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More Colleges Drop Affirmative Action

Building blocks of opportunity lost

Colleges and universities, long considered major building blocks of social opportunity, have significantly decreased race-based affirmative action in the past dozen years, according to a University of California at Davis study.

On average, U.S. public and private institutions of higher education showed only a slight increase in affirmative action through the end of the 1980s and a more substantial decline since, say Eric Grodsky, an assistant profes-

sor of sociology, and graduate student Demetra Kalogrides.

Affirmative action policies give preference to a historically disadvantaged class of students over otherwise more advantaged students based on attributes other than demonstrated merit.

In 1996, California voters led the nation to reject affirmative action by barring race- and gender-based preference in all state programs, including public university admissions.

But the two sociologists found that most prestigious universities are still more likely to claim preferences for minority students than are higher education institutions with lower test scores and fees.

Grodsky and Kalogrides speculate that one reason the nation's premier universities sponsor students from disadvantaged backgrounds is a strong commitment to noblesse oblige—the obligation of responsible behavior by those with high rank in a society.

"How far alternative policies have gone in preserving the access of minority students to higher education remains an open question," Grodsky and Kalogrides conclude, suggesting that the question is increasingly urgent.

"If schools are acting in ways that conform to their stated preferences, there is reason to believe that the progress we have made in improving access to competitive postsecondary institutions is eroding."

Airport Named for Civil Rights Leader

(AP)—Maryland's governor has signed a bill renaming Baltimore-Washington International Airport for Thurgood Marshall, the first black justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Beginning Oct. 1, the airport will be known as Baltimore-Washing-

ton International Thurgood Marshall Airport.

Republican Gov. Robert Ehrlich signed the bill as civil rights leaders and lawmakers looked on.

"Our purpose is to honor a great mind who did the most to end legal segregation in America," said state

Delegate Emmett Burns, a Baptist minister who introduced the bill.

Before rising to the nation's highest court in 1967, Marshall, a native of Baltimore, worked as a civil rights attorney and successfully argued *Brown v. Board of Education*, the 1954 Supreme Court decision that

struck down school segregation. He also was a federal judge and U.S. solicitor general. He died in 1993.

Marshall was denied admission to the University of Maryland because he was black and went to Howard University in Washington instead.

Tighter Cold Pill Control

New rules combat meth ingredients

New state regulations now require Oregonians to show identification when they buy cold medicine that contain a chemical used to make meth.

Pharmacies will be required to record to customer's names and driver's license number and keep the records for at least two years.

The permanent new rules make it more inconvenient to buy cold medicines, such as Sudafed, that contain pseudoephedrine, which can easily be turned into the illegal drug "meth" methamphetamine.

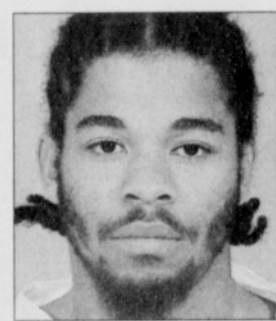
"The information we got from a presentation by police," said Gary Miner, the state pharmacy board's compliance director, "was that they

("meth" cooks) don't want to give out that information, and they tend to be paranoid."

The regulations affect only medications in solid form, not liquids or liquid-filled gel caps, which are far more difficult to process into the illegal drug.

In October, under the direction of Gov. Ted Kulongoski, the pharmacy board passed a temporary rule that required the cold pills to be put behind pharmacy counters and for buyers to present photo identification.

The rules restrict purchasers to nine grams of active pseudoephedrine a month—about the amount in three 24-pill boxes of Sudafed.



Eric Lee Presley Jr.

A man convicted of manslaughter in a plea bargain agreement has begun serving a 16-year prison sentence.

Eric Lee Presley Jr. was unrepentant before the victim's friends and family during sentencing last month.

When asked for comment by Circuit Judge Michael McShane, Presley said, "It ain't nothin'," and mentioned doing the drug Ecstasy

Killer Begins Prison Term

Showed no remorse at murder sentence

when he gets out in 16 years.

Presley, 23, was charged in the murder of Emanuel Christopher Mosley, 28, another African American man on Oct. 12, 2003.

