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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Kids To Enjoy Stories, Crafts

Children of all ages are invited to enjoy festive stories and easy crafts this Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at the North Portland Branch of the Multnomah County Library, 512 N. Killingsworth.

Lights Dance Up The Holidays

Colorful laser lights and images will dance to favorite holiday music during Holiday Magic, a new laser light show matinee at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, 1945 S.E. Water Ave. Shows run daily at 2:30 p.m. and on Saturdays and Sundays at 12:30, 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. Day admission to the planetarium shows and laser light matinees are \$4.50 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$3.50 for youth, ages 3 through 17.

Saturday Gift Making

The Portland Parks Bureau welcomes families to join in the holiday spirit by making your own gifts of plaster painting, gimp braiding, card making and other crafts. A gift making class takes place Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Peninsula Community Center, 700 N. Portland Blvd. Call 823-3620 for more information.

Breakfast With St. Nick

Pioneer Place sponsors Breakfast with Nicholas on Saturday with proceeds to the Ronald McDonald House. The full-service breakfast begins at 9:30 a.m. in the State Ballroom of the Portland Hilton. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for children. In addition to a visit by Saint Nicholas with each child, festivities include entertainment by clowns and jugglers, balloon sculpture, strolling magicians, live music and a special visit by the Cinnamon Bear.

"Joy to the World"

"Joy to the World" is this year's theme for the Festival of Lights at The Grotto on Sandy Boulevard at Northeast 85th Avenue. The show features the largest musical offerings of choral groups in the Pacific Northwest. The festival is open 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. through December 30, except Christmas Day. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children.

Market To Open Extra Days

Portland's Saturday Market, the weekend outdoor market of crafts and other wares in Old Town will open Monday through Friday the week before Christmas. Hours will be 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Dec. 19 through Dec. 23. The market closes for the months of January and February and will reopen March 4.

Winter Schedules Are Out

The Portland Parks and Recreation winter schedules are out. The guides include offerings of classes and activities from throughout the city, as well as a map showing the locations of community centers and schools. The guides can be found at Multnomah County libraries, city hall and all park recreation sites. They can also be mailed to you home. Call the Portland Parks and Recreation Hotline at 823-2223.

Firehouse Celebrates Kwanzaa

The Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate Ave., is creating special festivities during December to educate, explain and celebrate the African American festival of Kwanzaa. All events are open and free to the public. Call 823-2000 for more information.

