In order to succeed you must "Cheat." Sam Ferguson explained that because our audience at the recent national convention in Boston was interested in the advancement of colored people, he was ready to teach them how to "cheat." He said, "I wasn't too old and too poor to ever become president."

When this system of abuse came to fruition, he said, he would work with the black community to ensure that they would have the best possible option for survival. He explained, "Our goal is to provide for the future of our children, and we must do it in a way that is effective and sustainable." He emphasized the importance of education and self-sufficiency, stating, "We need to focus on our children's future, and that means investing in education and providing opportunities for them." He added, "We must work together to ensure that our children have a bright future."
Religious Community News

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M. Jacqueline Simpson, Editor

Park Avenue Presents Olympic Decathlon

Under the direction of Dr. Martin N. Talley, the Inland Empire Youth Department of Park Avenue Missionary Baptist Church will present the Annual Convention of the Olympic Decathlon. September 9-15, 1984, at 7:00 p.m. Where the new Park Avenue Missionary Baptist Church. 1910 Riverside Avenue, Riverside, CA. 92507. Special events and competitions have been scheduled.

Amos Temple C.M.E. Church Presents "Marriage and Family Seminar"

Anna Tempie C.M.E. Church, where Rev. Charles B. Talley, Pastor is presenting an outreach. This Saturday September 8, 1984, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the 17th Annual Convention of the Greater Missionary Baptist Convention in New Orleans, LA. This will be a back-to-school Convention. "You don't want to miss!" All are welcome.

Riverside Christian Family Fellowship

Arthur J. Forbes, Pastor
Karen Underwood, Church Reporter

The message was "Victory Over the Fear of Death". Pastor Forbes reviewed the three deaths: physical, spiritual, and eternal. Spiritual death is the state every human being is born into and it also happens anytime a person sins. It first occurred when Adam and Eve disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden. Physical death was a result of the fall into sin. Unless Jesus returns that there will be physical death for all, no one is saved. Ps. 100:6 Our God is the God of peace. We must prepare ourselves and our families for that reality.

Extravital death is irreconcilable and unchangeable. Dr. Forbes said that Jesus' death was judged by God to be the only way death in the family will be halted in the face of life. Rev. 21:4-5. Satan had the power of death and is waiting for his chance to continue that death in the family.

WHAT IS THE WAY OUT?

Rev. Charles B. Talley, Pastor

The Rev. Charles B. Talley, Pastor will continue to present the "Freeing from the Fear of Death" series of messages. More information will be available in the future.

Church of Scientologist, Riverside, CA

Worship Services

Riverside, CA

Sunday, September 9th at 6:30 p.m., Pastor Church Singleton will present the First Annual Decathlon Chairperson.

Ph.D., who will continue to present a new series of messages on the theme of "Preparation for ..." the position description for the Delta Sigma Theta Sigma Thetas, in its search for a new executive director and a director for a new management information systems department, National President Horner U. Canada, of Lansing, Michigan, announced today.

The post of executive director at Delta's national headquarters, 1700 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., has been held by Myra Hendrick who resigned, and the executive director, Min. Coreene G. Hepting, presented a list of approximately 20 persons, the first day of guidance to some 700 chapters, and represents the summary in many formal, and emotional ways.

Applicants must possess "systematic management and administrative experience which includes organizational development, sales and personnel management, program development and evaluation..." the position description stated. The applicant must possess a master's degree in management, administration or a related field and be an active member of Delta Sigma Theta.

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by Ernest W. Williamson, Consumer Sciences Advisor, Of. of Col. Cooperative Extension

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Perris Panorama
By Art Cook

Old Timers Picnic:
The first annual "Old Timers Picnic" was held on Thursday evening, August 30, at the park on Perris Blvd.
The crowd of two thousand people dined on several delicious homemade dishes and desserts at several local residents' spoonfuls of family histories in the Perris area. The most interesting account was given by Mildred Cutler Flint, known as "Babe". Ms. Flint pointed to a small green house on Perris Blvd. and told the crowd that she was born there in 1911. Babe comes from a family that enjoys longevity, she says, because she has an aunt 91 yrs. of age and another 97.

She mentioned other relatives and glistened with the audience when she told this story. She has purchased a burial site when she told the following story. Ms. Aint pointed to a small green house on Perris Blvd. and told the audience that she has an aunt 91 yrs. of age and another 97.

