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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Homeless Cats and Dogs

Find your new best friend for life this weekend. High Hopes Premium Pet Food and HomeGrocer.com are sponsoring this event. Every dog and cat adoption comes with a free "High Hopes Starter Kit" and they will donate 50 pounds of premium pet food to OHS for every dog and cat adopted. Get a free "Glamour Shot" taken of you and your new companion at the Mall 205 or Washington Square Glamour Shot studios. First 100 adoptions this weekend receive the free sitting coupon. High Hopes will be held on Friday March 3 from 10 am. until 7 p.m. and Sunday March 5 from noon until 7 p.m. at the Oregon Humane Society at 1067 NE. Columbia Blvd. (Off I-5 near Delta Park). Call 503/285-7722.

Concord Community of Choirs

The Concord Community of Choirs presents *We Remain Faithful* featuring Aurora Chorus in concert on Sunday, March 5. They will be giving two performances at 4 and 7:30 pm. Aurora Chorus will sing songs wrought from voices that have cried for justice - from women, from South Africa, victims of AIDS, from responses to the universal cries for compassion and peace. Call 721-0262.

Transit in Washington County

Be part of a solution to traffic congestion in Washington County. Attend the public forum on March 14, from 9 am. - 10:30 pm. at Beaverton City Hall, and learn about the transit options available in your community. The forum is hosted by the Westside Transportation Alliance and there is no charge to attend. Please call 617-4844 for reservations. You will hear about bus, train, vanpool, and carpool options, what has been implemented from the Transit Choices for Livability (TCL) report and what improvements are expected during the next three years. You also will hear about a new option starting up soon in rural Washington County that combines resources to serve the elderly, persons with disabilities, the access-to-work community, and the general public.

