

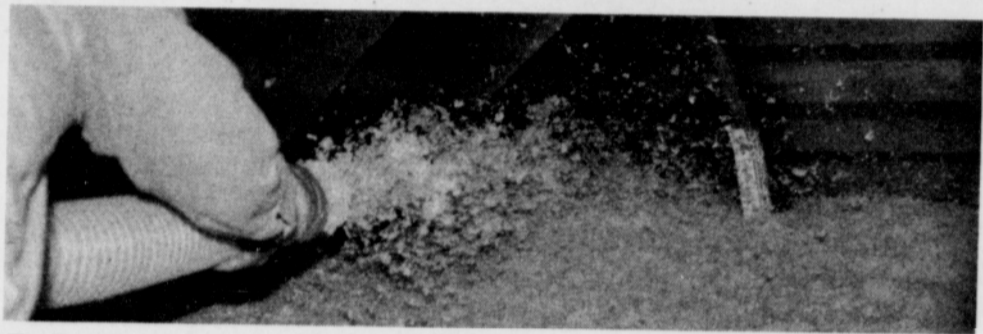
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LOCAL NEWS

Soulful Singer Farewell

Diva Linda Hornbuckle dies at the age of 59

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Portland's very own legendary soul diva Linda Hornbuckle died Saturday morning, having lost a battle to liver and kidney cancer at the age of 59.

Hornbuckle was famous throughout the Pacific Northwest for her powerful voice and amazing stage presence. She was a close friend to Janice Scroggins, Portland's piano powerhouse and another revered member of the black community who also passed away earlier this year. The two had a strong friendship,



Linda Hornbuckle's passionate life and the people she touched with her soulful voice are being remembered after her death on Saturday at the age of 59.

"I call her my soul mate in music," Hornbuckle once said. "She's just an old soul, and we have this con-

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Sheila Warren leads the charge against school policies that remove a disproportionate number of black students from Portland schools.

Unfairly Expelled from Schools

District fined; parent leader pushes forward for change

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The Portland Parent Union pushes forward this week in their mission to minimize the percentage of black students unfairly expelled from Portland Public Schools.

The state of Oregon is fining the school system for their dispropor-

tionate expelling and suspending of black special needs students, and not for the first time. The district has been fined at least twice before since 2009 for failing to provide students kicked out of school the appropriate education, and last week's fine was unsurprising to mothers and activists like Sheila Warren, founder of the Portland Parent Union.

Warren and her group have been working over the past six years to confront the growing disparity in expulsions facing African American students.

District wide, 17 percent of black students were suspended or ex-

ped in the 2012-2013 school year, compared to only 4 percent of white students. The numbers were an improvement from previous years, but for many activists this is just the beginning of an ongoing battle to improve opportunities for students of color.

Black students have historically struggled to avoid harsher punishments for the same mistakes in school, and this is frequently referred to as being 'pushed out' - pushed out of academics, and being forced to fall behind in their educa-

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