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Metro salutes Monica Little and her positive work to improve our community



As a lawyer for Metro's Office of General Counsel, Monica works on issues of importance to the region. In the community, she serves on the board of directors for Portland Community College.

She also serves on the board of directors for the Oregon Black Resource Center at the North Portland branch of the Multnomah County Library, the advisory boards of the Northeast YWCA and the Center for Urban Research in Education, and the Oregon State Bar Affirmative Action Committee. Monica takes time to talk to young people to encourage them to strive for excellence so they can make positive contributions to their community.

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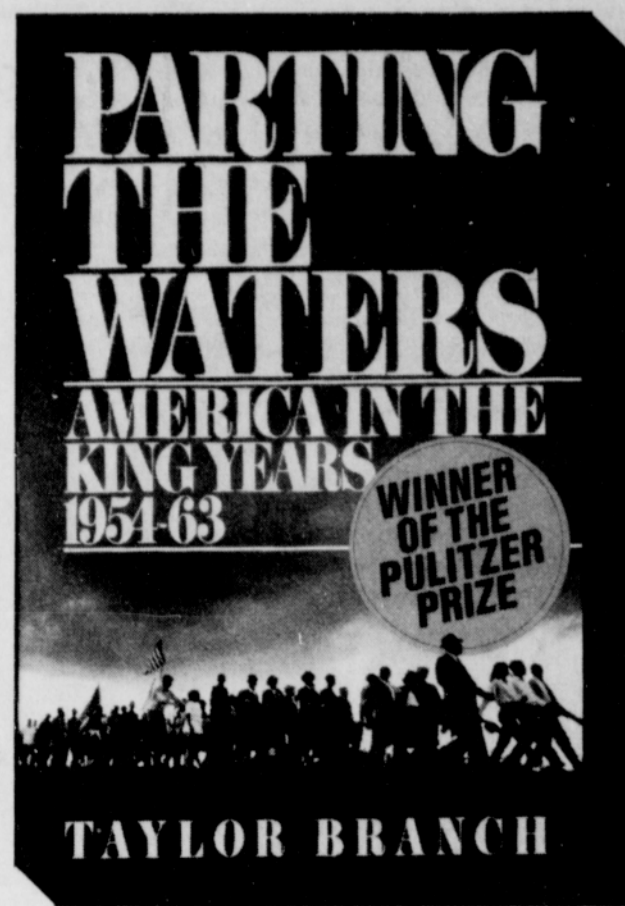
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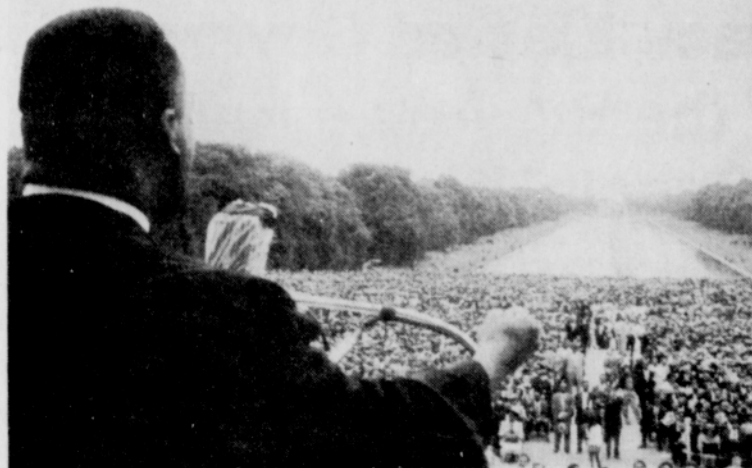
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Rosa Parks Paints First Brush Stroke Of Freedom Mural

ATLANTA, GA—Over 500 students and teachers at Booker T. Washington High School in Atlanta, Georgia, together with civil rights leader Rosa Parks and Burger King Corporation President and Chief Operating Officer Ron Petty, donned painter's caps and shirts on January 14, to paint a mural dedicated to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s quest for freedom and civil rights. Mrs. Parks, who served as a catalyst for the civil rights movement after refusing to ride in the back of a bus thirty-five years ago,

joined the students at Dr. King's alma mater to paint the mural.

The 12'6" x 30' mural, sponsored by Burger King Corporation, will display the message "Let Freedom Ring" using 15 separate 4'2" x 6' panels. Students spent approximately three hours painting the mural under the supervision of Atlanta Artist John Feight, Director of The Foundation for Hospital Art. Simultaneously throughout the country, replicas of the mural will be painted by Burger King Corporation mi-

nority franchisees.

The completed original mural was unveiled on Sunday, Feb. 4 at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. during a tribute to Mrs. Parks' 77th birthday. After the mural is unveiled, each of the panels and the replica murals will be presented to hospitals or schools throughout the country.

"The mural will educate a far-reaching audience about Dr. King's impact on the civil rights movement," commented Petty. "We stand shoulder-to-shoulder with Rosa Parks and our minority franchisees in our commitment to freedom and civil rights."

Rosa Parks, who earned a place in history with her fearless stand in Montgomery, Alabama, is considered the mother of the civil rights movement.

Booker T. Washington High School is the oldest high school in Georgia, graduating such notables as Martin Luther King, Jr. and Booker T. Washington. There are currently 1,031 students attending the 66-year-old school which is located at 45 Whitehouse Drive, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia.

Civil Rights Leader Remembered

The birthday of Frederick Douglass, one of America's most eminent civil rights leaders of the 19th century, is celebrated on Feb. 7.

Born Frederick Augustus Washington Bailey in 1817 in Tuckahoe, Md., Douglass escaped the bonds of slavery in 1838, changed his name and began a new life in the Northeast.

Having learned to read secretly as a boy, Douglass developed a literary brilliance and oratorical style that catapulted him into the forefront of the abolition movement. His speeches on the dehumanizing effects of slavery led to his new career in 1841 as an agent for the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society. Later, Douglass compiled his memories in his autobiography, "Life and Times of Frederick Douglass," completed in 1882.

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