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## Home School Students Show Off Science Discoveries



Did you know that there are over approximately 1,250 home school students in the Portland Metropolitan Area? Students who attend traditional

education programs have many opportunities to display their work, however, when the class room is at home, not many people get to see their accomplishments. A small sample of approximately 25 students will feature their scientific discoveries at Jantzen Beach Center on Saturday, April 17 from 10am to 6pm.

Students participating in Jantzen Beach Center's 2nd Annual Home School Science Fair Exhibit range in ages 5 to 18. Participating students

have entered to win a family membership to OMSI and exhibits will be judged according to their age category on complexity, accuracy, and presentation.

The public is invited to attend free of charge. Jantzen Beach Center is located on Hayden Island, on the Columbia River, off of Interstate 5, Exit 308. For more information, call Jantzen Beach Center's information line at (503) 289-5555 or (206) 699-4644.

## "L.A. Is Burning" To Air On PBS Tuesday, April 27



One year after Los Angeles' three days and nights of beatings, looting, a burning, how well do we understand what happened there-and why? In "L.A. Is Burning," airing Tuesday, April 27, at 9pm, on PBS (check local listings, Frontline revisits Los Angeles to explore those questions through the eyes of five people who have thought and written about the city from the perspectives of its different communities, races, and classes. Tracing the chronology of events from the moment the Rodney King verdict was announced, through the next seventy-two hours of rampage and deaths, to present-day L.A., this examination of what happened becomes a larger essay on why Los Angeles is a warning signal.

## Float Decorators Needed For Rose Festival's Grand Floral Parade

How would you like to raise money for your non-profit group and have a great time decorating the elaborate floats in the 1993 Delta Air Lines Grand Floral Parade? The Rose Festival Association now looking for float decorators.

This is an opportunity for non-profit groups of 20 or more people to make from \$400 to \$1,000 while participating in the fun and excitement of the second-largest all-floral parade in the nation. Flat decorators must leave their name, number, address and the size of their group with the Rose Festival office at 227-2681. The names of interested parties

will be passed on to the professional builders who design and construct the floats.

The 1993 Delta Air Lines Grand Floral Parade will take place on Saturday, June 12 beginning at 10am at Portland's Memorial

Coliseum. The parade will be seen by some 500,000 spectators lining the streets of Portland and by an additional 25 million households watching the parade on television.

The Rose Festival runs June 3-27 and the theme is "Among My Souvenirs."

The Rose Festival Airshow is July 16-18 at the Hillsboro Airport.

## Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Selected New NAACP Executive Director

The board of directors of the national Association for the Advancement of Colored People selected the Rev. Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr. to serve as the organization's new executive director. Chavis, 45, of Cleveland, was selected from a field of three finalists at a special meeting of the NAACP's National Board in Atlanta.

Chavis is presently executive director and chief executive officer of the Commission for Racial Justice of the 1.7 million member United Church of Christ, with national offices in Cleveland. A native of Oxford, N.C., he is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ and 30-year veteran of the civil rights movement.

Chavis received his bachelor of arts degree (B.A.) in chemistry from the University of North Carolina; his masters of divinity degree (M.Div.), magna cum laude, from the Divinity School of Duke University and the doctor of ministry degree (D.Min.) from Howard University.

Under Chavis' leadership, the Commission for Racial Justice has sponsored successful "Freedom Rides" to the Alabama Black Belt and to Chicago to ensure voting rights and enhance voter mobilization; issued the landmark report, Toxic Wastes and Race in the United States; sponsored the First National People of Color Environmental Leadership Summit; and has provided national leadership in efforts to stem the rise of racially motivated violence in the United States. Chavis is involved in numerous other committees and organizations.

Chavis writes a weekly syndicated column, Civil Rights Journal, which appears in over 300 papers nationally, and is sent to over 1,000 individuals, organizations and press contacts. The commentary is also carried by four national radio networks and numerous local stations for a combined national audience of over 20 million people per week.

## Top New Orleans Detective Had To Overcome Being Black And A Woman

(Taken From Parade Magazine, April 18, 1993 issue.)

