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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Discover the Magic of Winter Bears! Bears!

Express your creativity at Montavilla Community Center in these parent and child classes which use a variety of art mediums that stimulate the mind, enhance fine motor skills, and make for a magical winter experience. Go into hibernation with Bears, Bears, BEZrs! Imaginations are engaged through stories and "beary" crafty projects in this Messy Art class for ages 1 1/2 - 4 on Wednesdays through Dec. 6, from 11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Call 503/823-4101.

Seniors Wrap It Up!

Portland Parks & Recreation's Senior Recreation program is offering a special craft class for seniors (age 55 & up) just in time for the holidays - Greeting Cards, Gift Tags & Bags. Discover simple and inexpensive way to use fabric, paper, and your imagination to add a special touch to gift bags and tags. Instructor Marie Haydon will lead the class at the YWCA-North Branch, 8010 N. Charleston, on Thursday, Dec. 7, 1 - 2:30 p.m. Call 503/823-4328.

Manifesting Your Dreams

Now is the time to figure out your innermost dreams and create the life you have always dreamed of. Following your dreams might be the most desirable path of living, if you only knew your own dreams and help. This creative dreaming workshop created a bridge between you and your dreams, so you can actualize them. The class will be held at the Subud Center, located at 3185 NE Regents Dr. on Sunday, Dec. 17 from 1 - 5 p.m. Call 503/224-5959.

The New Overcomers

Break the chains of addictions and join the New Overcomers on Wednesday Evenings, 7 p.m. at Rivers of Life Church in the Melody Ballroom on 6th and Alder. Receive personal prayer for healing and a loving family environment. Come as you are. No judgement and confidentiality is assured. Call 503/230-1288.

A Benefit for Disabled Students

PHAME Academy's third annual Winter Gala is set for Friday, Dec. 1 at the World Trade Center, 121 SW Salmon St. on Portland's beautiful riverfront. A silent auction and light buffet run will run from 6-7 p.m., with performances from 7:30-9 p.m. Tickets are \$30 and can be ordered by calling 503/973-5815.

Web Weaving

Create a Web page with Microsoft Front Page. Just bring your ideas for a basic business or family Web site - include pictures or graphics on disk if you have some available. Nor prior experience required. The call will be held at Avalon Technologies, 607 SW Idaho on Tuesday, Dec. 5 from 6-9 p.m. Call 503/224-5959.

