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## SECTION B

### Community Calendar

#### Auction For Kids Programs

The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office holds its 1994 Mounted Posse Auction Dinner for the construction of an equestrian center and programs for at-risk kids, Friday, Oct. 8 at 5:30 p.m. at the Portland Art Museum. Tickets are \$50 and \$75. Contact Bill Goss at 251-2422.

#### Fall Jazz Concert Is Saturday

The Rebecca Kilgore Quintet is featured Saturday at the Fall Jazz Series concert premier at The Old Church, 1422 S.W. 11th Ave. Food, wine and beer will be available. Doors open at 1 p.m. with the music beginning at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$8. Proceeds benefit The Old Church piano fund.

#### Stock Market Course Offered

A new economics course called "Investing and the Stock Market" is held this fall at Mt. Hood Community College, 26000 S.E. Stark St. The class meets Tuesday evenings through Dec. 13. Call instructor Ted Scheinman at 667-7104 or the office of admissions and records at 667-7392.

#### Aquarium Offers Deep Sea Treasures

The Oregon Coast Aquarium will offer a fascinating hands-on introduction to the world of deep sea exploration through a four month exhibit called Deep Sea Treasures. Built by the Museum of Science and Industry in Tampa, Fla., it features interactive ways to learn about deep sea exploration, including Alvin, a diving bell and a model ship.

#### Positively Indian! Celebrates Culture

Positively Indian!, the region's largest Native American art show and auction takes place Oct. 14-16 at the Portland Masonic Temple, 1119 S.W. Park Ave. Activities include arts and crafts, children's theatre, storytelling programs, Native American films and traditional dance performances.

#### Oxbow Park Hosts Salmon Festival

Entertainment, crafts, activities for youngsters, story telling, native American dancing, arts and crafts, food and a traditional salmon bake is planned during a Salmon Festival, Oct. 15 and Oct. 16 at Oxbow Regional Park, eight miles east of Gresham.

#### Interfaith Parenting Class Offered

A class designed for married couples of two faiths will meet Wednesday, Oct. 26 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Middleman Jewish Community Center, 6651 S.W. Capitol Highway. Issues such as "the importance of providing children with a religious/cultural identity" will be discussed.

#### Dedicated Teens Wanted For Search And Rescue

Area high school students can help save lives by assisting law enforcement as an explorer scout with the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office.

The law enforcement agency is recruiting dedicated and mature students between the ages of 14 to 14 to volunteer in Search and Rescue Explorer Post 631.

The annual recruiting meetings is on Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, 12240 N.E. Glisan.

The post needs new members to maintain its ability to serve the public.

All members are expected to respond to calls for assistance on search and rescue missions. The call-outs may occur on any day, at any time.

## Neighborhood Calm Shattered

### Deadly Gunfire Disturbs Area Residents

By PROMISE KING

A brazen shooting in the middle of the day has shattered the calm and peace of a neighborhood at Northeast Killingsworth and Rodney Avenue.

Disturbed neighbors are voicing concerns and praying the violence will never occur again.

A gunman dastardly shot Deborah Jean Payton, 30, of Beaverton and her boyfriend, Shango Wade, 26 of Portland in the head as they sat in their mini-van. Payton died at the scene and Wade died later at Legacy Emanuel hospital.

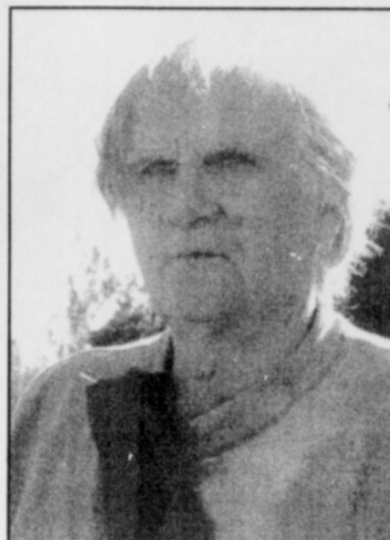
A trembling Gloria Parra, a neighbor who lives directly opposite the scene of the killings said she is terrified and thinking of moving her family away.

"I was in the basement when I heard the gunshots and I rushed out to find police had blocked the street," she said. "It's scary. I don't feel secure anymore," as Parra held her three kids close.

A young woman with a 16-month-



Lorine Howard is saddened by young lives being wasted.



Ted, a landlord, says neighborhood is usually quiet.



Gloria Parra worries about her family's safety.

old baby, who gave her name as Kiana, told the Portland Observer she was at the bus stop when a car pulled closed to the mini-van as if it wanted to smash into it.

She said the driver yelled obscene words and in a split second, he brought out a gun and fired the fatal shots at close range.

The witness ran for cover at a nearby church and the assailant speed away.

"I just hit the ground man. It was like a

real movie scene," she said.

For William King, it was a sad reminder of his mom's death.

King was sleeping after his grave yard shift when the gun shots woke him up.

"It's really not a matter of the neighborhood, he could have killed anywhere else," King said, holding on to his fiancée, Renee Brewster.

Ted, a resident landlord, was surprised the killings took place in an otherwise quiet area.