Authorities said Presley was a member of the Woodlawn Park Bloods gang and shot Mosley in the back of the head while he sat in a parked car with a friend outside an after-hours house and club by Northeast 55th Avenue and Jessup Street.

CRIME STOPPERS

Meth Cook Wanted

The Portland Police in cooperation with Crime Stoppers is asking for the public's help in locating and apprehending a suspected methamphetamine cook. 42-year-old Monte Clooten



Monte Clooten

and no known vehicles and most likely he is "couch surfing" with friends and acquaintances.

Clooten is described as a white male, 5 foot 9 inches tall, weighing about 180 pounds. He has long brown hair and brown eyes. He has a tattoo on his right hand.

Bookkeeper Wanted for Theft

The Portland Police in cooperation with Crime Stoppers would like your help in locating and apprehending a bookkeeper known as Jane Elizabeth Maynard, although that may not be her true name.



Jane Elizabeth Maynard

Maynard is accused of diverting \$40,000 from a small southeast Portland company into her personal account.

The warrant dates back to 2000, but police have been unable to find her. Investigators believe that it is possible she is using a different name and working somewhere

as a bookkeeper again.

Maynard may be in her mid 50s and has used a date of birth of June 21, 1949 on an Oregon DMV identification card. She is about 5 feet 5 inches tall and weighs about 200 pounds. She has used addresses throughout the Portland metro area.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, that leads to an arrest in this case, or any unsolved felony, and you may remain anonymous. Call Crime Stoppers at 503-823-HELP (4357).

Officers Fired in Racial Beating

(AP)—Eight more police officers have been fired in connection with a racially charged beating in Milwaukee, Wis. at a house where off-duty officers were having a party.

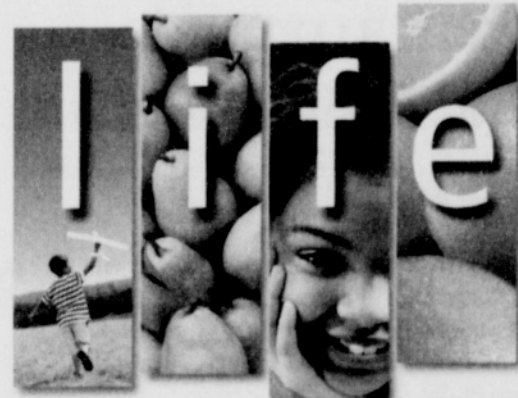
Frank Jude Jr., 26, has said he was beaten by men who identified themselves as off-duty officers and accused him of stealing a police badge and wallet. He said the men

punched, kicked and choked him while using a racial slur.

Jude is biracial, and all eight officers fired are white. No badge was found on Jude, and he was never charged with theft. The eight officers were accused by the department of either joining in the beating or witnessing it and not trying to stop it.

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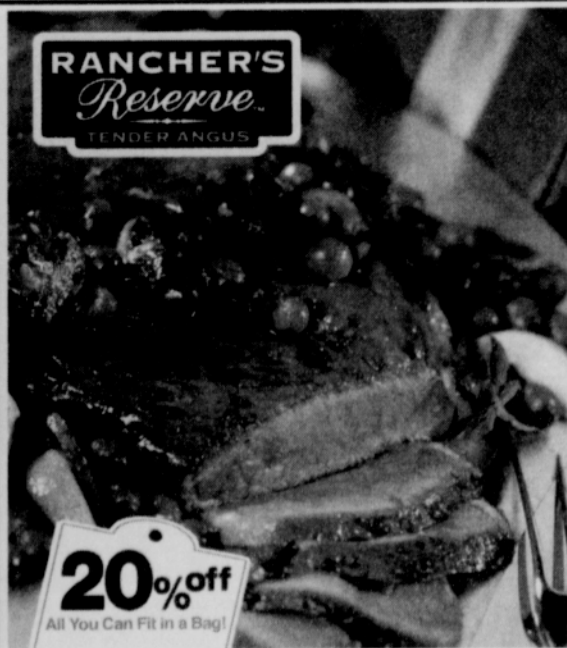
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