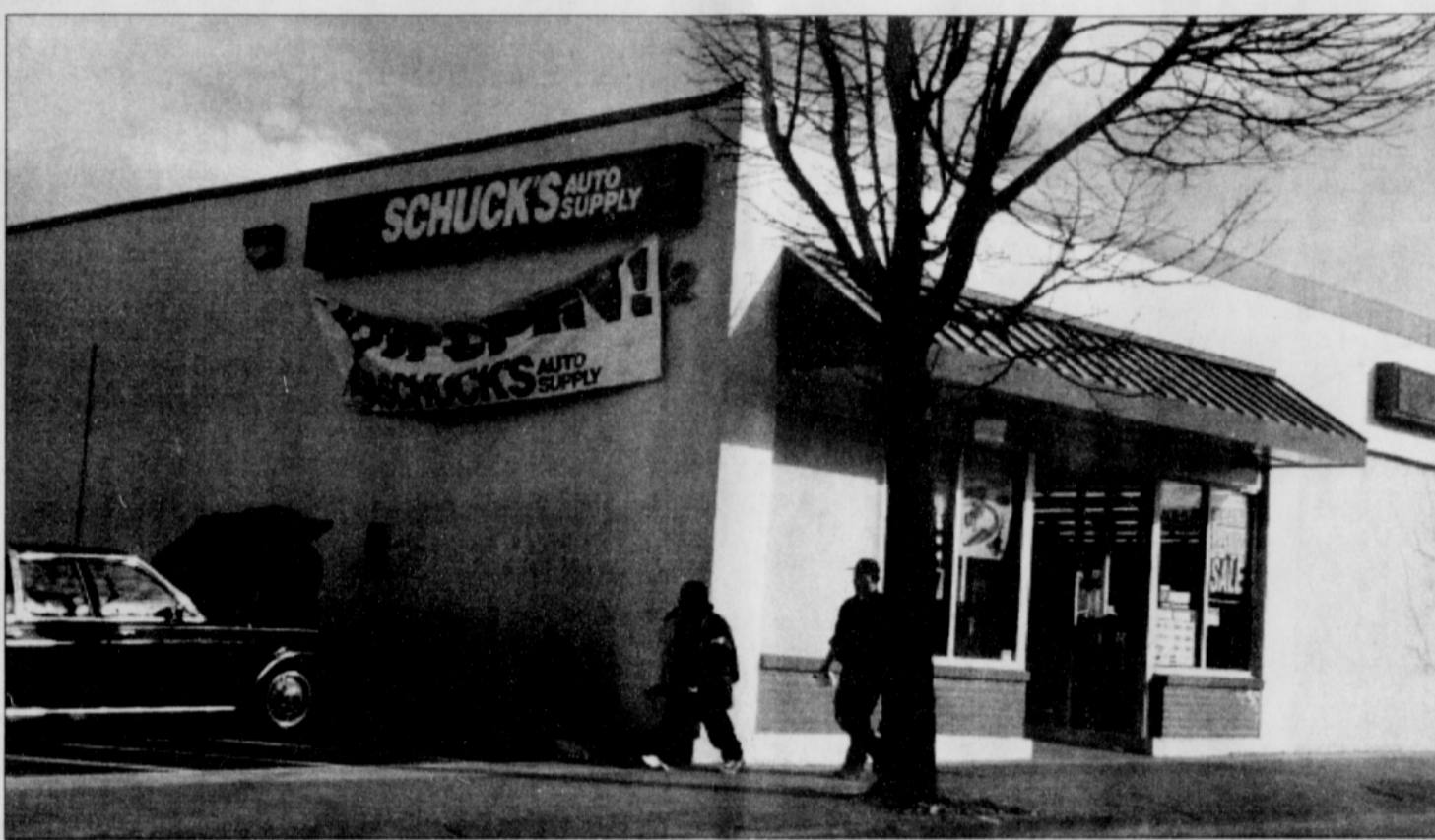
Portland Public School Science Adoption

Portland Public Schools science teachers will explain plans for the new science adoption and demonstrate science-teaching strategies at a community meeting March 8 at 7 pm. The next meeting will be held in the boardroom of the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon Street. Science textbooks currently in Portland schools are more than 10 years old. Portland Public Schools will purchase new science books and materials for all grade levels this summer, if Measure 26-2 is passed by voters on May 16. Applications are available on the district website at www.pps.k12.or.us, or by calling 916-3304.

Mission Mill Museum

Join Mission Mill Museum at their 10th Annual Speaker Series, "Millennium Moments at Mission Mill - Past and Future." The series runs the 3rd Tuesday of each month, ending on April 18. General Admission tickets for the series are \$20 for Museum members and \$24 for non-members. Single event tickets are \$6 for members and \$7 for non-members. Joyce Badgley Hunsaker will perform a historical interpretation of Sacagawea, entitled "Sacagawea, Beyond the Shining Mountains with Lewis and Clark," on March 21, 2000. Call 585-7012.

Schucks Auto Supply opens new store on MLK



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Just new to the Martin Luther King block is the national chain, Schuck's Auto Supply. They've rolled out the red carpet for their Grand Opening Sale, offering prizes such as a trip to Hawaii and events galore. After the closing of the Tortilla Factory business, the company decided to expand to the newly available commercial site. Their decision was based on a survey which revealed that many of their customers reside in the 97211 zip code area. As a greater convenience for their patrons, Schuck's officially moved to 5212 NE. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd. on January 11.

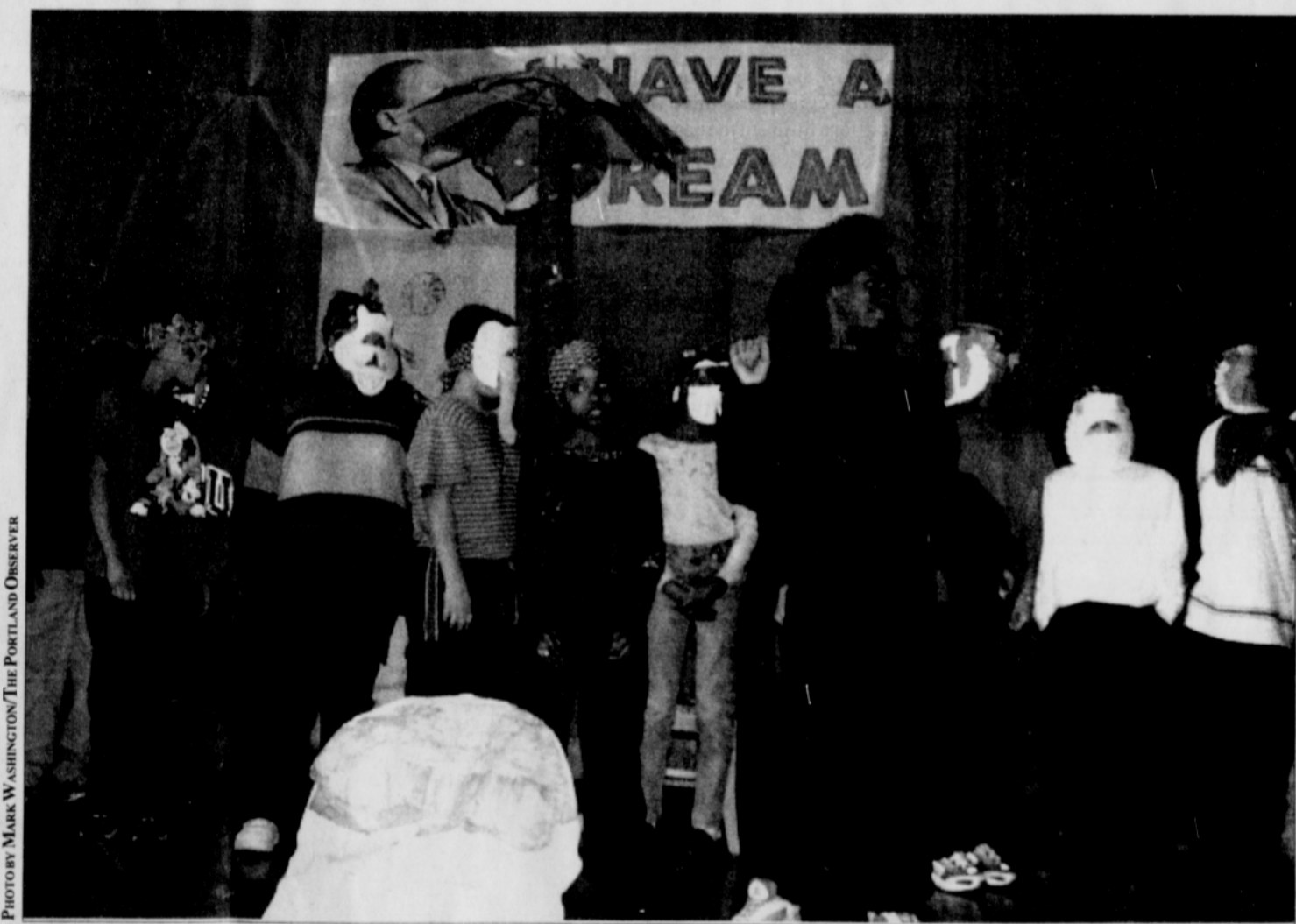
Schuck's ties to the Greater Portland area has lasted over twenty-six years with additional stores on Lombard, Sandy and Grand Avenue. They have been providers of automotive parts, accessories, and engines to the retail customer and with a Commercial Department that provides delivery to Garages and other facilities.