"The neighborhood is pretty peaceful and neighbors get along pretty well," he said. Portland police have arrested Earl Douglas Wilkens, 29, also known as Anthony McDonald, in connection with the brutal murders.

Authorities said he will be charged for two counts of aggravated murder.

The motive behind the killings is unclear, but police believe there had been disagreements between the assailant and the victims.

## 'Crossing The Broken Bridge'



A Traveling Jewish Theatre/Junebug Production present Crossing The Broken Bridge created & performed by Naomi Newman and John O'Neal; directed by Steven Kent. Photo by David Allen

The Mittleman Jewish Community Center, The Portland International Performance Festival, a program of Portland State University's School of Extended Studies, and Congregation Neveh Shalom present Crossing The Broken Bridge on October 15 and 16 at the Aladdin Theatre.

The presentation is a collaboration between Naomi Newman of San Francisco's A Traveling Jewish Theatre and John O'Neal from New Orleans' Junebug Productions. Using the lens of African American/Jewish relations to examine the forces that divide and unite the human community, this play attempts to address the volatile issues of

stereotypes, racism and anti-Semitism with humor and compassion through songs and stories.

Co-sponsors for Portland's Crossing The Broken Bridge project are the American Jewish Committee, Havurah Shalom, the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center and the Urban League. The Urban League will distribute 100 free tickets per performance to those who can't afford to attend. Partial funding for the project is provided by the Western States Arts Foundation.

The Portland residency of Crossing The Broken Bridge includes three public performances at the Aladdin Theatre, 3017 S.E. Milwaukie, on Saturday, October 15 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 16 at 2:00 p.m. and

7:00 p.m. Tickets for those performances are \$16, \$13, and \$10 for general admission and \$14, \$11, and \$8 for seniors and students. Tickets will be available at all Ticketmaster outlets including the PSU Box Office, and at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center and Congregation Neveh Shalom. Tickets at Ticketmaster outlets are subject to a service charge. Other events are a workshop/discussion with the actors on Friday, October 14 at Congregation Neveh Shalom (2900 S.W. Peaceful Lane), a workshop for PSU students, related courses from PSU's School of Extended Studies and two performances for middle school and high school students sponsored by the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center. All performances include a discussion with the performers.

## New Commissioners Named To Rights Panel

Five new members were recently appointed to the Metropolitan Human Rights Commission by Portland Mayor Vera Katz and Multnomah County Chair Beverly Stein:

Gretchen Shuette lives in east Multnomah County. She is the executive vice president at Mt. Hood Community College, a member of Citizens Against Discrimination and the MHCC Diversity Taskforce. She's a frequent volunteer for organizations and groups that focus on civil liberties and human rights issues.

Janet T. Kakishita of Portland is Japanese-American. She is the principal of Sunnyside Elementary School, a member of

the Belmont Area Diversity Project and Educators for Social Responsibility. Kakishita is implementing the first Vietnamese bi-lingual program for the Portland School District.

Joan H. Strouse of Portland is an associate professor at Portland State University. She is a member of the School of Education Advisory Committee, PSU Sexual Harassment Resource Network and has consulted with the U.S. Department of Education regarding the Title VII Programs. She has been particularly involved in migrant education and sexual harassment issues.

Alice M. Perry of Portland is a Chicana and an active member in her community. She works for American Friends Service Com-

mittee, a member of the Portland-Corinto Sister City Association, ALANA for Peace and Justice and volunteers for KBOO as a Spanish language programmer, focusing on women's music and issues.

Minh Van Tran of Portland will complete a previous commissioner's three-year term. He is Vietnamese and very active in several east Asian communities. He is the supervisor for Portland Public School's English as a Second Language Program. Minh is a member of the Oregon Bilingual Education Association, Vietnamese Education Association and the National Education Association.

## Study Finds City Parks In Disrepair

Members of the Portland City Club have voted overwhelmingly to support the development and improved management of Portland area parks.

A club report finds that parts of Portland's park system are in serious disrepair and some areas of the city are underserved. It recommends the creation of a system of small neighborhood parks and larger community parks, better coordination between park districts and departments in the metropolitan area, and the creation of a citizen commission to provide more citizen input and direction in the governance of Portland parks.

The City Club undertook its year-long study to assess the adequacy of the Portland area's parks, greenspaces and other public spaces to serve the area's rapidly growing population. Up to 500,000 new residents are expected to move into the Portland area by the year 2010.

The report was the result of research and over 70 interviews with sports and recreation leaders, community activists and local government planners.

## Kitzhaber Opens Northeast Office

Democratic candidate for Governor John Kitzhaber's campaign is opening an office in Northeast Portland with an open house on Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Local residents and business people are encouraged to stop by the office at 5016 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and Alberta Street.

Two commissioners were re-appointed. Nadia Kahl lives in Portland and is active with the Arab community. She has participated in many of the commission's projects and mostly recently helped facilitate a focus group meeting with the middle Eastern community.

Frances Portillo-Denhart of Portland is active within the Hispanic community. She is chair of the commission's diversity committee.

The public is welcome to meet the commissioners at the panel's monthly meetings held every second Tuesday of the month. Call 823-5136 for more information.