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## Community Calendar

### Gift Of Golf For Healthy Lungs

The American Lung Association of Oregon is offering 1996 Golf Privilege Club Membership books to support the fight against lung diseases in Oregon. For \$25 you can give your golfer savings like reduced green fees, 2 for 1 green fees and other golf specials. To order, call 246-1197.

### Mansion In Holiday Splendor

The Queen Anne Victorian Mansion in the Kenton neighborhood of north Portland is lit for the holiday season. The first floor and its surrounding grounds are open to the public during the period from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., except for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors and \$1 for children.

### Paragon Has Santa On Line

Children are encouraged to call in and talk with Santa Claus on Paragon Cable's Santa On-Line. The special program airs Saturday on channel 34 from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### Jackson Browne Tickets On Sale

Jackson Brown, a staple in American music and culture, will perform in Portland Monday, Feb. 26 at 8 p.m. at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. Tickets are available at Fred Meyer FASTIXX locations.

### Glen Miller Band Takes Stage

The Glenn Miller Orchestra will take the stage for a New Year's Eve gala at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. Big band sounds, dancing and elegant dining will ring out the old year and welcome in the new, while raising funds for a new curtain for Civic Auditorium. Galatickets are \$125 per person. A limited number of balcony tickets are available for \$15 to \$25.

### Seniors Plan Shopping Spree

The Hollywood Senior Center is planning a van trip to the Troutdale Outlet Stores for their "After Christmas Mark-down" sale on Thursday, Dec. 28 at 2 p.m. To sign-up, call 288-8303.

### Dance, Dinner Show Scheduled

A semi-formal dinner, fashion show and African dance with singing and poem reading will be held Friday, Jan. 26 at Shanigan's, 4575 N. Channel. This is a fundraiser for Christian education. For information call 335-8091.

