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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Holiday Wildlife Party

Your invited to Oxbow Regional Park to make holiday treats for wildlife on Sundays, Dec. 10. Participants will make edible ornaments from all natural materials to provide food for some of the wildlife in the park. Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces will provide hot drinks, snacks and materials to make the ornaments. Call 797-1850, option 4 to make reservations.

American Girls Are Boys!

The American Girls brings its 12 city tour to Portland to perform every Tuesday in December at Belmont's Inn with shows beginning at 9 p.m. The "girls" are actually a group of six guys featuring trumpet, guitars, drums, occasional organ sounds and three-part harmonies.

Reading Partners Needed

Start Making a Reader Today, an in-school book and reading program for children in kindergarten through second grade, is looking for reading partners for Portland-area schools. Adult volunteers spend just one hour a week reading one-on-one with children. Call Helen Wahl at the Multnomah County Retired and Senior Volunteer program at 415-7787.

Festival Of Lights Shine

Festival of Lights at The Grotto on 85th and Sandy Boulevard is held each night except Christmas Day through Dec. 30. The event also features the music of choirs from all over the area.

Dialogue On Affirmative Action

The Metropolitan Human Rights Commission is sponsoring a community dialogue about affirmative action on Thursday, Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Red Cross Building, 3131 N. Vancouver Ave. Group size is limited. Call 823-5136 to register in advance.

Kwanzaa Quilts On Display

The Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate Ave. will host during the month of December, originally designed Kwanzaa quilts made by community organizations for each of the seven principles of the African American holiday. An opening reception will be held Thursday, Dec. 7 starting at 5 p.m.

Volunteers Help Food Drive

St. Vincent de Paul invites volunteers to share the spirit of the holiday season by helping with its annual Christmas food drive. Volunteers are need through Saturday, Dec. 23 to collect, sort and package 300,000 pounds of non-perishable food to feed more than 6,000 needy families. To help call 234-5295 or 234-1114.

Zoo Lights Is Family Tradition

Over a hundred community music groups will ring out with sounds of the season at the Nationwide Insurance ZooLights Festival at the Metro Washington Park Zoo. The family tradition is getting better every year with more lights and entertainment. Shows start at 5 p.m. through Dec. 31, expect Christmas Eve and Christmas.

Housing Questions Answered

Find out what it takes to buy a house by attending free classes about home loans, home buying and home ownership. The non-profit Portland Housing Center holds sessions Saturday, Dec. 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Terrel Hall on the Portland Community College campus in north Portland.

SUBMISSIONS: Community Calendar information will be given priority if dated two weeks before the event date.



Children from the Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School Choir, under the direction of instructor Ms. Gifford, recently performed holiday and contemporary songs for a luncheon gathering at the Multicultural Senior Center on Southeast Belmont. (Photo By Michael Leighton)

Alberta Targeted For Tree Planting

Alberta Street in Northeast Portland will soon be a "green" street thanks to the planting of trees.

About 50 large trees will be planted along the street Saturday by volunteers from Friends of Alberta Street, Pacific Power and Friends of Trees.

The neighborhood will sponsor an afternoon expo of live music, food and exhibits following the tree planting which will take place from 9 a.m. to noon.

The event has the support of several neighborhood associations, the Sabin Com-

munity Development Corporation, the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs, House of Umoja, Albina Community Bank and others.

The tree planting volunteers will meet at 9 a.m. at the Albina Community Bank, 1130 N.E. Alberta St.

Portland Police Chief Charles Moose, a strong supporter of community revitalization and King neighborhood resident, will kick-off the event, along with Sheila Holden, Pacific Power general business manager and Friends of Trees staff.

The trees will be planted near businesses

which are contributing to the event. To volunteer, call Friends of Trees at 282-8846.

"We believe that trees will make the street more inviting to pedestrians and attract more storefront businesses to our community," said Susan Millhauser, a member of Friends of Alberta Street.

The tree planting is the first of Pacific Power's "GreenStreets" program which is designed to give commercial streets in northeast Portland both an economic and environmental boost. The utility's contribution of \$10,000 helps pay a part of the planting costs.

"Pacific Power selected Alberta Street

for its first "GreenStreets" project because the street is blossoming with new business growth and community improvement efforts, said Holden. "The trees will provide shade to local residents, help reduce cooling bills for businesses and add beauty to the neighborhood."

The community expo will be begin at noon at the Texas Annex, 1625 N.E. Alberta St. It will feature live blues and jazz, as well as exhibits on topics from weatherization to social services. The Community Recycling Center will hold a workshop on repairing bicycles.

College Dean, Banker To Serve Urban League



Leon Smith



Mildred Ollee

Dr. Mildred Ollee and Leon Smith are the newest members to be elected to the Board of Directors of the Urban League of Portland.

The announcement was made by Urban League Board Chairman Michael Lewellen. Ollee is the new executive dean at the Cascade Campus of Portland Community College in north Portland. Before joining the college in July, she was Vice President of Student Services at Seattle Central Community College.

Ollee holds a doctoral degree in educational leadership from Seattle University and a masters degree in education from Walla Walla College in Walla Walla, Wash.

Smith is president and chief executive

office of Albina Community Bancorp. Prior to becoming the bank's first president in 1994, Smith served as Senior Vice President of Developmental Real Estate at the Bank of Boston in Waterbury, Conn.

Smith also served as Chief Executive Officer of Emerald City Bank in Seattle in 1991-92. He is a graduate of Northwestern School of Law and holds a masters degree in business administration from the University of Chicago.

The Urban League is a non-profit, community-based human service, economic and social justice agency serving youth and families, students, jobs seekers and seniors in the Portland metropolitan area.

The league is one of 113 local affiliates of the National Urban League.



Miss Black Oregon USA 1995 Donna Knight warms the crowd with her smile during the Meier & Frank Holiday Parade. Knight was escorted in a carriage by John Palmer House and accompanied by the 1996 Miss Black Oregon USA contestants and the 1996 LeFemmes Cavaliers. The contestants' volunteer community service campaign is now underway, call 289-9870 for information.

Adopt-A-Haircut Builds Esteem For Area Residents

Area residents can adopt-a-haircut in a program to help area youth build self-esteem and a positive image.

The effort is part of the Yaun Youth Care Center's Reaching In Saving Kids (RISK) program.

Some young men attending Harriet Tubman Middle School in north Portland have already participated in the program by visiting DeAngelo's Barber/Stylist Shop at 6800 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Leonard Clark, Yaun Outreach Manager and RISK Director, said are provided free to the students as part

of on-going efforts of RISK staff to let young people know that "there is someone else out there who cares about them."

Clark said the program also creates community networking and supports community-based businesses.

The general public is encouraged to pitch-in and help by sponsoring haircuts for \$10 per month or to make contributions for gas and other expenses.

"As our youth haircut enrollment increase, we will be in need of more sponsors," Clark said.

To help, call Clark at 287-2724.