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When a College Athlete Dies



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When a college athlete dies, people realize that the game is more than a "game." Unfortunately, it sometimes takes the death of a fine young man such as Hank Gathers of Loyola Marymount University (CA) for us to realize that life is a little more than shooting hoops or scoring touchdowns.

The following are excerpts from some of our previous sports focussed columns:

COLUMN: Is the NFL Today Okay?

"Allan Page didn't have to speak about the nation's responsibility to its youths, and African American youths in particular, during his recent (1988) NFL Hall of Fame induction, but he did.

"At a time when it is so easy to write off young people, as so many do, he didn't. At a time when it is so easy to imply that young men

of color would much rather hang out than be productive, he didn't."

FIRST CLASS BASKETBALL COACHES

"Coach John Thompson of Georgetown University has been both praised and criticized by the sports media. His players have been called gangsters and undisciplined, yet when white ball players get physical, they are praised for going all out, that they have spunk, spirit and savvy.

"As an aside, think back to that Georgetown 1983-84 championship season. Was I the only person to notice that of the starting centers on the final four teams, three were African (as in Black) and from other countries (Jamaica, Nigeria and Haiti)? My biggest hope is that a new era of Black international exploitation isn't beginning."

COLUMN: Let's Talk Baseball

"How many of you have noticed that peculiar pattern in baseball when it comes to choosing a league's MVP? It seems as if the sports writers first look for the white (European) ballplayer with the best statistics, then non-white players.

"How come there are two major leagues teams in Canada and none in Mexico? Both of these countries are in North America, and the number of Latino ball players far outnumber Canadian players"

COLUMN: A Few Sentences About Sports

"There are few people, and students in particular, who don't have an interest in sports, sports sociology, sports personalities and/or the economics of sports.

"With that in mind, professional and amateur sports in America mean big business. People get hurt, physically and mentally participating - and far too many African Americans, for that matter."

COLUMN: To the Parents of High School Scholar Athletes

"We highly recommend that parents and students contact one of three sources in addition to listening to college sports recruiter

Links Seeking Scholarship Applicants

The Las Vegas Chapter of The LINKS, Incorporated, a national Black Women's Organization, is seeking qualified applicants for its annual scholarship.

Applicants must be a minority high school graduating senior. They must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 and should have applied for college entrance for the fall semester of 1990.

Interested students should check with their high school counselor for application and further information.

Deadline for application is April 30, 1990.

(headhunters): (1) write HILTON: HIGHER EDUCATION, (2) write to the president of any of our African American colleges and/or (3) write the Black Coaches Association, P.O. Box 5371, Coralville, Iowa 52241.

HILTON: HIGHER EDUCATION is designed to dialogue with college and world readers. Education is ongoing and certainly not limited to school classrooms. Let's talk. (714) 899-0650.

Students Create "Designer Eggs" at Decker Elementary School

Academically talented students at C.H. Decker Elementary School recently completed their designs of Eggsters, hollow eggs that creatively incorporate the word egg in their description.

The 33 kindergarten through fifth grade students used hollow eggs, cotton, cloth and paper scraps, as well as materials from home to design their unique creations.

Teacher Anna Williams said she challenged the students to solve the problem of creating something called an Eggster and incorporate the word egg into its name. The completed Eggsters include Albert Eggstein, Frankeggstein, Sheena Eggston, Regg Riding Hood, Ronald Reegan, and Arnold Swartzenegger.

The eggs, complete with background scenery and props, are on display in the school's main entrance.

CHILDWATCH

By Marian Wright Edelman
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IMMUNIZATION: REMEMBERING OUR HISTORY: PROTECTING OUR FUTURE

By the end of August 1793, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was the capital of the United States. Home to 2,500 Black people, and site of a great yellow fever plague. Although only about 800 Black Philadelphians were still enslaved and the city had a model / abolition Society, free Blacks were the targets of discrimination and had few economic opportunities. No one knew what caused yellow fever, but because members of the city's "Negro population" were not among the first to contract the disease, Black people were thought to be immune to yellow fever. The city's newspapers published appeals from Philadelphia's leading white citizens urging the Black population to come to the aid of the sick.

The Free African Society, established by Richard Allen and Absalom Jones in 1787 to aid the most vulnerable members of the Black community, quickly mobilized the Black community to assist those suffering from the plague. The free Black community responded to the call for help and began caring for the sick and burying the dead, but the need was so great that the mayor of Philadelphia had to agree to release some Blacks from prison in order to help meet the city's need.

Within a short time Blacks found themselves publicly accused of aking advantage of the sick and attempting to reap profits from the tragedy. Absalom Jones

Richard Allen published *A Narrative of the Proceedings of the Black People, during the Late Awful Calamity in Philadelphia, in the Year 1793; and a Refutation of Some Censures, Thrown upon Them in Some Late*



Marian Wright Edelman

Publications in response to the unfair charges heaped upon the Black community. Meanwhile, the African Society had gone into debt attempting to help the white victims of the plague and Black people had begun to come down with yellow fever.

We all know so much more now that it is hard to believe that an entire race of people was once considered to be immune from a dangerous disease. Health professionals understand that everyone is vulnerable when epidemics strike, and in the face of uncertainty, are careful to

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