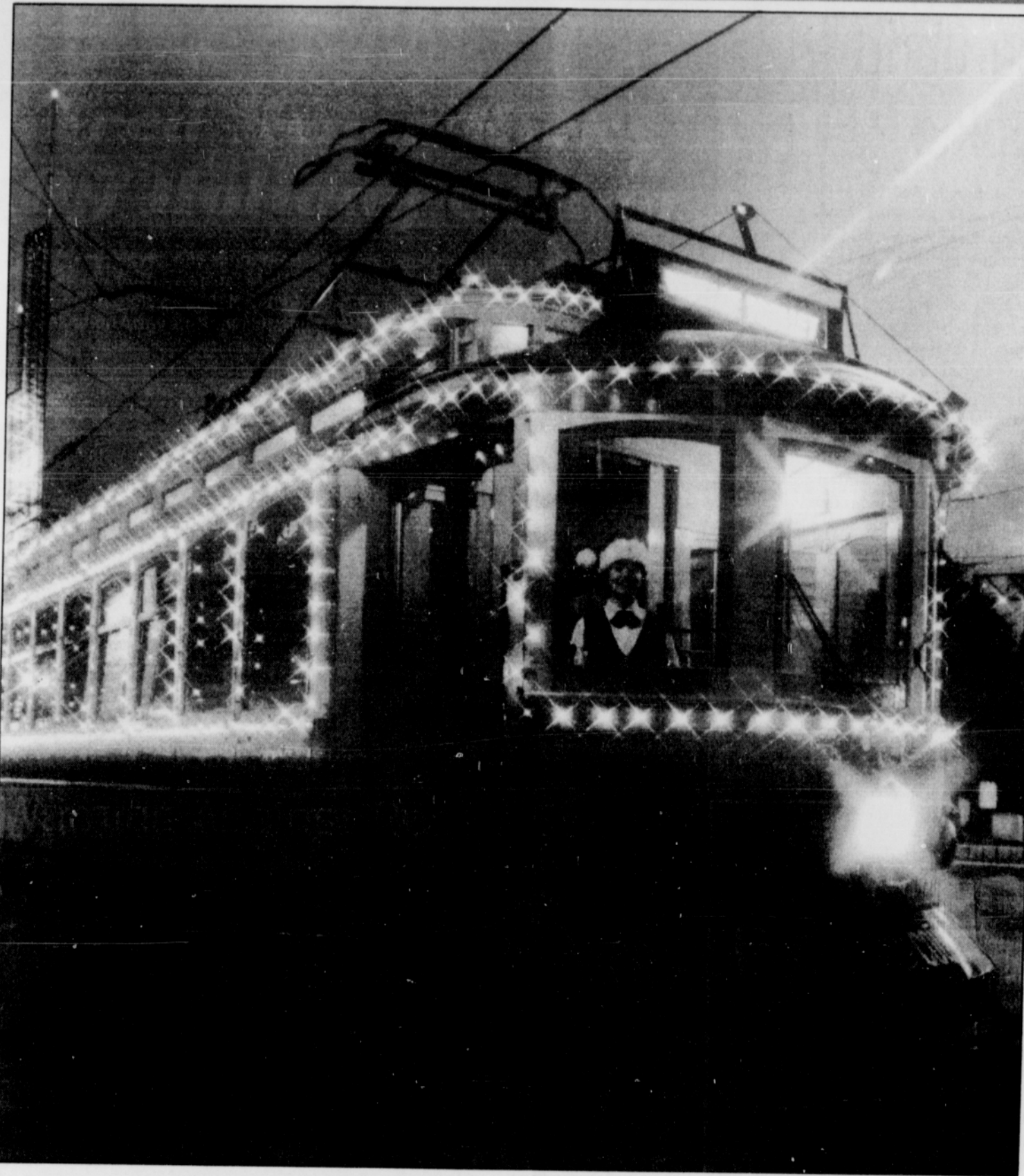
### Peter Pan Premiers

Special holiday performances of Peter Pan or the Boy Who Would Not Grow Up are held this month at the Northwest Children's Theatre and School in north-west Portland. For ticket information, call 222-4480.

### Kwanzaa Events At IFCC

Events to celebrate the African American celebration of Kwanzaa are being held at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate. The ritual of Kumba (creativity) is honored at the center Friday, Dec. 22, from 7-9 p.m. with words, music and culinary expressions.

**SUBMISSIONS:** Community Calendar information will be given priority if dated two weeks before the event date.



All decked out in lights for the holidays is Portland's Vintage Trolley. The rail-line runs on MAX tracks between downtown to Lloyd Center.

## Fred Meyer Kicks Off Holiday Giving

**F**red Meyer has embarked on its 60th annual holiday donation of merchandise for the Salvation Army and other charities.

"Fred Meyer's annual holiday gift is the largest single donation we receive all year," Salvation Army Major Richard E. Love of Portland, said.

For the past month, several Salvation Army volunteers have worked with Fred Meyer employees to sort out usable merchandise from salvaged products. Those items are combined with new products to fill more than two dozen trailers going to charities in 23 Northwest cities, with most deliveries headed to the Salvation Army.

A 49-foot trailer full of merchandise is also scheduled for delivery to the Portland Police Bureau's Sunshine Division.

"This annual donation by Fred Meyer is one of the largest we receive each year and is an important addition to our holiday food drive that uses collection barrels in stores throughout the Portland metropolitan area,"

said Portland Police Sgt. Dick Gerety. Robert G. Miller, chairman of the Fred Meyer board, said the traditional holiday donation has grown over the years to involve hundreds of employees at its stores, offices and warehouses.

"They work for months to maintain this continuing annual commitment to the communities we serve," Miller said. "It's a huge undertaking," he added, "I'm proud of all our employees who work so hard each year to make it happen."

*Fred Bear brakes through a banner to mark the delivery by Fred Meyer stores of more than two dozen tractor trailers of food, toys, housewares, apparel and other merchandise for the Salvation Army and other charities.*



## Warning Against Repair Scams

**T**he Portland Police Bureau is cautioning people to watch out for home repair scams in the wake of damage caused by last week's wind storm.

Police say that scam artists will target communities hit by storms, floods or other major climatic or geologic events.

The phony repair people will go to damaged homes and offer to do repairs or construction at a low price, and many times they want payment in advance, police said.

But these phony workers may never be seen again or other times the work performed is inferior and merely cosmetic, hiding the

real damage.

Warning signs can include demands for cash in advance and out-of-state license plates on a vehicle.

Established, local firms are your best alternative to avoid this time of scam. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is, police said.

People needing home repairs are also encouraged to research the individual or company before paying for services. A company should be able to provide local references and show a builder's board license.

The Better Business Bureau is also another resource to answer consumer questions, police said.

## Pacific Power Service Changes



Sheila Holden, General Business Manager at Portland Pacific Power.

**P**acific Power is changing its operations to enable the company to provide a greater variety of customer services, company officials announced last week.

The changes will include the elimination of walk-in payment centers.

The utility said the new services will be phased-in during early 1996, with all new service offices in place and changes completed by the end of the new year.

"Competition and a continuing commitment to customers have caused Pacific Power to take a close look at its ability to provide better and wider ranges of customer services," said Sheila Holden, Pacific Power business manager.

Holden said competition is stimulating improved service and more choices for customers. She said the utility will open new business and phone centers to give customers the ability to deal with service issues with one phone call.

"Eight-five percent of customers already do business with Pacific Power by mail or phone," said Holden. "Those options will remain and will be expanded by the end of 1996 to include payment options outside the customer office, as well as other options, such as electronic transfers, 24-hour phone services, and other ways for our customers to save time."

## City Takes Aim At Drunk Drivers

**P**ortland Mayor Vera Katz has asked city employees to drive with their headlights on this Friday as a tribute to the victims of drunk driving.

And Police Chief Charles Moose has ordered all police officers to participate in the observance by turning on the headlines of law enforcement vehicles.

As part of National Drunk and Driving Month, the police bureau is involved in a multi-agency operation focusing on drunk

and impaired drivers.

These missions will put additional patrol cars on the street through December, police said, specifically looking for drunk or drugged drivers. A similar operation during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend resulted in over a dozen arrests for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

Area residents are asked to do their part by watching for drunk drivers on the roadway and dissuading friends and relatives from driving while impaired by drugs and alcohol.