Calling All Kids

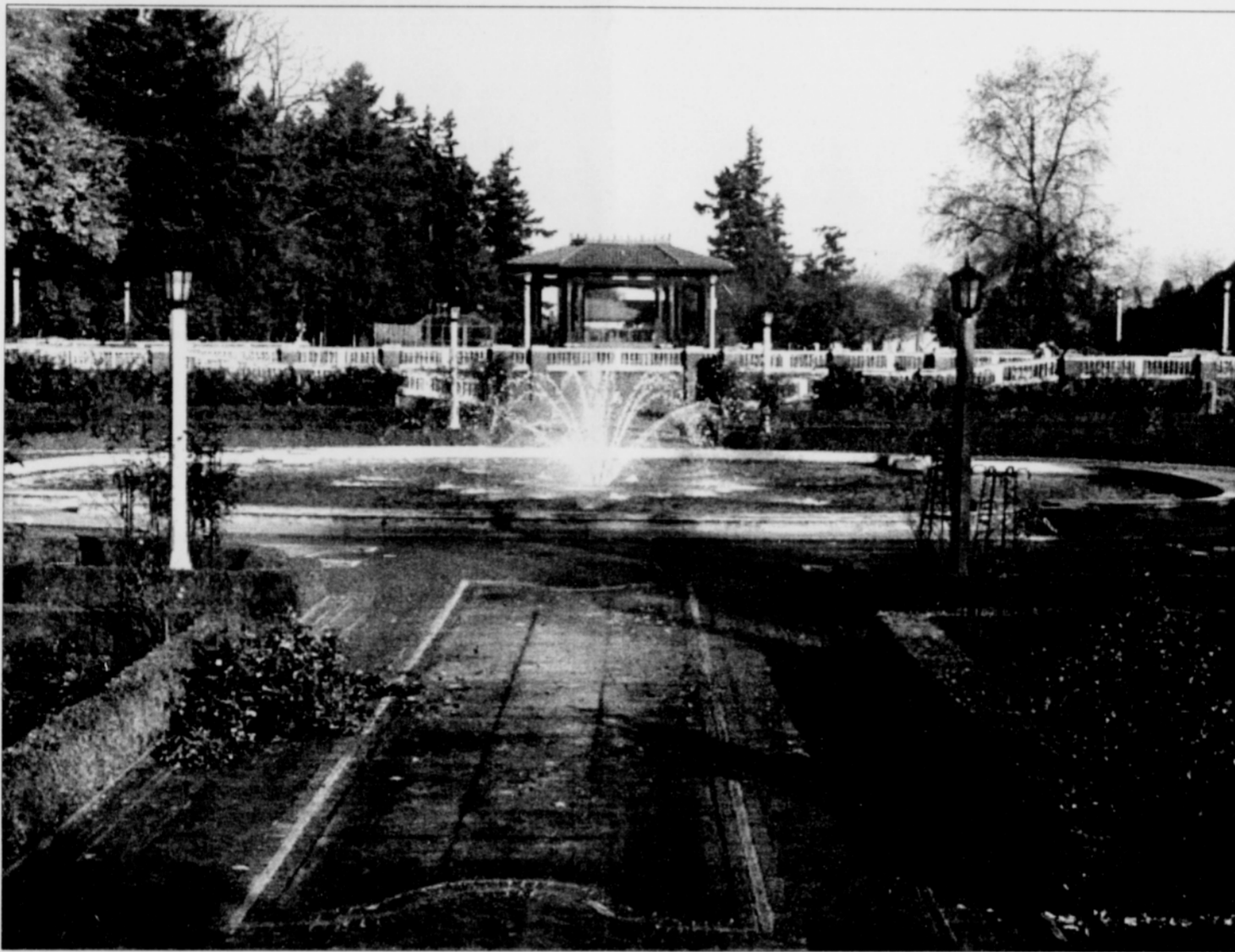
Kids Call, a ministry of New Beginnings Christian Center, is a Bible Story Hotline packed full of fun for kids of all ages! Each week Kids Call features an exciting Bible Story and a Scripture Memory Verse. Over 5,000 kids have called Kids Call since its inception in June 1998! Kids Call is available 24/7 at 503/261-9803. If you would like to distribute Kids Call cards, please call 503/256-6050, ext. 223.

Oregon Peace Institute

The Oregon Peace Institute (OPI) will present "Paint and Play: An Introduction to Experimental Models for Conflict Resolution in Multicultural Settings" with Joanne Oleksiak and Jill Townley on Monday, Nov. 27 from 6:30 - 9 p.m. at OPI, 1950 SW 6th Ave., Room 121 in Portland. The workshop will introduce the Second Step curriculum and the Help Increase the Peace program. A donation of \$10 would be appreciated. Call 503/725-8192.

Money Magazine Rates Portland #1

Mayor Katz Applauds Magazine's First-Time Recognition of the Rose City as the Best in the U.S.



Rose City Splendor - The sunny but cold mornings of the last week give sparkle to the new fountain in the Sunken Rose Garden at Peninsula Park.
(Photo by Michael Leighton/Portland Observer)

"We're #1 but of course those of us who live here have always known that," said Mayor Vera Katz with a triumphant smile regarding Money magazine's #1 rating of Portland as the best city in the nation.

"I am extremely proud of our city, but most of all, I'm happy Portland has finally gotten this 'official seal of recognition' from one of the nation's leading financial magazines that we truly are the most livable city in the U.S.," said Katz.

