

OBSERVATIONS

FROM THE SIDELINES
BY Kathryn Hall Bogle



Mrs. Addie Hayes (seated) enjoys her meal at the Loaves and Fishes Christmas dinner at Piedmont Presbyterian Church. Pouring coffee is volunteer Marian Erickson while Mary Geneva Savage, director of the program, serves dessert. (Photo: Richard Brown)

PAUL KNAULS, Commissioner Charles Jordan, and the Board of Directors of the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center were sponsors of a "Fun(d)-raising Theatre" event last Sunday evening at the IFCC.

Each visitor had the choice of being an "ordinary" guest or to become an extraordinary performer. It was hard to tell which segment had more fun. The actors, coached from the sidelines by Nyewusi Askari of the Sojourner Truth Theatre and by Commissioner Jordan, put on two zany skits. They were allowed to select a costume from a rack and they were privileged to read their parts from the script. Playwrights were in-house authors Elaine Edstrom, media relations director for IFCC, and Sue Busy, IFCC Director. One of the works was a take-off on Little Red Riding Hood, and the other was titled, *The Missing Supporter*. The clever lines could sometimes be heard over the actors' laughter.

Among the "stars" of the evening were Harold Williams, Al Jamison, Grayce Kennedy, Linda Brown, Angie Richardson, George Rankin, and, of course, Paul Knauls.

Christian Church, Patton Central United Methodist Church, Wilshire Methodist Church, St. Charles Catholic Church, Fremont Methodist Church, Woodlawn United Methodist Church, Second United Church of Christ, Highland United Church of Christ, Piedmont Friends of Albina, Railroad Women's Association, and the Willamette Boulevard Neighbors and Friends.



The advent candles at St. Philip's Church are lit by (L-R) Eric Grigsby, Rebecca Belcher and Monica McElroy. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

WALLY Scales, in behalf of the Portland Trail Blazers, extends the "Best Wishes from all the Trail Blazers to their fans in the Community." Says Scales, "We have always had a tradition of participating in community activities. This year we were happy to participate in the festival of Trees." A photo of the Trail Blazers tree which was sold for charity to the highest bidder appears on page 10 of this paper.

Candy Chisholm and members of the Trail Blazers staff decorated the tree with glass and satin basketballs autographed with players' names. Candy also used figurines of basketball players to ornament the tree. Under the tree was Jack Ramsey's book, *Coaches' Art*, and the size-13 shoes of Clyde Drexler and Jim Paxson.

THE WILLING hands and good works of many people expressing the Christmas spirit opened the doors on Friday for Loaves and Fishes at the Piedmont Presbyterian Church and for about 50 of their dinner guests, senior citizens of the Piedmont district. A sizable fresh green Christmas tree, glowing with tinsel and lights held center stage for the diners who enjoyed their tasty holiday baked ham and the trimmings in an atmosphere of neighborliness and nostalgia. After their dessert of sherbet and Christmas cookies, they sang their favorite Christmas carols and opened their gifts of fruit and goodies supplied by the center.

Mary Geneva Savage, director of the Piedmont Center, has guided this program for 12 years. Savage knows all her patrons by name. She knows which patron should have the general menu and which ones should have the menu of bland foods only, or the menu for low-sodium or the diabetic diet.

Only three persons comprise the paid staff of this center: the director, an assistant and the caterer in charge of the kitchen. Savage explains that the actual cooking of the foods is done at the central location of Loaves and Fishes on S.E. 52nd Street.

Volunteers transport the foods, packed in insulated carriers, in their cars or vans to the several dining rooms. Other volunteers serve in the dining room and collect the small charge paid by each diner. Another set of volunteers assists by transporting any elders needing a ride to an from the dining center.

Savage is hopeful that more able people will volunteer to be drivers at Piedmont. "We miss the service that was so faithfully given by Clyde White and by the late Cleophas Smith," she said. "We need drivers for the three days of the week that we serve, but individuals may give us as little as one hour a week, or whenever they have a free hour to give at mid-day. We can always use the help."

Stressing that no government funds are used for foods, Savage credits the help received from nearby churches and groups, including: Highland Baptist Church, St. Andrews Catholic Church, Piedmont Presbyterian, Mallory Avenue

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Christmas pet care

Multnomah County Animal Control urges pet lovers to insure the safety and comfort of the animals in their homes during this holiday season. Christmas poses special problems for pets. The noise, confusion, and activities are upsetting to established pets and can be entirely overwhelming to a new pet that is just being introduced into a household. The special plants placed in homes are poisonous and decorations can kill an overly curious cat or dog who chews or eats them.