Larry Sparks, the new store manager had
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Children learn importance of their heritage while performing

Woodlawn Multicultural Committee presented "Heritage and Horizons: The African-American Legacies and Challenges for the 21st Century"

Students at Woodlawn ECEC celebrated, portrayed and experienced contributions of many African Americans in an assembly. Heritage and Horizons: The African-American Legacies and Challenges for the 21st Century. *Aksari, a drummer in the West African tradition, began the assembly with a libation. Later he entertained the audience with his drummer abilities. Through music, poetry and drama, students reenacted the lives of many African Americans, such as Harriet Tubman, Benjamin Bannaker and Madame C.J. Walker. In addition, African poems and folktales were presented. Poetry by Langston Hughes and Maya Angelou were recited. Marshall Haskins of SEI was the key note speaker in the afternoon. The assembly took place at Woodlawn ECEC.*



Gil Kelley sets new direction for Planning Bureau

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"I chose Gil because I believe he was best suited to help this community articulate a vision for the future and help us maintain our

reputation as the "urban mecca" of planning. Most of all, I was impressed by his desire to reinvigorate planning, re-engage the community, and encourage participation in planning. Gil has passion for planning and passion for Portland, which I think will help

him work effectively with all segments of Portland's city government, our neighborhoods, civic and professional organizations, regional partners, and the business community." Said Mayor Vera Katz. Kelley is credited for enhancing long-range planning staff and redirecting it to more fully engage the community in Berkeley.

Through citywide and neighborhood planning efforts, he steered through plans and rezoning for dozens of large and small development efforts.

He has also worked on returning retain and affordable housing to downtown, creating a policy framework for industrial revitalization that included linking training and placement opportunities for disadvantaged residents, developing a comprehensive approach to transportation planning, and working with architects, boards, commissions and non-profit groups to promote excellence in design. "He understands that planning is much more than land use, and is curious about Portland's ambitions for greatness.

He sees opportunities for economic, cultural, and social gains that will take Portland to a new level of civility. Today, Portland stands

on a tremendous foundation of success and civic independence. We need strong leadership if our future is to live up to our past. Gil Kelley has the vision and the passion to make it happen."

At a time when Portland is being held up as a national model for "smart growth," while Portlanders, including myself, are questioning how successful we've really been, it is more important than ever to understand the complex issues the city deals with in addressing how growth impacts our neighborhoods. From dealing with too-fast traffic, to determining if we can develop underused industrial land along the Willamette without hurting our threatened fish runs, to ensuring we don't price long-term residents out of the neighborhoods and into the suburbs, the impacts of growth are substantial. As our population continues to grow, I think it is increasingly important for citizens to know what the City is doing to deal with the impacts of growth in their neighborhoods.

Gil was hired to lead the reorganized Planning Bureau and head up a team of bureau directors to better coordinate City efforts connected to planning.



Mayor Vera Katz and Portland's New Planning Director Gil Kelley discuss the duties that his new position entails.