jon Reynolds, chief archivist for famed Georgetown University in our nations capital, Washington, D.C.

This highly motivating information will be followed on this year with documented accounts of the black nuclear scientists and their dialogue with Einstein, the Dominican origins of John Audubon, the great black naturalist and painter, and Napoleon's 12 black generals who won so many European battles. A thank you to the Vatican Library, the Paris Bibliotheque (Library), and my "fan club" at Cambridge University in England. And the embassy for The Dominican Republic. Watch for my corporate page soon on the World Wide Web.

Patrick Healy Builds A University

On May 22, 1873, Rev. Patrick F. Healy, S.J. was named acting President of Georgetown University, beginning and administration which would forever alter both the physical landscape and the internal structure and dynamism of the institution. The series of photographs on the third and fourth floors of this structure celebrate both the Healy building and the University as Healy left it.

Patrick Healy was born in Georgia February 27, 1834. Since he was of mixed race, his parents sent him to school in the North, where he attended Holy Cross College and where he decided to join the Society of Jesus. He completed his education at Louvain in Belgium; it appears very likely that he was the first Black American to earn the doctorate. (Physics)

Healy was determined to build a

modern university at Georgetown, in spite of a chronic shortage of funds and the inertia of many of his colleagues. At times he expressed his frustrations in the minutes he kept as Prefect of Studies: "...no conclusion was come to and none expected, I presume, by those whose experience has taught them here few things are decreed or executed when decreed." The strain eventually ruined his health, but not before this building was erected and the curriculum revitalized. Healy also established and alumni society, and promoted the development of the Law School, which had been founded while he was serv-

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James, Patrick, Sherwood, and Michael Healy were four remarkable sons from a family of then children born to Michael Morris and Mary Eliza Healy of Jones County, Georgia. Their birthdates were April 6, 1830, February 27, 1834, January 24, 1836, and September 1839, respectively. Michael Healy, the father, was an Irish immigrant who came to America by way of Canada. Successful in land lotteries held in Georgia after the War of 1812, Mr. Healy was able to turn his good fortune into a prosperous cotton plantation on the banks of the Ocmulgee River near Macon, Georgia. Mary Eliza had been a mulatto domestic slave on the plantation of cotton magnate Sam Griswold until Mr. Healy purchased her in 1829. Deeply devoted to her, Michael Healy took Eliza as his wife, despite the fact that the marriage was

technically against the laws of Georgia and that any offspring would be classified legally as slaves.

Considered property by law, Healy's sons were barred from schools in Georgia. Unable to educate his sons properly at home, the family determined to send them North for schooling. Mr. Healy's attempt to escape the stifling Georgia Black Codes was hampered by the shocking amount of bigotry and prejudice displayed to him by Northern school officials. After an exhausting search, he located Quaker School in Flusing, Long Island, willing to accept his three eldest sons.

The educational paths of all four boys eventually converged on the College of the Holy Cross at Worcester, Massachusetts. Here James, Patrick, and Sherwood fully embraced the Catholic faith of their father, who had fallen out of practice because of the lack of Catholics and churches in Georgia at the time of this settlement. These three would later pursue priestly vocations which would stimulate and illustrate their talents for service, compassion, and learning. James would become the first black bishop in the American Catholic Church; Patrick would serve as president and rector of Georgetown University; Sherwood became director of the seminary in Troy, New York, and rector of the Cathedral in Boston. The future Captain Healy was baptized at Holy Cross like his brothers, but would undertake a career in the Revenue Cutter Service, a branch now part of the Coast Guard. Known as "Hell-Roaring Mike," he is still a legendary figure in Alaska and the Coast Guard.

Having been freed from the clutches of legal and overt prejudice by a father of devotion and foresight, the four Healy brothers would take advantage of their opportunities to become important figures in American history as well as the Black heritage of the United States."