She also told how she fixed the house on Perris Blvd. and told the audience that she has an aunt 91 yrs. of age and another 97. A sack race featuring Supervisor Younglove and Mayor Liz Boettcher against Councilman Carmel Cox and Paul Disges resulted in a win by Younglove and Boettcher.

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Ethel BROWNE is a worker at the local day care center. The center is a place where parents leave their children while they go to work. Ethel is telling some of the parents about her job.

"I like to care for small children," said Ethel. "They are so much fun to be around."

"Do you have any children of your own?" asked Mrs. Walker.

"No, Mrs. Walker, I don't have any children of my own." said Ethel.

"How long have you been working here?" asked Mrs. Carter.

"I have been a worker at Children's Haven for six months," said Ethel with pride. "I used to work at the day care center at our church."

"Ethel is a good worker," said Mrs. Tyler, the teacher. "She helps me look after the children while they play and eat."

"What else do you do?" asked Mr. Wilson, one of the parents.

"I read stories to the children," replied Ethel. "I also get them ready to take a nap."

"Do you ever take the children to the park?" asked Mr. Johnson.

"Oh, yes, I take the children to the playground in the park," said Ethel. "One day last week Mrs. Tyler and I took the children to the zoo."

"Do you see the children's parents?" asked Mrs. Johnson.

"Yes, Mrs. Johnson. I see the parents when they leave their children at the center," said Ethel. "Sometimes I go to their homes to talk with parents."

"I am glad we have a good worker at Children's Haven," said Mrs. Walker. "It is good to know that somebody like Ethel is taking care of our children."

"That's right, Mrs. Walker. The children love Ethel. She takes good care of them. She makes them feel good about themselves, too," said Mrs. Tyler.

"Mrs. Tyler, do you think that I could..."
The ADVANCER
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A Message to Teachers and Tutors

It is important to know that the primary purposes of this "Fun to learn" newspaper, known as The ADVANCER, include the following:

1. To serve as a supplemental—not a basal—reading-motivational and comprehension-enhancement tool;

2. To help rebuild the pride or sense of worth so deliberately and systematically stripped from Black families generations ago but which still remain unredressed to such a large degree today that many Black young students and adults have little or no will to learn or achieve;

3. To enable Hispanic students and their parents to better understand that America is their home whether they were born in the continental United States or not...and that they have a rich heritage upon which to build a bright future;

4. To maximize parental and other adult involvement by inserting The ADVANCER within the adult-oriented local cooperating community-building newspaper; And,

5. To assist in gaining a better racial understanding by students (mainly other Whites) in appreciating to a greater degree those aspects of the Black and Hispanic cultures which have been distorted so greatly and which remain unredressed to this day.

Some of the largest and most active organizations in our communities have Greek names?

These organizations are called fraternities (fra-tur) and sororities (sah-rot). A fraternity is a fellowship of men. A sorority is a fellowship of women.

The name of another sorority with a tropical background is the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Delta (del). The 4th letter in the Greek alphabet that looks like this: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was founded in 1913 at Howard University in Washington, D.C. The sorority now has 125,000 members in the United States, West Germany, Haiti and Liberia (Africa).

The sorority helps our communities develop in education, economics, politics and physical and mental health.

Is there a chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority in your community? If so, call them and tell them that you heard about them in The ADVANCER.

If a letter, mark it with a triangle: Δ. Sigma (sig) "mu" is the 18th letter in the Greek alphabet. It looks like this: . Theta (thay) "tuh" is the 8th letter in the Greek alphabet. It looks like this: Θ. Did You Know That...
One gold medal! Two gold medals! Three gold medals! Four gold medals! It was hard to believe. But it was true. Jesse Owens had won four gold medals at the Olympics held in Berlin, Germany in 1936.

What excitement there was for this young Black American. He had won great honors for himself and his country.

Jesse had come a long way. When he was growing up in America, Black people were not allowed to ride in the front of the bus. They were barred from eating in most restaurants. But Jesse Owens was proud that he was allowed to represent his country, the United States, in the Olympics.

When he won the four gold medals in Berlin, the Nazi dictator, Adolf Hitler, refused to shake Jesse Owens' hand. This young Black American had destroyed the Nazi myth of the master race.

The world knew that this young American had made a name for himself and his country. Jesse's name became a household word and young Black people in the United States had someone they could look up to and feel proud.

