

# METROPOLITAN



Pooh Arthur, six years old, gets a lift and a gift from Michael Harper During the Annual Christmas

Party put on by Jimmy Walker at Jefferson High. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)



Kema Anderson demonstrates objects used in African Kwanza (First Fruits) ceremony to Alma Hill, Omo Toyo Fletcher, Mary Alice Avry, and Joyce

Harris. The workshop on Kwanza was sponsored by the Black Education Center. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

## Albina party treats kids

The 17th Annual Albina Children's Holiday Party held December 19 at Jefferson High School was a huge success. There were over 100 children and parents in attendance.

The children were treated to many gifts including fruit stockings and a visit from Santa Claus.

Santa was assisted this year by Miss Tan Portland Dorothea Rounds; Portland Trailblazer star Michael Harper; Ronne Walker; Gloria Stewart; Charles & Theresa Stoudamire; and Al Williams & Richard Brown of the *Observer* staff.

Santa (Jimmy "Bang Bang" Walker) thanks you all and wishes each one of you the happiest of holidays.

Next year's party will be held in the Jefferson auditorium where Santa will be assisted by the Jefferson Activities Department plus some surprise guests.

## Think carefully about pets

Multnomah County Animal Control urges people to think carefully before yielding to the temptation of buying a puppy or kitten as a Christmas present. The noise, confusion, and activities of this holiday season make the animal's transition into a new household very difficult. Often young animals are given as presents to people who can't provide for all their needs, or whose lifestyles are unsuitable to that particular animal. Remember, animals are not toys—they are living beings with special needs.

Christmas can be dangerous to all pets—old and new. The distinctive holiday season plants—mistletoe, holly, and poinsettia—are poisonous and should be placed where pets can't chew on them. Electric wires and Christmas decorations are often tempting to pets who like to chew, and pet owners must take precautions to prevent a needless tragedy.

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