Importance Of Knowing Your History And Achievements

Was the theme addressed By Mr. Lawrence Dark, President/CEO of The Portland Urban League who was the featured speaker at the Oregon Association of Colored Women's Clubs Annual Black History Luncheon and Program Saturday, February 24 at The Vancouver Avenue Baptist Church, attended by 200 persons, and the OACWC Girl's Clubs.

Mrs. Lillie M. Raibon served as Mistress of Ceremonies for the program/which included special historical presentations of music, poetry, biographical sketches reflective of the works of Maya Angelou, James Weldon Johnson, Rosa Parks, A Phillip Randolph and original poetry and music by the youth. Special music was provided by Mr. Ernest Hill, III; accompaniment was provided by Mrs. Lillian Whitlow. Ms. Heather Cain is President of "Soldiers of Lith Girls Club", Ms. Kimberly Barney is President of the "Uzuri Girls Club. Ms. Sally Hurst, and Ms. Carrie L. Holliday serve as Youth Club Supervisors. Ms. Queen Ann Deloney is State Supervisor.

Greetings and welcome were extended by Mrs. Layola Brown, Gen-



L-R Lillie Raibon, OACWC 2nd VP, Program Chair Layola Brown, OACWC 1st VP, General Chair, Ways & Means, Lawrence Dark, Guest speaker, Mary, Harrison, President, Oregon Assoc. of Colored Women's Clubs and Kimberly Barney President, Uzuri Girls Club.

al Chair and Mrs. Mary Harrison, OACWC St President. Mrs. Minnie Belle Johnson, OACWC Executive Board Chair, served as Luncheon Chair, which is known for its vast array of unique salads. Other Committee

members included: Ann Holland, Louise Waters, Matthey Iles, Lirlean Anderson, Linnie R. Carter, Mae Rose, Precious Wasson, Mary Brannon, Viola Hoarsley, Betty Stephens, Ethel Waters, Brenda Moon.

Reaching Service Milestone

Volunteers Of America Celebrate Centennial

One hundred years after opening a mission and salvage store in downtown Portland in 1896, Volunteers of America of Oregon today is a diverse human service organization that provides essential programs for children and families, senior citizens, and adults and youth in community corrections.

VOA Oregon will launch its Centennial Celebration with the annual Working Kids Luncheon on Tuesday, March 12 at 11:30 a.m. at the Portland Marriott. The event bridges the business community with tri-county area high school seniors who are recognized for their efforts to beat the odds. Many of these students have overcome personal difficulties to better their lives through service to the community, part-time employment and dedication to staying in school.

Portland Police Chief Charles Moose is serving as Honorary Chair and KOIN-TV's Mike Donahue will emcee the luncheon. Sponsors of the "Working Kids Luncheon" include KOIN-TV, U.S. Bank, US West, Portland General Electric, Bank of California, Fred Meyer, Inc. and NIKE.

The VOA Centennial Celebration will conclude in September, 1996 with the "VOA 100," an event that recognizes 100 outstanding individuals for their exceptional service to the community. A VOA Centennial Celebration Committee is currently working with community leaders to identify the VOA 100. Several scholarship recipients at the Working Kids Luncheon will be among the VOA 100.

Gerald McFadden, President and CEO of Volunteers of America, said, "in honoring the VOA 100, we recognize that their unselfish efforts are essential to making our community a better, safer, more caring place."

The VOA 100 awards celebration will take place at the Portland Center for Performing Arts on September 5th. Special attention will be given to the "Rising Stars," the many younger people in the community who give unstintingly of their time. VOA Board Chair Tricia D. Walker added, "There's a misperception that younger people aren't getting involved. The VOA 100 will help promote awareness of the many individuals in their teens, twenties, and thirties who are volunteering in the arts, hospitals, and schools throughout the metro area."

On March 8, 1896, at a public rally at Cooper Union in New York, the social reformers Ballington and Maude Boothe announced the formation of a new movement, Volunteers of America.

When reporters asked what exactly the organization would do, Ballington Boothe replied: "We will go wherever we are needed and do whatever comes to hand."