After becoming an Olympic champion, Owens made many public appearances, often without any pay. Soon things became bad. Owens found it hard to feed his family. He ended up penniless and had to declare bankruptcy.

Today parks are named for Jesse Owens all over our country. The new movie, "The Jesse Owens Story," is being seen and praised by people all over the world. Yes, Jesse Owens has made a name for himself—at last. Yet, in his own humble way he said, "I just came along at a time when Black Americans needed an image."
We have been learning about Black Africa. We have learned that Africa is the second largest continent on earth. Do you know which is the largest continent on earth?

The area of Black Africa is over 8 million square miles. Black Africa takes up almost all of the continent of Africa. Black Africa is almost twice as big as the United States. There are over 334 million people in Black Africa. (There are about 227 million people in the United States.)

Today our visitor is a young man from the Republic of the Comoros (Kom'-uh-ros). Comoros is a group of small islands in the Indian Ocean. Comoros is located near Mozambique. Can you find Comoros on your map?

"Hello, my name is Ahmed Obadalal. I live in Moroni (mor-on'-ee). Moroni is located on an island called Grande Comore. Grande Comore is the largest of the islands. There are two other main islands called Anjouan and Moheli.

"Moroni is the capital of the Republic of the Comoros. There are more than 300,000 people in the Comoros. The largest ethnic group is known as the Antalaotra. We are a people of African, Arab and Malagasy descent.

"Some French is spoken in the Comoros, but our national language is Comorian. It is a language a lot like Swahili. Swahili is understood by most of my people, too.

"The Republic of the Comoros became an independent country on July 6, 1975. Next year we will celebrate our 10th anniversary of independence.

"Most of the people of the Comoros are Muslims. There are also some Christians in the islands.

"Most of the people of the Comoros are farmers. They grow cassava and coconuts to sell at market.

In Moroni there are several factories that make perfumes. There is a sugar refinery and some saw mills, too.

"You are invited to visit my country. We welcome you with open arms!"
HURRAY FOR VITAMIN D!

IT COMES FROM FISH LIVER OILS, FORTIFIED MILK, LIVER, EGG YOLK, SALMON, TUNA AND SARDINES!

VITAMIN D ALSO COMES FROM SUNSHINE!

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In: “The Day of The Knowledge Thief!”
Late one night in the city,

In an abandoned train station, Lies the laboratory of...

Dr. Crackenstein, Evil genius!!

Eureka!! I've got it!!

And with a crackle, the androids suddenly come to life!
(To Be Continued)

More power is what I needed!!

So here's more juice!!

I finally figured out how to bring my androids to life!!
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OUR HISPANIC NEIGHBORS

We have been learning more and more every week in The ADVANCER. Did you know that Hispanic Americans are very much like us in many, many ways? Hispanic Americans are Americans whose ancestors came from places like Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean.

Hispanic Americans have a rich and colorful history. Let’s try to learn some important things about them and us each week in The ADVANCER.

Luis Muñoz Rivera

Luis Muñoz Rivera took office as the head of a six-man Executive Council (the government) on February 8, 1898. His title was “Minister of Grace, Justice and Government.” This title was used to show that “Grace” would go along with “Mercy” and “Justice” in his government.

Seven days later the U.S. warship Maine was blown up in the harbor of Havana, Cuba. The United States went to war with Spain.

Three days later Doña Amalia presented Muñoz with a son. They named the baby Jose Luis Alberto Muñoz Marin. Muñoz was happy and sad at the same time. He said, “In Cuba windows are broken. In Puerto Rico we pay the bill.”

On July 25, 1898—just seven days after Puerto Rico had held its first free election—the Americans took over the government. The United States officials asked Muñoz to stay to help them.

Muñoz tried to get along with the Military Governor, but he couldn’t do it. The two men talked about knocking each other down. The insults became too much for Muñoz. In December Muñoz and his cabinet resigned. The Military Governor said there would be no more cabinets in Puerto Rico. The Governor and his men would run the country.

Early in 1900, Muñoz started a newspaper called El Diario (The Journal) in San Juan. In April the United States Congress passed a law that left the people of Puerto with no citizenship at all. They were not citizens of Spain.

They were not citizens of Puerto Rico. They were just the “people of Puerto Rico.”

Luis Muñoz Rivera formed a new party called the Federalists. They were afraid that the elections would not be honest. They told the people not to vote in the elections. Muñoz did not want the Republican Party to win. But they did.

