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Community Calendar

Pony Express Drivers Take Action Against Company

Oregon -- Drivers at Pony Express facilities in Portland, Salem, Medford and Springfield hoisted picket signs instead of packages today. Picketing is taking place at the following Pony offices:

4930 S.E. 26th Street, Portland
Contact: Alfred Panek
503-257-0162

790 16th Street, SE, Salem
Contact: Darel Aker
503-378-1421

686 Rossanley Drive, Medford
Contact: Grant Elliott
503-773-8209

1040 Shelley Street, Springfield
Contact: Gary Henager
503-746-6500

Volunteers Needed For Metro Crisis Line

Give yourself a present -- volunteer and make a difference. Winter training begins January 24, 1994.

Volunteers are needed for daytime, evening, and weekend shifts at Metro Crisis Line, a free 24-hour telephone intervention and information referral service.

No experience is required but applicants must be at least 18 years old. Metro provides 52 hours of training to help volunteers deal with the 120,000 calls it receives each year. Training sessions are held in the evenings and weekends. Applicants accepted into the program typically volunteer for one four-hour shift per week for a one-year commitment.

Metro Crisis is a member agency of United Way. For more information, call Sara Cole at 226-3099.

Free For Kids:

Saturday, December 11 Native American Story-Telling Portland Opera Singers Perform Shriner's Bugle Corp

Oregon treasure, Ed Edmo, a Native American story-teller, will tell Indian legends for school age children next Saturday, December 11, 1993 at 11:00 a.m. at the non-profit Our Children's Store, 510 SW Broadway, between Alder and Washington Streets in downtown Portland.

Stars from the Portland Opera will sing holiday carol favorites at 1:00 p.m. at Our Children's Store. Special thanks to Moe's Pianos for donating the piano!

Then, at 2:00 p.m. The Shriner's Bugle Corp will play children's favorites--from "It's A Small World" to "Mickey Mouse" and holiday traditional tunes--at 2:00 p.m. outside Our Children's Store.

All performances are free, and all performers volunteers. One hundred percent of the proceeds from Our Children's Store go to the more than 50 participating children's charities to help provide services to kids in crisis in the Portland-Vancouver area.

For More Information Call Our Children's Store, 223-5029.
510 SW Broadway, Portland, OR 97205
(across from the Hotel Vintage Plaza) Phone: 503-223-5029

Multnomah Greyhound Park Announces 1994 Season Schedule

Wood Village, OR - Multnomah Greyhound Park is already preparing for its 62nd season of greyhound racing, with the announcement of the 1994 racing schedule today by Park Lonny Powell.

Multnomah Greyhound Park's 1994 race dates were approved by the Oregon Racing Commission during their regularly scheduled November 19th meeting. (See Related Story On Page 11)

Moose Moves Into King Neighborhood

EXCERPTS: FROM THE OREGONIAN
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Police Chief Charles Moose talked about a need for people to reclaim the troubled neighborhoods of the central city when he addressed the City Club of Portland Aug. 6. His decision to buy a residence in the King neighborhood puts himself on the line.

His willingness to lead by example should inspire others -- fellow officers, the City Council and the real-estate industry particularly -- to rethink their civic-reclamation efforts.

Moose said he isn't prepared to file a formal complaint about his experience with real-estate agents helping him find a home, but "it sure felt a lot like redlining."

Redlining is the systematic refusal of some companies to deal in property in neighborhoods that they regard as unattractive.

The chief complained that he and his wife asked to see homes in the King neighborhood, but several real-estate agents "just refused to show her any properties in the area where we were intent on moving, so we could do our part to make that neighborhood a better place."

Finally, Moose and his wife shopped the neighborhood themselves and found their home.

While wanting to let the public and his police officers know that it's important to be part of the community, Moose didn't want his exact address publicized because of his line of work and the potential danger to his family.

Through the first eight months of this year, that section of inner-Northeast Portland had one of the highest reported crime rates in the city. There were nearly 160 crimes for every 1,000 residents in King, about twice the citywide neighborhood rate of 86.5 crimes per 1,000.

Which made it just the location for Moose, perhaps the city's biggest supporter of community policing.