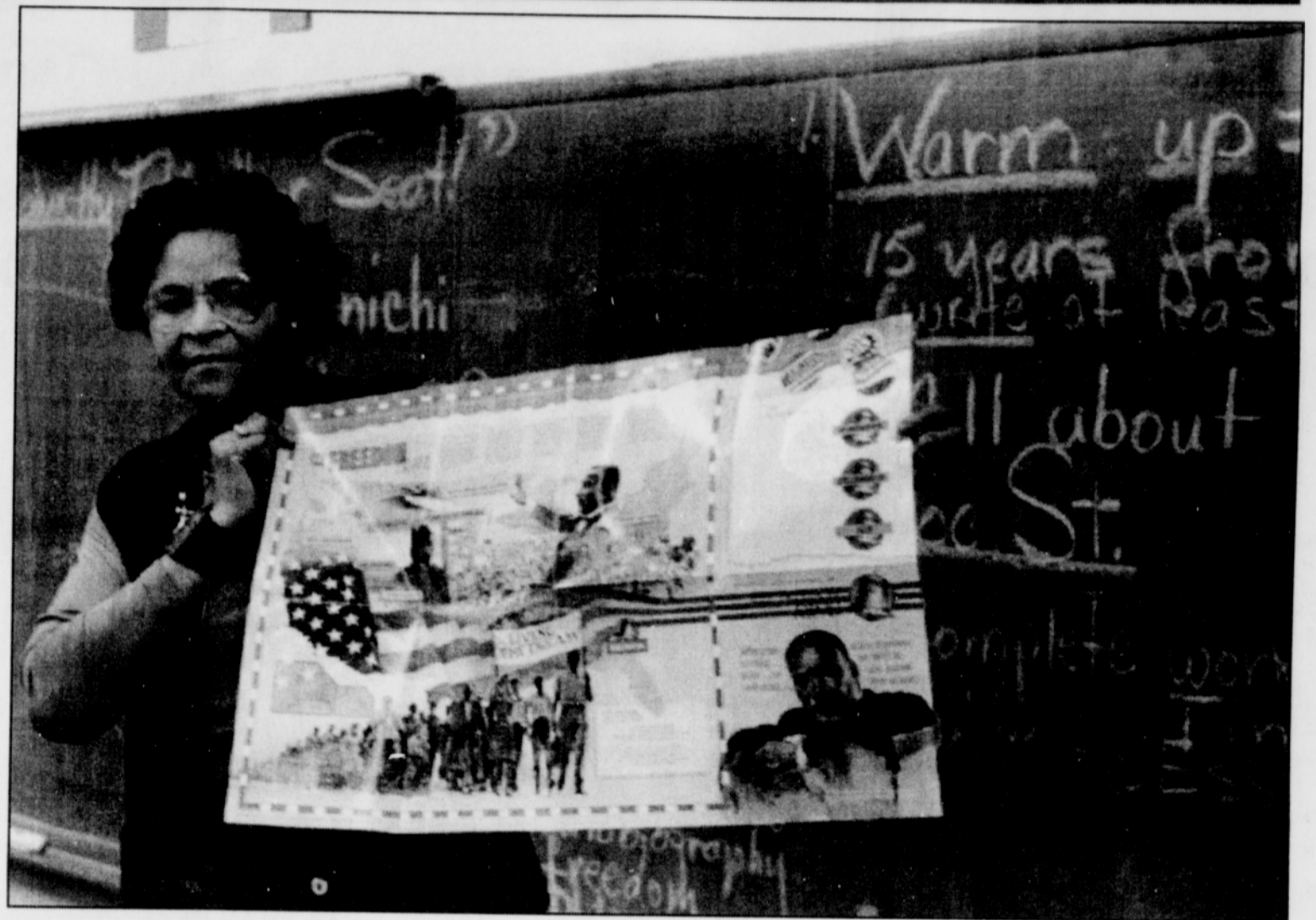
PLEASE SEND ALL COMMUNITY CALENDAR INFORMATION TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE OF EVENTS BEGINNING DATE

"Bea" Anderson: A Legacy Of Excellence

Beverous Anderson, known by friends everywhere simply as "Bea," passed away on December 9 leaving hundreds of friends and thousands of children with her wonderful gifts of teaching and human concern. "Bea" was known for her teaching and caring about children from her home state of North Carolina, all the way to interior of Japan where she lived and taught for several years also.

In between North Carolina and Japan, the children in Portland were the beneficiaries of "Bea" Anderson's compassion for children. Three main "public" chapters of her career, were absolutely magnificent. Best known as a master teacher at Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary, she demonstrated teaching techniques that were effective while inspiring children to excel in all subjects. More the technique, "Bea" Anderson had a real love for children and for getting them to succeed and to get along. She simply would not tolerate poor behavior or second best effort.

In 1980, she was selected to be part of the Harriet Tubman Middle School charter teaching team. She helped children make the transition from elementary to the middle school setting. She taught at Harriet Tubman until she retired in 1993. There she instituted and "International Week" program which brought cultures from all parts of the world together with displays, speakers, dance, special classes, and cooking demonstrations. For children and families alike, this was often their "big-



"Bea" Anderson introduces International Week to students at Harriet Tubman Middle School.

gest window" through which to view other people and their customs.

