



Santa and Mrs. Claus use sign language to share a happy moment as they prepare to greet deaf and hearing impaired youngsters at Pacific Northwest Bell's special holiday program for children with hearing difficulties.

### Santa "talks" to deaf children

Deaf children will have an opportunity to "talk" to a special Santa Claus on Friday, December 17, at the Bell Phone Center at SW Sixth Avenue and Alder Street, downtown.

Pacific Northwest Bell is sponsoring the unusual program to enable hearing impaired youngsters to "tell" Santa their Christmas wishes using sign language.

"This special Santa will help deaf children share in the joy of talking to Santa—a joy sometimes not possible with a Santa who doesn't know

sign language," says Ron Allen, PNB state manager for community affairs.

Acting as Santa will be Ran Monson, PNB drafting clerk who has been deaf since birth. Jan Holler, PNB consumer affairs manager, who has had a severe hearing loss since age six, will serve as Mrs. Claus.

"Deaf individuals giving deaf children an opportunity to experience something they never did as youngsters is really something special," says Allen.

### Richardson seeks NAACP slot

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this country, is that the NAACP is a middle class organization whose membership is wealthier, better established and more solidly bourgeois. The NAACP aims at reforming certain aspects of a system whose assumptions is shares. It carries out these reformist efforts through socially accepted channels of ballot box, court cases and legislative lobbying. "I have no difficulty with that statement. But if you look at the total black population... if the NAACP received 50 cents from each individual it would not have a financial problems or that tag of being a middle class organization. When you look at the hard core South you find blacks who pull together their pennies to pay their yearly dues. That fact does not say to me that we are a middle class organization. But on the other hand when you look at the leadership of the organization you find the middle class high in the forefront. When you go back through history you'll find a black organization which has gone through the course to win some of the battles we are still facing, and you will find that that organization is the NAACP. SNCC, CORE and many other organizations are no longer around. But the NAACP is still here." Richardson does not discount that those organizations which are no longer around were infiltrated by the FBI with intent to destroy them.

A few years ago the NAACP became the butt of criticism when they came out in support of nuclear

power. Richardson replied, "I have no problem with nuclear power. The national board of directors issued an energy statement which supported all forms of power. Nuclear just happens to be one phase of the energy make-up in this country. We have coal, gas and solar. The statement spoke to everything and in that statement it spoke of another concern. That of employment. We must have all forms of energy to ensure that our people have employment."

Yet Richardson concedes that despite the good intentions of the energy statement unemployment is still rising among the black populace. "We are still the first fired, last hired. We are at the protected stage where we are hiring the white female. Somehow we must go to those companies who are letting blacks go and say, based on the number of employees, if you are going to let people go you ought to let people go according to the percentage of minorities you have. If that works, fine. If not, we should have a system where the lay-offs would be equal among all races."

If elected Richardson plans to turn the annual banquet into an annual fund-raising event. "Also I'll try to make ACT-SO reach more of the kids on the street. I plan to highlight the NAACP Grandmother awards. There are still three areas that need work: overpopulation in prison, employment, and the problems associated with our middle school."

Richardson is employed in the civic affairs department of Portland General Electric.



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### Community Calendar

**NAACP election** for local officers, 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 12, Vancouver Ave. First Baptist Church, 3138 N. Vancouver Ave.

**Annual christening of poverty tree**, 10 a.m., Friday, Dec. 10, Baloney Joe's, 313 E. Burnside. Governor Vic Atiyeh will be the keynote speaker

**Black United Front Benefit Dance**, 9 p.m., Friday, Dec. 17, Royal Esquire Club, 1708 NE Alberta. Live entertainment, food. \$5 donation.

**Open House and 2nd Anniversary Party**, 10 a.m.-noon, Thursday, Dec. 9, at the Energy Saving Center, 2755 N.E. Broadway.

**You can quit smoking in January.** Two Freedom From Smoking clinics will be offered by the Oregon Lung Association and Portland Community College. They will be held at the Ross Island campus beginning Jan. 4, at 7 p.m. and at S.E. Center and 82nd, starting on Saturday, Jan. 8 at 9 a.m. Class fee is \$40. To register call PCC at 244-6111 ex. 572.

**Annual Green Thumb program Open House**, 1-8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 10, 6801 S.E. 60th.

**Black Professional Luncheon** for Oregon and Vancouver Washington residents, noon-2:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Red Lion Hotel (Jantzen Beach). \$7.50 includes gratuity. Purpose: Social time for blacks to get together and become acquainted with one another.

**Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association**, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 13, Beaumont School, 4043 N.E. Fremont.

**Humboldt, Piedmont Neighborhood Associations**, 6:30 p.m., Dec. 15, PCC Cascade, 705 N. Killingsworth.

**Woodlawn Improvement Association**, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 15, Odd Fellows Hall, 700 N.E. Dekum.

**Portland School Board**, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 9, Blanchard Center, 501 N. Dixon.

**Elliot Energy House Olde Yuletide Auction**, 6:30 p.m., Dec. 9, Northwest Service Center, 1819 N.W. Everett. \$3 includes refreshments. Call 284-7868 for more information.

**Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission Open House**, 3-7 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2705 E. Burnside.

#### Call For Bids

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Bids Due December 21, 1982 at 2:00 p.m. Bid No. b61-200-8284

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Renovation of restrooms at J.K. Gill Building, 2nd Floor, to provide handicap accessibility for men and women.

Plans and Specifications are filed with the Purchasing Director and copies may be obtained from the above address.

**PRE-BID CONFERENCE:** Mandatory attendance and sign-in on Tuesday, December 14, 1982 at 9:00 a.m., 2nd Floor, J.K. Gill Building, 426 S.W. Stark St., Portland.

**PREQUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS:** Pursuant to the Multnomah County Public Contract Review Board Administrative Rules (AR 40.030) Prequalification shall be required for this project.

Prequalification applications or statements must be prepared during the period of one year prior to the bid date and must be actually received or postmarked to Multnomah County by not later than 10 days prior to bid opening.

Details of compliance are available from the Purchasing Division, Department of Administrative Services, 2505 S.E. 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97202, (503) 248-5111.

**MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE UTILIZATION:** All bidders are hereby advised that these conditions require a minimum of twenty (20%) percent of the total bid amount for Minority Business Enterprise participation in sub-contracts.

**NON-DISCRIMINATION:** Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the provisions of Federal Executive Order 11246. The requirements for Bidders and Contractors are explained in the Specifications.

No bid will be received or considered unless accompanied by a check payable to Multnomah County, certified by a responsible bank, or in lieu thereof, a surety bond for an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the aggregate proposal. The successful bidder shall furnish a bond satisfactory to the Board in the full amount of the contract.

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Sharon Jacox  
Purchasing Director

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