He spend so much time telling people they need to be a part of taking back the streets one at a time. I felt I needed to be part of that, Moose said.

Public-housing operators in Washington, D.C., and some other cities have provided rent subsidies to police because they believe live-in officers not only increase neighbors' sense of safety, but also serve as role models among those who see too few positive images



Moose unloading his moving van

in the community.

Moose's incentives included and \$80,000 price for a home that probably would have cost \$200,000 to \$300,000 in Portland Heights. They also involved his

belief that police are more likely to be involved with the people of the community where they live than they would be if they lived elsewhere.

Neighbors around the corner from the

house Moose bought shut down a drug house a few years ago. Moose as a resident, not just as the chief of police, expects to join them and other neighbors working together to create a better, safer place to live.

Largest Choral Festival In The Pacific Northwest

Presenting 110 holiday music concerts, the sixth annual "Festival of Lights" at The Grotto opened on Friday, December 3, 1993, and continues nightly (except for Christmas Day and New Year's Eve) through January 1, 1994. This ecumenical Christmas celebration is expected to welcome 45,000 visitors during its 28-evening presentation. The Festival will be open nightly from 5:00 until 9:30 p.m. with The Grotto's grounds closing at 10:00 p.m. Admission for adults will be \$3.50 and children (3-12 years of age) will be \$2.50. Children two and under will be admitted free. Visitors are asked to bring a donation of canned or dry food benefiting Snow-Cap, the east county's emergency food ministry.

The Festival of Lights is the largest choral festival in the Pacific Northwest and presents what is quite possibly the largest selection of holiday music concerts anywhere in the entire world. Last year's festival featured 102 holiday concerts presented by 95 volunteer musical groups comprised of 2,538 singers and musicians. The 1993 Festival of Lights expects to host over 80 school, church, and secular choral groups. Another 20 music performances will be presented by brass and string ensembles, classical and blues guitarists, gospel groups and pianists. Four performances will be presented each night in The Grotto's 500-seat chapel, known for its cathedral-quality acoustics.



The Christmas puppet shows at the Festival of Lights always bring smiles to the faces of children of all ages. The puppeteer, Celeste Rose (not pictured) of Oregon Fantasy Puppets from Eugene, enjoys ad libbing with the audience and the children love talking with the puppets. Pictured left to right in the front row are Robert Van Horn (age 7), Ken Syvarth with his 6-year old daughter Kristina on his lap, and Aleatha Dawson with her seven-year old daughter Alexandra on her lap. In the back row left to right are Debbie Skinner, Anne Syvarth and her 4-year old Tony Syvarth (almost totally hidden behind his dad and sister).

The Festival of Lights presentation now features over 60,000 light including three new animated lighting displays, narrated fiber-optic displays, and other

dramatic displays depicting the story of the birth of Christ. The festival's other family entertainment includes Christmas theme puppet shows, a live animal pet-

ting zoo, strolling carolers, and a calligraphy art display. Seasonal food and beverages will be available, as well as pony rides and family photo opportunities. The Grotto's Christian Gift and Book Store Shop will be open both during the day and at night during the festival.

The Festival of Lights is a walk-through event. Parking is provided free of charge on The Grotto grounds, surrounding streets, and at other nearby parking facilities. Volunteer parking attendants are on duty nightly to direct arriving visitors to the most convenient available parking and free shuttle bus service is provided on many nights.

While all entertainment areas are fully tented and all concerts are performed indoors, visitors should dress for the weather, including warm rubber soled shoes. The average visitor's stay lasts 75 to 90 minutes. The festival is fully accessible to the disabled. Group tours are available through Raz Transportation by calling 246-3301. Tri-Met Bus #12 (Sandy Blvd.) drops riders at The Grotto's entrance and Bus #72 (82nd Ave.) drops riders one block away at NE 82nd and Sandy Blvd.

The Grotto, an internationally-renowned Catholic sanctuary and one of Portland's leading visitor attractions, is located on Sandy Boulevard (Hwy 30) at NE 85th Avenue in Portland, Oregon. For further information, please contact Peter Mott, event coordinator, at The Grotto, (503) 254-7371.