A New Orleans police sergeant who became the city's most successful homicide detective, solving 98 percent of her cases, said she did so despite two strikes against her.

"Here I was, a black woman--and a dark-complected black woman at that," declared 36-year-old Jacklean Davis in an interview to be published this Sunday in PARADE, where she is pictured on the cover.

Davis, who overcame a childhood of abuse and poverty to graduate from high school and enter the police academy, said she decided years ago that she was going to make something of herself.

Raised by a great-aunt who was a prostitute, Davis was sexually abused by the aunt's husband. She later became pregnant by the first boy she dated as a teenager. "I was on welfare," she recalled. "I knew I had to

make a decision. I knew that if I didn't do something right away, I would probably be on welfare for years."

"I made a determination," she added. "I was going to start liking Jackie a little bit more. I was going to grow up. I knew people in law enforcement, and I thought this would be a mechanism to help me grow." She took the examination for the police academy and failed it. She took it again and failed. And again and again. Looking back, she guessed, she had placed so much emphasis on becoming a police officer that she choked. "I was nervous every time," she said. On her fifth try, she finally made it. "I barely passed, but that didn't matter. What was important was that I passed."

After graduating from the academy, Davis volunteered for duty in some of New Orleans' highest-crime areas and gained a reputation for her good relations with the residents.

She eventually became a homicide detective. "Homicide is considered the cream of the crop," she said. But getting there was tough. "On the majority of homicide units I've seen," she said, "recruitment is not always fair. You have to get past the stigma of being a female--let alone a black female." Rebuffed several times, she finally was placed on the elite squad when her work on a rape case helped lead to the capture of a serial killer.

Two years ago, Davis, who has a 19-year-old daughter, was promoted to sergeant and moved up to the Internal Affairs division. Recalling her long struggle to get to the top, despite constant harassment by her co-workers, Davis said, "I cried myself to sleep many nights. My daughter saw me crying. She saw me taking out my aggressions--sometimes on her, blowing up for no apparent reason. We talked about it, and I realized that I had to learn to control my anger."

## Standards Urged For Family Child Care Providers

In an effort to raise the standards of child care facilities in Oregon, Representative Lisa Naito (D-Portland) in partnership with the Oregon Commission for Child Care urged passage of legislation requiring all family child care providers to hold a certificate of registration.

"This is a public decision that is long overdue," said Arlene Collins, Chair of the Commission. "Working Mother" magazine recently published an article ranking the top 10 states for child care in the Nation. I believe Oregon was not mentioned because we have no set standards for family child care. In every other respect of child care we are doing very well. This bill is the Commission for Child Care's top priority for this session.

Currently in Oregon regulations concerning child care varies according to the number of children in care. Facilities with more than seven children in care are required to be certified. Family child care providers, facilities with six or fewer children cared for in the providers own home, at the present time may voluntarily register. This bill would require the family child care providers also hold a certificate of registration. The bill also seeks to protect children by requiring providers to attend a training on how to detect child abuse and submitting to record checks by CSD and law enforcement.

Presently in Oregon there are

approximately 85,800 children cared for in about 25,000 family provider homes. Less than one-third of these providers are voluntarily registered.

"This bill will not make it more difficult for parents to find child care or for providers to operate," Said Rep. Naito. "It will ensure parents that the people caring for their children have passed certain standards and that they have received training on detecting child abuse."

A public hearing took place Wednesday April 7, 1993 in the House Committee on Children and Families. Business and health professionals, the Multnomah County District Attorney's office, parents and family child care providers testified in support of HB 2657.

## Vancouver Community Calendar

### April

1-30 Mother Wit & Horse Sense: A Look At Traditional and Contemporary Folk Sayings

Exhibit at the Grant House Folk Art Center, 1101 Officers' Row. Tues.-Sun. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 694-5252

2, 6, 9, 13 & 16 Kids Club at Vancouver Mall 10:30 a.m. Free. 892-6255.