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Registration Opens For Slowpitch Softball League

The Vancouver Parks and Recreation Department has opened registration for adult slowpitch softball leagues. Register as at Bagley Center, 4100 Plomondon.

A team sponsor fee of \$350

for doubleheaders or \$175 for single games is due at registration.

Player fees of \$46 for doubleheaders and \$30 for single games is due when the season begins April 15.

There are two categories of Dou-

bleheader Leagues: Weekday Men's and Sunday Coed.

The categories for Single Game Leagues are: Men's and Women's Tuesday Night; Friday Coed and Sunday Coed.

Call 696-8064 for details.

Spring Into Action

The Vancouver Parks and Recreation Department has a variety of spring sports classes for different ages, including:

Youth Basketball for boys and girls ages 4 through 12. Learn basic skills through drills and scrimmages. Positive atmosphere. Class is at Marshall Center, 1009 E. McLoughlin, Saturdays, 9 to 10 a.m., March 2, 9, 23, 30. Fee is \$26 (\$21 for city residents).

Youth Karate for boys and girls ages 5 to 12. Boosts image, confi-

dence and self-esteem. Wear comfortable clothing. Class is at Bagley Center, 4100 Plomondon, Mondays. Beginner class is 6 to 6:45 p.m. Advanced class is 7 to 7:45 p.m. Fee is \$37, (\$33 for city residents).

Motorcycle Riding Skills meets Thursday, March 14 from 6 to 9 p.m., Saturday March 16 and Sunday March 17 from 8 to 5 p.m. Motorcycles are provided. Pass this class and waive the state test. Must be 16 years old. Wear high-top shoes, long-sleeved shirt and long pants. Fee is

\$50.

The Flycasting Series with Dave Morgans, a professional guide and fly tier, will enhance your casting technique and improve your skill. Some flyrods are available. Meet at Portland's Westmoreland Park west of McLoughlin Boulevard, at the fly-casting pond. Class meets Saturdays, March 9 and 16 from 10 a.m. to noon. Fee is \$31 (\$26 for city residents).

for details on these classes call 696-8006.

Guides Wanted For Officers Row

Grant House Folk Art Center is seeking history-loving volunteers to act as docents or guides for visitors to the Officers Row area.

Volunteers will learn the history of Grant House and Officers Row and have fun sharing their knowledge with visitors. They will greet visitors, lead guided tours and answer questions. Volunteers are needed on weekdays and weekends.

Aquarium Installed

A fine new home awaits some native Washington game fish that are to serve as educational ambassadors for life under water.

A custom-designed, 350-gallon aquarium is being installed this week in preparation for the new Water Resources Education Center. The aquarium's contents and mechanical features will help the Water Center accomplish its mission of teaching people to better care for and make wise decisions about water.

The aquarium's design is one-of-a-kind. Four feet high at one

end, the top of the tank cascades down to a height of three feet at the other end. The ten-foot long aquarium is capped off with a wavy lid.

Inside the aquarium, a waterfall will cascade down to the water level, creating a scene common to water sites in the Pacific Northwest. Below the surface, visitors will observe a lower Columbia River ecosystem with native fish species supplied by Fish and Wildlife hatcheries. Because the fish are accustomed to cooler water, the aquarium requires a refrigeration unit that can maintain temperatures as low as 50 degrees.

p.m. Thursday, Feb 29 at the Grant House, 1101 Officers Row. Noted local historian and Vancouver City Council member Pat Jollota will be the guest speaker.

Volunteers can register for training in person or by calling Grant House Gift House Gift Shop, 694-5252, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday or the Office of Heritage Services, 699-5288.

Accessible Housing Class Set For March

Vancouver Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor a class, "Accessible Housing for People with Disabilities," 1-3 p.m. on Saturdays, March 23 and 30, at Bagley Center, 4100 Plomondon.

The workshop offers information on how to change a current residence or future home to be more accessible to people with disabilities.

Class includes a visit to instructor Betty Plank's completely accessible home.