"This honor is really a tribute to the wise decisions made through the decades by leaders who planned a livable future for Portland." In its December issue, which hits newsstands this week, Money gives

Portland its number one ranking based on its strong performance in key areas such as the economy, education, culture, recreation, health and safety. The magazine used demographic U.S. Census data compiled by the consulting firm Fast Forward and talked to experts in urban planning and development for its evaluation. "Let's start with the great characters of the city itself," raves Money's article. "Three decades of keen planning have reined in urban sprawl and given rise to a mini-metropolis with short easy-to-stroll blocks renowned for java joints, brewpubs, and bookstores. A superb light rail network and a new streetcar system are helping to make it a cinch to

get around. There's loads of culture, from the Portland Art Museum to local rock clubs."

The article also highlights the city transformation from an "old timber town to high-tech hub," its pedestrian and transit-friendly nature, solid schools, and the incredible natural environment. Portland has made a commitment to strategically thinking about what a livable city should be," said Katz. "We've worked hard to create strong, unique, vibrant neighborhoods, housing for all incomes, good transit connections, and to target economic development in a way that encourages job growth in industries that complement our city."

Tuskegee Airmen Honored at School Assembly

Members of the famed Tuskegee Airmen talked about their experiences at Jefferson High recently during a school assembly in recognition of Veterans Day.



Roger C. Terry



Harry Steward

William "Bill" Ellis, Alexander Jefferson, Harry Steward, Edward P. Drummond Jr., William H. Holloman III



Edward P. Drummond Jr.

and Roger C. Terry were part of the elite group of African-American fighter pilots during World War II who maintained a perfect record by having no fatalities throughout the entire war.

Due to a rigid pattern of racial segregation that prevailed in the United States during the war, over 966 black military



Alexander Jefferson

aviators were trained at an isolated training complex near the town of Tuskegee, Alabama and at Tuskegee Institute, now known as Tuskegee University.



William H. Holloman III

These gallant men, known as the "99th Pursuit Squadron," flew 15,553 combat flights and completed 1,578 missions in the aerial war over North Africa, Sicily and Europe.



William "Bill" Ellis

Last Hurdle Clears Way for New Grocery

By Lee Perlman
FOR THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Two upcoming public hearings will determine whether the Concordia neighborhood will once again have a grocery store at 5322 N.E. 33rd Ave. The Portland Planning Commission will review a request by New Seasons Markets to vacate and relocate Northeast Emerson Street between 33rd and 34th avenues. The hearing will be at 7 p.m. Nov. 28 at 1900 S.W. Fourth Ave. The City Council will hear the case at 6 p.m. December 20 in City Hall.

The vacation is critical to New Seasons' plans to build a new 29,000 square foot full service grocery on the site. The site has been vacant since the Wilshire Park Sentry Market closed in 1996.

Although the current venture enjoys wide neighborhood support, some residents of Northeast 34th Avenue have said they want the new street to dead-end at 34th so that it can't be used as a through-route.

New Seasons manager Brian Rohter says he is requesting that the new street run through to 34th, but only because city officials have insisted on this. "The store could operate either way," he told the Concordia Neighborhood Association last month.

Oregon's DePreist Honored

Conductor cited for the advancement of American music



James DePreist

James DePreist, music director of the Oregon Symphony since 1980, has been named the winner of the 2000 Ditson Conductor's Award for the advancement of American music, presented annually by Columbia University.

Professor of Music George Edwards, presented the 56th annual award and the \$5,000 prize to DePreist Nov. 1. He read a citation from Columbia University President George Rupp that acknowledged DePreist's leadership in building the Oregon Symphony from an important regional orchestra to one worthy of national attention.

The citation stated, "in addition to inspired performances of standard worked, you are especially admired for our consistent, effective, and passionate advocacy of music by American composers. In your tenure with the Oregon Symphony, you have conducted more than 80 different American works, by more than 50 different composers; many of these performances were premieres, and many have subsequently been recorded under your direction".

DePreist recently extended his contract with the Oregon Symphony through the 2004-2005 season and just completed four years as Music Director of the Monte-Carlo Philharmonic. DePreist has been described by the Chicago Sun-Times as "one of the most important American conductors of the day," and by the Chicago Tribune as "one of the

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