Meanwhile, for 20 years along the way, "Bea" Anderson was the "headmistress" of the Reading Tree at Irving Park. As founder and director, and with the inspired work of her late friend Lillian Herzog, she made an impact on thousands of little children. Through the vision of Charles Jordan the program was sponsored by the Portland Park

Bureau, and served children in the primary grades. Under the canopies of the giant "shade trees", children would start the day singing and move into story telling and reading groups where characters would come to life. Even on the hottest days, you could find Bea Anderson inspiring not only little children, but aspiring educators as well. We'll never know how many good teachers were developed out of volunteering at the Reading Tree. There in

that urban park, you would find those eager children gobbling up books just like they would welcome the free lunches provided by the Portland Public Schools. In 1989, she was a finalist in U.S. West's Outstanding Teacher Program.

In her private life, "Bea" Anderson was just as colorful and energetic. She had friends

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John Fregonese of Metro helps bury a time capsule at the regional government's offices at 600 N.E. Grand Ave. Metro created the piece of history to be opened in the year 2040 as part of its adoption of a 50-year growth plan for the region.

Time Capsule Buried At Metro

Police Patrol Boundaries To Change

Police are extending the boundaries of a patrol unit in northeast Portland.

The changes, which are expected to take effect in January, mean the Concordia Neighborhood will no longer be split between the Portland Police Bureau's Northeast and East precincts.

The Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood will also fall within the new precinct boundaries which extended the Northeast Precinct's patrol area from Northeast 33rd Avenue to 47th Avenue.

"In order to enhance our community

policing efforts, Portland Police operations branch personnel have worked with the community to more closely align police patrol districts within neighborhood and coalition boundaries," said police chief Charles Moose.

The new patrol lines are expected to give police officers a closer working relationship with citizens in the community.

Northeast Precinct Commander Bruce Prunk expects to assign additional officers to his command to handle the additional calls for service.

Community Sing-a-Long Set For Saturday

Area residents will join together to celebrate peace and neighborhood unity at a holiday sing-a-long, Saturday, Dec. 17 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Unthank Park at the corner of North Shaver and Kerby.

The event is organized by Housing Our Families, a non-profit organization working with community residents to revitalize their neighborhood and build a sense of solidarity amongst residents.

The sing-a-long program will include songs from a variety of holiday traditions, reflecting the diversity of the neighborhood. Several area youth

groups, church choirs and a local synagogue will join neighborhood residents for the celebration.

After caroling around the perimeter of the park, participants will gather for hot soup, cider and snacks.

Local residents designed the event to show their commitment to keeping Unthank Park safe for families and children of the neighborhood. The park is a common meeting place for gangs and drug dealers and is rarely used by families.

Housing Our Families has been working with residents to reclaim the park and make the whole neighborhood safe, stable and strong.



Area children see Santa before hopping on board a real fire truck during an open house at the historic Kenton Fire House at 8105 N. Brandon.

Local Leaders Target Juvenile Crime

Wyden To Introduce Bill For Justice Reforms, More Local Control

Area governments have joined forces to promote a juvenile justice reform program to give states greater flexibility in using federal anti-crime dollars.

U.S. Rep. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., Oregon Attorney General Ted Kulongoski, Portland Police Chief Charles Moose, Portland District Attorney Mike Schrank and others launch

the initiative Tuesday in Portland.

The aim of the proposal is to make juvenile offenders face consequences for illegal acts.

"While the federal government allocated substantial federal funds to assist local communities, more needs to be done to help communities fight juvenile crime at the local level," said Wyden, who will introduce the

initiative in Congress.

Wyden said the proposal is designed not only to discourage continued criminal activity, but to provide greater protection for local communities and restitution for victims.

"Juveniles who break the law must begin to face inescapable consequences for their actions," Wyden added.

The political leaders said Oregon needs more secure facilities to House juvenile offenders and needs to re-design the juvenile justice system.

The legislation represents a culmination of a year-long discussion between the local government officials about how to respond to the growing problem of juvenile crime, Wyden said.