17 Swift Auction

Red Lion Jantzen Beach, 909 N. Hayden Island Dr., Portland, OR. Annual elegant auction and dinner. Monies raised support non-profit organizations in Southwest Washington. 4 p.m. to midnight. \$100 per person or \$150 per couple. 693-5855

20 & 23 Kids Club at Vancouver Mall 10:30 a.m. Free. 892-6255.

24 Yang Feng Puppet Theatre

Columbia Arts Center, 400 W. Evergreen Blvd. Chinese tales told by master puppeteer Yang Feng. 2 & 4 p.m. performances. \$8 adult, \$6 child (subject to additional service and handling fees). 695-3050.

24-May 9 Hulda Klager Lielac Gardens & Annual Open House 115 South Pekin Road, Woodland. Oppor-

tunity to tour the Klager Victorian farmhouse and stroll the gardens during these two weeks only. Gardens open year-round. \$1 donation requested. Dates are tentative and will be determined by the blooming season. 225-8996.

27 & 30 Kids club at Vancouver Mall

10:30 a.m. Free. 892-6255.

28-May 1 18th Annual clark county Quilters Quilt Show

Turning Point Christian Center, 3609 Main St. Over 100 new and antique quilts. Demonstrations of various quilting and handwork techniques.

Quilters' bazaar. Wed., Fri. & Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thurs. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. \$2 general admission, \$1 students. 696-2474

April 1-30 Earth Action Month, Environmental Information Center, 699-3325

April 3-May 1 Spring Clean-Up Vancouver neighborhoods, 696-8222

April 12 Citizen Forum, Harney Heights Neighborhood Association, 696-8222

April 14 Arbor Day, Waterfront Park, 696-8031

## Vancouver unveils 10-year annexation plan for urban area

Vancouver city officials recently unveiled a draft planning document detailing the city's intent to annex urbanized areas adjacent to the city over the next 10 years. It identifies 18 neighboring areas and lists approximate timelines for each annexation.



A police bicycle patrol is one example of the many urban-level services the city has extended into the newly annexed Vancouver Mall area since Jan. 1.

The plan was developed by the city as part of a negotiated agreement with Clark County last year during the Vancouver Mall area annexation. It calls for eventual annexation of all areas served by the city's water/sanitary sewer utility, plus the Hazel Dell area.

The plan states that "Vancouver City Council believes annexation of the Vancouver Urban Service Area is needed to adequately serve the area and to properly plan for its continued development." It adds that council "believes each resident and property owner should have access to all information needed to evaluate and make responsible decisions relative to urban services and boundary changes."

The plan is broken down into three time periods: short-term (1-3 years), mid-term (2-5 years) and long-term (5-10 years). City officials will work directly with property owners who want to annex. Areas in the short-term phase include West Minnehaha, Ellsworth, Cascade Park and the western part of the Port of Vancouver. Areas included in the mid- and long-term phases include Evergreen, Orchards, East Minnehaha, Five Corners, Walnut Grove, Lake Shore, Salmon Creek and Felida.

Vancouver City Council has already received petitions from owners representing 10 percent of the property value in the West Minnehaha area. Petitions representing the required 75 percent of

the property value are expected to be collected by the end of April. This will follow a city services Information Fair in the area.

State law allows cities to either collect petitions or hold elections to decide annexations. Over the years, the City of Vancouver has preferred the more grassroots driven, person-to-person petition method.

Presentation of the city's 10-year annexation plan closely follows the successful annexation of the Vancouver Mall/Fourth Plain area. A recent census of that area put the population at 6,693. Additional state money coming back to the community as a result of the annexation will total over \$350,000 annually.

If the entire area detailed in the ten-year plan is annexed, Vancouver would grow from the state's ninth to fourth largest city. The state recognizes the role of cities as urban services providers. Counties are created to provide regional services. State funding formulas and tax structures favor cities in meeting their urban services responsibility.

Annexation lets cities extend urban-type services into areas of need. Annexation also empowers cities to address urban growth issues which impact the wider community.

Questions? Call the city's special Annexation Hotline at 696-8285.