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**SECTION B**

**Community Calendar**

**Benson New Year Begins Early**

The Benson Hotel kicks off its New Year's celebrations early this year with a champagne brunch in the London Grill Sunday, Dec. 31 and Monday, Jan. 1. The Benson's Lobby Court will feature the vocals of Rebecca Kilgore, Jean Rohne Beach, Lee Wuthenow, Neil Mason and Dave Captien. The hotel's Trader Vic's will begin entertainment on New Year's Eve at 9 p.m.

**New Year's At The Schnitz**

The Glenn Miller Orchestra performs a New Year Eve's concert at the Arlene Schnitzer Hall. The Friends of the Performing Arts Center is sponsoring the event as part of a fundraising gala called Opening Night at the Schnitz. The evening will include the big band sounds, dancing and elegant dining.

**Simon Ensemble Plays Marriott**

The Mark Simon Ensemble, whose 1995 Portland Nights CD has been one of the area's best-selling jazz recordings, takes over the Marriott Hotel Lobby Bar for a New Year's Eve engagement. Hours are 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

**Christmas Tree Recycling**

Christmas trees will be accepted for recycling on Saturday, Jan. 6 and Saturday, Jan 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the parking lot behind St. Andrew's Church in northeast Portland. The requested donation is \$3 to \$4, depending on tree size. The proceeds will go towards a new low-income home ownership program by the Sabin Community Development Corp.

**Gala Honors King Legacy**

The Pacific Northwest chapter of Blacks In Government will host its 13th Commemorative Banquet in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Friday, Jan. 19 at the Red Lion Lloyd Center Hotel. Retired Brigadier Gen. Sherian Cadoria, the highest ranking African American female in the U.S. armed forces, will be the keynote speaker. For ticket information, call (360) 573-9637.

**Genealogy Traces Roots**

Clark College Community Education and the Clark County Genealogical Society are sponsoring classes to trace family histories, beginning in January. For information, contact Billie Joe Westby at (360) 695-5334.

**Plan For Energy Savings**

Learning how to stay warm this winter and save money is the aim of a series of free energy conservation workshops. Low-income households can also qualify for a free kit of home weatherization materials worth \$120. To register, call the Community Energy Project at 284-6827.

**Self-Defense For Women**

One With Heart, 4231 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd. presents Fight the Fear, Self Defense for Every Women, a six week course, beginning Monday, Jan. 8. The classes meet Monday and Wednesday evenings, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Contact Michelle Rose at 231-1999 for more information.

**Home Buying Classes**

Evening classes about home buying are held Thursday nights during January at the Cascade Campus of Portland Community College. The information is designed for home buyers who are buying their first house in the city of Portland. To register call 282-7744.

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## Focus Placed On Crime, Punishment

**C** rime and punishment and the upcoming special session of the Legislature devoted to the issue will be the subject of a town hall meeting.

Sen. Dick Springer, Sen. Shirley Gold, Rep. Kate Brown and Rep. Gail Shibley, all Portland Democrats, will host the public session on Saturday, Jan. 6 from 9:30 to

11:30 at the Sellwood Moreland Improvement League, 8210 S.E. 13th.

Multnomah County Sheriff Dan Noelle and Rick Hall, director of the new Oregon Youth Authority, are scheduled to address community corrections issues and the special session.

"I expect that we will have a very lively conversation on the changes that are cur-

rently happening in community corrections," said Springer.

When Oregon voters overwhelmingly approved Ballot Measure 11 in November 1994, they not only transformed the adult criminal justice system, but also forced the Legislature to re-think corrections policy and fund growing prison budgets.

The measure requires minimum sentences for certain crimes and applies to anyone age 15 and up. During the 1995 Legislative session, Senate Bill 1 created the Oregon Youth Authority which will handle the influx of juvenile offenders.

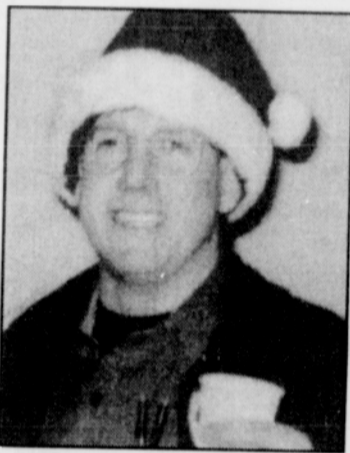
The public is invited to bring questions and concerns about community corrections to the town hall meeting.

## Santa Visits Going Street Market

Community kids braved the chilly wind to get an opportunity to talk to Santa Friday at the Going Street Market on North Williams.

While waiting to visit and talk with Santa about their gift wishes, the kids sang familiar holiday carols. Santa's helpers were officers Jim McCausland and Doug Haplin of the Portland Police Bureau. Mary Coleman of the Going Street Market served the kids hot chocolate, sandwiches and fruits.