Pet owners can make the confusion of the season less traumatic to their cats and dogs by following some of these suggestions. Provide a quiet place for your pet to use as a retreat when you are entertaining guests. Restrict the amount of tempting, rich "treats" that your pet receives. Make sure that all pets are wearing license or I.D. tags, in case they accidentally escape from your house or yard during any holiday celebrations. Be sure to continue to provide as much attention and love as you can—it's easy to ignore a pet during this busy season. Do not allow guests, especially children, to tease or to play too hard or long with your pet.

Multnomah County Animal Control discourages the giving of puppies and kittens as Christmas presents, especially if the gift is a surprise. "The decision to accept the responsibility of owning an animal should only be made after careful consideration," warned Donna Wunsch, Education Coordinator. "An impulsive decision to buy a cute kitten or puppy often ends in misery, when the animal is later given to a shelter or simply abandoned when the responsibility becomes too burdensome."

If, after careful consideration, pet ownership has been accepted as a gift, Animal Control suggests purchasing a gift certificate that can be given to the potential new owner.

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Community Calendar

Portland's Black United Front will meet at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22nd, at the King Neighborhood Facility, 4815 N.E. 7th Avenue. On Thursday, Dec. 29th, the BUF will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the same place.

The Eighth Annual Children's Holiday Free Day will be held at Metro's Washington Park Zoo on Wednesday, Dec. 28th, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Children 11 and under will be admitted to the zoo free. Visitors will be greeted at the entrance by clowns Smiley Ely and Bingo. Special activities for the day include a primate treasure hunt, elephant bones and specimens, and story telling in the primate house patio. In the Children's Zoo children can draw their own hand. Special holiday shows in the Ladybug Theater will be held at 11 a.m., 1 and 2 p.m. (additional cost 50¢).

First Jazz of 1984, the Jazz Society of Oregon's "after New Year's Gala Jazz Event," will be held at the New Market Theatre, Sunday, January 1, 1984, from 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Tickets are \$8 at the door, \$6 in advance and for members. Schedule includes the Ritz, Harry Gilliam Quartet, Max Leake Trio, Ellen Johnson Quintet, John Stowell Quartet, Lee Wuthenow Quartet, Abrupt Edge. Advance sales at Stevens & Sons, G.I. Joe's Frederick & Nelson, Django Records, Everybody's records, bass, music millennium, new market theatre. 21 years and over.

The Fallen Angel Choir, a nationally known Portland institution, will sing some of their satirical and robust original Christmas carols, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 22nd, at the NW Film Study Center, 1219 S.W. Park; Friday, Dec. 23rd, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m., and Saturday, December 24th, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m., at the Saturday Market. Composed of four impoverished but dignified Dickens-era street people, the Fallen Angel choir utilizes tight vocal harmonies, tap dancing, kazoo and percussion accompaniment to parody familiar favorites. Their lyrics employ the emotions of sensitivity, thought-provocation and hysteria in such originals as "Hark the Fallen Angels Sing," "O Con All the Faithful," and "Clanging Bells." For further information call 288-0006, 249-0422 or write to 1025 S.E. 27th, Portland, OR 97214.

The Eleventh Annual Russel A. Peyton Award luncheon will take place at 12:00 noon, January 13, 1984, at Tuck Lung Restaurant, 140 N.W. Fourth Avenue. The award is given yearly by the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission to an individual who has made a substantial contribution to the community in the area of human rights. This year the Commission will honor two outstanding individuals: Mr. Fred M. Rosenbaum—for his extensive and continuous support of the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission; and Dr. Frances J. Storrs for her leadership and work in helping to establish the Police Internal Investigation Auditing Committee. All are invited to attend. For reservations call 796-5136.

Tutor For Credit workshop, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., January 7th, 1984, in the Cascade Hall Auditorium at 705 N. Killingsworth. It will be a comprehensive Adult Basic Education and English as a Second Language tutor training session. Previous teaching experience is not required. Bring crackers, cheese or other snacks to share with the other participants at lunchtime. Coffee, tea and cookies will be furnished. For more information call 293-5103 or 293-5132.

Explorations on the Hill, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Dec. 20 - 22, and Dec. 20 - 29. Visit the animals at the zoo, make paper at the Forestry Center, make a science toy at OMSI. Three days full of special activities and crafts. For fees and registration information call OMSI, 222-2898.