The new Republican Mayor of San Juan ordered two Federalists arrested. He sentenced them to clean the streets for a month. The men refused to do this. So the mayor put them in jail and fed them bread and water.

In his newspaper, El Diario, Muñoz wrote an article about this. He called it, “A Pack of Dogs on the Prowl.” During siesta time the next day, a gang tried to wreck the offices of the newspaper.

Muñoz moved his family to New York. He started a newspaper called the Puerto Rico Herald. In the first paper he wrote a letter to the President of the United States telling him how bad the laws were. Other papers wrote about it, too. President Theodore Roosevelt declared that Spanish law could not be used in Puerto Rico any more.

Muñoz went back to Puerto Rico to try to unite his people. He began writing stories about how the big sugar companies mistreated the people. A gang broke into his office again. They were screaming, “Where is The Lion (El Leon)?”

He stood up to face them asking, “Who wants The Lion?” The gang went away.

In 1910 Muñoz’s party sent him to the United States House of Representatives to speak for them but he could not vote. At 51 years of age he taught himself to speak English so that he could talk to Congress about Puerto Rico’s problems.

On May 15, 1916 the House of Representatives passed a bill that made Puerto Ricans citizens of the United States. The bill also gave the right to vote to adult men. This was not all that Muñoz wanted. But it was far better than it had been.

By this time Muñoz’s body was dying with cancer. He was tired and sick. He went back to the beloved mountains where he was born. One evening a friend came to his bedside to tell him, “Don Luis, the people of Puerto Rico are all with you.”

“Then,” Don Luis replied, “this is a good time to die.”

Early the next morning, November 15, 1916, The Lion went “to the silence and to his rest.”
How to Be
A Good Citizen

Young citizens of several high schools in and around the Los Angeles area have painted a number of outstanding art murals (a large picture painted on a wall). These pictures depict the history of the cultures of the western United States.

These murals take the place of words. They bring the story of how the West was settled and how different people live to the many people of different countries and ethnic backgrounds who come to the 1984 Olympics. The pictures tell the story of the different cultural beliefs of the people of the West, too.

These young citizens are getting a chance to show their interest in the improvement of the community. These murals are painted on the bridge underpasses of the freeways and the concrete walls along some of the streets, the schools and even the walls of some libraries in the city of Los Angeles.

Three young Black men were among the first to do the colorful drawings of history, science, and the arts of Western Civilization.

Hats off to these young people and their teachers who spent months with these paintings in order to be ready for the 1984 Olympics!

Kicking the Salt Habit—A Final Word

Our bodies don't need as much salt as we use. It is really the sodium in salt that is our enemy.

Here is the "salt substitute" recipe we promised to give you.

Salt Substitute Recipe

1 teaspoon chili powder
2 teaspoons ground oregano
2 teaspoons black pepper
1 tablespoon garlic powder (not garlic salt)
2 tablespoons dry mustard
6 tablespoons onion powder (not onion salt)
3 tablespoons paprika
3 tablespoons poultry seasoning.

Mix all seasonings together. Put it in all of your salt shakers.

Congratulations on kicking the salt habit!

SCIENCE

A Visit to Outer Space

The Solar System—Mars

The planet Mars is named for the Roman god of war. Mars is called the Red Planet because of the mysterious reddish light that appears in the sky.

Mars is a little more than one-half the size of the earth. A year on Mars is 687 earth days. A day on Mars is 24 hours and 37 minutes long.

A telescope shows many markings on the surface of Mars. The markings look like canals. For a long time people thought that there was intelligent life on Mars. Many stories were told about Martians from outer space. They were called "little green men."

Mars has an atmosphere like Earth and Venus. Mars' atmosphere is made up mostly of carbon dioxide (a gas made up of carbon and oxygen. We breathe it out of our lungs. Plants take in carbon dioxide to make their food).

Mars has a North Pole and a South Pole, too. The ice at Mars' poles is "dry ice," or frozen carbon dioxide. We use dry ice on Earth to keep things cold when packed.

In 1976 two U.S. space ships, Viking 1 and Viking 2 followed a path around Mars. Landers (about the size of a jeep) landed on the surface. They studied Mars' atmosphere and materials. The landers took more than 50,000 photographs of the surface of Mars and gathered soil samples.

Viking 1's lander is programmed to operate by itself until 1994. Look for more interesting facts about Mars from time to time.