Santa treated all the children with great toys, school supplies and toiletries provided by the police bureau and the market.



Portland Police Officer Doug Haplin (left) takes a timeout from helping Santa, while Santa and a neighborhood youngster (right) visit during St. Nick's visit to the Going Street Market.



Police officer Doug Haplin (back row, from left), Charles Maxey, and officer Jim McCausland join Santa and area kids during a visit to the Going Street Market.

(Photo by Mark Washington)



Dance expert Catherine Evleshin teaches basic Afro-Caribbean and Latino dance techniques in "Folklorico," an 8-week workshop beginning Jan. 17 at Portland State University. The sessions will take place Mondays and Wednesdays from 4 p.m. to 5:30 in the PSU Health and Physical Education Building.

## T'was The Day After Christmas

By CORA SMITH

**T**'was the day after Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, but some boxes opened were waiting to be returned. The tree showered with gifts reflects how Santa and Rudolph made a few deliveries to the wrong address or committed one of their few faux pas.

"The wrong size," "color," or "didn't like the item," were soft spoken words. Or was it just the opposite, "would like to hold on to it, but I'm not sure," "I love it, but... the touch and feel of the fabric is wrong for the season." Or for most, was it simply "I love the gift I received."

The malls and stores are crying come back only if you have your receipt. Returns, shopping refunds, bargains galore and new reductions - a retailers overload is what to expect.

The 1995 holiday season saw retailer's reporting disappointing profits, blaming the average credit cards limits of \$3,700 to be max'ed out early. However, the consumer's approximate purchases totaled about \$735.

One of the largest retail divisions to incur lower profits was dress apparel, with stores citing women's standards as changing regarding ready-to-wear items. Women are selecting, instead, to purchase quality items

with long-term style and durability, a similar dressing pattern to that of men and choosing to replace clothing, rather than to revamp with the constant new trendsetting changes of the new wave designers.

The American public is sensing, instead, to resemble the European woman's buying techniques, that of design-to-wear styles highlighted by purchasing items to update by means of accessories. The baby-boomers promoted sales in smaller practical items, such as jewelry, scarfs, gloves, hats, soft leisure sportswear, caps and hosiery.

In other categories, "Toys R Us" posted a lower profit margin in sales due to the competition of high volume purchases from stores such as Walmart and other discount stores.

Barbie dolls sales soared as well as electronic games and toys. Computer sales were down, but again electronic components and added accessories seemed to be the gifts to give.

Hand held color televisions were major sellouts across the nation, other popular electronics such as color televisions, VCR's and CD players loomed large as well as cordless telephones.

The holiday season sales are lower than last year's, however, it still remains evident that our belief system in the joy of giving is alive and well.

Just maybe the credit cards, high interest rates of 18 to 24 percent and credit cards limits was the culprit this season.

On a pleasant note there are wonderful gift certificates "out there," just waiting to increase the profits of the retail stores and to enhance the true thrill of eliminating the annual returns and to some, affirm the true spirit of a debt-free Christmas.

## Photo Exhibit To Capture Diversity Of Local Community

**G**et your cameras ready, Eugene-Springfield residents. The University of Oregon wants snapshots of your friends and families for a community self-portrait exhibit.

"The project is part of our Martin Luther King celebration," says UO President Dave Frohnmayer.

"We invite you to join us. During the Holiday season, as you photograph family and friends, we ask that you take an extra photo for our show," Frohnmayer asks. "Then

please identify the people in the image on the back of the portrait and send or bring it to the Department of Special Collections at the Knight Library."

The snapshots will be part of a free public exhibit at the UO Knight Library that will open Monday, Jan. 15. After the exhibit closes Sunday, Feb. 18, the library will preserve the photos as historic documents.

"The photographs will create a record for future generations of the diverse nature of this community today," says Fay Chadwell, head of collection development at the Knight

Library and chair of the coordinating committee for the UO's 1996 Martin Luther King celebration.

"The community self-portrait will provide striking evidence that Eugene and Springfield in 1995 are made up of many races and cultures," says Chadwell.

The photographs must be taken during December 1995 or January 1996. The portraits and group pictures can be of any setting or situation as well as holiday celebrations and may be black and white or color. Any size is acceptable. The deadline to submit photos

is Wednesday, Jan. 10.

Remember, the pictures will become part of the permanent collection in the library and property of the university, so they will not be returned.

To participate in the project, bring your snapshots by Jan. 10 to the special collections department at the Knight Library, 1501 Kincaid St. You may also mail them to arrive before the deadline to Bernie McTigue, Special Collections Department, Knight Library, 1299 University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97401-1299.